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Don't lock up our towns, they say

THE Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) has launched a bid to take high-level planning control, for up to 23 of the Bass Coast Shire Council's towns, villages and hamlets, out of the hands of the local council.

And as revealed last Thursday, April 27, on the final day of hearings before the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) Advisory Committee, such a radical change could take place within months of the committee handing up its recommendations to the Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny, by June 23, 2023.

Similar arrangements, lasting 50 years, could follow for the higher-order towns of Inverloch and Wonthaggi.

What it means, if the department succeeds in having the highly restrictive 'Protected Settlement Boundaries' (PSBs) introduced around 25 of the shire's settlements, is that you'd need an Act of Parliament to make even minor changes to town boundaries in response to unforeseen environmental, economic, and social challenges.

But the likelihood of convincing both chambers of State Parliament that such a change was needed, within the next 50 years, is considered "low" by Jason Black of Insight Planning Consultants Pty Ltd, an expert in planning engaged by the shire to inform the DAL process.

The shire, in its opening and closing submissions, has hotly contested the need for PSBs, citing a shortage of housing land within 10 years, and an inability to respond to a need for "employment land" in Wonthaggi, Cowes, Inverloch, San Remo/Newhaven and Grantville should major investment opportunities presented themselves.

"In aggregate, residential land supply is likely to become limited within the next 10 years, even if all land within the proposed PSBs is rezoned," said the shire, quoting from the submission by the department's own economic expert, Paul Shipp of Urban Enterprise.

Furthermore, the shire argued that the methodology for the location of the Protected Settlement Boundaries is "overly reliant on the existing local settlement boundaries" which it says "is based on outdated and inaccurate economic information", again confirmed by Paul Shipp.

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SCRIPT FOR DISASTER

- New 60-day script could force pharmacy closures

PHARMACISTS across Australia and locally are united in their campaign against Federal Government plans to issue double the quantity of medicine per script, arguing it will be disastrous for the industry and customers, outweighing any cost savings people receive on their medication.

Concerns have been raised that the move, which the government argues will save people money on medication, will threaten patient health, jeopardise already strained medicine supplies, and lead to reduced services, job losses and pharmacy closures.

Ailu Liu, owner of Terry White Chemmart in Leongatha, said pharmacies are paid a set fee per script and will be severely impacted financially if 60-day

dispensing is introduced.

The current system of 30-day dispensing ensures income needed to offer additional services such as vaccinations, health checks, and weight management programs is available, she explained.

While income would reduce, business expenses still need to be met, including electricity and rental costs, with significantly cutting staff numbers considered a certainty.

Ailu said a minimum of two pharmacists must be rostered on at the same time to run a vaccination service, and that is likely not to be viable with the income loss that would result from the drastic change to dispensing policy.

"A significant amount of money will be stripped, which is used to subsidise our

opening hours, staffing needs and services which we provide for free to all our locals," Ailu said.

She outlined a number of services provided to the community for free, including deliveries, Dose Administration Aids, blood pressure checks and Statutory Declarations, with many services benefiting older members of the population including those in Aged Care.

"There is already insufficient funding in Aged Care, and we have been trying our best to help; however, this decision will not allow us to continue our free service of looking after your loved ones," Ailu said.

She fears some rural communities will lose their pharmacies.

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Amcal Leongatha opposes major medicine policy shift

BRETT Nagel of Leongatha Amcal Pharmacy and business partner Kerryn Reidy are greatly concerned about the Federal Government's intended move to 60-day scripts for many medications.

"They say it's about saving money but it should be about quality use of medication," Brett said.

"By getting double quantities (of medication), it's going to confuse a lot of people, and a lot of hospital admissions are associated with medication problems, so is this going to put more strain on the hospital system?"

He acknowledged some countries are already using a system of medicine dispensing comparable to what is proposed but stressed that doesn't mean it is the right approach.

"We have the best system in the world," Brett said, adding that the government is looking to move away from something that has served people well for a long time.

He also spoke of the expected impact on employment in the pharmacy industry.

"Probably 30 percent of the workforce will lose their jobs, so that's going to be a huge impact, especially in country areas," Brett said.

He argues that if the government wants to reduce costs for patients it can achieve that aim by reducing the maximum payment for a script from \$30 to \$20.

Brett reflected on the role pharmacies played during the recent pandemic.

"Pharmacists and pharmacies stepped up during Covid and worked through all these isolation periods," he said, pondering the ramifications of the recently announced government policy should another pandemic arise in future. Brett stressed pharmacies would then likely face comparable demands with potentially 30 percent less staff.

He said while pharmacists will still endeavour to provide services such as vaccination, the new approach to dispensing medicine and resultant income loss would make such services increasingly difficult to offer. "We're community based, so we're always trying to do things for the community," Brett said.

He forecast a horrendous period for all pharmacies and staff should 60-day dispensing proceed and questioned what will become of pharmacy graduates, saying many will be forced to leave the industry.



Kerryn Reidy and Brett Nagel of Amcal Leongatha are concerned about the impact of the Federal Government's changes to the dispensing of medication. A20_1823

New 60-day script could force pharmacy closures

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Ailu elaborated on the challenges pharmacies will face in their efforts to ensure people receive important medicines, many of which are already severely restricted in their availability.

Ailu said over 400 medications are in short supply, adding that one patient recently drove three hours to have a script filled.

Dispensary technician Emma Smith, who works for Ailu, elaborated on what the proposed new policy would mean for supplies of many vital medications.

"We're struggling to give one out and they're asking us to give two," Emma said.

She also expressed concerns about people having large stockpiles of medicine, arguing it presents a greater risk of confusion and potential overdose.

Emma prepares medication packs for customers to help them know what to take when.

"Dose Administration Aids will no longer be available free as it will be unfeasible to provide such service under this change," Ailu said.

As people often require changes to the type of medication they are on, pharmacists are worried about wastage caused by issuing double quantity and the fact the excess medicine will need to be disposed of.

Ailu noted that as well as wasting medication and straining supplies, taxpayers will be footing the bill for medicine that in many cases won't be used.

Sally Cairnduff, general manager of Wonthaggi Miners' Dispensary, also weighed on the issue.

"Since this announcement I can't sleep at night because I'm concerned, I will be the person in charge when we have to close the doors after 100 years of trading.

"We have delivered over 3000 COVID vaccinations in the past 12 months. I hope there is a plan in place to look after our members when we close the doors.

"I'm quite sure our local general practitioners do not have the capacity to take on an increased workload.

"We are still trying to recover from the devastating effects the

pandemic had on stock availability. Currently there are hundreds of medications out of stock and no substitute.

"The 60 day dispensing will put more pressure on an already stretched supply chain. It won't save the community money when they cannot access their medications and they suffer poor health outcomes as a consequence."

The Australian Government says 60-day scripts will be available for 325 medications in total, including ones for chronic conditions such as heart disease, with approximately the first 100 available from September this year.

It forecasts per person cost savings of up to \$180 a year for each medicine, while predicting concession card holders will be \$43.80 better off annually for each medicine.

Despite giving patients two months of medicine for the price of one, the government expects to save money from the measure through fewer GP visits and lower pharmacy subsidies.

National President of the

Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Professor Trent Twomey, said millions of patients would be worse off because the government's plan guaranteed medicine shortages across the country.

"If the Federal Government proceeds with this proposal, everyday prescription medicine will be put into severe shortages lasting months, not days or weeks," he declared.

He expects those severe shortages to hit medication used to treat cholesterol, blood pressure, diabetes, depression, anxiety, epilepsy and Parkinson's disease, along with many other conditions.

Rural Pharmacy Australia has also hit out at the Federal Government's proposed 60-day dispensing policy, supporting the Pharmacy Guild of Australia in its fight against that eventuality.

"It will be the demise for many rural pharmacies Australia wide and impact on the professional services and advice provided by pharmacists," Nathalka Sakalo, founder of Rural Pharmacy Australia said.

POLICE BRIEFS

Two caught drink driving

INVERLOCH police caught an 82-year-old male and a 52-year-old female for drink driving offences in Inverloch over the weekend. Both received a \$555 fine and had their driver's licence cancelled for three and six months respectively.

SES training vehicle theft

FOUR wheels with rims were stolen from the road rescue training vehicle used by SES San Remo.

The SES compound was broken into, in the early hours of Monday, April 24. The unit will need to replace and repair parts of the fencing around the compound that was damaged in the incident.

The theft of vehicle parts makes carrying out vital training difficult and funds will be redirected from much needed equipment. The SES are working with the police and are greatly disappointed.

Man jumps fences to avoid arrest

A MAN tried desperately to avoid arrest from police by allegedly running and jumping over neighbouring fences in Inverloch on Monday, May 1.

Bass Coast CIU attended an address in Inverloch at about 8:25am to execute a search warrant for stolen property and arrest the 31-year-old Inverloch male.

Prior to the search warrant being executed, it is alleged the accused ran from the residential address, in an attempt to avoid police.

Police cordoned off the area, and with the assistance of Police Airwing, the male was later arrested by police in Edgar Street, at which time it is further alleged that the accused resisted police.

Following the warrant, an amount of stolen property was located, which police will allege is from a burglary that occurred in Inverloch.

The male has been charged with multiple offences including Theft Of Motor Vehicle, Handle Stolen Goods, Commit Indictable Offence Whilst On Bail, Fail To Appear On Bail and Resist Police.

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TUE | May 2

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

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WED | May 3

Showers.
Wind AM: NW 20-30km/h
Wind PM: SW 15-25km/h

9° 16°



THUR | May 4

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

10° 17°



FRI | May 5

Shower or two.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: NW 20-30km/h

9° 19°



SAT | May 6

Showers.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

9° 15°



SUN | May 7

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

7° 15°

IN BRIEF

Diving accident at San Remo

PARAMEDICS were called to a scuba incident in San Remo around 2.30pm on Tuesday, April 25.

A man believed to be in his 60s was taken to the Alfred Hospital by air ambulance in a stable condition.

Huge fire engulfs farm shed

CFA crews battled an intense shed fire on the Loch-Wonthaggi Road in Loch, at about 4:45pm on Monday, April 24.

Ten CFA units, including those from Loch, Poowong and Korumburra attended and were able to contain the fire to the section of origin.

The shed was 10m x 15m and contained hay and farming machinery.

About 30 round hay bales were removed from the shed and spread out in a nearby paddock to be allowed to continue to burn.

Firefighters were able to prevent the fire from spreading to the adjoining machinery shed, using the landowner's machinery and protection lines from CFA appliances.

Crews had the incident under control by 6:22pm and the area was declared safe by 8:27pm.

The cause of the fire is unknown at this stage.

Regional hub for STEM in VCE

LOCAL secondary colleges including Bass Coast Secondary, Foster SC, Korumburra SC, Leongatha SC, Mirboo North SC and Yarram SC are set to benefit from a new Learning Hub for Gippsland VCE students.

Students from the region will be able to access a wider range of VCE subjects and specialist teachers at the new 'Blended Learning Hub' to be located at Morwell.

Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins announced the hub funding last week, saying the facility would combine face-to-face and virtual learning across specialised subjects, delivered out of the Morwell Campus of TAFE.

The initiative will provide access to specialised subjects, including VCE Specialist Maths, VCE Physics, and VCE Politics.

Body boarder drowns on beach

A MAN was body boarding at Smiths Beach when he signalled for assistance at about 9am Wednesday, April 26.

Members of the public noticed and subsequently pulled the man from the water who had fallen unconscious by that time.

Unfortunately, the man couldn't be revived and died at the scene.

Police will prepare a report for the coroner.

Fatal vehicle rollover

A 33-YEAR-OLD man has died following a single-vehicle rollover in Woolamai yesterday.

The Holden Rodeo ute was travelling along Trew Road when it veered off the road and overturned shortly before 4pm.

The Venus Bay man was taken to hospital where he died overnight.

The man's dog, that was inside the car at the time, was not injured.

Police will prepare a report for the coroner.

For the current provisional lives lost tally please see <https://www.police.vic.gov.au/road-safety-0>.

Applications for Churchill Fellowships now open

THE WINSTON Churchill Trust offers Australians a

life-changing opportunity to travel overseas for four to eight weeks to research a topic or issue they are passionate about through its Churchill fellowship program.

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Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath is encouraging constituents across eastern Victoria to consider applying for a Churchill fellowship.

"Fellowships are awarded to people from all walks of life, with applications encouraged from all sectors of the community in any field or topic of interest," Ms Bath said.

Applications for a Churchill Fellowship Award is a competitive process, with around 100 fellowships awarded around Australia each year.

Air travel, in-country transportation, accommodation and living expenses are included in a Churchill Fellowship.

"There are no educational requirements, this is a program that supports everyday people at the grassroots level, and I encourage leaders and innovators across eastern Victoria to consider applying for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Ms Bath said.

Applications for Churchill fellowships opened on March 1, 2023, and close on May 1, 2023.

More information and an application form can be found at <https://www.churchilltrust.com.au/>

TAC storytelling competition open

THE Victorian Transport Accident Commission's (TAC) fifth annual Split Second Competition has returned for

its biggest year yet, with entries now open for young creatives who want to improve road safety for their peers.

This year, the competition is open to all content creators aged 18 – 25, with entrants invited to submit a script and storyboard for a short film focussing on either drowsy driving or vehicle safety.

The winner will receive a \$5000 cash prize and \$70,000 production budget, and the runner up will be awarded a production budget of \$30,000 – both will work with prestigious production company Sweetshop to bring their concept to life.

Over the last five years, more than 70% of driver and passenger fatalities aged between 18 and 25 have been in vehicles more than 10 years old, and 54% of drivers in this age group admit to driving while very tired.

Drowsy driving is estimated to contribute to around 20-25% of serious injuries and fatalities among drivers in Victoria, while older cars are likely to have fewer safety features and are less likely to help drivers avoid a collision.

The Split Second Competition has received 675 entries since launching in 2018 and has produced four films, helping kick-start the careers of their creators while engaging young Victorians in road safety.

The winning film will launch at ACMI later this year and will continue to be aired in cinemas across the state between October and November 2023, with the runner up film being promoted via social media.

So, if you're a social media whiz, advertising or marketing professional, or a creative who wants to make content that has impact, visit tac.vic.gov.au/road-safety/splitsecond for more information on the competition and how to enter.

The competition is open for entries until May 4.

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While Council accepts the declaration of the Bass Coast Shire as a Distinctive Area and Landscape and its role in protecting the valued attributes of the area, "it is Council's submission that it is premature and counterintuitive to finalise the Draft SPP (including the declared areas framework plan) before first establishing an accurate and sufficiently robust basis for it, which among other things must integrate environmental, social, cultural and economic factors for the benefit of the community (including identifying areas for protection and conservation of the distinctive attributes of the declared area)."

In short, it is premature to be locking up the shire's towns, as a sort of "blanket approach" to protecting significant landscape when much of the assessment and strategic planning work still needs to be done.

"It is submitted that the necessary strategic work to guide the PSBs for those townships requiring one will take between 1 and 2 years, and the PSB could be applied between years 2 and 3," said the shire in its closing submission, quoting another of the department's own experts, David Moir of Moir Landscape Architecture, an expert in landscape and visual impact issues.

In its closing submission, the shire has, however, accepted that PSBs could be introduced around the shire's lower order settlements, provided proper assessment work is carried out and the shire's macro data is updated, but has described an early introduction of PSBs around the "contested townships" of Cowes/Silverleaves, San Remo, Grantville, Inverloch, Cape Paterson and Newhaven as "premature" until (Contested Townships) until "further detailed and studies at a granular level" can be carried out.

And if the shire is to attend to the mountain of work



The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) could take high-level planning controls out of Bass Coast Shire's hands.

needed to introduce new settlement boundaries, PSBs or otherwise, the State Government should cough up.

"If the Bass Coast DAL is to be pursued, then prior to any interim controls being applied, there clearly needs to be a commitment from the Victorian Government to allocate and commit funds to the work required to realise the Bass Coast DAL. This will avoid a situation where interim controls become permanent controls as a result of a lack of further input."

But their submission, that significant work still needs to be done, over one to two years, has been flatly rejected, in no uncertain terms, by representatives of the DTP, with legal counsel for the Minister for Planning, Rupert Watters, submitting to advisory committee members that the shire's final submission should be given "no weight at all".

He said far from taking years to complete the detailed population, housing and environmental studies, along with the boundary adjustment assessment needed, the shire had exaggerated the extent of this work, which he claimed could be completed within a few months.

And his colleague, Julie Forsyth SC, said it wasn't

appropriate either for the shire to be lobbying for state funding in front of a DAL advisory committee.

"You'll recall, Madam Chair, that you had a question for Mr Vorchheimer (the shire's barrister) regarding whether the council was seeking what we've described as a Bellarine outcome in which no PSBs were recommended, or an outcome in which some PSBs were recommended, and others rejected," said Mr Watters.

"And it was put that council's primary position was that there should be no PSBs and its secondary position was that, as a sort of olive branch, there should be some PSBs.

"Now we just want to make the point that this is the first time that we understand their submissions have been made in those terms. We also want to make the point that it is directly inconsistent with the council's written opening," he said, going on to read excerpts from council's opening submission, intended to convey this inconsistent approach.

As well as the "contested townships" above, Mr Watters said the council had earlier submitted that Cape Woolamai "required clarification" as well.

But he said the work required to establish settlement boundaries for townships

including Newhaven, San Remo and Cape Woolamai was principally a question of ruling areas in or out, like the Phillip Island Airport.

He also made note of land south of the ridgeline beyond Potters Hill Road San Remo which needed to be ruled in or out.

"Those are just examples but the actual extent of the work required to establish those matters is often itself relatively confined," he said, claiming that a few months rather than years was all that was needed.

The department went on to list its preferences for the location of Protected Settlement Boundaries, coming out strongly against expansion of Cape Woolamai (specifically excluding the Phillip Island Airport site as lacking any strategic support), Cowes and Newhaven, among others, but supporting the retention of the hotly contested Cape Paterson settlement boundary, apart from "a relatively confined section of land" containing dunes in the south-east corner of the residential development site.

With regard to other submissions, the campaign by the Save the Western Port Woodlands group, gained the most traction with all sides agreeing the last remnant of coastal bush in the shire needed statutory protection.

'Line in the sand' needed, says shire

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has called on the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) panel to quite literally "draw a line in the sand" to protect the Western Port Woodlands during the final day of DAL hearings on Thursday, April 27.

The shire has urged for the panel to include The Gurdies Hills within a protected zone that also includes the nationally significant woodlands, which are under threat from massive sand mining operations, with Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) and Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO) protection at least until the area can be mapped and properly assessed.

Presenting the shire's closing remarks, after 27 days of hearings, legal counsel for the shire David Vorchheimer of HWL Ebsworth Lawyers said the case had been clearly made by technical experts, the shire and the local community that the Western Port Woodlands area was a significant landscape and should be included in the DAL process, and appropriate recommendations made for its protection within the process.

"There needs to be some form of judgement made and a line in the sand drawn clearly identifying the locations, including with maps, where extractive industry ought not operate within the Westernport Woodlands and Biolink; and applying interim SLO and/or ESO controls," said Mr Vorchheimer, while also noting that these weren't the perfect tools for protecting the woodlands.

"Council takes this opportunity to reiterate that it was in the process of preparing an ESO control for the Westernport Woodlands and the Biolink, which it put on hold on the basis that the declaration of Bass Coast as a DAL and development of the SPP would provide a level of certainty about the conflict," he said.

"It's a big call," responded committee chair Kathy Mitchell, noting that the panel would consider the submissions made by the council and others.

"But whether or not it should be part of this process or another, we have not yet decided. We're still listening."

Submissions made on behalf of the Minister of Planning, which also expressed support for higher levels of protection for the woodlands, have urged that if there needs to be a further study of the woodlands, with a view to added protection, it should happen outside the DAL process, prior to overlays being introduced.

But Mr Vorchheimer said the shire and the community would not like to see the "bulldozers roll in" in the interim to take advantage of a vacuum in protection levels while the government set up another assessment process.

Passionate and informed local submitter, Professor Dick Wettenhall, a biochemist who is expert in the risks posed by toxic chemicals leaching into ground water, applauded the forthright approach taken by the shire.

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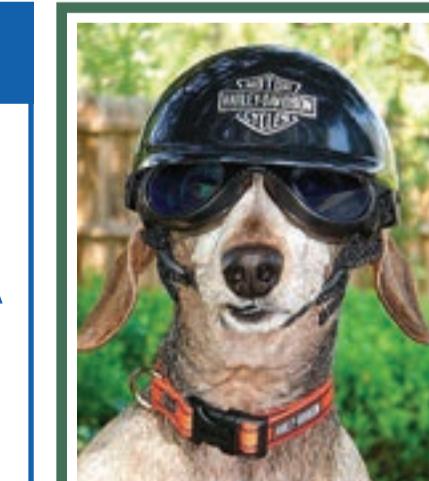
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Cr Michael Whelan



HOMELESSNESS is one of the many tragic impacts of the cost of living crisis.

Forget the cliches. Homeless people are just like you and me. This could happen to anyone with the wrong circumstances.

The largest – and growing – cohort of people at risk of homelessness in Bass Coast are older single women, but there are also young single people, families, and older people experiencing housing stress or housing insecurity.

There are many issues that impact homelessness and often it is not just one. However what research tells us very clearly is that women who have divorced and have little super due to being the primary care giver are at greatest risk of housing stress and potential homelessness.

When the primary care giver is on unpaid parental leave – they generally do not get super from their employee (this is slowly changing and Bass Coast Shire Council has taken a lead and provides this to parents on parental leave). However historically women have been out of the workforce for several years, often returning in a part-time capacity which reduces their super.

Family violence also makes a substantial contribution to the risk and prevalence of homelessness for women and their children.

Bass Coast had the 16th highest rate of family violence in Victoria in 2022. Victoria Police recorded 840 family violence call outs. This was down 8.6 per cent on 2021, but clearly that is way too high. No family violence is acceptable.

There is no silver bullet to fixing the scourge of homelessness, and I'm not pretending that Council has all the answers because it is simply too big an issue in society. All levels of government have a role to play.

The key is to look at the whole housing market. We need good supply to ensure there is affordable housing for those that can purchase. This good supply takes pressure off the rental market, and this is critical as many facing housing stress and potential homelessness are often working.

We also need to look at this holistically – not just supply and demand (or the planning/development controls) but also from a taxation perspective, a system that encourages speculative investment rather than long term investment in housing stock. Holistic system reform is required.

Council is advocating strongly to the State Government because we need to catch up on the years of under investment. The \$25 million pledged under the Government's Big Build - \$25m guarantee is a good start, but it's only a start.

We also need state-led planning reforms to assist in the delivery of social and affordable housing, and where it is appropriate council will look at land it owns and its suitability for delivery of social housing. We will work with developers to encourage and promote the delivery of social and affordable housing in their developments.

Next month Council will consider endorsing our draft Affordable Housing Strategy for community consultation. We urge everyone to provide feedback.



Major Projects Officers Emma Allsop and Susie Nogic at the draft Master Plan drop-in session for the community to have their say on the new 80-acre sport and recreation precinct on Phillip Island. Z05_1823

Long-term plan for Island sporting precinct

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has released the Cowes recreation draft master plan with a long-term vision, and to get community feedback, major project officers are holding community drop-in sessions in Cowes.

Due to the weather forecast, the Saturday session was relocated to the Phillip Island football ground, running from 9am until 11am, and in attendance was major project officers Emma Allsop and Susie Nogic discussing the draft master plan with residents.

Community consultation is open until May 17 and another drop-in

session will be held at Olive Justice Place on Wednesday, May 3 from 12pm until 2pm – so, don't miss the chance to have your say.

The draft master plan is a long-term vision for Phillip Island's sporting precinct and will be implemented in separate stages, with each individual area to go through further design before the shire can advocate for funding.

So far, the community is requesting car parking around the football oval, questioning the size of the dog park, and asking for detailed design of the plan, which is an additional step in council's planning process.

Major projects officer Emma Allsop said, 'once we have closed the community consultation process, we can then work towards amending the draft master plan accordingly – taking all feedback on board before the plan is adopted by council.'

To have your say on the Cowes Recreation Reserve project visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au

Emma Allsop said she encourages the community to follow the www.engage.basscoast.com.au page to keep up to date with council projects and to receive notification of any project changes.

No 'Voice' at the DAL hearings for local land council

WHILE the Bunurong people have been acknowledged as partners in the preparation of a draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) for Bass Coast and recognised throughout the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes process, the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation did not make a formal submission.

At the end of the 27th day of advisory committee hearings last Thursday, April 27, committee chair, Kathy Mitchell assured those present that the Bunurong organisation had been invited to make contact.

"The committee will remember that we wrote to the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation on April 6

inviting them to make contact and seek to be heard but we had no response."

Section 46AV of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 says that a SPP for a declared area must, among other things: "Set out Aboriginal tangible and intangible cultural values, and other cultural and heritage values, in relation to the declared area".

Didn't vote in the State election? Now tell them why

THOUSANDS of locals and close to 300,000 Victorians who appear to have failed to vote in the November 2022 State election will have an opportunity to explain why they didn't vote when they receive an 'Apparent failure to vote notice' in the coming days.

In the Bass district, 3,267 voters (6.54% of enrolled voters) and in Gippsland South 2,867 (5.77% of enrolled voters) will receive an Apparent Failure to Vote Notice.

The percentage of people in each district who will receive a notice is lower than the state average of 6.56%.

Acting Electoral Commissioner, Dana Fleming, says the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is urging people who receive a notice to respond with a detailed explanation, as the VEC is required to issue a fine of \$92 if a person fails to respond within 28 days.

'An 'Apparent failure to vote notice'

is not a fine – it's a chance to explain why you appear not to have voted,' Ms Fleming said.

'If you respond to the notice, you are much more likely to be excused.'

'Completing and sending the notice back to us within the 28-day time-frame gives us a chance to consider your explanation and whether you can be excused.'

'Voting in State elections is compulsory in Victoria.'

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The Ali family were joined by Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group's Maddy Harford, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs the Honourable Andrew Giles and Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia CEO Lisa Button for the launch of the much-anticipated documentary 'HumanKIND' about their experience by Sal Balharrie. C33_1823



The Ali family are fortunate to have a community behind them in Wonthaggi with fellow peers in BCAL's government funded Adult Migrant English Program on hand to celebrate the documentary on Monday. The language program is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year with Korumburra's Al Ahmad family also joining of the program in recent weeks. C36_1823

A celebration of community spirit

MONDAY was a day of joyous celebration as the Wonthaggi and surrounding community gathered alongside Minister Giles, Lisa Button, Sal Balharrie and the Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group in launching the documentary humanKIND based on the experience of the Ali family.

Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia CEO Lisa Button opened proceedings at APEX Park.

"Today is a really special occasion," Lisa smiled.

"We're here to launch a wonderful new film by director Sal Balharrie. The film is a celebration of the power of community and it tells the story of a group of wonderful locals who put up their hands to be involved in a

relatively new national program called the Community Refugee Integration and Settlement pilot, which enables groups of everyday Australians from any part of the country and any walk of life to welcome and support the settlement and integration of a refugee family into their local community..."

Under a crisp blue sky in Wonthaggi, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs the Honourable Andrew Giles MP not only welcomed the family and helped launch the film, but spoke of the importance of programs like the pilot.

"There are some people who come here as refugees who need the support that only the government can provide given their

circumstances," Minister Giles explained.

"The scale at which these groups operate there's an understanding of circumstances... that is quite profound ... in which here and other groups have been able to look at the circumstances in particular families and tailor the welcome to them – that's something that's very difficult for governments to do.

"I also think that some of the lessons from this pilot will inform how the government sponsorship program operates. I think we need to do both, and we can have both working in a very complementary fashion."

Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group member Maddy Harford spoke beautifully of their introduction to the Ali family and

subsequently watching the family arrive, spread their wings and in particular seeing the children blossom in the community and their new school through the support of the community.

"This community generosity of spirit – are the essence and the crucial ingredients of the model of community-based integration and settlement.

"The Ali's have been here five months. We've shared laughter, tears and celebrations and all of the family – parents and children – are growing in independence and confidence as members of our community."

Through the assistance of a local Arabic speaker Sabah, Lukman and Khadija thanked everybody involved.

"We are very, very happy here

and very grateful. (We) are amazed by the generosity of the people of Wonthaggi and by the welcome (we) have received. (We) are very happy to be here today," Lukman smiled.

"(We) feel very safe in Wonthaggi. Wonthaggi is a beautiful town; the people are beautiful, and they have treated us with a lot of kindness.

"But we do feel the loneliness of not speaking the language (and being able to communicate). The language is the most difficult."

"I meet so many people and they are lovely and friendly, and we meet at the supermarket and in places, but we cannot communicate (yet)," Khadija noted.

"We are hoping that our success story encourages more of these programs..."

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Crown land dilemma for shire

THE community can have a say on Bass Coast Shire's draft Crown Land Policy. Crown land is held by the Crown (the King or Queen) in right of the State of Victoria. Crown land can be reserved for a particular public use, or unreserved. Reserved public use may include recreational, cultural, forestry, conservation and delivery of government services.

Council has been appointed as the Committee of Management and is responsible for managing approximately 126 hectares of Crown land reserves within the municipality.

The shire noted that they are being more frequently asked to take on the responsibility of managing Crown land, or financially supporting the delivery of assets and services on Crown land.

However, council stated they don't receive any financial support for the management of Crown land or derive any financial benefit from investing in assets on crown land where it's not the land manager.

And now that they are faced with operating in a more financially constrained environment, as well as a more complex legislative environment and increased responsibility from the

State government, the shire is being challenged on how to best utilise its resources. Council's role as a land manager includes:

- Manage, improve, maintain, and control the land for the purposes for which it is reserved
- Exercise powers, functions, and authorities as are conferred
- Carry out works (subject to approvals)
- May take legal proceedings for specified purposes

A feature of the draft policy includes dealing with increasing demand to support volunteer Committees of Management appointed by the State Government.

"Council recognises the important role that these volunteers play and the value they bring to the local community. However, Council cannot continue to take on more unfunded responsibility for land or assets that it does not manage," the draft states.

"Council will consider requests to project manage the delivery of critical capital infrastructure, on behalf of the State or other agencies, on a full cost recovery basis."

Feedback is open until Friday, May 19 at <https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/crownland>



Inverloch's NAB branch will close in July this year.

Inverloch NAB branch set for closure

ANOTHER local bank branch will close its doors this year with NAB announcing the Inverloch branch will shut as of Thursday, July 6.

The Finance Sector Union (FSU) has been calling on the major banks to stop closing bank branches in metropolitan and regional areas, while a Senate Inquiry into Regional Branch Closures is underway.

As more branches were identified for closure, FSU National Secretary Julia Angrisano said the National Australia Bank was refusing to pause regional branch closures.

Customers at Inverloch will have to travel to Wonthaggi, which was undergoing a refurbishment and is due to reopen on May 5.

NAB has assured businesses and agribusiness customers that there will be no change to the 'relationship' that they have with their existing bankers.

"Over the past few years, fewer customers are coming into branches to do their banking. Around 55 percent of our Inverloch customers have only

visited the branch once in the last 12 months, and more than 85 percent are already using other branches including our Wonthaggi branch which is being refurbished and due to re-open next week," said NAB Retail Customer Executive, Regional Victoria, Larna Manson.

"The Inverloch team will now be helping customers who need additional support with digital banking and also introducing them to the Bank@Post service on Dixon Street.

"It's important to us that there will be no job losses as part of this change - our branch team will be provided new opportunities across NAB including additional support in the NAB Wonthaggi branch."

The renewed Bank@Post partnership with Australia Post provides the community with a face-to-face alternative at 3500 Australia Post outlets, where they can conduct a range of banking services including deposits up to \$9999 and withdrawals up to \$2000 per day.

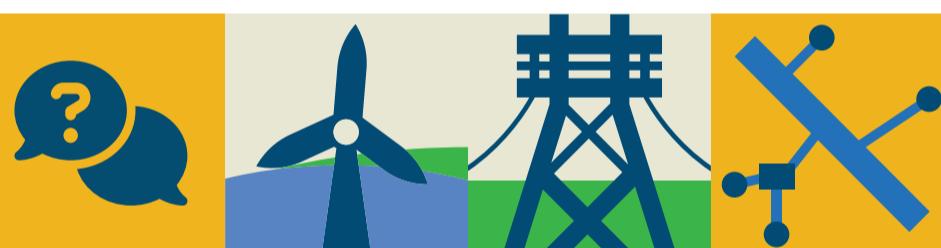
The Inverloch Tourism Association

(ITA) stated they were extremely disappointed to learn of NAB decision to close the Inverloch branch.

"Face to face banking services are vitally important to regional communities like Inverloch. The removal of banking services undermines the viability of many businesses within the township that contribute to, and provide services to residents and tourists alike," they said.

"At a time when Australians are still recovering from an unprecedented pandemic, adjusting to concurrent inflation, interest rate rises and ongoing cost of living increases, the bank closure will stand as another significant challenge to the businesses of Inverloch and surrounding district."

"The ITA is proposing to advocate with the Bendigo Community Bank as the remaining bank in the town, and conduct a meeting for businesses to advise what banking services can be maintained in the future. Details of this meeting will be advised soon."



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Not much joy for Cape Paterson

OPPONENTS of the expansion of Cape Paterson north, almost doubling its size with the addition of a further 980 new residential blocks, will be hoping no one takes much notice of the Department of Transport and Planning.

Or the final remarks made on behalf of the Bass Coast Shire Council, in which they didn't oppose a settlement boundary which included the development area.

The department's closing submission on the final day of the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Advisory Committee hearings last Thursday didn't offer any support for rolling back the town boundary to Seaward Drive.

In fact, apart from a relatively small site in the south-east corner of the large development site, to the north of Seaward Drive, the expansion of housing can proceed over the whole area, if you take what the department had to say.

In responding to the heavy weight of submissions in relation to Cape Paterson, the department supported the work of its landscapes' expert, Peter Haack of Peter Haack Consulting, in identifying a "relatively confined section of the land" as needing protection, where some dunes are located.

And while they support additional work being done "to identify the visual values of the land in refining the boundary", they say it's up to the committee to say whether this work should be carried out before or after the Protected Settlement Boundary



There's disappointment at Cape Paterson that neither the Bass Coast Shire nor the Department of Planning is recommending the rolling back of Cape Paterson's town boundary to protect local flora, and fauna including marine life.

is introduced in roughly the present location of the settlement boundary, retaining the proposed residential growth area.

And while the shire identified other shortcomings in the Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), and recommended that a PSB not be introduced at Cape Paterson until "further detailed studies at a granular level" were carried out, it stopped short of recommending against the existing boundary.

In answer to a question from advisory committee chair Kathy

Mitchell about whether the shire council supported the application of a Protected Settlement Boundary, around the existing settlement of Cape Paterson, including the new development area to the north, legal counsel for the shire, David Vorcheimer, said additional work needed to be done but the shire was "not pushing for it to be excluded".

Former president of the Cape Paterson Ratepayers and Residents Association, John Coulter described the department's closing submission and the overall approach of the shire and

advisory committee to Cape Paterson as "disappointing".

"In terms of the commentary around potentially adjusting the settlement boundary around sensitive parts of the landscape, we can probably take some positives out of that but overall, it was pretty disappointing that they didn't pick up one of the main points made by the former Planning Minister in setting up this review," Mr Coulter said.

"He said that unlike a planning panels process, this was supposed to be an opportunity to step away and look at these things through a different lens.

"It was put to the panel, that if the settlement boundary was still at Seaward Drive, would they have recommended an expansion of the township to that degree? I don't think they would."

Mr Coulter said there had been some important references to environmental values at Cape Paterson in Claire Scott's report and the need for them to be protected and he hoped that ultimately came out in the advisory committee's recommendations.

"If Cape Paterson were to be developed to the north, the current landscape and township character of the small coastal hamlet, and the character and significance of its landscape setting would change and be potentially negatively impacted," according to the Scott report.

Any recommendations made by the committee however, could assist opponents of residential expansion in making gains during the rezoning amendment process.

Parry's Jewellery devastated by robbery

ANOTHER business in Wonthaggi has been cruelly targeted by thieves with Parry's Jewellery and Watches robbed twice recently.

The store has been forced to close last week due to the damage caused.

Owner Scott Parry said unfortunately the glass front door and cabinets inside were all smashed meaning he is unable to open until replacements arrive.

"I've lost a fair bit of stock, I've got days and days of going through stock to actually figure out what's gone," he told the Sentinel-Times.

"And figure out what direction I want to go in the future."

As a result, Mr Parry will be significantly upgrading security to the store, but the incident has taken a huge toll.

A number of expensive watches and jewellery items were also stolen.

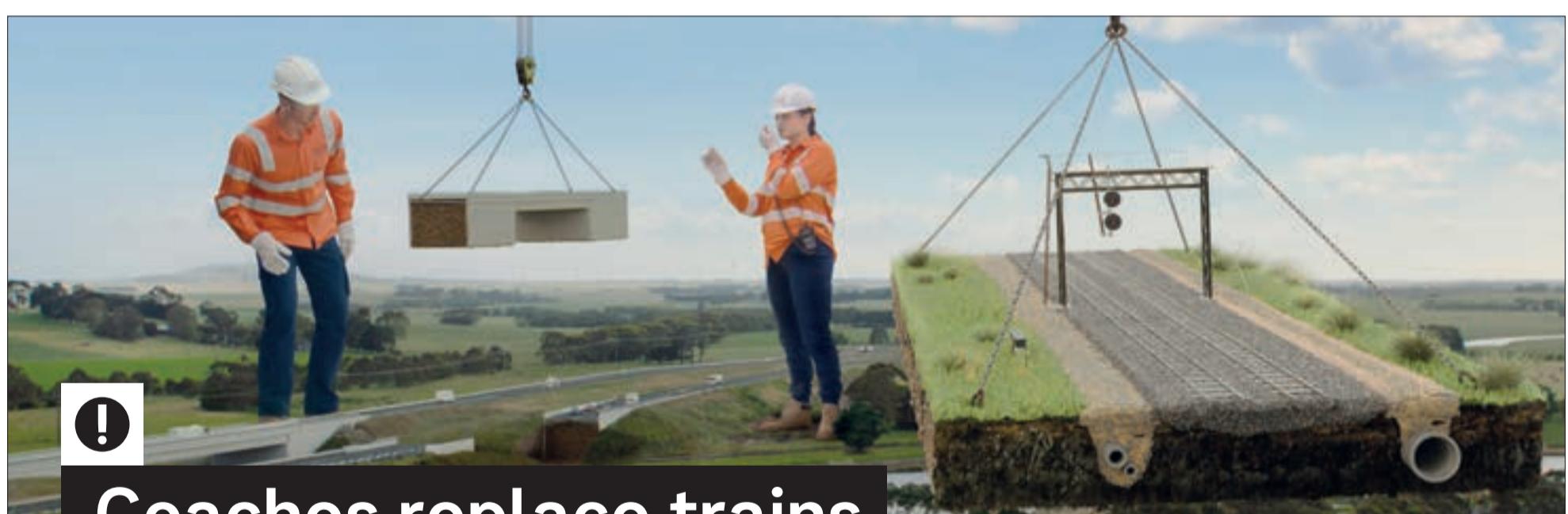
"I may have to have a serious think about what I do with the shop," he said.

"I may focus more on repairs instead of sales."

"But I don't know, once I've sorted out all the security it might not look so daunting."

He remains unsure when he will be able to reopen but is hoping it will be soon.

Wonthaggi Toyota was also targeted recently where vehicles valued at more than \$300K were stolen.



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Feedback Encouraged on the Budget

The proposed 2023/24 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan are now available for community feedback after being endorsed at the April Council Meeting.

Both documents present a financially sustainable and responsible road map for South Gippsland that takes into consideration a number of opportunities and challenges for our region such as the global economic climate, interest rate rises, escalating costs in the building industry and the cost of living.

Some of the proposed key initiatives in this Budget focus on roads and

roadside vegetation management, and implementing actions from the recent Coastal Strategy and South Gippsland Planning Scheme Review.

The Proposed Budget also includes a \$36.832 million investment in our major capital works initiatives which includes the Korumburra Streetscape project, refurbishment of the rail precincts in Leongatha and Korumburra, Venus Bay streetscape, and construction and sealing of Simons Lane Leongatha.

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

yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Proposed 2023/24 Budget Facebook Q&A



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

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

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

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Cr Rae takes aim at frivolous complaints

COUNCILLOR Scott Rae took aim at those he claims are wasting South Gippsland Shire Council time and resources during Wednesday's council meeting.

He brought along a ceramic Stein filled with plastic drinking straws to drive home the point, speaking about the relevance of the straws.

"Out there in Narnia we have people who like to grasp at straws, sometimes new straws but mostly old straws, so it's time to put up or be quiet," Cr Rae said.

"The repeated questions and allegations without foundation need to stop."

Cr Rae then referred to people turning up with eight pages from a 30-page document, stressing that fails to provide necessary context and is not a smoking gun.

He spoke of failed Freedom of Information requests to obtain the whole document.

"Freedom of Information said no repeatedly to getting that document, yet you bring part of it to me, so go and ask your whistle blower for the rest of the document," Cr Rae said.

"Achieving anything in local government is hard enough for us as councillors and it's damn hard for the staff and the executive without spending days and days and dollar after dollar chasing after your persistent fantasies and straw grasping."

"The cost to council is immense; if you have something real, I'm the first to say, 'Bring it to me and I'll table it', but if you haven't got anything that stands up, I can't help you."

Cr Scott Rae loves bringing props to illustrate his point, favouring drinking straws at the April council meeting.

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South Gippsland planning applications a community concern

THE DELAY around planning applications was one of the most prominent issues brought to the South Gippsland Shire Mayor from the public in one-on-one consultations this month.

In the second round of 'Meet the Mayor' sessions held by the Shire, Mayor Nathan Hersey is meeting with members of the public who wish to discuss or raise issues or concerns. It is a way for council to hear from those in the community who may not otherwise have the opportunity.

"I can't do the job if I don't know what people are thinking. How do you meet the communities' expectations if you don't know what they expect."

The mayor stated that the overwhelming majority of concerns in the first session were based around the conditions of roads and paths in the shire, which council are reportedly responding to proactively.

This time around, community members have raised issues about delays around planning applications and



Mayor Nathan Hersey is holding one on one consultations with community members to get a feel of community expectations. ob15_1823

how community groups can get information and support from council when accessing grants.

Cr Hersey states that people's concerns will be followed up by a council officer if its operational and followed up by council if its more strategic and, he has found that a lot of answers can be given on the day.

He also stated that like a lot of other regional areas, councils have seen an influx of people of the past couple of years, and with that comes an influx of applications, causing delays.

The sessions are proving popular with all time slots having been fully booked and priority is given to those who they haven't met before

or had a formal presentation from, but the mayor is happy to meet with everyone at least once.

"It's going really well and I definitely think it's been received by the community in a positive way".

"And it's, I suppose for this current group of councillors, a really big commitment that we made was to actively engage and participate in the community and consult with the community at every opportunity they can, and this is an extra."

"It helps give us a really good understanding of what people are thinking and the overall that I'm getting is that the sentiment towards this council is quite positive."

Mayor Hersey will try to hold monthly face to face consultation and has also invited other councillors to be present if they have a particular interest in an issue.

"It's got to be a team sport," Cr Hersey said.

A public Facebook live session will be held on Wednesday, May 3. Check the council website for further details.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



Council Community Day

On the fourth Wednesday of each month, Councillors spend a day out together in our community. These days provide us with the opportunity to interact purposefully and on matters of strategic interest to our Shire.

This month, we hit the road and went on a bus tour with a focus on industrial land and future economic and industrial development of our Shire, including the opportunities for our region in relation to the offshore wind industry.

Councillors toured some of South Gippsland's key industrial land sites to gain a better understanding of the opportunities and challenges related to industrial land supply.

Councillors also heard from the Friends of Agnes Falls and Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group before heading down to Port Anthony and Barry Beach to further understand the potential these ports have to support future offshore wind development.

Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Meetings

It was fantastic to see some new faces at the Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor meetings on Thursday.

Some of the key themes included advocacy for grants, planning, roads and waste management.

Thank you to those who attended and also to those who put in an expression of interest to come once again. It is a great opportunity to hear more about what is happening in our community. The next date for meetings will be advertised in the coming weeks.

Reminders

Registrations for three- and four-year-old kindergarten are now open. To register, complete the online application form and nominate your top three kindergarten preferences. You can do so at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment

The Candlelight Vigil to commemorate those women and children who have had their lives taken as a result of domestic violence in South Gippsland is happening on Wednesday 3 May at 6.30pm outside Council's main office at 9 Smith Street, Leongatha. Please come along and reflect with us and bring awareness. Any life lost to domestic violence is a tragedy.

ANZAC Day

Thank you to all those who organised events to commemorate Anzac Day. Councillors were honoured to attend and represent our community at services. I would like to acknowledge the massive amount of work by our RSL volunteers and others who organised the many services across South Gippsland. It was particularly heartening to see so many attendees throughout the Shire as we gathered together to reflect on the service of the men and women who have selflessly fought and served our country, protected our people and way of life. Lest we forget.

Proposed 2023/24 Budget Engagement

Feedback closes on Friday 12 May at 5.00pm for the proposed 2023/24 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan. Make sure you make your voice count by visiting <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Outdoor Meeniyian shelter to be sacrificed, but replaced

WHILE the planned addition of a Meeniyian Community Hub alongside the town's existing hall is a positive, it's not all good news, with hopes to retain the existing sheltered outdoor area between the hall and the new structure dashed.

That was a topic of discussion at a recent Meeniyian Progress Association (MPA) meeting, after the organisation's president Richard Sutterby wrote to mayor Nathan Hersey of his hopes for that structure to be retained.

However, the news in Cr Hersey's response was not positive despite efforts to pur-

sue the requested outcome.

"All avenues were explored to retain the current structure, including seeking direction from the Victorian Building Authority; however, due to the Building Classification and building regulations regarding fire separation this has proved unsuccessful," Cr Hersey stated.

He stressed that council officers must observe legislative requirements, also noting the problem posed by the outdoor shelter being situated on both Crown Land and Council-owned land.

"Additionally, combined allotments and/or title

consolidation isn't possible as the Meeniyian Hall is on Crown land whilst the Meeniyian Hub site is council owned," Cr Hersey stated.

Mr Sutterby conceded during the MPA meeting that efforts have been made by South Gippsland Shire Council to retain the roof structure but the situation is beyond council's control.

Fay Sinclair, who is part of the Project Working Group for the Meeniyian Community Hub is disappointed the existing outdoor shelter is set to be lost.

"Because this structure goes over two sites, it has to

be removed, which is frustrating," Ms Sinclair said.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times, Cr Hersey said there will be a new outdoor roofed area built, complying with requirements, with a gap between two structures, one of which will be higher than the other to protect the area from the weather.

"The design is that they'll come as close together as they're allowed to within the current building regulations," Cr Hersey said.

"It won't be perfect but I think it's a pretty good solution considering all the regulations around it."

Locals protest NAB funding coal mine

ON MONDAY, April 24, 15 local people rallied in Inverloch to urge National Australia Bank to stop funding new coal mines.

The rally included six students from Newhaven and Bass Coast Colleges who led the "teach-in" in the Inverloch Branch, explaining that the bank is using "green-washing" to disguise their investments.

National campaign "Move Beyond Coal" is pressuring NAB to stop funding any corporations expanding the coal industry, starting with Whitehaven. NAB has loaned hundreds of millions of dollars to Whitehaven Coal. Between 2016 and 2020, NAB lent \$9.5 billion to fossil fuel companies.

New Fire Stations must feature in Budget

THE STATE Government needs to focus on delivering for hardworking CFA volunteers in this year's State Budget according to The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien.

Mr O'Brien said he has been campaigning for many years for new fire stations at Yarram, Foster and Mirboo North and they must be delivered soon.

"I was very pleased to hear from the CFA that it had allocated funding for capital builds for the three brigades last year and I want to see this funding reflected in the State Budget next month.

"Both Mirboo North and Foster are on the hunt for new sites and are slated to be built in the next two years by the CFA and this should be reflected by the Andrews' Labor Budget.

"Yarram already has a site identified in Commercial Street and was the subject of a strange but welcome commitment by Labor prior to the election, despite the fact the CFA board had already committed to a new build.

"Each of the stations are too small for current fire trucks, pose OHS issues for firefighters getting changed and deploying and are not fit for modern usage."

Mr O'Brien said the LG had treated CFA volunteers appallingly and funding for these new stations was one way it could show faith in the volunteer community.



Some of Loch Post Office's friendly team of volunteers, Howard Booth, Robert Clarke, Ian Osborne, Frank and Paula Springer, Cynthia Love and coordinator Jan Ashton. A21_1823

Happy community vibe at Loch Post Office

LOCH'S vibrant community spirit came to the fore when it appeared the town would be left without a post office, with an enthusiastic band of volunteers keeping the service going.

The post office now has a new setting in the 1903 building previously occupied by the freemasons, joining another community enterprise 'Opportunity Lochs'.

Jan Ashton is coordinator of the new post office team, managing the other volunteers.

Loch Community Development Association (LCDA) took over the town's post office service in March, continuing to operate it at its old location for five weeks before a move to its new home at the Masonic Lodge on the corner of Victoria Road and Roy Street.

Previously, the business was run under a community post office contract.

"We took it over as a community run post office," volunteer Cynthia Love said.

"You get a smile and a chat."

A number of customers popped in during the Sentinel-Times' visit.

Local Margaret Connor was one of them, expressing gratitude for the community post office initiative.

"It's convenient and you get to see people," she said, explaining she enjoys catching up with the



Customer Stuart Matthews enjoys the convenience provided by having a post office in Loch. A22_1823

volunteers and other customers.

"They're always friendly and helpful and it's what you need in a small town," Margaret said of the volunteers.

Stuart Matthews lives some distance away but is delighted to be able to collect parcels from Loch rather than having to travel further to Korumburra.

Loch Post Office's profits will flow back into the community through LCDA, assisting in a variety of projects and initiatives.

While it is yet to be determined what those will be, volunteer Howard Booth said the LCDA

has recently beautified parts of Loch Village as well as adding extra seating and has contributed to improvements at the local bowls club and preschool.

Post office income will also pay rent for its section of the building, including the old Masons' chamber behind the post office counter that will be available for community groups' meetings and to show films, following improvements such as the addition of a kitchenette.

Despite its new setting, the Loch Post Office appears well established, with an impressive locally made wooden counter

fashioned from a trestle table.

Touches such as photos borrowed from the Loch & District Historical Group, scales once used in the town's old post office, and a replica Loch Butter Factory sign add to the charm of what is a welcoming community hub.

Local Mal Barker's handiwork was responsible for elements that transformed the building into a post office, including the counter, the neat pigeonholes behind it and the swing doors.

While there are currently 13 volunteers working at the post office, others have helped behind the scenes and working bees were held in the lead up to the recent relocation.

Despite its old-world setting, Loch Post Office has convenient modern technology, benefiting its volunteer staff and customers.

An inventory of stock is kept electronically and items for collection are scanned, alerting customers that they are ready to pick up.

While the community run service doesn't house the usual retail items found in commercial post office branches, information on community events and ticket sales for some of them, as well as free publications such as the Loch Express are on offer.

Books on the history of Loch are available to buy.

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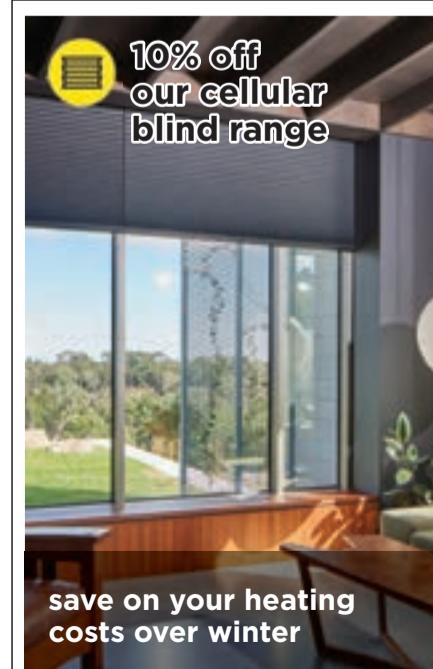
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Tom Farmer during science class.



Student Leaders with Head of Middle School, Mr Geoff White. (Left to right) Kadek Humphris, Holly Martelli and Matilda Feehan.

General Excellence Scholarship applications invited at Newhaven College

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range of outdoor activities, including extensive camps and outdoor education programs, surf academy and equestrian team, the unique Year 9 Environmental Centre and sustainability initiatives.

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Newhaven College is calling for applications for their General Excellence Scholarship for entry into the College in 2024 and are awarded to applicants in Secondary School at any level who can demonstrate outstanding

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- Leadership.
- Community Involvement.
- General Excellence Scholarships are awarded based on application and interview.

Applications close Friday, May 26, 2023.

For more information and to apply for either scholarship, please visit www.newhavencollege.vic.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships or contact Belinda Manning on 5956 7505.

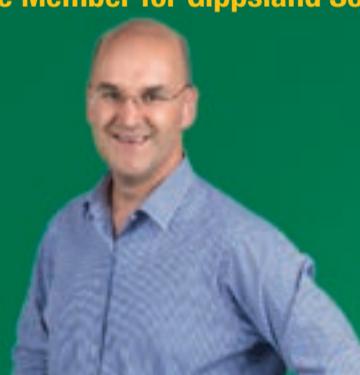
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VIEW Clubs call on the community

WONTHAGGI VIEW Club is calling on members of the community to give their time to children's education charity, The Smith Family, as part of National Volunteer Week (May 15 – 21).

The theme for this year's Volunteer Week is 'The Change Makers', which Wonthaggi Club President Carmel said is an accurate reflection of VIEW's work across Australia.

"We help raise funds for programs like student2student, which pairs younger children with reading buddies, we sponsor students through the Learning for Life program, so they are supported throughout their entire education, and members can volunteer at Learning Clubs, where children are given help with their homework after school".

"We are always looking for women to join us in supporting The Smith Family and we'd encourage anyone interested to get in touch and come along to our next meeting to learn more about VIEW".

Anyone interested in finding out more about Wonthaggi VIEW Club contact Vice President Sue on 0404 817 954 or visit www.view.org.au.

Monthly Dinner Meetings are held on the third Monday at the Wonthaggi Club, 16 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi at 6.30pm.

The Smith Family: The Smith Family is a children's education charity that helps young Australians experiencing disadvantage to create better futures for themselves through harnessing the power of education.

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New and bigger building for Totally Workwear



Matt, Tayla, Joyce, Chelsea and Brad are excited to bring you an expanded range from brands like FXD and Volcom. ob02_1823



Totally Workwear Wonthaggi has moved to a bigger premises with an expanded range of workwear and uniforms.



TWW has expanded their range of school wear, hospitality and health care and much more. Ob04_1823

TOTALLY Workwear, Wonthaggi (TWW) have moved to a new, larger premises with double the floor space that can better cater to the growing and diverse community and all their workwear and uniform needs.

The bigger area allows the store to respond to the demand from the community to provide a greater range of all the famous brands and gear to keep people looking good, and safe at work.

TWW have expanded on all their stocked brands and are offering new ranges and new workwear including the popular FXD which has recently grown its range.

They have nine metres of wall space to show off the vast and versatile FXD brand with pants, shorts, hoodies, shirts and t-shirts.

They are also stocking up on the increasingly popular and quality workwear ranges from Volcom, Anthem and have the great range of CAT clothing in stock.

The larger space in the store allows all the gear to be on display, so people can see the full range and if they are in a hurry, they can grab stock off the shelf and run.

TWW continues offering customers the best service, with more staff on the floor who are well-trained, knowledgeable, and well equipped to help out with all workwear needs.

TWW have a larger range of personal protective equipment (PPE), and have expanded on all ranges including

school uniforms, healthcare and scrubs, hospitality, corporate, hi viz, and all of their core products.

Catering to the hospitality industry, TWW stocks jackets and pants for chefs, aprons and comfortable, practical and presentable clothing for cafe managers, baristas, waiters and bar staff as well as non-slip footwear.

There's an expanded range of healthcare uniforms including scrubs for nurses, administrative uniforms, lab coats for dental clinics, and health and beauty tunics are available.

The wide winter range, featuring Hard Yakka, King Gee and Rainbird jackets will keep you dry and warm this winter.

While the extra-long boot wall shows off the vast range of modern occupational footwear for every season, and colourful socks in every colour will keep your feet comfortable.

TWW continue to offer their specialised fitting services on-site and offsite, custom embroidery, garment decoration and door-to-door delivery.

Look out for the store promotions and if buying a pair of Blundstones, go into the draw to win a Triton ute.

Manager, Brad Hodson, says he is happy the community has trust and faith in TWW's ability to offer an ever-expanding range of workwear to cater to the local community's needs and appreciates customers patience and support during the move.

VOLCOM Workwear

SES 'Women in Rescue' event largest ever

FEMALE VICSES volunteers across the Gippsland region recently came together over a weekend at the VICSES Sale Unit as part of the growing VICSES Women in Rescue (WIR) event, established for female volunteers, by female volunteers.

'Women in Rescue' is a targeted training event designed to celebrate women in emergency operations, to get hands on with the tools and equipment, share rescue skills and have fun in a safe and supportive environment.

Members from the Leongatha, Wonthaggi and Phillip Island units attended the event.

Sarah Pendry has been a member of the Phillip Island SES since 2021 and attended the event for the first time.

"It helped build on our skills, our training, our confidence, help with equality and prove to ourselves that we, women, do play important roles within rescue at SES and should feel empowered to aim high."

"I found the whole day a fantastic opportunity to give new things a try, learn new skills, meet like-minded female members and really boost my confidence in general as well as at an SES level."

Founded in 2018, this year was the largest WIR event yet, with eight locations across Victoria hosting the event simultaneously and a 93% increase in uptake this year - almost double the number of participants to last year's event (2022).

Bri Reid, Deputy Controller at Phillip Island SES and volunteer organiser and facilitator of the event said,

"It was fantastic to see many great connections made throughout the



Women from Bass Coast and Leongatha SES joined other Gippsland Units to learn invaluable rescue skills at the SES 'Women in Rescue' event held in Sale recently.

day, and the personal growth of the women attending."

The day itself focused on the hands on, practical components of rescue operations. A variety of specialised training and exercises were set up to cover the diverse capabilities that VICSES volunteers require during a range of different emergencies.

The event also aims to promote gender inclusion and diversity within VICSES and encourage recruitment and retention of female VICSES volunteers.

Currently, 1,655 of all 4,893 VICSES' volunteers are female (34%)

and VICSES would love to boost that figure to ensure they reflect the communities they serve.

On being a volunteer member with the SES, Sarah commented, "It is personally challenging in so many ways, but in a great way! It boosts my confidence so much. I'm trying things I've never considered before and hope more women in our community decide that they too could do this and excel as a woman in rescue."

To volunteer with VICSES, or for further information on what it means to be a VICSES volunteer, visit: ses.vic.gov.au/join-us

Cowes primary new gym shortlisted for award

THE Australian Institute of Architects has announced the shortlist for the 2023 Victorian Architecture Awards, which included Cowes Primary School's new competition-grade gymnasium.

All up there was a total of 130 projects shortlisted across 15 categories of Public Architecture, Sustainable Architecture, Interior Architecture and more.

The architect for Cowes Primary School was Project 12 Architecture, who were shortlisted for the 'Regional Prize'.

This project comprised a new competition-grade gymnasium for Cowes Primary School, with the design specifically addressing the educational objectives of the school.

The design includes competition-grade basketball and netball courts, music room, studio, kitchen, storerooms, changing room facilities which can be utilised by the pool, as well as an outdoor amphitheatre/external teaching space connecting directly to the native bushland.

Architecturally, the building has been designed to settle into the surrounding landscape using neutral and translucent materials. Views are intentionally framed out towards the bushland and through to the pool, always locating the build-

ing within its immediate surrounds and providing a direct connection to the landscape.

Run annually by the Victorian Chapter of the Institute, the Victorian Architecture Awards celebrate the best architecture across the state, collectively showcasing the positive impacts of architects in shaping the built landscape for all Victorians.

This year's shortlist has been selected by 15 independent juries following a rigorous entry and presentation process.

In the next stage of the awards program, juries will visit the shortlisted entries to understand how the presentations align with the physical experience of being in and around the projects, and then work through which entries are to be selected as winners.

The Victorian Chapter is delighted to be partnering with Polestar as Major Partner of the 2023 Victorian Architecture Awards Evening on Friday June 16, where winners will be revealed.

Winners of each category for each state and territory will then be eligible for recognition in the National Architecture Awards program - Australia's highest honours for architecture - set to be announced in November.

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Liz connects the community for cancer

AUSTRALIA'S Biggest Morning Tea is turning 30 this year and Liz Duthie, Inverloch local, will be hosting her 15th annual event for the fundraiser.

1 in 2 Australians are diagnosed with cancer before the age of 85 and Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is a community event help raise vital funds for the cancer council, with a view to having a cancer free future.

Liz has found that people eat more at lunchtime rather than in the morning, so she will be holding a lunchtime event and has the family on board to help out.

"My husband will make probably three different soups, one of them will be Scotch Broth because we're both Scottish, and usually I like pumpkin and carrot because it's very sweet and its one of my favourites, and then there'll be some other soup".

"My daughter in law... loves to make sausage rolls so however many are coming she'll make the equivalent for one and a half sausage rolls each".

Liz starts preparing for the event weeks in advance and approaches local businesses for contributions or donations of goods and services.

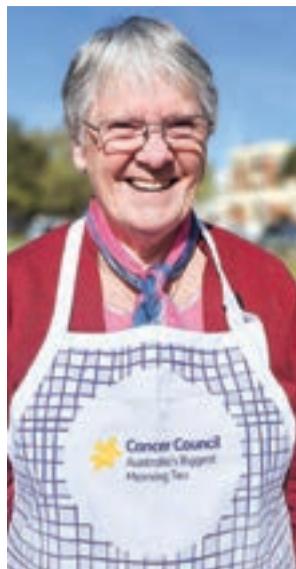
The community is always happy to step in help out according to Liz and most of the food, including bread and bread rolls, slices and sweets come from small businesses, and raffle items like hotel vouchers also come from locals.

The owner of Treat Time in Inverloch, Janine, said she likes to donate to the event because she has personally experienced the pain that cancer can cause families.

"Like many, cancer has touched our family and if the money raised can go towards treatment and to eventually finding a cure, then we would all be better off."

After years of experience Liz has found that full tummies equal more funds raised.

"People love food and I think when they're satisfied with the food, they're



Liz Duthie has proudly been serving up Australia's Biggest Morning Tea/Lunch for over 14 years.

happy to spend a little bit more money."

Liz is going to try to top what was raised last year and has some fun activities in mind; she also plans to keep the Biggest Morning Tea theme alive by including her specially sourced and unique teapots as part of the hampers.

"I'll usually get one of the guests to guess which cup the key is in, and its twenty guesses, so that's \$100, because its \$5 a guess. So, there's a few things like that."

"I'll make up a couple of hampers and I'll get the highest bid on that, and I've always got a teapot... because it is about the Biggest Morning Tea, so I've always found an unusual teapot to put in the hamper, and I guess probably I'll get \$50 - \$70 for each of those hampers, because there's always somebody who wants the teapot, so they go a little bit higher if they really want to get it."

Liz is very passionate about raising funds for cancer and it's her way of giving back to a cause that is close to her heart. All money raised will be donated to Melbourne and cancer research.

The Biggest Morning Tea will be hosted by Liz on Saturday, May 27, from 12pm - 3pm at 15 Hobson Place, Inverloch. Entry is free.



Members of the Harvest Centre were joined by a team of volunteers from Cyclone as part of Plantfulness.
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Thriving local partnerships

PLANTING garlic was the order of the day on Wednesday, April 19, when members of Cyclone Wonthaggi headed to the Wonthaggi Harvest Centre, as part of Plantfulness.

"A charity developed by the CEO of AMES, which incorporates Cyclone, Plantfulness is about gardening for good," Plantfulness' Bonnie Hook explained.

"We like to donate tools to community organisations that are providing an opportunity for members of the local community to come and interact with one another, work on their men-

tal and physical health by being outside, access fresh fruit and vegetables, (help create) connection and reduce isolation.

"On top of that, we also have our staff members that like to come out and do some volunteering hours, which in turn is a great opportunity for them to see what goes on behind the scenes of community organisations and create new opportunities for partnership."

As part of the partnership, members of the Harvest Centre will also be touring the Cyclone facility.

"We've never had new tools before – it has always been what we can source – it's like Christmas," Harvest Centre's Caylie smiled.

"In turn we will be able to gift our second-hand tools to other members in the community."

"We are also encouraging them to pick the fruit and vegetables that grows between our shared fence line!"

The Harvest Centre's Jessica Harrison noted that the centre is "looking forward to further collaboration in the future" and welcoming new members.



There was a good, enthusiastic crowd on Palm Sunday for the South Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees event. Jessica Harrison led the Refugee Justice supporters around Wonthaggi to sounds of approval from motorists.

Rural Australians for Refugees walk for justice

SOUTH Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees (SGRAR) joined the Australia-wide Palm Sunday walk with an enthusiastic crowd.

There were some excellent speeches by Rev. Wendy Elson from the Uniting Church and Father Darren Howie from the Catholic Church, as well as former federal Green's candidate Mat Morgan.

Felicia Di Stefano spoke on SGRAR's perspective asking the government to:

*accept 50,000 of the most needy – these people can form a part of the

immigration program we are planning and be trained in the skills Australia needs.

*bring the 100 people from Nauru and PNG to Australia who are still in prison after 10 years. Many are mentally and some physically ill. They need to come to Australia for medical attention, and we need to find them a safe place to live.

*end arbitrary, indefinite detention – everyone who comes here without a valid visa is put into indefinite detention. We need to assess every asylum seeker's claim for protec-

tion within six months of their arrival; children should never be imprisoned. Once people have been determined to be genuine refugees, they deserve permanent protection, these are international rules; and

*allow family reunion and permanent protections for refugees in Australia.

Phillip Island RAR joined the event with Jessica Harrison leading the Refugee Justice supporters in a walk around Wonthaggi to the sounds of approval from passing motorists.

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Fledged Hoodie chick, Banded DH White, F Break/Wilson Road access, Cape Paterson. Photo: David Hartney.



Fledged Hoodie chick, 1st/2nd Surf 'bommy', Cape Paterson.



St Paul's School Captains Alannah Rogalsky and Ben Francis welcome the community to explore St Paul's.

Success at last for the Bunurong Coast Hooded Plovers this summer

IN A good news story for conservation in our region, Hooded Plovers are beginning to 'take-off' along the Bunurong/Bass Coast this Summer.

Friends of the Hooded Plovers – Bass Coast volunteers have reported a record equaling 22 fledged juveniles for the season.

After a very slow start to the breeding season, there has been great success, particularly at the Cape Paterson breeding sites after four Hooded Plover beach nesting bird chicks fledged. These are the first of the vulnerable shorebirds to fledge along this section of the coast since 2019, including one at Pea Creek estuary, the first since 2012, and one from the 2nd Surf dune blowout, the first since 2018. Further afield along the Bass Coast, another eighteen chicks

By David Hartney

fledged from Harmers Haven west to San Remo.

There will be several reasons why this season was a good one, but some of the success can be attributed to the raising community awareness program initiated this year by Birdlife Australia and the Friends of the Hooded Plovers – Bass Coast, along with land managers Parks Victoria, Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Landcare and West Gippsland Management Authority. The Cape Paterson area was also supported by a generous donation from The Cape sustainable housing development.

With more volunteer monitors on the beaches interacting with beach users while they observe the birds,

awareness of the breeding progress among the public has certainly increased. Patrolling and beach presence by our hard-working Parks Vic Rangers is also helping.

The use of community social media platforms, pop-up information stalls, banners and 'sandwich news boards' at popular beach locations where hoodies nest, are also improving community understanding around the birds, their progress, and the challenges they face.

It is a real treat for volunteers to receive positive feedback and plaudits from the public and from those beach goers who show a real interest in the Hoodies well-being.

Having lived here for tens of thousands of years, there are now only 700 of the once abundant Hooded Plovers

surviving on Victorian beaches, so every Hoodie that makes it to adulthood is a win, and these 22 juveniles are a great addition to the population.

But as always, the success relies on all beach users doing the right thing by our environment and wildlife, being more aware of the Hoodies presence, noting the advisory signage on the beaches and following Parks Victoria and Bass Coast Shire regulations in relation to beach use.

If you want to keep up to date with the latest Hoodie news at Cape Paterson, follow this link on the local Cape Chatter nature website: capechatter.com/the-hooded-plovers-of-cape-paterson-2/ or for broader Bass Coast Hoodie news, you can follow the new public Facebook Group – Friends of the Hooded Plovers – Bass Coast

EVER wanted to take a peek inside St Paul's Anglican Grammar School? This is exactly what you can do on Saturday May 13, with the school opening its doors to welcome the community for Open Day.

Explore the kinder, primary school or secondary school and discover how the school is growing to include a new primary school in Drouin from 2025.

Chat with happy students about St Paul's and learn first-hand from them about the additional co-curricular opportunities available.

Speak with caring and expert teachers about how your child can pursue their potential at St Paul's with their personalised learning focus.

You can also chat with our Leadership Team and discover how fulfilling a career at St Paul's can be.

St Paul's welcomes the community to visit the school between 10:00am and 2:00pm at 150 Bowen Street Warragul on Saturday, May 13. Registrations are essential via the website – stpaulsags.vic.edu.au

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St Jude founder to tour in Bass Coast

GEMMA Sisia (AM) set up the school of St Jude 20 years ago. St Jude's was built on her belief that everyone has the right to an education.

Since 2002, the school has grown to offer free, quality education to 1,800 students across three campuses, expanding to include a successful tertiary program and watched 300 alumni graduate from university and begin entering the workforce.

Gemma will be in Australia on a book launch and tour and will be presenting in the Bass Coast in June.

She will be joined by Madeline Kelly, the author of The School That Hope Built, a new book charting the impressive growth of the school from a simple idea to a locally driven institution which is the largest of its kind on the continent.

Enock Ephrahim, one of the inaugural graduates of St Jude's and now employee, will also join the tour to share his journey and unique perspective as both a former student and current employee.

The trio will share how St Jude's started and grew from its beginning as Gemma's dream, to the successful, multi-campus school it is today.

Gemma has travelled the world spreading the word about The School of St Jude; from Australian Story and 60 minutes to the International Rotary Convention and the TEDx stage, she has inspired people of all ages and from all walks of life with her story.

Gemma will present at the Southern Woman's Business Network (SWBN) in Inverloch Sunday, June 4 and at the Rotary District Breakfast in Wonthaggi on Monday, June 5.

Audience members will have the chance to win a copy of The School That Hope Built. Bookings can be made via the SWBN and Rotary Wonthaggi websites.

Bass Coast Sustainability Festival is taking shape!

THIS year's Bass Coast Sustainability Festival on May 21, from 10am-3pm at the River Garden in Bass, is shaping up to be an informative, entertaining, and inspiring event for all ages, organised this year by Bass Coast Landcare Network.

A gold coin donation entry will get you lots of free activities to keep the adults and the kids entertained, including fantastic speakers on the event stage, hands on gardening demonstrations, a new documentary screening, Eco arts workshops and performances, a dedicated Kids Zone with environmentally themed activities and crafts, a chance to browse the latest in sustainable products from exhibitors, and delicious food to keep you going all day long.

The River Garden and the heritage listed Bass Community Hall is an exciting space for the Festival, with swales of vegetables, herbs and fruit trees, a nuttery and orchard, all surrounded by the beautiful Bass River.

Activities confirmed so far include a Welcome to Country Smoking Ceremony with the Bunurong Land Council, hands-on no-dig and wicking bed gardening demonstrations with Permaculture guru Ric Coleman, environmentally themed drop-in style Kids activities and crafts with Sue from Phillip Island Eco-Tours, and a free screening of the new documentary film 'Greenhouse' by Joost in the Bass Hall. Bookings will open soon for limited space special workshops from the Eco Arts 'For our Future' Project to be held in the Hall.

These will include an 'Eel Dreaming listening circle' with Uncle Steve Ulula Parker and a 'Celebrating Waterways with art, storytelling, and science'



Bass Coast Shire staff sharing info on reducing waste at last year's event.



Be sure to check out all the electric cars and bikes display.

workshop with local children's book author and Climate change and Environment advisor at Westernport Water, Meg Humphrys.

Also, from the Eco Arts Project we will see a fantastic lunchtime Community Concert on the main stage, led by Laura Brearley featuring a collection of 'Songs of the Living World' recently published by Community Music Victoria.

Sponsors Bass Coast Community foundation will be supporting speakers with short presentations on the main

stage throughout the day, discussing Sustainable agriculture and organic growing.

The main stage will also see presentations by Sustainability Victoria on the latest rebates to save you money, Circular economy awareness with Replas, and more to be announced in the coming weeks. New sponsor this year Ecoliv, will be opening up their Display Centre to the public on the day from 10am-12 noon, which is only 10 minutes away from the Festival at the Gurdies.

Festival visitors can drop by to see a selection of sustainably designed and built modular homes that minimise negative environmental impacts, while maximising comfort, beauty, utility, and wellbeing. You will be able to connect with various community groups at the festival including the Energy Innovation Cooperative, Totally Renewable Phillip Island/Tenby point, the Fixit Café, South Gippsland Beekeepers, and Landcare.

You can check out the latest electric cars and bikes, buy some great quality garden tools from Gardenacious, beeswax wraps from Little Bumble Wraps, the Enjo fibre based cleaning range, eat some delicious Paella from the Melbourne Paella company, or grab a coffee, while enjoying the many more speakers, activities, and vendors to be announced in coming weeks.

Pop the date in your diary or calendar and look out for the full program to be published in early May at the festival website.

There is still space for more stallholders and food vendors, so if you have a product, service or group related to Sustainability, or sell delicious food, registration forms are also open at the festival website. This event is brought to you by the Bass Coast Landcare Network with support from Bass Coast Shire Council, Westernport Water, Bass Coast Community Foundation, Western Port Biosphere, and Ecoliv.

For general information, registration forms and program details head to <https://www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/sustainabilityfestival2023.html> or contact Lisa at lisa.wangman@basscoastlandcare.org.au

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Next stage for housing proposals

RESIDENTS have had their say on social housing projects earmarked for Cowes and Wonthaggi North following a 3-week consultation period.

Community Housing Victoria Limited (CHVL) is progressing with sites near Henry Street West, Henry Street East and Ivor Street in Wonthaggi North, and between Wyndham Avenue and Roydon Road, Cowes.

The projects form part of the State Government's \$5.3B Big Housing Build, which included \$25 million for the Bass Coast.

Residents within 50 metres of the sites were notified of the consultation period, and according to CHVL, as part of the Big Housing Build, projects creating less than 30 houses are consulted on for a period of three weeks.

The proposal could see the construction of nine single storey dwellings at Wonthaggi North with each dwelling to have two bedrooms, an open plan kitchen, living and dining area, bathroom and an area of private open space.

While at Cowes, five single storey dwellings within an area of unused road reserve between Roydon Road and Wyndham Avenue are proposed.

One resident contacted the Sentinel-Times regarding their objection to the proposal at Cowes, stating it removes indigenous trees and that the reserve provides important habitat for local wildlife.

They also highlighted concerns about devaluation of property values and that the proposed developments do 'not fit in with dwellings already along Roydon Road and Wyndham Avenue'.

The project will provide accommodation for low income households.

The shire is undertaking a road closure process to enable the developments.

According to CHVL, once this process is complete and if the proposed development receives planning approval, CHVL will enter into a 30-year ground lease with the shire and is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the development for the duration of the lease.

"CHL will be in a position to release a summary of the feedback when a planning decision has been made. The next steps in relation to the project will be determined by the planning decision," CHL Victorian State Manager Grant McNeill said.

The application will be submitted to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), with the responsible authority for determining the application the Minister for Planning.

The houses are scheduled to commence construction in late 2023, with completion expected to be in the fourth quarter of 2024.

More housing in Cowes to go up

A PLANNING application for 10 dwellings at 100 Church Street, Cowes, was given the thumbs up by councillors despite concerns and 17 objections.

At last week's council meeting, councillors were recommended to adopt a report to grant a planning permit.

However, this was subject to a number of conditions including amended plans to be submitted before the development commences.

The proposal was recommended as it was considered consistent against the General Residential Zone and with the strategic policy for housing in Cowes township.

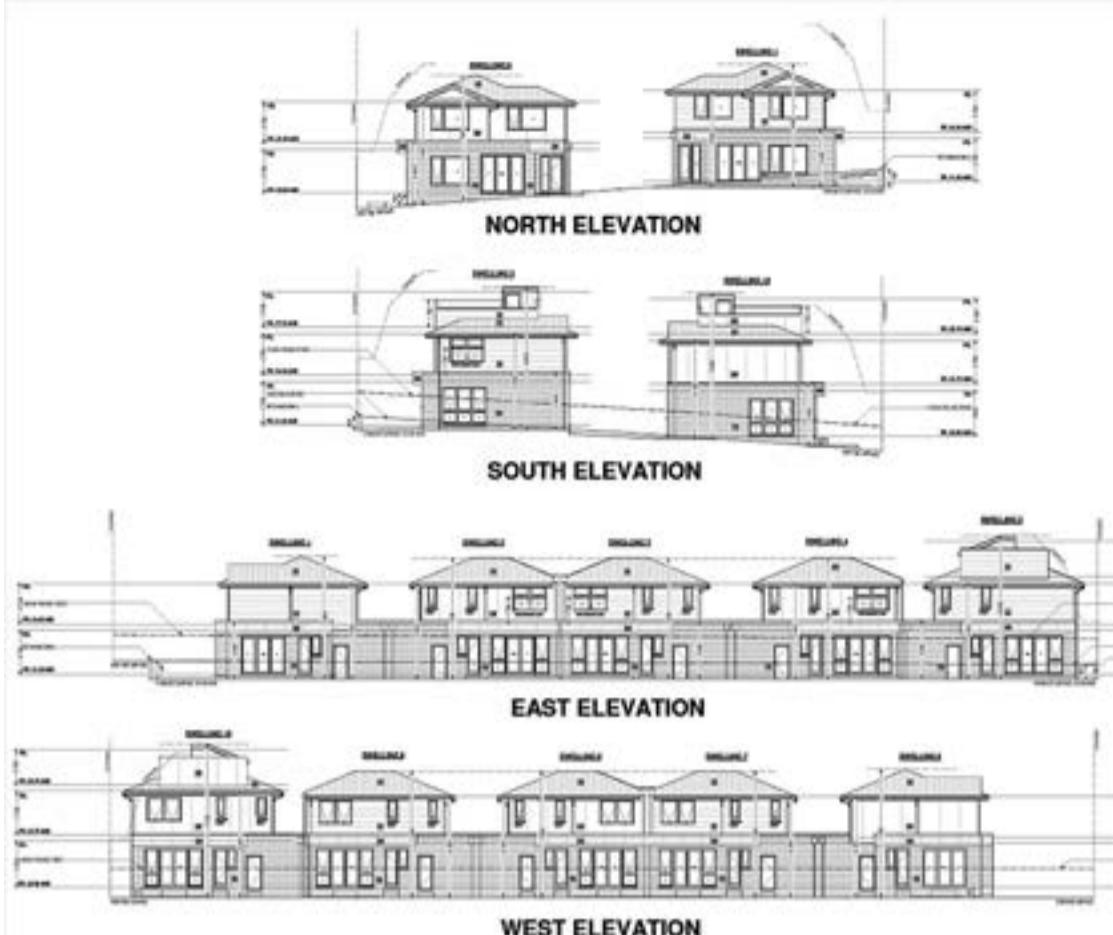
It includes the construction of 10 dwellings; eight dwellings are two storey two-bedroom dwellings, and the two rear dwellings (dwelling 5 and 10) are two bedroom triple storey with roof decks.

The dwellings have varying heights due to the slope of the land and range from 7.7 metres (dwelling 6) to 9 metres (dwelling 10) between the roof apex and natural ground level.

Each dwelling is provided with one covered car parking space within the single garage. Two visitor spaces are proposed at the northern end of the accessway.

Speaking during the shire meeting, Cr Ron Bauer highlighted he was not 'happy at all'.

"By the Bass Coast Shire planning guidelines this development ticks all the boxes and yet it is this type of development that we should discourage for our Island," he said.



An application to develop 10 dwellings at 100 Church Street, Cowes, was approved at last week's shire meeting.

"More and more we are seeing this type of multi dwelling infill development being undertaken which puts dwellings cheek to jowl with barely room for a flowerpot between the houses.

"One can't blame the developers trying to get the biggest bang for buck but the long term consequence for our community is that we have to live with and look at the final

outcome for years to come.

"We need to look at our planning scheme as soon as possible so that our neighbourhood character policy retains some relevance.

"I see no point in objecting to this development as I am sure VCAT would approve it and any challenge to this application would be waste of money for council."

Deputy Mayor, Cr Rochelle

Halstead, sympathised with Cr Bauer's comments highlighting that due to the delay of the distinctive area and landscapes program (DAL), the shire is still unable to implement the Neighbourhood Character Study which guides planning controls to ensure new residential development is responsive to its context.

Ultimately, the application was unanimously approved.



Locals excited for King's coronation

EVELYN Chetland and Karen Thorp are watching the excitement build for the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

Evelyn's memory of the last coronation was at the age of 9, she remembers a street parade at Kongwak and afterwards receiving a medal, a flag and a booklet about the crown jewels and procession.

Evelyn says, "The King will do his best to serve Britain

and Australia."

Karen highlighted that she looks forward to watching the longstanding traditions and pageantry.

Australians can expect the ceremony to begin at 8pm on Saturday, May 6.

Evelyn's coronation memorabilia it will be on display for a special church service to celebrate the coronation in Archies Creek at Grace Chapel on Saturday at 10am.



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OH WHAT A FEELING

The Voice and Your Vote

This is the first in a series of articles providing information about the Referendum for a Voice to Parliament. Written by the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group who support the Voice.

'I BELIEVE we are greatly blessed by First Nations Peoples, whose patience and grace, in spite of appalling treatment since the landing of the British, have offered non-Indigenous people the way forward in a peaceful, truthful and truly wise way'. Russell Broadbent, Liberal Member for Monash, in Statements from the Soul 2023.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart is about love and hope.

It was developed as a consensus document in 2017 after a lengthy and broad-based consultation with and by First Nations people.

It is the last in a long line of claims and requests, since the nineteenth century, to listen to the voices of First Nations people. This time their appeal is directly to the people of Australia, not to Government or politicians, inviting us to walk with them.

This is our decision to make.

The three components of the Uluru Statement: Voice, Treaty and Truth, give priority to the Voice, as it underpins the other two. Implementing a Voice to Parliament requires a change to the Australian Constitution in order for it to be above politics and not able to be removed at the whim of government, which has happened to key First Nations consultative committees several times before.

Our Constitution was written in a very different Australia. We still considered ourselves to be British. Queen Victoria was on the throne. Edmund Barton, the first Prime Minister of the new Federation, believed that the doctrine of equality was not meant to include racial equality. Senator Pat Dodson surmised that the Constitution was written in the 'spirit of terra nullius'. In other words, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island history did not exist, as if the only culture to be considered was British.

John Howard supported constitutional recognition of First Nations people in 2007. Russell Broadbent MP, our local Member, has always supported recognition, and is a fervent supporter of the Uluru Statement and the Voice.

He argues that our settler fathers broke the Commandments of you must not steal, murder, or testify falsely against your neighbour'.

The simplest reason for needing the Voice to Parliament is that current policies to Close the Gap aren't working.

Self-determination, or decision-making by First Nations people themselves, has always led to improved outcomes.

The Voice will enable First Nations community representatives, urban, rural and remote, to reflect the needs and priorities from the grassroots.

The Voice will provide better quality information about First Nations communities, leading to better quality laws and policies, better targeted investments, and better outcomes for First Nations people.

It will have no capacity to veto legislation if its advice is not taken. But the ability of Voice members to make representations to the executive (public servants and ministers) will allow their views to be considered from the start of drafting new laws, rather than at the end.

Australia has been handed a precious gift of 60,000 years of history and culture to be proud of.

We have an opportunity for a historical unifying moment that will be nation-building.

Noel Pearson, well-known First Nations spokesperson, says this country doesn't make sense without this recognition.

It completes the picture of the longest surviving culture in the world, enriched by British institutions and 'the adorning gift of multiculturalism'.

The Uluru Statement is asking the Australian people for a Voice, first and foremost so that the lives of First Nations people can be improved. This is the first step, with Treaty and Truth-telling to follow.

The next article will deal with how the referendum works and how the Voice will work, as much as is known. More details will be determined by Parliament after the referendum.

Midwifery, wouldn't change it for the world!

MIDWIFERY has taken Louise Vuillermin to Scotland, the North Pole, South Sudan and outback Australia, but she's just as cosy close to home in Leongatha.

As she prepares to celebrate International Day of the Midwife on Friday, May 5, the Gippsland Southern Health Service midwife and after-hours coordinator at Leongatha can reflect on helping thousands of mothers and families over a 40-year career.

And she wouldn't change it for the world.

"The International Day of the Midwife is a good time to reflect on the role, which is really incredible," Ms Vuillermin said.

"It's a privilege to be with a woman and her family for the birth of a baby. Sometimes it can be very trying, but it's quite fabulous to be part of bringing a new baby onto the scene."

Ms Vuillermin first started in 1988 at GSHS and returned for her second stint five years ago.

What happened in between involves enough adventures to keep Indiana Jones happy.

After her first three years with GSHS, Ms Vuillermin left to join the Royal Flying Doctor Service. She said she'd be back at Leongatha in a year – the return actually took nearly 30 years but she's happy to finally complete the circle.

When she was with the RFDS in Western Australia, Ms Vuillermin saw an advertisement for nurses in the Arctic.

"They were looking for remote area staff able to work independently. It had a photo of a polar bear and I thought that would be quite an adventure," she said.

"I thought nothing could top the spectacular environment of the Flying Doctor service but when I went to the Arctic as a nurse practitioner and midwife, I realised there that there was a lot to learn."

She worked in a small Inuit community of about 350 people. "There were no on-site doctors, dentists, and very few professional people. Doctors would visit every three months for clinics so we fulfilled a very wide role.

"I was a midwife as well as a nurse so they thought all their Christmases had come at once."

In her previous job the temperature at Marble Bar could hit 52 degrees in an aircraft on the tarmac – the coldest she saw in Nunavut, northern Canada was about minus 75-degree Celsius.

"There were no trees, just ice. Blue and white were the only colours – I didn't realise there could be so many shades until I went to the Tundra."

Despite the wildly diverse conditions, the cultural and environmental differences are what really changed the



Leongatha Midwife Louise Vuillermin in South Sudan with the International Committee of the Red Cross another part of an exciting and fulfilling career that has taken her on global adventures.



Leongatha Midwife Louise Vuillermin at the Indigenous Sorry Camp in outback Australia where she worked as a nurse and a midwife for RFDS.

work. "It's similar work, no matter where you are," Ms Vuillermin said.

"It's actually easier to get to places in the desert. In the Arctic was on an island and it was frozen for nine months of the year and you'd have to go on a skidoo to the mainland."

Ms Vuillermin returned from America to Australia on September 11, 2001, catching the last plane out before airlines were shut down.

She swore she was going to stay home after the terrorist attack and ran the emergency department at Sale for a couple of years, but soon the itchy feet were back and

she went to South Sudan with the International Committee of the Red Cross.

"It was very challenging, but I didn't mind a bit of adventure," she said. "My family were more worried than I was".

After finishing her nursing career and deciding to become a midwife, Ms Vuillermin went on a two year world trip ending up in Europe before hitch hiking to Scotland to complete her midwifery training, during which she worked with the Tayside Midwifery Flying Squad attending to home births.

Ms Vuillermin worked in senior roles at various

hospitals around Gippsland and also in Queensland and a remote Indigenous community in central Australia.

She finally kept her promise to return to GSHS about five years ago and is now after-hours coordinator at the Leongatha hospital, allowing her to work in midwifery, the Urgent Care Centre or the ward and to pass on her experience with some teaching.

All this is on top of running a 400-acre beef farm, only 6km from where she grew up in Foster.

Today Ms Vuillermin, is encouraging a new generation of people to become midwives.



Star of the South

Project update



Seabed studies begin

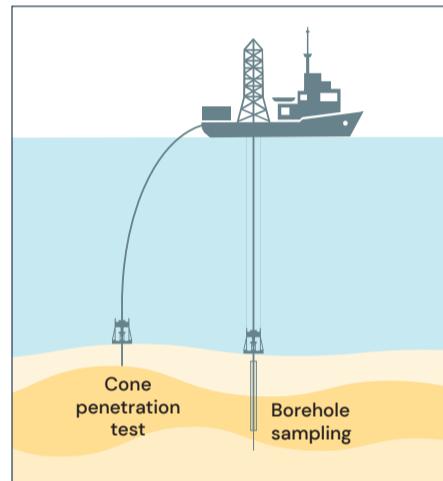
Investigations to test Bass Strait seabed conditions have begun for the first time in Australia for offshore wind.

The Fugro Mariner will investigate and take samples from 22 locations within the project's 2019 Exploration Licence area.

These investigations will tell us more about composition and strength of the seabed, which will be used for the project's turbine foundation design and placement.

The vessel will spend five weeks at sea collecting soil and rock samples from up to 70 metres beneath the seafloor.

We'll work with local residents and fishers to deliver these works safely and with minimal disruption.



Seabed studies will include two types of investigations

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Specialist drill vessel the Fugro Mariner

Meet our newest Gippsland team member

We're excited to welcome Paul Johnson to our team as Regional Engagement Manager.

Paul, a Sale local, loves living and working in the region. As a lover of the outdoors, one of his favourite places to visit is the Gippsland Lakes.

Paul brings many years of experience working across Gippsland and building relationships with locals.

He's looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and meeting new people as we work toward bringing Star of the South to Gippsland.

Come and say hello to Paul at our Gippsland office when you're next in Yarram or at one of our events.



Heesco Town is officially complete

Congratulations Friends of Heesco for bringing this vision to life.

The 25th and final mural, the Yarram Water Tower, was revealed in April.

The base of the tower reflects Gunaikurnai history and stories, designed by Elder Sandra Patten. The top of the tower highlights Gippsland's natural beauty, designed by artist Wayne Tindall.

Check out the Heesco Town Trail around Yarram. We're proud to be part of the trail with a Heesco mural in our office.



More information

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COMMENT

Say no to 'protected settlement boundaries'

DAY to day, most people don't give much thought to what the government or the local shire council is doing, provided they get on with it.

Finding a good job, getting the business running well, seeing what the kids are up to, checking on mum's health, the cost of living, when you'll get a holiday and how your footy team is going... that's what takes up most of our time.

And on that score, "Happy Mother's Day" to all the mums.

From time to time, though, we do take an interest, like when the Federal Government reveals a lack of preparedness in defence, a lack of action on the housing crisis, and, at a state level, a lack of action on such things as Inverloch's erosion problems.

Now is one of those times when we should take an interest in what's going on in the Bass Coast Shire where the State Government is trying to take over high-level strategic control of the shire's 25 settlements; excluding Inverloch and Wonthaggi at this stage, but including San Remo, Cowes, Kilcunda, Newhaven and Grantville, right down to Coronet Bay, Rhyll, Tenby Point and Smiths Beach.

Some of those settlements, including Smiths Beach, Ventnor, Dalyston and Cape Woolamai probably need the 'Protected Settlement Boundary' control that the government's Department of Transport and Planning is proposing to introduce soon.

But the plan to lock out further expansion, for the next 50 years, under controls that will require an act of both houses of State Parliament to alter is a massive overkill of the first order.

And to do so, without detailed, individual assessment of the impact on each settlement, not to mention the municipality as a whole, is as reckless as it is stupid.

If you stop sprawl at Cowes and Inverloch, will high-rise and ridiculous land prices be the result? What will it do to the construction sector?

What about when land for housing runs out in 10 years, or we need "employment land" for new business investment?

Not that the shire is blameless in leaving us exposed to this threat by giving more emphasis, including in its latest budget, to the climate change emergency and social engineering, rather than the nuts and bolts of their statutory responsibilities, including staying ahead of its strategic planning tasks and protecting Inverloch's neighbourhood character.

The other thing the Bass Coast Shire Council is not doing is being part of our community; understanding us, engaging with us, keeping us genuinely informed (rather than managed), and getting involved.

They could start by encouraging individual councillors and senior staff members to talk to the people.

And when a crisis like the one identified at the DAL hearings last week does hit us, the community is already on board, prepared to provide some political heat where necessary.

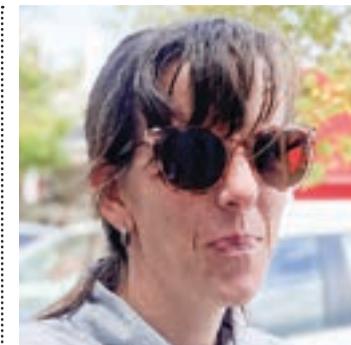
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What's the best thing about your Mum?



**Mayor,
Nathan Hersey**

"My Mum is direct and I always know where I stand. I always feel like I'm loved unconditionally".



Kaylee Morris

"She's always there for me. She's just naturally loving and caring."



Kyna Dunstan

"She's always there and always providing dinner for me after work."



Marg Tattersall

"The way she showed her love and appreciation for all of her children".

Time to stand up and be counted

I would like to draw Bass Coast councilors and ratepayers' attention to the following statement made by Mayor Michael Whelan and published in the Bass Coast Post under the by-line Knowledge Tap 2016.

BASS Coast Council's draft natural environment sustainability strategy document has been around for a number of months marked "confidential". Why, you might ask, would such a draft be confidential?

Could you argue "commercial in confidence" or such other sensitive reason?

Having just read the strategy, I am even more puzzled. It pays lip service to a sustainable environment through a series of motherhood statements, but I am wondering what, if anything, it commits the council to doing. It certainly does not create a clear sense of council direction.

The council should also offer facilitators to visit groups to explain the potential implications of a strategy and to capture their views and aspirations for Bass Coast's sustainable future.

This process should seek to establish a contact list of interested parties so issues can be communicated to them as they arise.

This sounds like a bureaucratic nightmare, and I can hear the groans of our local bureaucrats. But it begs the question as to where in Bass Coast does wisdom and experience lie?

I am sure council officers have their share but look at our community and you will see an array of exceptionally qualified and experienced people. Some are retired, some are still developing careers, and some are exceptional amateurs. We have a wealth of knowledge that is poorly tapped into, if at all.

By contrast, the natural environment sustainability strategy spent too much time as a confidential draft and would have benefited by stronger community and group input before this current round of consultation commenced.

It should be sent back to the drawing board. The process of considering the council's objectives and measurable performance should be recommenced with a good deal more community consultation than has occurred to date.

The above comments were made by Mayor Michael Whelan prior to his election to council. I would like to see the mayor adhere to his views on transparency and community consultations which is not a strong point for Mayor Whelan having cancelled monthly Community Consultation meetings and refusing to read out questions at question time, plus not minuting these questions in the council monthly meetings.

The Bass Coast ratepayers deserve better from their elected representatives who need to stand up to our mayor.

John Trigt, Surf Beach.

Community spirit appreciated

Thank you, Inverloch. As the newly elected President of the Inverloch RSL Sub Branch, I am so appreciative of the community support for our ANZAC Day commemorations.

The support provided across so many elements of the community, Newhaven College, Inverloch Kongwak Primary School, 1st Inverloch Scouts Group, Lions, Rotary, Bass Coast Shire, VICPOL, RAAF, HMAS Cerberus and of course the local traders who assist with the breakfast and lunch is just simply amazing.

As President, I am so proud of the efforts put in by so many of the Sub Branch membership, the planning, badge selling, setting up, taking down, providing meals all done without hesitation and across a number of weeks.

I, like my predecessors, am humbled by the effort and support that goes into making ANZAC Day the great event it is.

Lest We Forget

Ross Gabb, President, Inverloch RSL Sub Branch

Voice debate continues

Like Rosemary Hutchinson (Sentinel-Times 18/4/23) I feel debate matters and I note with appreciation the respectful tone she has displayed.

I am totally aware that changing our constitution is potentially far more consequential than an apology.

I simply raised it to show that there have been excessive claims in this space before, some of which could be unkindly categorised as crying wolf.

Australia has much to be grateful for most of which was due to the hard work, loyalty and dedication of our British settlers in 1788 and the later waves of multicultural migrants and all of this contributes to the dynamic and connected community I am proud to call my home.

Many of our First Nations' people have indeed thrived under the current system but our own statistics indicate that disproportionately many have not.

I am reminded of my first day at high school.

My school had grown large enough to have two classes for what was then called Form One.

The school sorted the students via a test into academic and non-academic cohorts with the academic class learning Italian and advanced math and the non-academic class learning woodwork and a lower math level.

Interestingly the academic class consisted exclusively of native English speakers with no Italian speakers and the so called non-academic class had about two-thirds who were native Italian speakers.

So, with undoubtedly honourable intentions and oblivious to the fact that it was being unfair, my school had displayed systemic bias.

I am a statistician.

There is no evidence that native Italian speakers are inherently less academic than English speakers (after all Leonard Da Vinci was Italian) so to get such a skewed result the test must have been culturally biased.

We are surrounded by a culture, it shapes our thinking in many ways, ways which we are largely unconscious of.

If I behave towards somebody in a way that makes sense in my culture, I may be creating offense or indeed operating in a way that could be considered a micro-aggression in another person's culture.

That is why we need to systematically and consciously engage in dialogue to minimise misunderstandings.

I see the Voice as providing such a negotiating forum for ensuring greater Cultural Safety for First Nations peoples going forward.

The idea of a Voice comes from the Uluru Statement of the Heart, a body which as I understand, consisted exclusively of people with lived experience of the various aboriginal cultures.

It is now becoming accepted practice in many areas such as for example Health to incorporate lived experience into decision making in order to ensure that services better meet the needs of the cohort served.

Business does this because it works. Why shouldn't the Government?

Kevin Walsh RFD

Growing your own safely

It was a pleasure to read your story "Educating kids on landcare and conversation" (April 26) encouraging kids to get involved in landcare and sustainable gardening.

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) has a free service for everyone who grows their own vegetables at home — GardenSafe.

GardenSafe is a soil screening service that evaluates garden soil and provides a report on soil condition and whether there are any contaminants present.

Send in three soil samples — the only cost to you is the postage — and EPA scientists will assess them for trace elements, and soil quality indicators including composition, nutrients and organic carbon.

The GardenSafe team will send out a personalised report with the screening results from your garden, and advice as to what to do next.

The findings will give you a guide to the quality of your soil and how to get the best out of your garden, and the scientific data will help EPA to build an understanding of the state of soil in residential gardens across Victoria.

You can find details on GardenSafe on the EPA website. The program is open to any residential gardener in Victoria.

Professor Mark Patrick Taylor, EPA Chief Environmental Scientist

Great news for the country that won't cost a cent



An open letter to Treasurer Jim Chalmers regarding the Budget

Dear Dr Chalmers,

There's a crisis in our country you can fix in your first budget, at no extra cost.

With the stroke of a pen you could help secure the future of critical regional news services, using money already allocated in the budget.

All you need to do is allocate a fairer percentage of the federal government's advertising budget to local and regional news services, rather than spending almost all of it with corporate capital city media and foreign-owned digital platforms (which don't produce any content or employ any journalists).

This can be achieved by simply adopting the Victorian Govt policy that mandates a weekly full page government advertisement in every regional and community paper.

Local and regional newspapers connect more than 80% of the country, but they get almost 0% of the government advertising spend.

In an era where false news spreads faster on social media than the truth does, trusted local news services reach more regional Australians than any other medium.

And unlike other media, every government dollar spent with a local newspaper is also an investment in regional journalism jobs.

This shouldn't be controversial.

A recent parliamentary inquiry recommended that a minimum of 20% of government print advertising should be placed with regional news services. A recent study conducted by Deakin University recommended the same thing. In fact, the Minister for Communications, Michelle Rowland, has been advocating for more regional newspaper advertising for many years.

We know there may be bigger budget issues, but this small policy change would be a simple and fair solution to a growing problem for regional Australia.

A policy that ensures weekly federal government advertising is placed in regional newspapers would be great news for the country.

And it won't cost you a cent.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Manuel".

Andrew Manuel
President
Country Press Australia

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Kendall".

Tony Kendall
Managing Director
Australian Community Media

Candlelight vigil for Sam

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

In 2022, 63 women were killed from family with Gippsland consistently facing some of the highest family violence reporting rates in the state.

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

This year #lightacandle2023
South Gippsland: Leongatha
9 Smith Street – 6.30pm
Bass Coast: Cowes Jetty Triangle
The Esplanade, Cowes – 6-7pm (incl.
sausage sizzle)

• FAITH FACTOR

The Coronation of King Charles III and its Christian significance

By Assistant Pastor

Karen Thorp, Grace Chapel,
Archies Creek, Wonthaggi
and Inverloch Inter Council

DID you know that the ancestry of King Charles III reaches all the way back on an unbroken line to King David who was known for a battle with the giant named Goliath in the Old Testament?

How do we know this to be true? Because the royal family has meticulously maintained their family tree throughout the ages revealing this to be an irrefutable fact.

There are a few exciting and interesting things to note about the coronation of King Charles III on the May 6.

That particular crown is a living crown, continuously living since King Saul who came before King David.

The symbolism of the occasion will be rich with Biblical meaning and historical significance is way more than this article can contain.

One essential item in the ceremony is a very old stone with many names, its original name is found in the Old Testament, it's called Jacob's Pillow.

Christians know Jacob's pillow is the one Jacob slept on when he was given a dream in which God promised to bless his descendants.

That stone was carried by Jacob's descendants throughout the desert for 40 years and then it became the cornerstone in the temple at Jerusalem during the time of Solomon.

It left Jerusalem when King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the temple and was carried away to Ireland, later it was taken to Scotland and then to England.

Since leaving Jerusalem during each coronation ceremony the kings and queens have all been crowned on a coronation chair that encases that very stone.

It was the case for the late Queen Elizabeth II and it will most certainly be the case for King Charles III.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will present the monarch to the people and all will say "God Save the King!" as trumpets ring out, just as it took place when the prophet Samuel presented King Saul in 1 Samuel 10:24.

There will be many aspects of the ceremony that will be as it was for the kings and queens Old Testament times, full of symbolism, meaning and tradition.

The Underground Trail, should it be revisited?

IS IT time to bring back the Wonthaggi Discovery Underground Trail?

It was shuffled away a decade ago. Local residents and townspeople had come together with an incredible collection of ideas on how to link Wonthaggi's past with its present and turn Wonthaggi into a tourism attraction.

But with ideas appearing of late after the project was shelved, what could help draw tourism to Wonthaggi and what could residents enjoy themselves?

"The Wonthaggi Underground Discovery Trail provided a direct-action plan to build Cultural Tourism and bring Wonthaggi's human Journey of Transition to life," an under promoted story local Wonthaggi resident, Mark Stephenson explained.

Interpretive public arts and heritage linked trails, and interactive digital apps would establish an evocative attractions cluster, grow a stimulating meeting place appeal in the CBD and aggressively target tourism (and cultural) markets, to provide community and business resilience and transform Wonthaggi's CBD Streetscapes into an Iconic Arts hub and visitor gateway to our principal attraction, the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine 'Underground Tours'.

The significance of the proposed plan is even more relevant with recent discussions around the future of the State Coal Mine and recent community meeting that drew outstanding attendance.

The proposal put forward multiple design elements that link together the State Coal Mine Heritage Areas and township, including:

- The Shunt – a historical time freeze of Coal Era Wonthaggi residents' activities.
- The Continuum – metaphorically



Local resident, Mark Stephenson is keen to see more integration and a development pathway that showcases Wonthaggi's past, present and future. C14_1723

cal cluster of arts projects offering creative symbolic streetscape of both practical spaces and interpretative art linked to interactive apps.

- The Labyrinth – intricately winding, a powerful tunnel metaphor of the coal field that lies beneath.
- Miners Memorial Walk – sur-realistic sculptural wall and high-profile remembrance feature.
- The Working Man – transforming the Poppet Head from a largely static industrial structure into a powerful iconic story and evocative attraction of Australian workplace reforms.
- The Shunt Precinct Trail – a dual parallel pathway for action pursuits and Heritage Trail looping around Wonthaggi linking rail trails, the Visitors Centre and State Coal Mine.

The proposal also suggested

additional interactive activities from mega-slides or a luge run (think "Runaway Coal Skips") to electric buggy segway and bicycle hire for pedalling the loop, not to mention a miniature railway.

The unsolicited proposal put forward by Mark may have been shelved by Council and another association, but ideas have certainly found traction since.

In building the tourism profile of Wonthaggi, with interactive activities different to those of the surrounding areas, the region would significantly increase yield from existing short stay and day trip visitors in Wonthaggi, Phillip Island and Bass Coast.

As Mark further explained, it would also increase "employment and tourism career skills development for our young, locally, as well as curate the valuable state significant

historic material and maintaining some skills from the past that may be soon lost, i.e. younger underground tour guide participation and vital precinct knowledge.

"It has the potential to engender substantially increased community pride and knowledge about Wonthaggi's truly historic story of energy independence for Victoria, display creative re-invention and A human development pathway that's propelled Wonthaggi's transition from the past to the present and into the future; and highlight 'the educational significance of the role Wonthaggi played in the economic development of Victoria in the early 1900s for 58 years!'

Furthermore, the proposal also took in the pre-European significance prior to Wonthaggi's mining days, incorporating the Bunurong people and their stories.

Finding future employees through work experience

SOUTH Gippsland and Bass Coast LLEN supports local businesses looking to host students for work experience.

In the current business climate, finding and retaining skilled staff has become one of the most significant challenges to small and medium sized businesses.

Looking for new and innovative ways to attract talent includes thinking about building a pipeline of future staff by engaging with secondary schools.

The Department of Education funds 31 Local Learning and Employment Networks (LLENs) across Victoria under the 'School to Work' program, to provide support to local businesses interested in hosting students for work experience.

There are many local businesses already participating in the work experience program providing great benefit to the community while also attracting talent to take up future job opportunities locally.

Work experience has changed in recent years and students



South Gippsland and Bass Coast LLEN supports local businesses looking to host students for work experience.

have greater flexibility as to how they can complete their work experience.

The traditional one to two week long block continues to be an option, however, schools can also facilitate other arrangements that work better for local businesses (eg. 1 day

a week over 5 weeks).

The SGBCLLEN works with local businesses to create work experience opportunities for students and advertises them to all students via the Department of Education's work placements portal.

If you are considering host-

ing local students as part of their work experience, you can contact the SGBCLLEN via email info@sgbcllen.org.au or call 5662 5500.

The work placements portal can be accessed at <https://workplacements.education.vic.gov.au/>



Newhaven College 'The Little Mermaid' Cast Ensemble.

Come along and enjoy a magical journey under the sea!



Cecily de Gooyer portrays Ariel in the Newhaven College production of The Little Mermaid

NEWHAVEN College students and staff have been enthusiastically preparing for their 2023 musical production of Disney's 'The Little Mermaid'.

This timeless story of love, acceptance, sacrifice, and redemption has captured the hearts and imaginations of audiences young and old for generations.

'The Little Mermaid' tells the story of Ariel and her journey to find true love and acceptance and Head of Theatre Lauren White says, "we hope to inspire our audience to follow their dreams and embrace their own unique identities."

From the stunning set designs and intricate costumes to the powerful musical numbers and heartfelt performances, every detail of this production has been carefully crafted to create a truly immersive experience for each audience.

As a classic fairy-tale originally written by Hans Christian Andersen and then reimagined

into the beloved Disney animated classic, Director Lauren White is finding it a "joy to be able to direct this beautiful, magical production.

"We have a cast of 55 students between the ages of 13-18 years old who have worked tirelessly on their lines since the end of last year and they began rehearsals three times a week from the beginning of February."

"We have several students who are collectively working behind the scenes in costume, stage set-up and hair and make-up and our musical director Matthew Goss will direct an orchestra that is inclusive of some of our very talented musical students.

"Our art and textiles teacher Fiona Anastasi together with volunteer Robyn Rumbelow have altered each and every costume for the cast and ex drama teacher from Cowes Primary School has generously volunteered her time to create

every stage prop," said Lauren.

Year 10 student Cecily de Gooyer, through her performance as Ariel, hopes that the audience will connect with the messages that the show conveys including the importance of selflessness, forgiveness, and the true meaning of love.

Prince Eric will be performed by year 12 student Lucas White who will highlight the narrative of staying true to others whilst being true to yourself.

"I encourage everyone to come along and immerse themselves in the young talent of these performers, because they deserve a full audience at every show."

Four shows are being held at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre from Friday May 5 to Sunday May 7.

Tickets are available at www.wonthaggiartscentre.com.au and for cast profiles and regular updates, follow the Newhaven College Facebook page, www.facebook.com/newhavencollege

Sealers Cove walk replacement deserves priority

THE Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien has called out the State Government for failing to prioritise repair of the Sealers Cove walk at Wilsons Promontory.

Sealers Cove walk was damaged during the significant storm events that occurred in October 2021 and is currently not scheduled to reopen until 2024 at the earliest.

Speaking in Parliament recently, Mr O'Brien implored the Minister for Environment to provide the necessary funding, approvals and impetus to Parks Victoria to speed up the works.

"I have walked the Sealers Cove track before so I understand it is in a remote area and that in terms of getting construction in there, it will be a difficult and complex project and I understand that," Mr O'Brien said.

"But to have to wait at least three years for this project to be completed at our worldclass national park which attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors, including many thousands of overseas visitors, I think is not good enough."

Mr O'Brien said the Government's failure to repair Sealers Cove walk was in stark contrast to a media release that the Minister issued recently about the \$21 million Urban Parks Active Well-being Program being completed.

Marinus Link enters negotiations with landowners

THE MARINUS Link (ML) is currently in the 'design and approvals' phase of the \$3.5 billion project. The project proposes that 90 kilometres of underground cables will be installed and run from Sandy point, through the areas of Fish Creek, Buffalo, Stony Creek, Dumbalk, Mirboo North, and Driffield to Hazelwood.

This phase includes the Marinus Link Engagement team holding community engagement sessions, with up to 10 other ML professionals on hand to advise and answer questions. Sessions were held in Mirboo North, Dumbalk, Meeniyan and Fish Creek last week.

While the engagement sessions were held for the community, the majority of the project activity will take place on landowners' properties and will not directly adversely impact the surrounding towns.

Marinus Link have directly approached and are entering into negotiations and agreements with landowners whose properties will potentially be impacted.

A land agent from ML commented that although communication to landowners began in December 2020, when they recently approached affected parties, some landowners were still unaware of the project.

Discussions between ML and individual landowners are ongoing, and consider environmental impacts to land, ongoing access and use and appropriate compensation. Many of the landowners are reportedly seeking legal advice at this stage in the project.

A spokesperson for ML said that environmental surveys and technological studies must be complete during this phase which extends until early 2024. Approvals will be sought from the Victorian, Tasmanian and Commonwealth governments after this, for a potential project start date of 2025.

Somali conflict not forgotten for Leongatha local

ANZAC Day is a proud day for many Australians, even more so for local Leongatha man, Darrin Free who was invited to march with His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley in Canberra.

As a young soldier working in Townsville in 1993, Darrin and other members of the ADF were deployed to Somalia in Africa with the 1RAR Battalion Group, Operation Solace with their Commanding Officer, then Lt Col David Hurley.

Troops were sent in an attempt to bring peace and restore order to the war ravaged country.

On arrival they were greeted on the tarmac with gunfire.

Throughout their time in Somalia many, including Darrin, were witness to pain and suffering that has left a deep and lasting impression on him.

This little known conflict was the biggest embarkation of Australian Military personnel since the Vietnam War.

Darrin and his comrades spent 5 months delivering aid and protection to Somali people.

Darrin says, 'most people are

familiar with the movie Blackhawk Down, and that is all they know of conflict in Somalia'.

This year marked the 30th anniversary of the Somalia deployment.

Last week Darrin and his wife, Zela were invited as special guests of the Governor General to attend a private function on the lawns of Yarralumla in Canberra commemorating the event.

Darrin then marched on ANZAC Day in Canberra with Mr Hurley leading the troops.

It was a very proud and emotional time for Darrin to be reunited with his comrades, some of whom he had not seen for almost 30 years.

"It was an amazing experience to work with Mr Hurley, he is an inspirational leader and a good man who holds high regard for his soldiers and the work we were sent to do," said Darrin.

Darrin is a retired Artillery Warrant Officer who served with the Australian Army for 26 years.

He lives with his wife and children in Leongatha.



Darrin and Zela Free (pictured) of Leongatha were invited to march with His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley in Canberra last week.

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• LEONGATHA

Moving tribute on a calm Leongatha dawn



Milli Hanley, Ivy Turner, Stella O'Leary, Clare and Leon Williams, Remy Turner and Matilda Williams are ready for the Leongatha Anzac Day Service. A08_1823



Gordon is led by Heather Walker, paying tribute to fallen Anzacs. A05_1823

Record breaking appeal

WONTHAGGI RSL have broken the records raising an incredible \$20,830.10 in this year's ANZAC Appeal.

Of the \$20,830.10, \$3470.10 was raised through merchandise sales which will go directly to a new oven for the branch. Merchandise funds were recently used to purchase a new dishwasher that according to the branch, came in incredibly handy on ANZAC Day.

The branch introduced merchandise as a way of raising general funds that could assist the branch. The introduction of a new oven and the recently acquired dishwasher will mean a fully operational kitchen whereby the RSL can host veteran and member dinners into the future.

The remaining funds from the appeal (\$17,360) will now go to Anzac House before half is returned to Wonthaggi RSL – with proceeds on both sides directly going to veteran welfare and events both at a local level and state level.

Lest we forget

WHILE Anzac Day is a proud day for many, we also recognise the lead up to Anzac Day – and the day itself – can raise a range of feelings. Each member of the Defence and veteran community views Anzac Day differently and it means different things to different people. It's okay to experience a range of emotions around this time.

If you have found Anzac Day challenging this year it may be helpful to reach out to a friend, family member or support person. For immediate help or if you are feeling in crisis, contact one of these services:

- Open Arms: 1800 011 046
- Defence Member and Family Helpline: 1800 624 608
- Triple Zero: 000
- Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467

Mount Eccles remembers

UPHOLDING previous traditions, the community held a very memorable ANZAC Day service at the Mount Eccles Hall to reflect and to remember those who sacrificed so much for the life we enjoy today.

Guest speaker Nicole Pouw spoke about the history and restoration of the Wooreen Avenue of Honour, its 90th anniversary of the original planting in 2008, and how the Avenue continues to hold a special place in the Wooreen community with its annual display of symbolic poppies.

Local identity, Len Price laid a wreath acknowledging his father's WW2 service, and Len's four uncles who are named on the Honour Boards located in the Hall.

As a sign of remembrance, rosemary sprigs were worn, the wartime poem 'In Flanders Field' was read and Nikki Williams, president of the Mount Eccles Hall, played the Last Post on her bugle ahead of afternoon tea with ANZAC biscuits baked by the committee.

Joining the local community in paying their respects were Councillors John Schelling, Adrian Darakai and Jenni Keerie.

As one community member remarked, the Mount Eccles ANZAC Day service honours what our local community did for us, and that means a lot.

Poignant story of devotion

IT WOULD be a stoic soul not moved by Leongatha's stirring Anzac Day Service that began outside with the laying of wreaths at the town's war memorial to the sound of 'Abide With Me', before moving into the

Memorial Hall.

Leongatha RSL president Geoff Cooper brought tears to this scribe's eyes and likely many others, proving an inspired 'guest' speaker.

He spoke of the respect with which Australian service personnel are often viewed by those from other nations, adding much of that had its origins at Gallipoli, then shared an extraordinary story from the Vietnam War, later revealing a personal connection.

Geoff told of the bond between two soldiers, Aussie Ronald Scott and American Eugene Jordan, who quickly became friends after meeting in Vietnam in 1965, leading to a moving response from Eugene when

Ron was killed in action later that year.

The American was resolute in his determination to ensure Ron's body was returned to Australia, a wish he'd expressed before his death.

Eugene not only accomplished that, but succeeded in driving a change in Australian Government policy to ensure future Australian service personnel killed in action would not be buried in foreign lands.

"Scott was to be buried in the British War Cemetery in Malaya as Australian policy called for fallen servicemen to be buried overseas," Geoff said.

"Jordan began making arrangements to send Scott's

• TARWIN LOWER



Tarwin Lower Primary School captains Tess, Zoe and Maggie were proud participants in the town's Anzac Day service.

Big turnout in Tarwin Lower

A RECORD crowd of 250 people attended the Tarwin Lower Anzac Day Service, with a march from the town's Mechanics Institute to the cenotaph followed by a small ceremony.

Tarwin Lower Primary School students played their part, laying a wreath, with school captains Tess, Zoe and Maggie doing a fantastic job reciting the Requiem.

Local emergency services were well represented.

body home and pay for the expenses.

"Word soon spread of Jordan's resolve and intention, and he received administrative leave to accompany Scott's body home."

Donations by Australian and American servicemen funded the cost of bringing Ron home, with remaining contributions given to his widow, and the Australian Government altered its policy the following year.

"It's a sad story but one that changed our government's attitude towards Australian soldiers," president Geoff said.

He learned of the story when his cousin married Ron's daughter, and believes it is one that should be widely known.

There was a large turnout for the wreath laying ceremony and proceedings in the hall, with the tireless South Gippsland Shire Brass Band and the South Gippsland Singers combining brilliantly to set the mood for a day held dear by many Aussies and Kiwis.

RSL chaplain Cyril Payne provided prayers, while Mary MacKillop College student Sage Anderson did an excellent job of reading the Anzac Requiem.

A small contingent from HMAS Cerberus was once again part of proceedings.

Venus Bay resident and South Gippsland Shire Councillor Sarah Gilligan was delighted with the turnout for what she described as a "special community event".

Wonthaggi Citizens' Band and piper Graham Romanes added to the sense of occasion and the emotional impact of the Anzac commemorations as people reflected on the service of those who have represented the nation in conflicts.

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• WONTHAGGI



Veterans, family members and community groups participated in the Wonthaggi ANZAC Day March. C16_1823

ANZAC Spirit shines down

A CLEAR blue Autumn sky greeted gathers at Wonthaggi on Tuesday as veterans, family members, community groups and members of the public assembled to honour the men and women who have fought over the many years.

From the local men who lost their lives in the first World War to the current serving members of the community no-one was forgotten or left behind.

A day when the nation stood still, Wonthaggi RSL president Dan Lucas opened proceedings, paying tribute and recognising the special commemorative year of 2023, particularly

for Vietnam.

Keynote speaker Rees Quilford of the Wonthaggi & District Historical Society acknowledged the veterans of Wonthaggi who had served across the many wars and conflicts as he touched on the local community members who stepped up on the home front.

Bass Coast College Captain Chloe Lawson read a beautiful transcription of "The Spirit of ANZAC", whilst Wonthaggi RSL Chaplin Reverend Graeme Liersch and RSL Secretary Bert Orr also conducted their duties flawlessly. Hymns and anthems came courtesy of Wonthaggi Citizen's Band.



Wonthaggi Rotary's Ray McCurry, Bass Coast Health's Nicky Chung, Cr Leticia Laing and Norman gathered ahead of Tuesday's march. C10_1823

• KORUMBURRA

Anzac spirit celebrated at Korumburra Primary School

KORUMBURRA RSL president David Jackson said it is a privilege to be involved in Korumburra Primary School's annual Anzac Day service, once again seizing that opportunity on Monday.

"It's important the younger generation can participate in these services of remembrance and it's important they get involved, so we love to attend and be part of their learning," Mr Jackson said.

South Gippsland Shire Council mayor Nathan Hersey also took part in the service and told the Sentinel-Times why he views it as important to hold such services at schools, in addition to those at various local war memorials and cenotaphs.

"It's clear a lot of kids today

don't have the same understanding of sacrifice in war that previous generations had, and it's no fault of their own," Cr Hersey said.

"It's about education, and what better place to educate our young people than in schools, with teachers who can follow up with explanations and lessons about the importance of the sacrifice of people who served for the freedoms we experience."

When the service commenced, it was just as Mr Jackson said it should be with students wholeheartedly involved, whether helping conduct the ceremony or just through ceasing their conversations and paying attention to proceedings and the words of the speakers.



Korumburra Primary School captains Lauren and Josh take charge of the Anzac service. A01_1823



Vietnam Veteran and Wonthaggi RSL sub-branch Life Member Mike Shields was awarded the Meritorious Medal on ANZAC Day in recognition of his outstanding service and dedication. C04_1823

Meritorious Medal presented to Vietnam hero

IT WAS an extra special ANZAC Day last Tuesday as Mike Shields was presented with his Meritorious Medal.

A life member of Wonthaggi RSL sub-branch, the award was well overdue in President Dan Lucas' eyes with Mike well deserving.

"The Meritorious Medal is the RSL's highest award to a veteran that has given so much time and effort to the RSL and the community and can only be given to a veteran who has been awarded a life membership," Wonthaggi President, Mr Lucas explained.

"In the time I have known Mike he has been a great mentor to me and always been there to guide me in the running of the Wonthaggi RSL.

"He is always available for every appeal and is out selling poppies and ANZAC badges."

Mr Lucas explained how Mike has been a role model in the RSL and someone he has always looked up to.

"He is a Vietnam veteran and during his time in service one of his many roles was serving in the 2nd Cavalry Regiment. He only missed meeting my father by a month or two..."

With close family and friends looking on, Dan presented the returned serviceman with his new medals and certificate.

"There has been a lot of really good support at this RSL over the years," Mike noted.

"I'm lucky to have been involved with some wonderful people."

In true celebratory style the PC-21 passed overhead to the roar of the crowd at the announcement.

"I would like to give special thanks to Kymme Kenna, now our Vice President, for spending endless amounts of research and time to gather all the information required for the application of this award," Dan added.

"I would also like to thank David Weekes and Karen Veal, and everyone else that gave such great references for the application."

"I am honoured to present this much deserved award to such a great man."

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• LOCH



The captivating sculptures made by Tom and Sue Loughridge added to the ANZAC spirit in Loch, with the nurse a new addition.

Locals out in force at Loch services

THE LOCH community turned out in healthy numbers for the town's two ANZAC Day services.

Vietnam veteran Tom Loughridge led the Dawn Service, with around 80 people in attendance.

Over 100 were there for the later morning service, presided over by Cynthia Love.

The speech of Jane Ross was a highlight, with her father Bill Ross a founding member of South Gippsland Legacy, and the overall Legacy organisation currently celebrating its centenary.

"That was a highlight, hearing about what all the people did down here and the courage and feistiness of the war widows in South Gippsland," Cynthia said.

The Wing-It Brothers sang an ANZAC Day song, 'We Will Never Forget You'.

"It was an ANZAC Day song that was different from the usual suspects, which was quite nice," Cynthia said.

She acknowledged to the ongoing commitment of Tom and Sue Loughridge who organised Loch's commemorative services.

They also contributed another stunning wire sculpture, this time of a nurse who joined their existing soldier.

The pair set the scene for both services, with the nurse a perfect addition in a year in which the RSL paid tribute to nurses and their service during conflict.

Howard Booth, who recited the Ode, was delighted with the new nurse sculpture, having known famous WWII nurse Vivian Bullwinkel who survived a Japanese massacre and went on to become matron of the Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital in Melbourne.



Jane Ross, Tom and Sue Loughridge and Cynthia Love at the Loch Anzac Day Service.

• SAN REMO

San Remo reflects on sacrifice and courage

THE community gathered on the foreshore at the San Remo cenotaph for a moving ANZAC Day service, with youth participants and veterans sharing their stories and acknowledging those who served for our country.

Guest speaker Newhaven College Captain Niamh Moore spoke of honouring the memory of the ANZACS by making sure we leave the world better than how we found it, leaving the future bright for all that come after us.

"We must never forget the lessons of the past. We must remember the horrors of the war and work to ensure that such atrocities never happen again. We must work towards peace, understanding and compassion so that future generations will not have to suffer the same fate as those who preceded us.

"If this is my only opportunity to thank everyone here and all those who have been affected by the war and conflict, then let it be heard that my generation my community, my peers and I are beyond grateful for your sacrifices, and we will live forever in debt of the men and women who fought for our country."

Following Niamh was Year 9 student at Bass Coast College, Olivia Isabelle, who heroically spoke of her grandfather, sharing his story and her connection to ANZAC Day.

Olivia paid her respects to the brave soldiers risking their lives and shared that today to her, is a symbol of remembrance and respect for their sacrifice and courage.

Olivia's grandfather was a soldier who served in the Vietnam War.

"My pa was of the 7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment based in Nui Dat in South Vietnam and was injured in a helicopter accident causing a knee injury, and he returned home with a hearing



Newhaven College Captain Niamh Moore, John Methven OAM, Bass Coast College Year 9 student Olivia Isabelle, and Stretch Jarvis at the ANZAC Day service at the San Remo cenotaph. Z01_1823

impairment."

"Many like my grandpa didn't lose their lives but they saw great loss and today live with lifelong injuries."

Olivia shared that the next generation could learn from these experiences, learning that we can all stick together with determination, just like the veterans who returned home.

John Methven OAM MC of the service congratulated the youth participants on their contribution to the morning service – grateful for their involvement, before officially welcoming Squadron Leader Ret'd John Turner.

Mr Turner spoke of his learning of the ANZACs at school as a young student,

"we learned of their courage, their spirit for life, their sense of mateship, of the ingenuity and of their endurance."

"And now I have had my own experiences of operational service for Australia. My first deployment to Afghanistan was in the Afghan summer of 2009, to a base just outside Tarinkot the capital of Uruzgan Province in southern Afghanistan.

"It is rugged and beautiful country. A river winds down a valley with majestic mountains on either side. "The people there are just like us, working hard for a living to support their families, but in Afghanistan, the locals have the extra burden of trying to survive and to protect their

families in a region where armed conflict dates back hundreds of years."

"I find that I often reflect on my experiences in Afghanistan, of the people that I met, of lives lost. "There were soldiers injured. I'm aware not just a physical injury, but also of the poor state of mental health," said Mr Turner.

John thanked the general population for gathering to remember and honour those who made sacrifices on operational service for their country and reminded the community that when you see a person in military uniform, not only on ANZAC day but on any day – think of the sacrifices that person has made on behalf of our country.

• COWES



Newhaven College pays tribute to ANZACs

IT is a proud tradition that Newhaven College students speak at ANZAC ceremonies across Bass Coast and on Tuesday, Newhaven College student leaders Ebony and Charley Donohue, Niamh Moore, Brinn Hamley and Gabriel Pascoe represented the College to deliver keynote speeches at Inverloch, San Remo, and Cowes.

Junior School Captains, Harper Perry, Alfie Russo and Flynn Wright also took part in the ANZAC Day services, laying wreaths on behalf of the College at the 11am Cowes ceremony.

In his speech to the Cowes audience School Captain Gabriel Pascoe shared his appreciation of our veterans' courage, sacrifice, spirit of mateship, loyalty and their commitment to each other.

Brinn Hamley also rose early to attend the Cowes dawn service and deliver her speech.

LEFT: Junior School Captains, Harper Perry, Alfie Russo and Flynn Wright took part in the ANZAC Day services, laying wreaths on behalf of the College at the 11am Cowes ceremony.



ANZAC DAY

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

• INVERLOCH

Remembering the fallen

HUGE crowds turned out for Inverloch's ANZAC Day service, with the highlight being the increasing number of young people in attendance.

Inverloch RSL president Ross Gabb expressed his delight that the importance of the day continues to be passed on to the next generation.

The service started off with the popular 'Veterans March' which included local Scouts.

Guest speakers were Newhaven College Year 12 students Ebony and Charley

Donohue, who spoke of why ANZAC Day has become so important to them and how the World Wars impacted their family.

Incredibly, Flanders Fields was recited by Pauline Priestly, who is 99-years young!

She is former member of the Australian Women's Army Service and served during World War Two.

The crowd listened intently throughout the proceedings and were treated to a fly over by the RAAF.



The Veterans March is always a highlight for Inverloch's ANZAC Day service. Ns011823



Inverloch Scout group commemorates ANZAC Day

INVERLOCH Scout group held a formal dinner for members of the Inverloch RSL and Inverloch Men's shed on ANZAC eve along with youth members from cubs, scouts, venturers and leaders from each section.

Following the dinner was a campfire reflection, personal stories were shared as well as the meaning of the ANZAC sport and what it means to

remember and to never forget the past.

During the night, three members of the RSL were scarfed up and made honorary members of the Scout group.

This is the scout groups way of thanking and acknowledging these members and their organisation for the assistance they provide for the group to operate.

Each year the scout group

have a sleepover at the hall before attending the dawn service at the RSL Hall.

This year 30 youth members and their leaders attended the service.

The group also participated in the official ceremony of the day, walking in the parade, flag duties as well as cubs selling badges on behalf of the RSL before hand.

The Inverloch RSL have been

very accommodating with their time for the youth, each year around ANZAC and Remembrance day the members take time to talk with the group.

Meeting at the cemetery, cenotaph, RSL hall, scout hall and even online during Covid.

The Inverloch Scout Group would like to thank the Inverloch RSL for taking the time to speak with the youth members.

• COWES

Crowds and calm seas honour the ANZACs at Cowes

AS THE dawn light offered a feeble glow at the eastern end of Western Port, the crowds arrived in big numbers, upwards of 2000, for one of Phillip Island's best-attended dawn services in recent years.

Former Newhaven College student Callum Fisher broke the silence with his bagpipes as the crowd gathered around the Cowes cenotaph, in front of the jetty, with Phillip Island RSL President Chris Thompson starting proceedings with a 'welcome to country'.

The ANZAC Day address was provided by Australian Naval officer Ian Murphy, who acknowledged the service of all Australians in the various locations through the years with Newhaven College Captain Brinn Hamley representing the local community, with

her perspective on 'What ANZAC Day Means to Me'.

"How fortunate we are to have a setting like this, here by the sea, with the waves lapping up on the beach as they did at ANZAC Cove more than 100 years ago," Brinn began.

She referenced two family members who had fought and died overseas, including a great great uncle who survived the Battle of the Somme only to die of his wounds a few months later, on January 3, 1917.

"Your sacrifice will not be forgotten... lest we forget."

The Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan was among those to lay wreaths.

The service ended with the playing of the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems.



Among those playing key roles at the dawn service at Cowes on ANZAC Day were Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan who laid the community wreath, Newhaven College Captain Brinn Hamley who gave the address and Phillip Island RSL Treasurer Greg Meade who delivered the Ode.

Commemoration of ANZACs in Korumburra and Poowong

A RESPECTFUL ANZAC Day Dawn Service was held at Korumburra's Coleman Park, with the town's striking cenotaph helping set the scene, lit in pale blue.

Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath gave a captivating speech to the attendance of over 250 people.

She touched on the contribution to the war effort of those who remained on the home front, as well as those sent to serve their country in foreign lands.

Korumburra RSL president David Jackson chose to read Stewart Elliott's moving poem, 'On This Hallowed Day', sending attendees into a state of quiet reflection.

It spoke of what ANZAC Day is all about, including Aussies and Kiwis gathering as one, ending by expressing hope of peace and observing, 'But for the grace of God, it could be you or I'.

After the service, the Korumburra Scouts ensured everyone was well fed.

A large turnout marked the later morning service, again in Coleman Park, beginning in dramatic fashion with the flyover of a PC-21 Pilatus aircraft.

Not forgotten in Bass

By Bass Valley Friends of the RSL

AS DAWN broke in Bass, a lone piper (Rob Horsburgh) crossed the bridge to the sound of "Amazing Grace" to herald the start of the ANZAC Dawn Service.

The service was led by the President of Bass Valley Friends of the RSL Mr Terry Salmon, who then introduced the Hon. Russell Broadbent MP, Deputy Mayor of Bass Coast Shire Cr Rochelle Halstead, Cr Clare Le Serve and Father Manny with an apology from Bass MP Jordan Crugnale.

Russell spoke about the apology he was to give the Vietnam Vets later in the day about the way they were treated 50 years ago on their return to Australia. This was followed by our Guest Speaker Mr Damian Sumner, a member of Bass Valley Friends.

Damian had served 20-years in the army and obtained the rank of Sergeant, and spoke about his experience in Timor working alongside the Timorese workers in the Clearing Station known by the troops as Club Med.

Father Manny led the prayers and Colin McKenzie (aka Tex) played The Last Post.

It was a well attended service with more than 300 people including school children from Bass Valley Primary School and Bass Valley Children's Centre who laid wreaths, as did many of the organisations in the area.

LEST WE FORGET

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

DO YOU know how to save a life? It's a big question and a skill that everyone should have. BCAL has several levels of First Aid courses to suit every workplace and lifestyle.

The most commonly required level in the workplace is First Aid Level 2.

This is a 12-hour course which runs on Tuesday and Thursday evenings over two weeks, starting on May 9th.

Level 2 needs to be updated every three years. For those whose updates are coming up, there is a one-day intensive update available on Friday May 12.

All levels of First Aid include CPR. It's recommended that CPR be updated every 12 months.

Whether it's for work requirements or personal knowledge, everyone should know First Aid. A participant in last term's First Aid course was called upon to use his First Aid skills at a car accident the very next day!

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 volunteers are an active group of locals, living proof of the benefits of growing edible plants, who connect with the wider Bass Coast community through a love of gardening.

Among the group are the convenor of the U3A garden club, regular helpers at Wonthaggi's Mitchell House Harvest Centre, a gardening volunteer at Bass Coast Child Care and kindergarten, as well as all the members and volunteers who support BCAL's various horticultural activities and events.

There are always opportunities to help spread the gardening message. Most of the volunteers also help family, friends and neighbours with hands on tasks like planting, preparing vegie plots, and offering practical advice.

A small but dedicated team meet at the garden on Thursdays between 10 and noon, to do a range of tasks, with something to suit all ages and abilities. You may have lots of vegetable gardening experience and just need some space to get growing, or be at the very start of a veg gardening journey. All are welcome to drop in and have a chat. Contact tgordon@westnet.com.au for more information.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

As a community organisation, the Woodies often help out other local organisations.

Members have just finished a beautifully carved sign for the Bass Coast Artists' Society, which will be mounted this week.

The group has also completed a special project for the Wonthaggi Hospital to assist parents going through a difficult time.

There's always a way to help and be helped at Wonthaggi Woodcrafters.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au or pop into the workshop.



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WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

THE Writer's Café is on Saturday, May 6, 1.30 to 4pm, at Mitchell House. This a monthly meet and welcome to all who have an interest, or indeed passion to write. It provides a venue for writers of all styles and genres to meet and mix, share writing and work on their own projects. Just remember that they meet on the first Saturday of the month.

The Harvest Centre, beyond the Goods Shed out the back of the Big W carpark, has a couple of groups: The Garden Group which meet on Wednesday mornings, 9.30am to 12noon. A great place to get involved with gardening and share ideas. Then there is the Seed & Veggie/ Produce Swap which is on Saturday May 13th, 10 to 11am. Bring along your excess produce from your garden, fresh or processed, all is good. Following this is the Wonthaggi Food Collective where food bought in bulk, and then distributed at a low mark up to members. Ring Michael Nugent on 0416 039 933 or email him at Wonthaggi-Coop@gmail.com for the stock list and other information.

Our excellent Fixit Café will be on again in 3 weeks come Sunday 21st May, 11am to 1pm at the Harvest Centre, beyond the Big W car park, past the Goods Shed. This is a joint venture with the Wonthaggi Men's Shed. A group of excellent fixers we could not do without. To give more life or an alternate life to a favourite or useful item at the Fixit Café you'll need to book it in. An important process as we need to ensure we have a fixer with the skills to enable the process to be a success. A few things of note for success are that you need to be able to carry it and have any replacement parts that will be needed. All must be booked in before the day as we only have two hours for our café each month. The services are free (except for some clock repairs) but if you can give a donation then this will help with the running costs. We also have two electrical specialists and are on the lookout for volunteers with fixer skills or others who could welcome people and help out on the paperwork. Please leave you details with the staff at Mitchell House or ring us. Also, visit our Facebook page to see some happy people taking home their treasured (and working) items.

By the way, it's a nice place to hang out and see what's going on and having a chat with a cuppa in hand and maybe cake in the other.

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



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

WELCOME to Term 2 and Milpara's final full program in Shellcot Road.

Milpara is proud to be hosting a number of workshops and activities aimed at supporting our community's emotional wellbeing.

First up in May, we have Youth Mental Health First Aid training with Live4Life South Gippsland on Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 May 2023.

If you are a parent, carer, coach, friend or grandparent with regular contact with young people, please consider making the most of this free local opportunity to equip yourself with practical skills and knowledge (light meals provided each day). Registrations are still open; stay tuned for venue updates depending on numbers. There will also be an opportunity to deepen our understanding about grief, loss, local supports and individual and community impacts on Thursday May 18, and then training on suicide prevention 'Question - Persuade - Refer' (QPR) on Wednesday, May 31.

Also in May, put Wednesday, May 17 from 6.30-8.30pm in your calendar to learn from local Traditional Custodians of Boon Wurrung Yowenjerra Yaluk Bulluk. Bookings essential.

Round 4 of the Victorian Power Saving Bonus is available to all Victorian households. If you have not claimed in this round, bring a recent power bill in to Milpara and we can help you lodge your claim to receive \$250 by direct electronic transfer (EFT) or a cheque in the post.

English as a Second Language is already back, with tutor Kerri facilitating this relaxed, practical and engaging class while Heather is on leave. It's not too late to join the Craft of Story Writing, and French with Rachel starts this week. Express your interest for a range of other learning opportunities.

Have you been connected with Milpara for decades? Have you volunteered or learned alongside us, have a special story to share, or been involved as a tutor? As we continue to prepare for our move to the Korumburra Community Hub in June/July 2023, please express your interest in helping plan a celebration to mark Milpara's move from a house to the Hub.

Got an idea for a group, session or activity you would like to see available in Korumburra? We are interested in working with you to get it happening. In the meantime, check out the new program on our website.

Several courses kick off this week, so make sure you call, pop in or get online to book.



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LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

LEONGATHA Community House invites you to join our new and existing classes.

Try something new, find new friends, spend time with pleasure and benefit for your soul. Everyone is more than welcome.

How Beginner Sewing classes are going at the Leongatha Community House? Very well!

Now we have: Tuesday classes -- from 1 pm till 3 pm, Thursday classes -- from 2pm till 4 pm

And we are going to start after school hours classes on Wednesday, from 4 pm till 6 pm!

Sarah -- skilful and experienced dressmaker, kind and patient tutor and really lovely Beautiful Lady!

Call us for more details and join to one of these classes. Phone is 5662 3962, 16 Bruce street, Leongatha

New -- Mixed Media Art workshops

Mixed Media Art is an idea. By mixing different materials, artists can express themselves in ways that would not be possible with a singular approach.

Mixed Media Art is not only about creating your unique masterpiece, but also to find new friends and soulmates.

Workshops will be held on Tuesdays, starting from 2nd May.

Time -- from 5:00 till 7:00 PM.

Costs -- \$15, this includes all materials. Every workshop -- new topic.

Booking is extremely essential.

New -- Conversations in Italian for Beginners classes

What do you think about Italian?

We are starting a new Conversations in Italian for Beginners class where you will not only learn Italian but also find new friends, learn more about Italian culture and have a great time!

Classes will be held on Fridays, at 11.15 a.m. at the Leongatha Community House, started April 28.

Term 2 fee is \$90. Payment plan option and payments on casual base are available (need to be discussed with manager), however, if you pay full term at once, you will get a "thank you gift".



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Neighbourhood House Week

A vibrant hub for the community!

By Celeste Brittain

THE Corinella and District Community Centre (CDCC) has become a vibrant and busy hub for the waterline community.

The centre which has been operating for more than 30 years, offers a range of programs from health and well-being, social art and craft and general interest activities.

CDCC also has core services such as a food pantry (for emergency relief), crop swap produce table, (produce donated by community members) and at a small fee there is access to community computers. Gippsland Legal Service, Hearing Australia and Bass Coast Health Podiatry also visit the CDCC.

Centre Manager, Kerryn Ladell, said they've built on the activities at the centre and have established partnerships with other community groups, which has attracted more people there.

The collaborative partnerships include Bass Coast Adult Learning, Myli Library, Bass Valley U3A and Gippsport and are bringing people to the centre from different age brackets and demographics.

Kerryn said partnerships are important.

"Community when they all



Kerryn Ladell is incredibly proud of the food pantry at the centre which is used for emergency food relief. Photo: Celeste Brittain

work together can just be amazing," she said.

"It creates an engaging community that cares and wants to see things get better or do things better or change things for the better for themselves."

Kerryn shared that the partnerships have also made groups more accessible.

"The permaculture group is here because it allows the community to go, I can't get to Wonthaggi, there's no buses, so what they can't do is brought here to the centre."

CDCC has been able to

widen its reach in serving the district through delivering information about its seasonal programs to homes, and to other sites, including Pioneer Bay and Coronet Bay.

Kerryn identified popular programs at CDCC include Leadbeater lifters (strength training), meditation, living library (humans sharing human stories), pilates and the community lunch.

This June long weekend the centre will be hosting the Annual Art Show, which Kerryn said, "is well known around Bass Coast which is very exciting and brings a lot of people."

The centre is also starting a small garden for the community out the front called 'Veggies on the Verge' and currently has a gardening buddies group which they'd love people to become involved in.

Kerryn said that Veggies on the Verge is to help with food insecurity and "it means too if we can share the produce and people come in and share the load, everybody can reap the rewards."

The centre's autumn program has two upcoming presentations- 'Stay at Home Longer' on May 22, 2023, and 'Celebrating Law Week' on May 15, 2023.

Everyone is welcome at the centre.

Proud history at Milpara in Korumburra

LOCALS connecting locals, what a great theme for Neighbourhood Houses Week 2023. Connecting people is one of the major strengths of each community house and this comes from our very close understanding and involvement with the people who make up the communities in which we deliver our services.

No two communities are the same, so no two Community or Neighbourhood House is the same, however we all operate from the same framework of community development and community strengthening.

Communities are stronger when they are connected, people are safer – less vulnerable.

Milpara Community House has been supporting the community of Korumburra and surrounding areas for over 44 years.

The early years began with offering childcare for women interested in building their skills and extending their learning, there was a toy library and a tool library.

Initially the sessions were for young families and then the word got around. Others joined in the classes and sessions that here was a chance for people to learn something new and be able to meet new friends.

The House has provided opportunities for many people to volunteer their time and talents – the number of people is difficult to estimate however if a conservative base of 25 volunteers per year by 44 years, that's over 1000 people who have contributed to this community – and that's just volunteers.

The staff engaged in the work over

the same period of time would also be considerable.

Milpara Community House is now entering a new phase as we begin to prepare for our relocation from our current place to our new space in the Korumburra Community Hub, where we will be located with MyLi (Library) and the Korumburra Historical Society.

We're still hoping the Senior Citizens will also come and join us. This is a fantastic opportunity, though still a little daunting and challenging with the preparations. It will also be sad to say goodbye to the place in Shellcot Road with its warmth, welcome and homeliness.

For those who have had a part to play in Milpara's history – from using the spaces for learning, sharing, meeting, teaching; childcare, playgroup, adult education classes, volunteering, Committee members, and staffing, we're preparing to celebrate.

A gathering will be held for staff and volunteers – current and previous, an open day will be held as a chance for people to come and visit for one last time before the move, we'll be collecting people's memories of their time via a blog, photographs, and written stories so if you would like to be part of celebrating this huge step forward for the House, we'd love to hear from you.

Keep a watch out for information about this celebration, and we'll be updating via Facebook, website, Burra Flyer, and local media.

For further information about anything delivered at Milpara, please call 03 5655 2524.



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Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre – Connecting Community

The Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House and the Harvest Centre has been serving the local community for close to 40 years. Centre provides a welcoming and inclusive space where people can meet to share skills and ideas, learn something new, engage in friendly conversation or access a variety of support services.

Dedicated to benefit the local community the Centre strives to strengthen community connections, be responsive to community needs and to improve the well-being, health, and confidence of community members.

A broad range of groups including yoga, playgroups, craft, meditation, chess and those offering specific support, make use of the space available at Mitchell House each week providing opportunity for community members to connect with others in a safe, mutually supportive environment.

A food pantry is maintained with contents made freely available to members of the community finding it hard to make ends meet.

For those with an interest in gardening the Harvest Centre maintains an impressive variety of vegetable beds and welcomes new members to assist with the growing process and to share their knowledge and skills of gardening with others.



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Perfect time to plant Saliva

By Karen Haw,
Mirboo North Garden Centre

AUTUMN is saliva time and this season there are some new additions by PGA plants (who grow a wide range of salvias) called the Fisher signature salvias.

These selections are the result of a long running, Australia breeding program where only the best general garden plants, together with the densest and neatest habits were selected, mass planted in gardens or grown in containers, you can ensure a reliable supply of colour and welcome many forms of pollinators to your patch.

The Fisher signature collections have four varieties available and include Salvia Vivacious – the striking purple flower spikes emerge from black coloured bracts.

Salvia Elegance – this variety has a very pretty soft mauve pink and quite different to other salvias.

Salvia Ostentious – has vibrant bright pink/purple flowers, Salvia Ocean blue has striking blue flowers which contrast with the green foliage.

Salvias of any variety are an asset to the garden as they are tough, long flowering, bird and bee attracting and there are so many from which to choose.

Mother's Day is just around the corner and one of the most popular gifts are the cyclamens.

A well cared for plant will continue blooming right through winter.

Many think of cyclamens as delicate indoor plant, however they can be grown outside and in fact occur naturally in harsh, rocky areas in the Mediterranean and Europe.

The miniature wild Italian cyclamen (*Cyclamen hederifolium*) will thrive and multiply in a shady position in the garden.

It is a very long-flowering, hardy species, which grows in both frosty and hot areas.

The flowers are usually pink or white, and the leaves are patterned and marbled in white and silver.

The larger florist's cyclamen and hybrids come in a wide range of dramatic colours, from glorious clear reds through to purples, light pinks, whites all a sort of shades in between and are often perfumed. Florist's cyclamen are usually grown as indoor plants and discarded once they have finished flowering but may last longer if you put the pots outside in a dry place for the summer, then repot in autumn. Alternatively, you could try planting them in a shady place in the garden, they are ideal under deciduous trees.

Indoors, cyclamens need good light, but not direct sunlight.

Temperature is their main concern, they like moderate daytime temperatures and cool nights.

They can't stand being in a continually heated room and may need to be placed outside at night if the house is centrally heated. Cyclamens grow from a fat, bulb-like corm that sits right at the surface of the potting mix. Like all bulbs, this is prone to rot if it is too wet. Allow the plant to dry out between watering. If a cyclamen is too wet, its leaves may droop and the temptation then is to apply more water, which only exacerbates the problem. Before watering, always check to make sure that the mix feels dry (this goes for all indoor plants).

As cyclamens are prolific flowers, they



Sophy Bult and Mike Painter.

benefit from regular feeding and liquid fertiliser administered fortnightly is adequate.

As the weather cools many of the proteas and leucadendrons add colour to the garden.

Proteas have been in short supply the last couple of years, but this year there seems to be plenty available.

Pink Ice is one of the most popular, hardy and flowers for many months.

The King proteas have been in demand as they are popular in bridal bouquets as well as stunning with their huge flowers (the biggest of all the proteas) and are available in pink or white. Proteas are evergreen and grow to around 2 metres. They like well-drained soil and a sunny position in the garden.

Leucadendrons team well with proteas in the garden and floral arrangements.

Leucadendrons give a splash of colour with their colourful bracts.

The most popular would-be safari sunset which at this time of year are burgundy but as the season progresses, they change to red and yellow.

The salignum varieties of leucadendron like red countess, yellow countess and Jack Harre are smaller growing to around 1.5 metres and if you want a smaller growing protea look for Little prince or red or white crown. As proteas are closely related to many of the Australian natives (being in the same family are banksias and grevilleas) they also grow well with them.

Proteas will also grow well in pots but need a native potting mix and native fertilizer.

Many of the grevilleas are flowering now and the best thing about grevilleas is there is a size to fit all as they range from ground covers to tall trees.

The large flowering ones are very popular (heights vary from 1.5m to 3 metres) and also look good in flower arrangements varieties such as moonlight – with pale lemon flowers, Sandra Gordon with bright gold flowers, Robyn Gordon with red flowers and flamingo with hot pink flowers are just a few from which to choose.

So as the weather cools there is still plenty to be found to add colour to your garden.



Water hyacinth is considered one of the world's most invasive plants.

Invasive aquatic plant a no-no for home gardens

VICTORIAN gardeners are urged to keep watch for the highly invasive weed water hyacinth following a recent discovery in a residential garden pond.

Agriculture Victoria Biosecurity Officer Kaitlin Wright said over 90 of the aquatic plants had been removed from a Williamstown premises following an anonymous report from an astute gardener.

"Water hyacinth is considered one of the world's most invasive plants because it grows so quickly and forms a thick mat on the water surface," Ms Wright said.

"It then reduces water quality, pushes out native plants, reduces oxygen (killing fish), rapidly chokes waterways and blocks recreational activities such as fishing and boating."

Water hyacinth is a State

prohibited weed in Victoria, which means it's illegal to sell, place in a waterway or otherwise spread the weed.

Over the past 12 months, water hyacinth has been reported in Bairnsdale, Warrnambool, Rutherford and multiple Melbourne suburbs.

"Many home gardeners aren't aware of the biosecurity risks associated with this environmentally destructive plant, so we're always really grateful to members of the public for reporting sightings," Ms Wright said.

"A single plant can produce more than 3000 seeds over summer, each of which can survive and plague a waterway for at least 30 years."

Ms Wright warned gardeners not to remove water hyacinth themselves due to the risks posed by plant parts or seed being

left behind.

"Please contact us on 136 186 if you've seen water hyacinth plants, or have them in your possession, and we will remove them at no cost to the owner," Ms Wright said.

"The earlier we can treat an infestation, the greater opportunity we have to protect our beautiful waterways from decades of damage by the destructive water weed."

Water hyacinth has round, bulbous stems that help it float. Over summer it puts up stalks with multiple pale purple flowers. Below the water's surface, it has long, trailing dark purple roots.

For more information about water hyacinth and invasive plant management visit the Agriculture Victoria website at www.agriculture.vic.gov.au or call the Customer Service Centre on 136 186.



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Veterans Wayne A'Vard (Vietnam) and John Taylor (Malaya) discussed their experiences ahead of joining the march on Tuesday. C01_1823



John, Frank and Pat finished making plain scones and were ready to go into the oven. ob05_1823



Leo, Bill and Geoff, attend the Men's Shed two or three times a week to participate in a variety of activities and are proud of their date scones. ob06_1823



Paull, Peter and Ron show off their date scones they've prepared as part of the Leongatha Men's Shed Cook and Eat Program. ob07_1823



Veteran Frank Stupar (Borneo, Malaya and Vietnam) was joined by his wife, Maxine, ahead of Tuesday's march and service. C02_1823



Taylor and Rochelle ensured the CFA wreath made it safely to the cenotaph before Taylor assisted in laying their own personal family wreath as part of the service. C03_1823



Sharon Hatzis, Steve Hatzis, Marie Trigg had a great time at the VFF dinner.



Bill Cleeland (President Bass Coast Branch of VFF) and Suzi Shaw (NGV



William Hetherington and Cyril Eddy supported the Box Hill Hawks at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve on Sunday. Z37_182

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Wonthaggi ANZAC Day March and Service, Leongatha Men's Shed Cook and Eat Program, VFLW and VFL Box Hill Hawks V Casey Demons at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve and the Victorian Farmers Federation Bass Coast Branch dinner



Liz Crocker, Dorothy Burgess, Robert Gray, Ray Slade enjoyed catching up at the Victorian Farmers Federation Bass Coast Branch dinner.
Photo: Celeste Brittain



John and Keith enjoying a chat after finishing their scones at the Leongatha Men's Shed. ob08_1823



Keith, David and Paull are delighted at the success of the Cook and Eat program, which gives local men the chance to eat good food and connect with other men. ob09_1823



Steve, Frank and Geoff help with the dishes after making minestrone soup and scones at the Men's Cook and Eat Program. ob10_1823



Wonthaggi Power under 16's Nathan Tack, Seth McBean and Sam Carter attended the VFL Hawks versus Demons at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve on Sunday. Z30_1823



Sara and Stephen took four-month-old Frank to his first football match at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve on Sunday, supporting the Box Hill Hawks. Z36_1823



Edwina and Millie Allan enjoyed the AFL Auskick activities at the Box Hill Hawks V Casey Demons Day at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve on Sunday. Z32_1823



Wonthaggi Power under 16's Jayden Burns, Ben Martin and Lucas Ton volunteered their time at the VFLW and VFL Box Hill Hawks V Casey Demons at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve. Z31_1823



Veronica was so pleased with her new gadget, created to coax lost things from under cupboards and awkward places.

Nothing stops Fixit Café

DESPITE the wet weather, clients who had booked into the April Fixit Café rolled up promptly with their articles to be fixed.

Our clock mender tended to a very large clock to start with and finished with an exquisite little clock which was a souvenir from Prague.

Points for the most inventive creation of the day go to Graeme of the Men's Shed who created a gadget to coax lost things from under cupboards and awkward places and Veronica was delighted.

Services offered are sharpening, mending, electrical (within reason), clock mending, and carpentry. If it is not in one of those categories, bring it anyway and test the fixers' skills.

The next session is on Sunday, May 21 and coincides with the Sustainability Festival at Bass.

Fixit Café invites you to book in a session of 30 minutes between 11am and 1pm by ringing Mitchell House on 5672 3731.

If you do not have anything to be fixed, you might consider attending the festival.

The service is by donation and is a joint activity of Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and the Wonthaggi Men's Shed.

Access is by the exit from the rear of Big W Car Park, then drive past the Goods Shed and you will find the Harvest Centre and the Fixit Café.

Jazz club returns

THE South Gippsland Jazz Clubs next event is on May 7, at the RSL Inverloch from 2.00 - 4.30.

Cost is \$15.00 for club and RSL members and \$18.00 for other visitors.

The band for this month is the 'Island Jazz Quartet'.

This local group consists of Peter Buitenhuis on trumpet and vocals, Jon Wade on keyboard, Ian Christensen on reeds and Neville Drummond on bass.

This popular mainstream jazz quartet has played regularly in the local area.

Recently they played at the Port Fairy and Inverloch Jazz Festivals as well as a welcome to the cruise ships arriving on Phillip Island.

You can expect to hear renditions of some of your favourite jazz standards as well as the spectacular piano style of Jon Wade.

Enquires Neville 0418 398 379 or Margaret 0438 420 770

A toe tapping musical

THE SUNSHINE club is a gloriously energetic, thought-provoking and entertaining night at the theatre.

First performed 20 years ago, The Sunshine Club is back for a national tour to tell a story that will still resonate with audiences.

The musical is set in 1946 and Aboriginal soldier Frank Doyle has just returned home to Brisbane after serving in WW2.

Frank sets up the Sunshine Club, a place where people can come together and dance the night away. While romance, laughter, dancing make up the key elements of the musical, racial themes are explored, but ultimately it is a story of love, hope and acceptance.

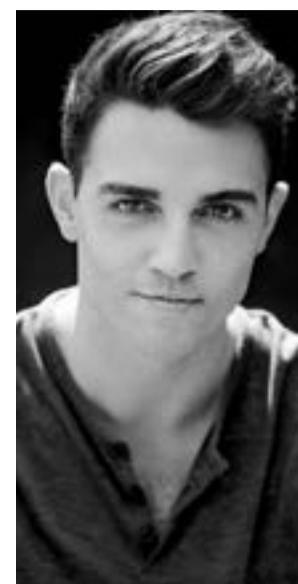
The racial themes explored are especially rel-

evant with the recent discourse and discussion on Indigenous Affairs, as Australia looks towards incorporating the Indigenous Voice to parliament by 2024.

Trent Owers, who has been obsessed with theatre since performing in the senior year musical during high school, and plays the sleazy salesman Peter Walsh, says The Sunshine Club is important as it educates and provides a view of history from a new perspective.

This toe tapping, joyful and educational musical is directed by Wesley Enoch with music by John Rodgers.

It will be performed at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre for one night only on Thursday, June 29 at 7pm.



Trent Owers plays the sleazy salesman Peter Walsh and says everyone will relate to one of the characters in this musical.

Invy Jazz Festival coming up quick

ONLY three months to go, so get this date into your diary and start making plans!

The 29th Inverloch Jazz Festival, to be held August 4-6, 2023, will be bigger and better than ever this year.

To date, over 80 bands have put in expressions of interest to perform over the weekend, many of which are new to the festival.

In fact, interest is so great that registrations will now close a month earlier – at the end of April – as the number wanting to attend has greatly exceeded our expectations.

The Committee will now have the job of selecting the bands based on the variety of jazz styles, the quality of musicians and bands, entertainment value and availability – making sure to include new talent as well as old favourites.

Hopefully a draft program will be out by mid-May in order to seek feedback, as well as enable attendees to make accommodation and other arrangements.

This year's Festival has



The 29th Inverloch Jazz Festival will be held on August 4-6, 2023.

been fortunate in receiving donations from local Estate Agents as well as Bass Coast Shire, however, we are well aware of minimising expenses and ensuring the festival is as accessible as possible.

To help reduce operating costs and improve the quality of equipment available to musicians, the Festival Committee has invested in the purchase of equipment for this and future festivals.

This includes four, brand new Gallien Kruger 200W bass amplifiers and four PDP maple drum kits.

As usual, there will also be grand pianos in three of the venues and an electronic keyboard in the fourth. Professional sound and lighting engineers will be available to service all four venues.

Food and beverage sales will be available at each venue, and they will all be warm and comfortable.

We are very excited about the upcoming Festival, so, put the date in your calendar and get ready for a fabulous weekend of music, food, wine and great company.

www.invyjazz.com

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Fri 16 June 8pm
trybooking.com/CHKFK
Audience 18+ \$43

A show where Kinne shares too much information about all of the things wrong with him. But hey, if it means you get to walk away feeling better about yourself, then he's happy to take one for the team. Newcomer Logie Award, it's more likely that you've seen Kinne in one of his many viral videos, with Kinne Videos' shared all over the world and resulting in over 1 million followers on social media.



Carole King, James Taylor and The Carpenters
Sat 17 June 7.30pm
trybooking.com/CHSZU
\$69.95 / \$79.95



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Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow
Wed 28 June 7.30pm
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\$40.00 / \$50.00



The Sunshine Club
Thur 29 June 7.00pm
trybooking.com/CFWQN
Tickets from \$18

Written and Directed by Wesley Enoch
Set in 1946, acclaimed musical The Sunshine Club, tells the story of Frank Doyle, a returning Aboriginal soldier, filled with the desire to create a better world where black and white can dance together.



The Australian INXS Show
Sat 15 July 7.30pm
trybooking.com/CHCPN
\$25 Ch / \$18 Con / \$64 Ad
Family & group tickets available

Fronted by the incredible Dellacoma Rio, whose uncanny portrayal of Michael Hutchence has captivated audiences worldwide, this authentic 6 piece band will take you on a journey through all the classic INXS hits that have made them a household name for decades.



Find the full calendar of events and sessions on our website



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Regional house prices stay strong

THE VICTORIAN property market is showing signs of stabilisation this quarter, with regional Victoria once again holding strong, according to REIV.

House prices have been nudging down to \$602,000 (from \$603,000) this quarter but growing 2.2 per cent to \$608,000 annually.

While units and apartments grew 3.7 per cent to \$425,000.

The Bass Coast region recorded a quarterly drop of 1.2 per cent, going from \$830,000 to \$820,000, but had a significant overall annual increase of 5.1 per cent.

Surf Beach recorded the greatest quarterly hike at 7.1 per cent, with prices increasing from \$840,000 to \$900,000.

Cowes recorded a drop in both quarterly and annual prices of 1.8 percent and 3 per cent respectively.

South Gippsland towns overall saw a quarterly increase of .05 percent and an annual increase of 4 per cent.

Korumburra recorded a quarterly decrease of 7.9 per cent, however, the drop is buffered by a steep annual increase of 18.4%, with median house prices currently valued at \$580,000.

Morwell took first place for annual growth in the regional suburbs, with a 21.5 per cent jump to \$371,250, followed by the border town of West Wodonga (up 21.1 per cent) ringing in at \$539,000. The beachside Barwon Heads demonstrated its desirability once again, with a 15 per cent increase over the year to \$1,955,000.

For those seeking a tree change for under \$400k, houses in Stawell are going for a median of \$380,000 (up 18.8 per cent) while Churchill sits at \$378,500 (up 12.3 per cent) – both grew while remaining within the top five most affordable suburbs for Regional Victoria.

Outer suburbs are showing strong growth, but well within reach for house hunters, were Tarneit with 3.4 per cent annual growth (to \$650,000) and Pakenham recording a 4 per cent jump to \$645,500.

The Metropolitan Melbourne median house price recorded a marginal drop of 1 per cent to \$955,500 in the March quarter while units recorded a 1.8 per cent drop to \$611,000.

Andrew Meehan REIV President noted that the property market is still stabilising after the price boom the pandemic instigated, and while there's still uncertainty around the future impact of interest rate rises in the market, there is positive activity.

The REIV Residential Market Index (RMX) which measures the price movement on weekly basis, has rebounded by 8.9 per cent since the start of this year.

Currently the RMX sits at 154.9, close to levels recorded in mid-2022.

Stamp duty needs a shake up, says local agent

CALLS are being echoed locally for the State Government to replace property stamp duty.

This comes after the Real Estate Institute of Victoria (REIV) stated it should be replaced with a broad-based tax to create a more efficient and equitable tax distribution, and enable greater housing accessibility.

In its response to Victoria's Parliamentary Inquiry into Land Transfer Duty Fees, REIV has suggested that a broad-based tax will avoid inefficient and disproportionate effects of house price bracket creep, as well as provide a more stable and predictable revenue stream for government.

The REIV has submitted to government that stamp duty is not only a hit to homebuyers financially, but it also curbs labour and capital mobility.

The peak body has reiterated that the financial pressure that comes with the tax impacts decisions regarding relocation for employment, personal preference, and downsizing or upsizing based on housing

requirements.

According to REIV, revenue collected by the State Government in 2021-22 from Stamp Duty was \$10.3 million, a 61.3 per cent increase from the year before which sat around \$6.5 million.

Alex Scott and Staff director Greg Price (CEA, REIV) said stamp duty has long been overdue for a detailed review.

"The REIV are correct in calling this State Government to make changes more suited to the cost of housing now.

"Victoria has the highest Stamp Duty in Australia.

"A young couple in the Bass Coast trying to buy an established property for say \$750K, which is almost level entry now in this market, will expect to pay over \$42K in government tax and duties.

"This is further impacting housing and having a massive social cost to all Victorians."

REIV CEO Quentin Kilian is set to give evidence at the Parliamentary inquiry's hearing this month.

"Stamp duty has created an excessive burden on

home buyers for far too long, with fees for the median priced house currently sitting at approximately 48.9 per cent of Victorian's average annual income," he said.

"The nature of land transfer tax is dependent on market activity and performance, which impacts government revenue predictability," Mr Kilian said.

"The fluctuation in revenue points to the fact that when households are in need, government revenue is likely to also be impacted making meaningful policy intervention more difficult."

Mr Kilian said that removing stamp duty would allow for a more sustainable market environment and encourage activity, benefitting the economy.

"Recent economic fluctuations, such as limitations on real estate activity during COVID and increases in interest rates, influence individual decisions to engage or not engage with housing markets, further impacting government revenue."

"As stamp duty increases the cost of moving, people may choose to remain

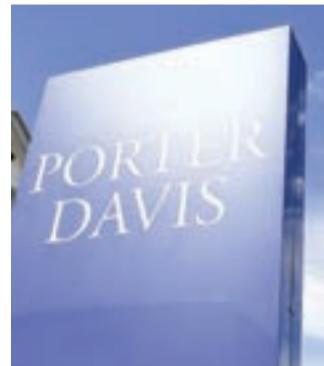


Alex Scott and Staff director Greg Price (CEA, REIV) has backed calls for a review of property stamp duty.

where they are rather than pursue job opportunities elsewhere – contributing to the lack of skilled labourers in areas of need, negatively effecting productivity," REIV's submission states.

The REIV has urged the Victorian government to invite stakeholders and experts to contribute to a roadmap that supports home ownership while maintaining tax income for the State.

\$15 million in compensation payments



Building works stopped immediately on more than 1700 properties in Victoria and Queensland as a result of the collapse of Porter Davis recently. Photo: AAP Image/Jono Searle.

THE State Government announced recently compensation payments for Porter Davis customers who signed their contracts and paid their deposits, but where Porter Davis did not take out Domestic Building Insurance (DBI).

Approximately 560 families discovered their deposits had been lost due to the failure of the company to take out insurance cover on their behalf.

Authorities are investigating the actions of Porter Davis leading up to the company's collapse, to establish exactly what happened and guide potential

future reforms to protect consumers.

Refunds will be paid up to the legal maximum deposit payment under the Domestic Building Contracts Act of 5 per cent.

The Victorian Building Authority is also investigating Porter Davis Homes for potential breaches of the law.

The government's decision comes after Shadow Minister for Home Ownership and Housing Affordability, Jess Wilson has slammed the government over ignoring warning signs and failing to act on information from last year.

Documents obtained under Freedom of Information confirm that on July 11 2022, Assistant Treasurer Danny Pearson, was briefed on "Insolvencies in the residential construction sector and options to de-risk consumers" by the Department of Treasury and Finance.

Since this briefing in July 2022, at least 538 construction businesses in Victoria have become insolvent, including 146 specifically listed as being in residential building construction, yet no industry reforms or additional consumer protections have been put in place.

Where people are just as important as the property



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Gippsland's homelessness need a better solution

QUANTUM Support Services is backing calls for a better solution to support young people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Gippsland.

Quantum Support Services' Chief Executive Natalie McDonald said many young people were unable to get the support they needed to change their lives and break the cycle of disadvantage.

"It is estimated more than 1300 young people in inner Gippsland experience homelessness each year," Ms McDonald said.

"But inner Gippsland only has 14 crisis beds available for young people seeking emergency accommodation, and a further 16 beds for medium-term accommodation," she said.

"Our young people experiencing homelessness need more than a housing solution, they also need wrap around support, access to schools, further learning, jobs and life skills. This is why Quantum is working to bring a youth foyer to Gippsland."

Ms McDonald said Quantum was looking for a whole system response.

"This youth foyer isn't just about Quantum, it is a model for Gippsland with multiple partners. It is about breaking the cycle of disadvantage that often extends across generations," she said.

"The Foyer Foundation's recently commissioned report 'Under One Roof' found 80 per cent of young people who went through a youth foyer transitioned to safe and stable housing, more than two thirds were in employment on exit and had improved overall health outcomes throughout their lifetime.

"The report showed the investment in the Foyer model not only generates results for young people, but also creates benefits for state and federal governments."

For more information on the support services available through Quantum Support Services visit www.quantum.org.au or phone 1800 243 455.



A veggie garden lovers delight

LOCATED within the lush, rolling green hills of South Gippsland is this unique property, presenting a multitude of opportunities to the new owner.

The current vendors have lovingly created an amazing farm that allows them to be totally self-sufficient in fruit and nuts.

The trees are mature and produce large quantities of high value produce such as persimmons, olives, figs, kiwi fruit, citrus and pome fruit.

There is the opportunity for selling at farmer's markets or local outlets. Other options such as value adding are possible.

On approximately 21 acres (in 2 titles) of fertile land, with a comfortable Miners Cottage, an added Studio and large shed, the ability to live off the land and reap the rewards from this property is very appealing. The vendors buy very little food, as most of what they need can be produced on the property.

Features of the property include:

- A period 3-bedroom, 1 bathroom weatherboard Miner's cottage, with a detached studio that also includes an additional bathroom.
- Excellent 23.5m x 6.5m Colorbond shed with double insulated store room and

two open bays which can provide additional car parking, concrete flooring, power, mezzanine storage and solar-power on the shed roof

- Set amongst established gardens, overlooking the rolling hills which attracts abundant birdlife and wildlife
- The hills provide different aspects and microclimates within the property, which increases the range of produce which can be grown. Even less cold tolerant fruit such as West Indian Limes thrive on this property
- Conveniently positioned between 2 major towns of Korumburra and Leongatha
- Subdivided into 9 paddocks. Currently grazing cattle, however the property in the past has stocked heritage Angora goats and alpacas. Established yards for holding livestock. Animal shelters throughout the property
- Water is by way of tanks (140000 litres) 2 dams and natural waterways flow through the property most of the year
- Copious amounts of fruit trees, citrus, nuts, vines, and berries producing seasonal harvests whether El Nino or La Nina are influencing the weather. Chickens have a large fox proof run and they

provide fresh eggs daily

- Vegetable gardens for both annual and perennial vegetables and herbs
- Large poly house with established sub-tropical fruit trees
- Reliable annual rainfall (average 1000ml per year/40 inch)

There is so much more to this property with rich history and past features in farming magazines, it is hard to capture in words, so an inspection is a must.

If you're looking for a self-sufficient, sustainable lifestyle then this is for you!

Call Matt Redmond on 0418 357 341 or Marni Redmond on 0403 525 413 to arrange your inspection or for any further information.

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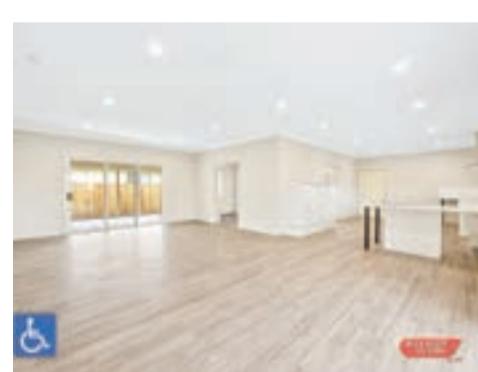
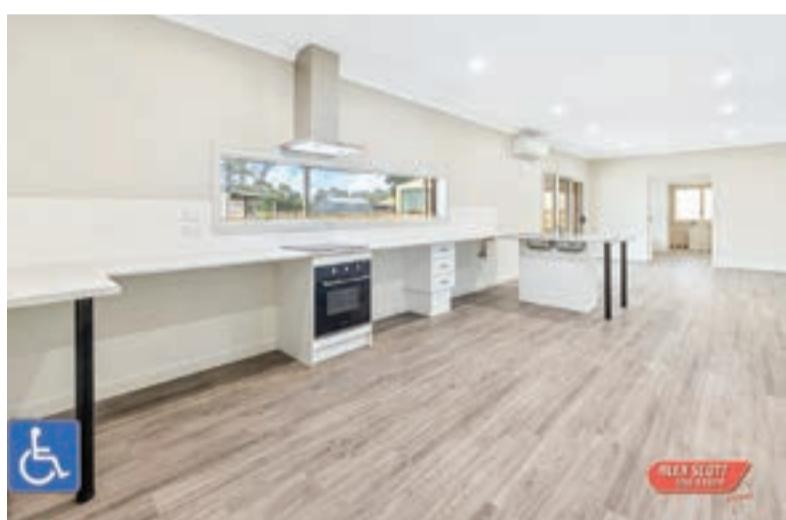


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Wheelchair friendly home



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40 Pedersen Street, **Welshpool**
For Sale \$695,000 - \$720,000
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EVERY aspect of this home has factored in the use of a wheelchair both inside and out.

This fantastic home situated in Welshpool is brand new and ready to be occupied and is available for a quick settlement.

As you arrive at the property you will appreciate the wide verandah with level access and concrete all the way around the home.

Enter the large open plan living and you will immediately appreciate the wheelchair friendly access throughout.

The home has been designed with multi-purpose living in mind, and can be used as a two bedroom, two living, two bathroom residence, or make a minor alteration (STCA) with one doorway and the home can be three bedroom, two bathroom.

Whilst the home is designed with wheelchair friendly access throughout, it is not restricted just for that purpose.

However, just a few of the features that do assist in the access, is the design of the kitchen with clear space under the bench as well as the height of the bench top and the appliances and the fantastic purpose-built pantry and storage cupboard.

The doorways throughout are specifically designed in the width to allow easy flow and the bathrooms both factor in the easy use/access

for a wheelchair.

The home with its wide verandah circling the entire home and double-glazing assists in moderating the temperature, however for those extra hot days or cool nights, you can top up the warmth or cooling with the two reverse cycle split systems.

Outside you will appreciate the level block with great access, including a rear lane, ample space in the back yard for shedding, water tank on site (servicing the toilets) as well as town water and just an overall well located, quiet place to call home.

Welshpool is central to the townships of Foster and Yarram, which is home to outstanding schools, hospitals, supermarkets, restaurants, cafes and more. If you are into fishing or boating, Port Welshpool is just minutes away, where you can enjoy the safe quiet beaches, port frontage and the famous Long Jetty.

The new Great Southern Rail Trail is also just around the corner, and you are within easy daytrip travel distance of beautiful destinations including Wilsons Promontory National Park, Agnes Falls, an abundance of first-class wineries and food produce and the stunning Ninety Mile Beach.

Contact Andrew or Tony today to arrange an inspection. You will be very impressed with this home.

Intelligent investment in Wonthaggi

SITUATED in North Wonthaggi in a quiet no-through road this older style home in good condition is sited on a terrific block of approx. 977sqm that should easily suit subdivision (STCA).

Located at the front of the allotment and with ample room for an extra driveway the cottage offers entry to open plan living/dining with the kitchen adjacent.

There are three bedrooms (two with built in robes), a family bathroom and separate WC off laundry.

There is a newish split system and upgraded switch board too.

Adjoining the house is a generous carport with concrete drive to a steel garage/workshop...established shade trees and rear lane access add to the property's appeal.

Vendor is keen to sell so make an offer!

Available for immediate occupation.

Contact Dan Huther 0418 334 801

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13 Henry Street, **Wonthaggi**

For Sale \$495,000

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1/15 Allison Street

- 2 bedroom unit
- Locally built
- Flat block close to CBD

\$550,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

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- Approx. 152 acres, heavy carrying country
- 4 dams, troughs & water license
- Variety of sheds, stockyards

\$12,500 per acre

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NEWHAVEN



33 Forrest Avenue

- Overlooking the Bay and Marina
- Large corner allotment
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 cars

Auction: Sat, June 3 at 2pm on site

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WONTHAGGI



2/92 Merrin Crescent

- Cute and cosy cottage, super private
- 3 bedrooms, open plan living
- Covered rear deck, good parking

\$449,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA



4 Royal Place

- 4 bedroom modern home
- 3 separate living spaces
- Beautiful gardens and more

\$795,000

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KORUMBURRA



2/11 Lower Gordon Street

- 2 bedroom unit, great condition, R/C air con.
- Walk through bathroom to master
- Single LU garage, deck with awning

\$395,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

COWES



108 Red Rocks Road

- Rural and water views
- Light, bright open living
- 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom

\$800,000 - \$820,000

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WONTHAGGI



13 Henry Street East

- Subdivision potential, 977 sqm block
- 3 BR, sunny living zone, cul de sac
- Level allotment, rear lane access

\$495,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA



3 Bond Court

- 3 bedroom home
- Renovated throughout
- Large block, lock up garage

\$450,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KORUMBURRA



20 Valley View Parade

- 4 bedroom home on 1/4 acre block
- Lots of indoor/outdoor living
- Double garage + 4 car garage

\$735,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

COWES



40 Seagrove Way

- Open plan living
- Outdoor entertainment area
- 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 cars

\$960,000 - \$980,000

Contact: Cowes Office

WONTHAGGI



81A Reed Crescent

- Great start out. 3 BR Cottage, front block
- Quiet position, north facing
- Original features, 2 bathrooms

\$499,000

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OUTTRIM



45 Ryeburn Road

- Stunning home on 11 acres
- 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Massive shedding and more

\$1,250,000

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KORUMBURRA



9 Prudence Close

- 3 bedroom home on 1,100m² block
- Views, 2 living areas, deck
- Double garage + room for shed

\$798,000

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VENTNOR



17 Seahaven Drive

- Spectacular water views
- North facing upstairs deck
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms

\$890,000 - \$930,000

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WONTHAGGI



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- Absolute BEST location, easy walk to CBD
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11 Webster N Tarwin	779.5	372.6	2,904
10 Couper Cattle Company	811.3	369.6	2,998
Mardan	710.0	363.6	2,581
4 Hotchkin HW Moe	794.2	363.6	2,887
12 Woodleigh Park Woodleigh Vale	715.0	363.6	2,599
8 Comrie JE Childers	652.5	362.0	2,362

Steers

1 Sunnygen Park	365.0	481.6	1,757
1 Seaview Park Seaview	445.0	467.6	2,080
1 Glover BT & D Lang Lang East	455.0	460.0	2,093
1 Tuckett GL & ML Leongatha	465.0	420.0	1,953
1 Tuffin J Toora	450.0	396.6	1,784
1 Jarvie G & R Hazelwood	435.0	380.0	1,653

Heifers

2 Glover BT & D Lang Lang East	392.5	460.0	1,805
1 Hancock IJ & ACN Jeetho West	395.0	460.0	1,817
1 Peterson N Woodleigh	395.0	402.6	1,590
2 Sunnygen Park	325.0	389.6	1,266
2 Jarvie G & R Hazelwood	375.0	380.0	1,425
1 Delbridge C Doomburrim	505.0	370.0	1,868

Cows

1 Collins S & V Dumbalk	650.0	310.0	2,015
4 Towden P/L Trafalgar South	647.5	292.0	1,890
2 Jarvie G & R Hazelwood	700.0	292.0	2,044
1 McGrath GJ & JM Jeetho	660.0	290.0	1,914
1 Curtis S & D Wild Dog Valley	635.0	285.0	1,809
1 Thompson L Poowong	700.0	285.0	1,995

Bulls

1 Kershaw RH JV & MR	925.0	300.0	2,775
Archies Creek	555.0	290.0	1,609
1 Hengsterberger I & R Stony Crk	600.0	287.6	1,725
1 Azemi Investments Clyde Nth	945.0	285.0	2,693
1 McPhie RL Mardan	935.0	275.6	2,576

1 Spring Valley Past	835.0	275.0	2,296
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1 Azemi Investments Clyde Nth	315.0	350.0	1,102
2 Webb C Poowong East	222.5	317.6	706
2 Stewart B Kernot	375.0	265.6	996
1 Brisbank Jumbunna East	285.0	224.6	640
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Forage Value Index tables are helping dairy farmers choose the best product to increase their net profits.

FVI helping dairy farmers profits

DAIRY Australia has recently expanded its popular Forage Value Index (FVI) tables for the 2023 ryegrass sowing season to assist farmers in making better choices when choosing ryegrass cultivars which could mean as much as \$250 per hectare per year of increased net profit.

Australian dairy farmers invest significant amounts of money annually on renovation of ryegrass pastures to grow feed for their herds. According to the Australian Seed Federation, in 2021

approximately 11% (1 billion litres) of Australia's total milk production came directly from newly sown pastures. To ensure farmers are getting the best value for their money when choosing ryegrass cultivars, Dairy Australia annually produces its innovative Forage Value Index.

The FVI is a tool for farmers and producers which independently ranks varieties of ryegrass according to their potential contribution to overall farm profit. Initially released in 2017 by Dairy Australia for perennial

ryegrass following similar initiatives in Ireland and New Zealand, the FVI has been updated each year since as new varietal trial results became available, as well as being expanded to include annual and Italian ryegrass.

The FVI uses the latest research to provide farmers and advisors with an easy, accurate and independent assessment of the potential economic value of perennial, annual and Italian ryegrass cultivars under Australian conditions.

The FVI ratings system

is based on similar best practice and was developed in close consultation with farmers, the seed industry and fully-qualified internationally recognised experts.

Farmers can download the 2023 FVI tables now to plan their autumn pasture sowing at dairyaustralia.com.au/fvi.

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Strong day despite less cattle

AGENTS yarded 3700 at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale which was 900 less than originally drawn for with some producers opting to hold off to the next sale on May 12.

Once again, the quality of the yarding was very good with a few lines of excellent annual drafts of angus weaners on offer, as well as some very good pens of heavier Angus feeder steers.

Prices generally improved a little for the better end of the steers with the balance of the yarding remaining firm.

Feedlot buyer attendance was good with TFI, Charlton, JBS, AMG, Brooklyn Park and Mort & Co all active.

Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, April 28, 2023

Grown Steers

T & L Morrison 11 BB	641kg	\$3.58	\$2300
A Lester 14 Angus	597kg	\$3.95	\$2380
N Page 19 Angus	584kg	\$3.90	\$2280
S Crutchfield 16 Angus	577kg	\$3.89	\$2250
DR & JL Osment 17 Angus	572kg	\$4.02	\$2300
S & E Moriarty 13 Angus	571kg	\$3.94	\$2250
P & B Fox 22 Angus	570kg	\$4.17	\$2380
A Lester 13 BBP	570kg	\$4.05	\$2310
Burrabadoo 17 AA/BB	570kg	\$3.85	\$2200
A Lester 10 Hereford	568kg	\$3.64	\$2070
Ardroy Sec. 15 Angus	548kg	\$4.21	\$2310
Koonwarra Past. 14 Angus	548kg	\$4.16	\$2280
Burrabadoo 12 AA/BB	525kg	\$4.00	\$2100
Hopfields 16 S/Horn	522kg	\$3.63	\$1900
Ardroy Sec. 15 Angus	517kg	\$4.10	\$2120
Adeles Grove 20 Angus	515kg	\$4.27	\$2200
P Halstead 12 Angus	511kg	\$4.10	\$2100
Whites Pastures 15 Angus	509kg	\$4.12	\$2100
D & L Gregor 11 BBP	506kg	\$4.11	\$2080
D Schnoor 20 AA/BB	505kg	\$4.11	\$2080
Stonewarra 14 Angus	503kg	\$4.01	\$2020
R & G King 15 Angus & BBP	499kg	\$4.18	\$2090
P & T Harris 14 Angus	490kg	\$4.28	\$2100
S Brar 19 Angus	484kg	\$4.04	\$1960
Stonewarra 24 Angus	479kg	\$4.21	\$2020
P Halstead 12 Angus	479kg	\$3.96	\$1900
B Hinson 20 Angus	475kg	\$3.83	\$1820
Chester Shorthorns 12 Shorns	464kg	\$3.70	\$1720
S & L Campbell 15 Angus	455kg	\$3.89	\$1770
R & G King 14 Angus	437kg	\$4.00	\$1750
S & L Storti 15 Angus	432kg	\$4.12	\$1780
M & D Lee 18 Angus	430kg	\$3.90	\$1690
I Ripper 16 Charo	430kg	\$3.72	\$1600
R Whykes 12 Hereford	417kg	\$3.88	\$1620
B Phillips 14 Angus	415kg	\$4.09	\$1700

Weaner Steers

G & D Quinlin 15 Angus	409kg	\$4.20	\$1720
L Willox 15 Charx	401kg	\$3.61	\$1450
B Hinson 27 Angus	395kg	\$4.15	\$1640
C & E Ford 24 Angus	389kg	\$4.08	\$1590
S & L Storti 15 Angus	388kg	\$4.25	\$1650
Narrang P/L 17 Angus	386kg	\$4.14	\$1600
High Voltage 14 Angus	383kg	\$4.36	\$1670
W Missen 10 Angus	382kg	\$3.90	\$1490
CJ Pentergast & Co 19 Angus	374kg	\$4.01	\$1500
Ross Lawson 15 Angus	372kg	\$3.72	\$1510
B & R Cashin 19 Angus	357kg	\$4.34	\$1550
B Phillips 23 Angus & BBP	355kg	\$4.50	\$1600
G & S Pastoral Co. 15 Angus	354kg	\$4.12	\$1460
C Rowley 10 Angus	353kg	\$3.68	\$1300
CW Littlejohn 12 BB	342kg	\$4.06	\$1390
R & C Donat 15 Angus	338kg	\$4.52	\$1530
T Lee 26 Angus	338kg	\$3.84	\$1300
M & D Lee 22 Angus	336kg	\$4.19	\$1410
Jeetho Farms 16 Angus	332kg	\$3.82	\$1270
CW Littlejohn 25 Angus	331kg	\$4.38	\$1450
CJ Pentergast & Co 22 BBP	320kg	\$4.37	\$1400
Elm Valley 25 Angus	315kg	\$4.38	\$1380
MA & MH Scanlon 14 Angus	312kg	\$4.29	\$1340
Sandy Creek 11 Angus	308kg	\$4.02	\$1240
CJ Pentergast & Co 22 Angus	295kg	\$4.74	\$1400
Jeetho Farms 14 Angus	291kg	\$4.19	\$1220
Elm Valley 17 BB	288kg	\$4.65	\$1340
MA & MH Scanlon 20 Angus	276kg	\$4.71	\$1300
L Bastin 13 Angus	275kg	\$4.54	\$1250
P & J Sibly 25 Angus	273kg	\$4.35	\$1190
Elm Valley 67 Ang	258kg	\$5.11	\$1320
Dalmore Downs 25 Angus	254kg	\$4.17	\$1060
CJ Pentergast & Co 14 BBP	245kg	\$4.85	\$1190
Elm Valley 60 Angus	239kg	\$5.14	\$1230

Heifers

D McKinna 22 Angus	402kg	\$3.85	\$1550
G & J Tucket 15 Angus	400kg	\$4.15	\$1660
T Smolcic 12 Angus	348kg	\$3.85	\$1340
CJ Pentergast & Co 8 Angus	340kg	\$4.11	\$1400
W Missen 12 Angus	324kg	\$3.86	\$1250
MA & MH Scanlon 18 Angus	324kg	\$3.82	\$1240
M Breen 25 Angus	310kg	\$3.95	\$1220
CJ Pendergast & Co 21 Angus	304kg	\$4.40	\$1340
Narrang P/L 18 Angus	301kg	\$3.92	\$1180
Deep Creek 11 HFDFX	298kg	\$3.52	\$1050
L Bastin 10 Angus	291kg	\$3.81	\$1110
CJ Pendergast & Co 23 Angus	290kg	\$4.62	\$1340
S Auteri 25 Angus	286kg	\$3.77	\$1080
Sandy Creek 13 Angus	285kg	\$3.96	\$1130
Hiho 21 AA/BB	277kg	\$3.79	\$1050
P & J Sibly 17 Angus	261kg	\$3.25	\$850
Dalmore Downs 13 Angus	248kg	\$2.46	\$610

Xbred & Friesian Steers

B Phillips 13 AA/FF X	444kg	\$3.29	\$1460
Nugong P/L 21 Friesian	506kg	\$2.53	\$1280
Nugong P/L 20 Friesian	479kg	\$2.30	\$1100
M Milham 20 Friesian	355kg	\$2.08	\$740
M Milham 19 Friesian	324kg	\$2.18	

Koroit teenager becomes unexpected dairy farmer



KOROIT teenager Noah Billings never expected to find himself working on a dairy farm.

However, a chance conversation with a cricket teammate sent him to a calf shed three years ago and he's never looked back.

With support from a DemoDAIRY Foundation scholarship, Noah is now working with Eddie and Lisa Dwyer at their Purnim farm.

He has progressed from feeding the calves on Saturday mornings through a school-based apprenticeship to working full-time and completing his Certificate III in agriculture.

While his former school mates eyed careers in all other directions, 17-year-old Noah says he has found his niche and plans to continue working in the dairy industry.

"Eddie and Lisa asked if I wanted to go on a school-based traineeship. That was Mondays on the farm and I'd go to South West TAFE on Thursdays. Then when I finished Year

11, I started full-time last October and I'm now doing my Certificate III."

While admitting being a bit nervous around the big Friesian cows when he started, Noah now feels at home working with the livestock.

"I like being outside and doing something different every day, everything from fencing and tractor work to feeding the calves

and milking," he said.

Noah says the DemoDAIRY Foundation was a big help in not only subsidising his study and purchase of work gear, but in giving him encouragement to pursue a career in agriculture.

People interested in careers in agriculture can visit demodairy.com.au to find out about scholarships.

Workforce and development focus for annual GippsDairy event

GIPPSDAIRY is pleased to announce the return of the GippsDairy Muster on Wednesday, June 7 at the Regent Theatre in Yarram, South Gippsland.

The theme of the 2023 GippsDairy Muster is Our People in Dairy – Rethink | Develop | Grow. This free event will include a line-up of engaging, informative speakers that will provide relevant and practical content on all things related to workforce and development.

This year's event aims to provide insight into ways to attract, manage and retain a strong workforce on your farm and in the wider dairy industry. The program will cover topics relevant to all industry workers, at any career stage.

For students, employees, and those looking to enter the dairy industry,

there will be information and support on how to set goals, determine career pathways and further develop skills.

The event will include an introduction from keynote speaker, Humans of Agriculture Founder Oli Le Lievre, and a panel discussion of Australian farmers facilitated by Matt Harms.

There is also a choice of three breakout sessions run by people and culture strategist Sally Murfet, leadership and culture development expert Kylie Paatsch, and leadership and communications consultant James Freemantle. These breakout sessions will cover goal setting, communicating effectively and adaptive leadership.

The event will run from 9.30am to 3.00pm and

will be followed by an optional networking dinner at the Yarram Football Club from 6.30pm. During the dinner, keynote speaker, Sally Murfet, will discuss communication, culture, connection and conduct. She will also provide further context about why building capability and capacity in our people is so important in the current operating environment.

To register for the 2023 GippsDairy Muster, visit dairyaustralia.com.au/gippsdairymuster. The event and dinner are free, however attendees must register.

GippsDairy would like to thank its major sponsors Fonterra and Gardiner Dairy Foundation, with additional support from Lactalis, ProDairy and Saputo Dairy Australia.

A NEW method from RMIT University researchers splits the seawater directly into hydrogen and oxygen – skipping the need for desalination and its associated cost, energy consumption and carbon emissions.

Hydrogen has long been touted as a clean future fuel and a potential solution to critical

energy challenges, especially for industries that are harder to decarbonise like manufacturing, aviation and shipping.

But emissions-free 'green' hydrogen, made by splitting water, is so expensive that it is largely commercially unviable and accounts for just one per cent of total hydrogen production globally.

Lead researcher Dr Nasir Mahmood, a Vice-Chancellor's Senior Research Fellow at RMIT, said green hydrogen production processes were both costly and relied on fresh or desalinated water.

A provisional patent application has been filed for the new method, detailed in a lab-scale study published in Wiley journal, Small.

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AMOR, John Edward:
Passed away peacefully at the West Gippsland Hospital, Warragul on April 26, 2023, aged 83 years, with family at his side.

Born in Lewknor, England 1939, was a £10 Pom in September 1962. Dearly loved by all and quick witted to the very end.



Dearly loved husband to Jillian, father to David, Margaret, Robert and Andrew, father-in-law to Debra, Cameron, Karina and Kathryn, grandfather to 14 and great grandfather to 3.

He will be greatly missed and always in our thoughts and memories.

Now Resting In Peace

BRENT (nee Osborne), Cheryl Anne:
Passed away peacefully on Tuesday April 25, 2023, at Goulburn Valley Base Hospital.

Devoted wife to Robert Brent (dec.). Loving mother and mother-in-law to Kevin, Wayne, Cindy, and Lee.

Much loved, Nanna to Ashley, Fabyen, Morgan, Paige, Charlee, Kaedin, Kalahni, Jack, and Makenzie.

Reunited again with Robert at peace on the travelling hwy.

Loved and always remembered

Service details to follow shortly.

CAYZER, Arthur:
24.07.1938 - 25.04.2023.

Loved brother of Rhonda and brother-in-law of Rob and family.

Forever in our thoughts.



JONES, Robert Alan (Bob):
12.10.1942 - 23.04.2023. RAAF WGCDR (Ret'd)

The President, Committee and members of the Inverloch RSL Sub-Branch mourn the passing of Bob.

Our condolences to Helen, Mark and family.

LEST WE FORGET

NINNIS, Ernest Terrance (Terry):

Died April 23, 2023 aged 86. Finally free with Jesus and reunited with beloved wife Pat.

He will be missed dearly by sisters Coral and Zandra, children Kerrilee, Estelle and Timothy, grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family, and friends.

OAKLEY (nee Kenny), Margaret Beverly:

21.03.1925 - 25.04.2023. Late of Numurkah.

Loved Aunt to Heather and Des, Morgan, and families.

Loved wife to Raymond (dec.).

Treasured Memories

VEAL (nee Gleeson), Sylvia Margaret:

02.12.1930 - 23.04.2023.

Passed away at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Loved and loving wife of Murray (dec.).

Adored Mum of Robert and Nephew Matt.

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AMOR:

A Service to Celebrate the Life of Mr John Amor, late of Drouin and formerly of Blackwood Forest, will be held at the Nielsen Funeral Chapel, Korumburra Rd, Warragul on Friday next week May 12, 2023, at 2pm.

The Service will also be live-streamed. To view John's Service please visit: www.nielsenfunerals.com.au



NINNIS:

A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Ernest Terrance (Terry) Ninnis will be held at St. Andrews Uniting Church, Peart St., Leongatha on Monday, May 8, 2023, commencing 2pm.

A Service for Burial will precede the above Service at the Tarwin Lower Cemetery commencing 1pm.

The Memorial Service will be livestreamed, to view please visit www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au



OAKLEY:

A Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs Margaret Oakley will be held at the Blair Chapel, Springvale Botanical Cemetery, 600 Princes Hwy, Springvale on Monday May 8, 2023, commencing at 1:15pm.

A Private Cremation will follow.

Handley & Anderson

Wonthaggi 5672 1074

LAWRENCE, John Joseph:

A Gravemore Service for the late Mr John Lawrence will be held at the Korumburra Cemetery, Kardella Road on Wednesday May 10, 2023, commencing at 11am.



VEAL:

Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Mrs Sylvia Margaret Veal will be offered at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi on Friday May 5, 2023, commencing at 11am.

At the conclusion of Mass, the Funeral will leave for the Wonthaggi Cemetery.



RIGBY, Joyce:

29.04.2022.

In our dreams we see you.

In our hearts we hold you

In our lives we miss you

Your loving daughters, Judith, Debbie, and families.

Love you Mum forever.

HERITAGE PARK FUNERALS

Numurkah 03 5862 2332.

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To place a notice on this page please call

5672 1888

BEREAVEMENT THANKS

HITCHINGS, Dorothy:

Thank you everyone who supported us following the recent death of our mother, grandmother, and great grandma.

The love and support, phone calls, flowers, cards, and food are very much appreciated.

To Kirrak House staff, you are all amazing.

Thank you for your dedicated care given to Mum for the final 5 weeks of her life.

Thank you Joan Peters, Scott and Sharon Anderson and staff at Handley and Anderson Funeral Services for your professional care.

-- Pam, Jill, Ian, and families.

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Saturday May 6, 8.30am - 4pm.

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15 Caledonian Cres, Saturday May 6, 8am.

HUGE MOVING OUT SALE!

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17ft Royal Flair, 4 berth, island double bed. Full annex, awning, aircon, air brakes and all necessary accessories. \$19,000. 0488 097 172.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Korumburra Croquet Club inc.

AGM

Saturday, May 20, 2023

10am at 44 Victoria St, Korumburra

LBC0907

DEATHS

Sentinel-Times Classifieds

PUBLIC NOTICES

COMPANION WANTED:
Phillip Island
Around 45 to 55 ish.
Not overweight, no
baggage.
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With a big interest in
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Every Thursday night from 27th April, 2023.
Beginners to Advanced.
No partner required.
\$10 P.P.
Contact John 0418 586 324.

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE
12.30PM
MONDAYS

SITUATIONS VACANT

KORUMBURRA SECONDARY COLLEGE



Receptionist (Casual)

Responsibilities:
• Answering phone calls and directing them to the appropriate Department.
• Greeting visitors and directing them to their destination.
• Assisting with administrative tasks as needed.

Requirements:
• Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
• Excellent customer service skills.
• Proficient with basic computer skills.
• Ability to multitask and prioritise responsibilities.
• Previous receptionist or administrative experience preferred but training will be provided for software programs.
• Flexible work hours available to suit.
• Current Working with Children Check (WWCC).

If you're friendly, organised, and enjoy working with people, please email your resume and cover letter to korumburra.sc@education.vic.gov.au "Attention Kim Cross".

We look forward to hearing from you!
Inquiries please call Kim Cross (03) 56 551566

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Phone 03 5655 1566
Email: korumburra.sc@education.vic.gov.au

MEETINGS

KILCUNDA-BASS CRICKET CLUB
AGM
Friday, May 5 at 6.30pm
George Bass Hotel 5 Hade Ave, Bass.

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Much hardship and difficulty is caused to jobseekers by misleading advertisements placed in the employment columns.

Our Positions Vacant / Situations Vacant columns are reserved for advertisements which carry a specific and genuine offer of employment.

Ads for 'Business Opportunities', 'Commission Only/Sales,' training courses and employment services should be submitted under those headings.

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TO ADVERTISE

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Office Hours:
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Receptionist/ Administration

We are seeking a receptionist/administrator to work 4-5 days per week.

You will require excellent communication skills, be self-motivated and well organised and have the ability to work as part of a team as well as independently.

Experience in an administration or reception role is preferred.

Please send your CV to admin@tpgg.com.au or mail to
The Perrett Group Gippsland
PO Box 336, Leongatha, VIC, 3953

Applications close:
Monday, May 15 2023



Bass Coast Health Current vacancies

Physiotherapist

Permanent Full Time, Permanent Part Time
– Closes 28/05/2023

Endorsed Enrolled Nurse Graduate

Fixed Term Part Time
– Closes 04/05/2023

Instrument Technician Team Leader

Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 04/05/2023

Referral Clerk

Permanent Part Time – Closes 14/05/2023

Support Services Assistant - Environmental

Casual – Closes 26/05/2023

Social Worker Team Leader

Permanent Full Time – Closes 14/05/2023

Registered Nurse

Permanent Full Time, Permanent Part-Time
– Closes 28/05/2023

Instrument Technician

Permanent Part Time- Closes 07/05/2023

To find out more about working at Bass Coast Health and to apply, visit the Careers page on our website or contact our HR team on hr@basscoasthealth.org.au or 5671 3151



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w www.basscoasthealth.org.au

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ABN essential.

Contact Kerri 0429 214 229 or info@mrad.com.au and leave your name, contact number and area/s of interest.



Motor Mechanic

Edney's of Leongatha is seeking a qualified motor mechanic to join its expanding Nissan/Hyundai dealership. The successful applicant will be given the latest dealership training throughout their employment while working in a friendly & modern environment. 2nd, 3rd or 4th year apprentice will be considered.

Forward applications to:
Edney's Leongatha
Attention: Nick McRae
PO Box 72, Leongatha, 3953
service@edney.com.au

LB0931



Multiple Positions Vacant

South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking to fill positions within our Network Maintenance Team and Mechanical Maintenance Team.

We are a diverse, community-oriented organisation and offer the following:

- Strong commitment to an inclusive workplace culture
- Strong focus on professional development and training
- Family friendly with flexible work options.
- Paid monthly Rostered Day Off (RDO) to eligible employees

Network Maintenance Technician – Western Region

- Permanent Full Time
- Starting Location: Wonthaggi Depot
- Flexible Working Arrangements Available
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Operations Level 1 - 2

Maintenance Technician – Mechanical

- Permanent Full Time
- Starting Location: Korumburra, Victoria
- Flexible Work Arrangements Available
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Operations Level 3

At SGW diversity is celebrated and respected as important for our wellbeing and success. We strive for a workplace that is equitable and inclusive. We welcome diversity in applicants.

Please go to <https://www.sgwater.com.au/careers/> for more details about SGW, each of these roles and how to apply.

All SGW employees and workplace participants must have received, at minimum, their first and second doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with SGW COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements Policy. Evidence requirements will be collected or viewed and may be stored strictly in accordance with SGW's Privacy Policy.

Applications Close
Friday, May 5 at 5pm

LB0919

[1300 851 636](tel:1300851636) | www.sgwater.com.au



Bus Driver - Casual

Banfields Aged Care is currently seeking an experienced and personable bus driver to provide driving services for, and to ensure the safe and comfortable transport of, our Residents and Clients. This is a casual position to work, as required.

Desired Skills and Experience for this position are:

- Current 1b (LR) licence - mandatory.
- Proven experience and reliability in bus driving.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Experience in Occupational Health and Safety.
- The ability to solve problems independently.

What you will also need:

- A current influenza vaccination.
- Three COVID-19 vaccinations.
- A current Police Check.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

We are a non-smoking facility.

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for, please forward your resume to reception@banfields.com.au



Aged Care Lifestyle Assistant Casual Shifts - Morning & Afternoon

Banfields Aged Care is part of the family owned Australian Aged Care Group, which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged, with a mission to excel in providing quality care services and accommodation.

We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, a short stroll into town for the local beach and shops.

Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds, Banfields Aged Care is a 90 bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

We currently have a vacancy for a vibrant and energetic Lifestyle assistant to join our small diversional therapy team to assist in the planning, implementation and evaluation of our lifestyle support / activities programs.

The successful candidate will have:

- Knowledge of contemporary aged care specific Diversional Therapy activities
- Knowledge & understanding of dementia
- Knowledge & understanding of the Aged Care Accreditation Standards

Additionally, you will need:

- Current influenza vaccination
- COVID-19 vaccinations
- Current Police Check
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence

We are a non-smoking facility.

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please call the Acting Director of Care, Gene Cayetano on 5951 2500 or forward your resume to gcyetano@banfields.com.au

JA21475



PCA positions available

(Must have experience)

Banfields Aged Care is part of a family-owned Australian Aged Care Group Pty Ltd (AACG), which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged.

We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, Phillip Island a short stroll into town for the local beach and shops.

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As a PCA, your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care as directed by a Registered Nurse.

Casual and permanent part-time contracts are available for these positions.

Applicants must have a positive and professional work ethic with dedication and commitment to high quality care.

Essential criteria:

- Certificate III or IV in Aged Care.
- Current National Police Check.
- Demonstrated knowledge/ability in providing safe quality personal care to consumers and ensuring the rights of consumers are respected.
- Compassionate and empathetic person.
- Excellent communication skills - both written and verbal.
- Efficient time management skills.
- Must have flexible availability and be reliable.
- Ability to travel to Cowes on Phillip Island.
- Current evidence of influenza vaccination.
- Both COVID-19 Vaccinations.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

What you can expect from us:

- A friendly, social & collaborative team
- A workplace that supports and values their staff
- Support from management and ongoing development and education opportunities

Desirable:

- Previous experience in Residential Aged Care.

We are a non-smoking facility.

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please call the Acting Director of Care, on (03) 5951 2500 or forward your resume to reception@banfields.com.au



Truck Drivers

Burndett's Sand Soil & Stone Road Transport (Manufacturing, Transport & Logistics)

Casual leading to full time

About Us:

The Burdett Group is an Australian family owned business and leader in a wide range of sand, soil, concrete and stone. We have been operating for over 40 years in Victoria.

We operate a number of quarries and wholesale yards in the South Eastern suburbs, Leongatha and Lang Lang and are seeking experienced Truck Drivers & Tipper Trucks HC – MC for local and interstate vacancies.

What's in it for me:

- Competitive casual rate, Saturday overtime available
- Above award overtime rate paid
- Afternoon shift positions available
- Access to Employee Assistance Program
- Burdett's operate a modern well maintained fleet
- Generous hours and good variety of work home and away
- Safety PPE uniform clothing provided

What we are looking for:

Energetic drivers to join our team. Burdett's have vacancies for Truck and Trailer and Interstate

- Experience in a similar role desirable
- Commitment to Burdett's safety and company expectations
- Walking floor and truck and dog experience preferred but not essential
- Good personal presentation

Your duties will include but not limited to:

- Deliver sand, soil, mulch, compost and many other landscaping commercial products
- Work for a secure employer who is experiencing growth

Located in your local area.

Please send your resume or contact Transport Manager on 0417 041 435 for a chat

LB0928



Lecturer in Clinical Skills Education

Monash Rural Health Churchill

Job No.: 645291

Employment Type:

Part-time, fraction (0.2 - 0.6)

Duration: Continuing appointment(s)

Remuneration:

Pro-rata of \$107,311 - \$127,432 pa Level B (plus 17% employer superannuation)

- Design, implement and innovate clinical and procedural skills
- Drive your own learning at one of the world's top 80 universities
- Be surrounded by extraordinary ideas - and the people who discover them

The Opportunity

Monash Rural Health Churchill is seeking to appoint Lecturers in Clinical Skills and Medical Education to work as part of a team developing and maintaining the Graduate entry MD Year A clinical skills teaching program.

Successful candidates will contribute to program administration, the preparation of teaching materials and their delivery, and assessment, as well as the use of simulation in clinical skills education. The role in assessment involves the writing of questions for written examinations and the preparation of practical examinations held during the year.

We are looking for individuals with medical qualifications (i.e. MBBS or MD) recognised in Australia and have significant clinical experience and hold current medical registration with Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Applicants must have a Fellowship or are working towards one, from a recognised Australian College (i.e. RACGP, FACP, etc).

These roles are part-time; however, flexible working arrangements may be negotiated. We are seeking candidates for multiple part-time positions available (up to a 0.6 fraction).

Enquiries

Dr Sean Atkinson, +61 3 9902 7106

Closing Date

Thursday 18 May 2023, 11:55pm AEST

For further information, Position Description and to apply, please visit:
www.monash.edu/jobs
 Search Job No: 645291

Visit our website:
www.sgst.com.au



There is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to become a part of Banfields Aged Care

Banfields Aged Care is part of the Australian Aged Care Group which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged, with a mission to excel in providing quality care services and accommodation. We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes and the 90-bed facility is set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds.

Banfields Aged Care is inviting volunteers to become a part of the 'Lifestyle Teams Innovated Program' which is planned to enhance the residents' lifestyle.

Some of the ways you may wish to assist and support the program are by being involved in the: bus outings that occur one to two times a week (this varies week to week so flexibility is required); supporting residents with garden walks; wheelchair walks; bingo; hoy; happy hour; men's group activities; craft; art therapy; quizzes; BBQs; group discussion; etc.

This is a great opportunity to become involved with your local community and for further information please do not hesitate to contact reception on (03) 5951 2500.

It is a requirement that all volunteers have a current adult aged/disabled care police check, evidence of current influenza vaccination and 3 COVID-19 vaccinations.

Male volunteers are encouraged to apply!

JA21089

Registered Nursing (RN) Staff and Endorsed Enrolled Nursing (EEN) staff required

Positions for permanent part time and casual shifts at Banfields Aged Care

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Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds. Banfields Aged care is a 90 bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

We are seeking motivated and dedicated Registered Nurses and Endorsed Enrolled Nurses to be part of our team.

Your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care guided by the Director of Care including medication management, clinical practice and supervision, documentation, wound management, and palliative care;

The successful candidate will have:

- Registered Nurse qualifications and current AHPRA registration (RN only)
- Current registration with AHPRA as an Enrolled Nurse with medication endorsement (EEN only)
- Previous experience in residential aged care essential
- Ability to lead, motivate & educate staff.
- Strong communication skills.
- Current Police Check.
- Team player qualities.
- Current influenza vaccination.
- Three COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

We are a non-smoking facility.

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please call reception on (03) 5951 2500 or forward your resume to reception@banfields.com.au

Is your employment opportunity listed online?

Email your job adverts to:
ads@sgst.com.au

DEADLINE: Fridays 4.30pm

Administrative Assistant

BRB Law is seeking an administrative assistant.

Roles include:

- Reception
- Diary Management
- Opening, closing and managing files
- Preparation of documents/letters
- Liasons with clients
- Filing
- Archiving
- Deeds management
- Assistance to lawyers
- General clerical duties

Skills in Outlook, Word and Excel are important. Prior experience in the legal industry would be desirable but is not a requirement.

Please submit applications to Ashlee Smith: asmith@brblaw.com.au

Applications close 5pm, Friday, May 12, 2023

LB0922

Connect with us

@sentineltimes



CARING FOR SAM'S CHILDREN

Please support the fundraiser for Sam Fraser's children, to help cover the cost of their care and education. To donate, go to gofund.me/b6e777cb, or search gofundme.com for "Caring for Sams Children".

SOUTH GIPPSLAND THERAPY CENTRE IS CLOSING

Marsha and all staff at SGTC would like to thank all of the loyal clients who have supported them during the past 25 years at both Roughead street and Peart street clinics

All health records and information will be transferred to the Leongatha Health Hub, 57 McCartin street, Leongatha, where services will continue under new management from May 1, 2023.

Appointments continue to be available for our Myotherapists, Osteopaths, Physiotherapist, Pilates and Psychotherapist at Leongatha Health Hub – ph 5662 2782.

We look forward to continuing to care for you.



Committee Members - executive and general

San Remo Preschool is one of the last remaining not-for-profit, independently run kindergartens in Gippsland.

We are managed by a volunteer Committee of Management. We have partnered with Bass Coast Health to share the premises with the Maternal and Child Health Nurse team. And have recently reached our 50th year of welcoming families from San Remo, Phillip Island, and the surrounding area to our kinder.

Our Kindergarten Educators are highly qualified, experienced and they are committed to ensuring that all children and families feel welcomed, safe, secure, and supported.

Our Kinder programs are developed and guided by the National Quality Framework and the Victorian Early Years Learning Development Framework and Early Years Learning Framework and is underpinned by our services Philosophy of learning.

The aim is to create and sustain a culture which fosters and delivers high quality teaching, programming and practice that advance children's learning and development in a secure, safe, supportive environment where each child feels they belong.

Our long term and medium-term environments are planned so that all children can engage at their own pace with high quality interactions between children with peers and educators.

OUR PHILOSOPHY:

We are committed to providing the highest quality opportunities that enable children to learn and develop in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment. We pride ourselves on the warm, welcoming and caring environment we have established in over 50 years of serving San Remo and our surrounding communities.

We believe that children should feel connected to the land and feel the sun on their face, the grass and sand beneath their feet and breathe the fresh air every day. We view children as active participants who develop confidence in their own learning. We see learning from the child's perspective and believe that children learn and make sense of their world through play. We are committed to the rights of all children to feel safe and be safe in a supported environment.

San Remo Pre School is currently recruiting Committee of Management members who will support us to pursue our strategic goals.

We are seeking candidates with relevant experience in business management, HR, strategic planning, fundraising and finance.

We are also interested to hear from anyone who has other skills or experience that may be relevant to the work of San Remo Pre School

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR ROLES INCLUDES:

- Extensive understanding of governance, risk management and compliance; and/or
- Experience working or demonstrated high level understanding of the kindergarten or education sector and relevant legislation/statutory requirements; and/or
- Financial management and accounting experience; and
- Demonstrated ability to think strategically; and
- Human Resource management; and
- Willingness to commit time to the Committee of Management and the organisation.

Please note that you do not need to have a child or family member currently enrolled at the Pre School to be on the Committee of Management. We are looking for suitably qualified and experienced members of the community to join our committee to ensure the success of San Remo Pre School for many years to come.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO APPLY:

Contact Nikole on 5678 5347, 0419 699 965 or email: san.remo.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

LB0926

Another sell-out for country music

IT was another year of hosting a sell-out crowd for the Gippsland Country Music Festival recently and this year the onsite camping delivered an extra element of entertainment for the annual show.

The gates opened at 10am for all patrons and live music began on the main stage from noon – featuring local country showcase No Promises and Harry Hook is Real, followed by Gareth Leach, Jade Gibson, and Josh Setterfield before the official welcome to country.

Entertainment filled the grounds of Lardner Park with a woodchopping competition, kids jumping castle, axe throwing, and bucking bull interesting those of all ages – whilst enjoying the vast selection of cuisines from the local food trucks.

As the country lights came on and the crowd were surrounding the boundary of the stage Troy Cassar-Daley was given a warm welcome pleasing the audience with a crowd favourite River Boy.

"What a show, the crowd's response was unreal. It was a pleasure playing in Gippsland," said Troy.

Headline act Lee Kernaghan then took it away, leading the festival to an end, performing much-loved tracks Boys from the Bush, The Outback Club and High Country, with the whole crowd singing-along.

The annual Gippsland Country Music Festival celebrated country with good times and good company, leaving the crowd sitting in anticipation for next year.



The 2023 Gippsland Country Music Festival at Lardner Park was a sell-out. Z07_1723



Country artist Lee Kernaghan headlined the 2023 Gippsland Country Music Festival. Z05_1723



Country lights filled Lardner Park when renowned artist Troy Cassar-Daley took to the stage for the Gippsland Country Music Festival. Z06_1723

New committee for Phillip Island Probus

THE new committee took over in April and the members are Maureen Mortlock, Marion Wood, Jean Leeson, Margaret Dalman, Ruth Hunt, Chris Cannin (President), Kaye Cannin and Frank Robinson. (Absent Ash Rizvi).

The club is in its 37th year this May.



PUBLIC NOTICES

PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE A TELSTRA MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION AT RUTTER PARK MEMORIAL RESERVE, 2920 SOUTH GIPPSLAND HIGHWAY, TOORADIN VIC 3980, SITE ID: TOORADIN, WWW.RFNSA.COM.AU/3980001

1. The proposed facility comprises the swap out of three (3) redundant panel antennas (2533mm L) with two (2) new panel antennas (2688mm L); ancillary equipment to be upgraded including remote radio units, tower mounted amplifiers, mounts, cabling and feeders; and internal works within the equipment shelter, to improve Telstra's mobile phone network (including 5G).
2. Telstra regards the proposed installation as a 'Low impact' Facility under the *Telecommunications (Low Impact Facilities) Determination 2018*, based on the description above. The proposed infrastructure will comply with the ACMA EME regulatory arrangements.
3. In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or comments should be directed to: Planning Consultant on behalf of Telstra (Telstra Ltd A.C.N. 086 174 781), via email to planning.vic@servicestream.com.au, phone: 03 99376555, via post to Planning Consultant, Servicestream, PO Box 14570, Melbourne, VIC 8001 by 5pm 18th May 2023.

Service Stream Ltd A.B.N. 46072369870 Telstra Ltd A.C.N. 086 174 781

LOCAL HORSE TRAINER TURNS '90'



Lois Bolding, you are one of the 'Beautiful People'

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Love always from La Famiglia



Kathy Westaway performs the famous Vera Lynn number 'The White Cliffs of Dover'. A12_1723

Tribute to the Anzacs at Leongatha RSL

THE Anzac Day spirit arrived early at Leongatha RSL on Friday with local group the Treble F Singers performing enthusiastic renditions of songs from both World Wars and the Vietnam War.

They blended war numbers with other songs popular during each of those campaigns.

The audience was transported to the WWI era with a performance of 'The Brown Slouch Hat'.

"That brown slouch hat is why we are here," Treble F's musical director Meredith Birnie said.

She played keyboard, also keeping the audience informed with her announcements and explanations between numbers.

Meredith provided the context of the songs within their respective eras, conveying the importance of Anzac Day, while also including a liberal dose of humour.

Attendees had the opportunity to sing along with some of the numbers, especially the likes of 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary', and 'Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag'.

There were stirring solos, such as John Watson singing 'The Holy City', with Meredith noting the importance with which Christianity was viewed during WWI.

WWII arrived with a number popular in that period, 'It Don't Mean a Thing if It Ain't Got that Swing'.

Soloists then performed songs made famous by Vera Lynn, who brought hope to soldiers during desperate times.

The bracket of Lynn songs ended with a group performance of 'We'll Meet Again', the most renowned of her WWII numbers.

'Leaving on a Jet Plane' set the scene of anxiety experienced by the young men sent to fight in Vietnam.

The show finished with a couple of The Seekers' songs, 'World of Our Own' and 'The Carnival is Over'.

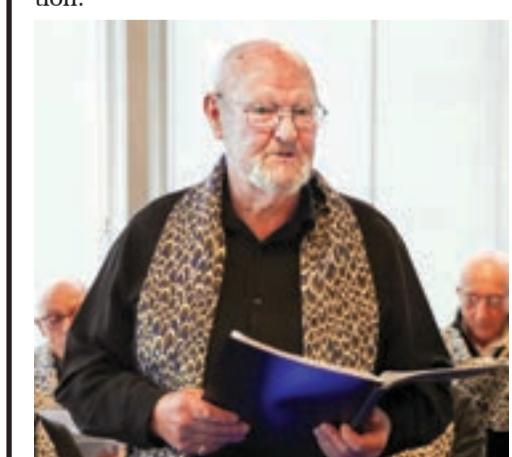
While The Treble F Singers began just last year, initially with six members, the group has expanded rapidly.

"Our motto is friendship, fun and fellowship," Meredith said.

She stressed members see themselves as a singing group rather than a choir and "anything goes", with nobody getting titchy if a mistake is made.

Anyone interested in joining the Treble F Singers is encouraged to send an email to treblefs3953@gmail.com or call Meredith on 0477 036 277.

One can only hope the group's "Salute to the Anzacs" is the start of an annual tradition.



John Watson sings 'The Holy City'. A11_1723



Four generations of women with a love for tennis, Jessie Garner, Mary Jepson, Susan Clark and Nicole de Longville.



Mary Jepson has been the score secretary for nearly 30 years for the tennis association and tallies results for the top-secret annual 'Most Games Won' award. ob57_1723

'Four' the love of tennis

by Courtney O'Brien

WHEN she wasn't milking cows on the family farm, Mary Jepson could be found on the tennis court.

It was the fifties and home games were played on Saturdays, on the single sand court at Hallston Tennis Club, with boundary lines made of lime.

Players competed in games of six sets rather than the eight, wooden racquets and white tennis balls were tools of the trade and teaspoons were awarded to winning players, rather than trophies.

Home clubs provided afternoon tea, a good time to catch up, and stir up the competition.

Hallston was one of five or six clubs in the Allambee and District Tennis Association (ADTA) and was formed in 1947. South and East Gippsland had four tennis associations and more than 65 teams in the competition.

Mary who learnt to play under the tutelage of Albert Kelly and began competing in the senior's tennis competition when she was twelve years old, remembers people having to prove their place of residence to be able to play in a local club.

"Once upon a time you weren't allowed to be outside the district to play...your residential address had to be Hallston," Mary said.

In 1961, Mary married Max Jepson and together they became formidable pair of doubles players who were hard to beat and won many premierships at Hallston over the years.

Mary passed her love of tennis onto her children and was happy taking them and herself off to weekend matches.

"They (the children) played juniors and I used to milk and then I'd whiz them down to tennis and then if I was playing that afternoon and playing away, I'd be organised to keep on going instead of coming home again."

Susan Clark, one of Mary's

daughters has continued on playing, now for over 40 years, and has passed the same love of tennis on to her own daughter, Nicole de Longville, who has also been playing enthusiastically for 14 years.

Nicole, like her mum and her grandmother before her began playing seniors tennis when she was 12 years old and like them has also been the winner of the coveted annual 'Most Games Won' Award.

During the year Mary collects scores and does the club ladders to send to the paper each week.

She also tallies the game scores from each player to calculate the most games won over the season.

The final results are closely guarded, and last year, one of the clubs wanted Mary to tell them who the winner was, to label the trophies.

"I said, no, you tell me where you're having the trophies done, I take this to there and they put them in the boxes. Mary's eyes only!"

Susan said, "It's like the Brownlow – nobody knows".

Mary and Susan laugh loudly as they discuss the family's competitiveness, and apparently the two didn't lose many games when they teamed up together for a doubles match.

"We had a tournament (when we were having tournaments) and we, Mum and I, played together, and this pair came up from the grade below (we were grades then, not sections) and they thought they were going to have a fair go at us. They didn't win many points! I said to Mum, I don't think we'll let them have many will we? And they didn't!"

They both discuss the key to winning a doubles match.

"I think it's just that you combine well. It doesn't matter how

good a player you are, if you don't combine well together, you don't play well." Susan said and Mary agrees. "You've got to meld well as a team".

Mary's love of tennis wasn't just passed down to her children and grandchildren, but also up to her own mum, Jessie Garner, who also found herself irresistibly drawn to the game.

Jessie began playing with Hallston when they were short of a player and became a great supporter of the club.

She would organise and hold an annual Cup Day Garden Party in her own backyard to raise funds for the club.

Admission was \$2 and this included a 'delicious' afternoon tea, cup sweeps, and well stocked stalls selling cakes, jams plants and novelties, and everyone was welcome.

Jessie spent over twenty years advocating to have the road to the tennis club sealed and her wish was granted in 1986 when parts of the road were finally sealed.

Unfortunately, Jessie had passed away the year prior to this, aged 75 and a tree was planted by Mary and the family in memoriam at the site.

Jessie did also get another of her wishes granted, which was to die doing what she loved, either gardening or playing tennis.

"It was a bit of a shock to everybody, they were all playing there, and they were wondering why the ball wasn't coming and she died on the tennis court, at Leongatha," Mary said.

Mary has the same unending enthusiasm for the sport and she continued playing over the years with Hallston, despite dwindling numbers and a merger with the Mirboo and District Association in 1981, to become the Allambee and Mirboo District Tennis Association.

Many of the courts in the smaller towns were, and are

no longer played on, with Leongatha North being the last remaining club from the once thriving Allambee and Mirboo District Tennis Association.

"It's a shame in a way, I hate seeing the tennis courts not used," Mary said.

By 1986, Mary and Max gave up dairy farming to go into beef and in 1989, leased out some of the farm out and moved into Leongatha. Mary continued with tennis, albeit now with Leongatha.

It has now been over 70 years since Mary began her love affair with tennis and nearly 30 years of being the score secretary and she still enjoys having a cuppa and a chat at the games.

It's the social aspect of the tennis that has also kept Mary hooked and one of her closest friendships formed through tennis that endured for more than 70 years was with Topsy (Eileen Winkler) who recently, sadly passed away. They started off playing against each other in Saturday matches Topsy and reportedly never had a blue!

They also proudly shared a link through their great grandchildren, with both having great grandsons who played together in the same footy team last year.

"After all these years of being friends with each other!" Mary exclaims. "It was just the best."

Mary is the only life member of the Allambee Mirboo and District Tennis Association and she keeps all of her winning plaques in a small book with a few handwritten notes, a couple of which read,

"Comradeship is everlasting. Travelling together to the different venues, lunches and the recipes we exchanged."

"A lot of years of tennis, great fun, lots of wins and quite a few losses. Some of the happiest years."

"I'm lucky. I've had a pretty good life, with lots of tennis."

Gippy League introduces all star coaches

THE excitement builds up towards the inaugural Virtue Homes All Stars event and the Alinta Energy Gippsland League has finalised the coaches for the competing teams.

The lineup of coaches is testament to the buy in for the event with senior football coaches, A Grade netball coaches and representative coaches all putting their hand up to be part of the day.

The showcase senior football match for the best under 25 aged talent in the League, will be headed by two current senior coaches and 2022 team of the year members Jed Lamb and Boyd Bailey.

Lamb will take the reins of Team Red which will feature players from Warragul, Drouin, Leongatha, Wonthaggi and Moe.

While current Morwell senior coach Bailey will lead Team Navy which will feature players from Morwell, Traralgon, Maffra, Sale and Bairnsdale.

The junior match will be a major draw card of the day as it will feature the best players outside Gippsland Power under 18s listed players that are playing in either the 16s or 18s Gippsland League junior competitions.

The netball games will also feature a number of well-credentialled coaches from around the Gippsland League.

The Open match will feature 16 of the most talented senior aged players from across the League and these teams will be formed by an All Star draft, where the two coaches will select players for their teams from the entire League.

The junior netball games will feature the League's Association Championship squads and also a number of talented players in each age group from each region.

The stars from these three games will go on to represent the League at future tournaments and the 2023 Association Championships. The 2023 Virtue Homes All Stars is on May 20, 2023, at Traralgon Recreation Reserve with games starting at 11am.

Adult entry will be \$5 and under 18s will be free.

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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
May 2

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WEDNESDAY
May 3

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THURSDAY
May 4

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FRIDAY
May 5

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SATURDAY
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SUNDAY
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MONDAY
May 8

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Leongatha lady's Helen Mackenzie, Anne Gibson (Sponsor) and Kay Dumbleton. Veronica Park.



Meeniyan lady winners Barb Hayden, Deb Orr, Megan Elbaz and sponsor Veronica Park.

FOSTER

Ladies

IT WAS great to see a large field turn out for the Lorna Wilson Foursomes Championship, which it sponsored each year by the Wilson family, and we thank them for their continued support of Foster Golf Club.

The winners were Barb Britten and Beth Curram with 97.

The handicap event went to G Sinclair and Anne Heywood 75 C/B.

NTP Robyn Galloway 6th and Di Walker 17th.

Putting Trudy Prue and Di Walker 29.

BDTL Trudy Prue and Di Walker 75 and Josie Parisi and Susan Anderson 76.5.

Pennant has finished for Foster with section 2 finishing with a win 2/3 and

Section 3 squared. Well done to everyone as it was a difficult year with a shortage of players.

Ladies pennant wind up lunch will be at 11.30 at CoCo de Mer on Station Road Thursday, May 4.

Come along even if you didn't play pennant.

Please let Beth or Alayne know if you are attending.

Next week Wednesday 10th Stableford and Barb Britten Trophy.

KORUMBURRA

WEEKLY Men's Winners.

TUESDAY, April 25

Stableford 36 Players

A Grade: Roland Rees (8) 36 Pts

B Grade: Athol Worthy (23) 36

C/B Points

NTPs: 1st Roland Rees, 7th Iain Riddell, 10th Steve McNamara, and 13th Athol Worthy.

Thursday, April 27 Stableford: 14 Players. Winner: Peter Van Agtmael (16) 37 Pts

NTPs: 1st Brian Clasby and 13th Colin Rielly

Saturday, April 29 Stableford: 36 Players

A Grade: Ray Ludenia (13) 36

Pts. B Grade: Bob Newton (20)

34 Pts

NTPs: Roland Rees, 7th Shayne Harland, 10th Roland Rees, and 13th Ian Cash.

Ladies

THE Gloria Burgess trophy was finalized on Wednesday, with the winners determined by the best two scores of three stableford games. The club appreciates the support of the Burgess family who sponsor this event.

Final scores were extremely close in all grades and we congratulate the Gloria Burgess winners; A Grade, Johanna van den Heiligenberg, B Grade, Trudy Olden and C Grade, Lorraine Knox.

The daily results were as follows: A Grade, Johanna van den Heiligenberg, 38 pts and runner-up, Merrissa Cosson, 30

pts. B Grade, Chris Rickard, 34 pts and runner-up, Julie Branaghan, 32 pts. C Grade Lorraine Knox, 28 pts and runner-up, Kath Welsh, 27 pts. BDTL went to Dianne Maskell, 31pts, Barb Twite, 30 pts, Lyn McIvor, 29 pts and Trudi Mantell, 28 pts. Barb Walker won the nine-hole comp with 16 pts.

Korumburra finished the pennant season with some close matches, and all enjoyed the sportsmanship throughout the past months. Our Section 2 team was one of four clubs to just miss the final, with some nail-biting matches. Thanks to all who have been part of the teams and to everyone who helped out to enable our home games to run smoothly. The club wishes all the best to the clubs in the finals.

We had five girls enjoy the Meeniyan Blue Day on Friday, with Jenny Blackmore winning a BDTL in her team and Heather Grist had a NTP.

Heather Grist had a win on Saturday to finish with 38 pts and was NTP on the 1st. Kerri Besley was runner-up, 31 pts and Marg Harper won a BDTL, 25 pts on a c/b.

LANG LANG

ANZAC Day Stableford Comp - 104 players

Division 1 winner was Heath Barclay with 37 points, Runner up Bradley Vigilante with 36 pts

Division 2 winner was Derek Page with 44 points, Runner up Ryan Felmingham with 41 points

Division 3 winner was Blake Terlaak with 36 points by count-back to Kimberly Pellatt

Ball rundown to 34 points

NTPs: 5th Frankie Chiu, 9th John Scales, 12th John Lynch, 15th Jayden Sullivan

Wednesday Ladies Stableford Comp - 1st Round Silver Spoon

Winners were Maureen Nankervis with 39 points, Runner up Heather Payne with 38 points

Ball Rundown to 34 points

Nearest the pin: 9th - Paula Sweeney, 12th - Kirra Moon Curry

Thursday Stableford Comp

Division 1 - Winner was Dave Austin with 42 points, runner up with 38 points was John Johnson

Division 2 - Winner was Gary Beresford with 39 points, runner up Noel Boyd with 37 points

Ball rundown to 33 points

Nearest the pins: 5th Andrew Stirling, 9th John Johnson, 12th Peter Gulliver, 15th Peter Abraham

Saturday George Naismith 4BBB Qualifying Comp

Winners: Matthew Skinner and Richard Briggs with 46 points by countback. R/Up: Shayne Bydder and Daryl Barker. 3rd Place:

James Watts and Nick Dryden with 44 points

Ball rundown to 43 points

A big congratulations to our Division 1 and 3 South Gippsland Pennant Winners. Division 1 team defeated Leongatha 6-1 to make it a third consecutive flag and Division 3 defeated Woorayl 4-3 to take out the final. Well done to both teams on a fantastic pennant season and thank you to all members who played pennant this season. We look forward to another successful season in 2024.

Upcoming competitions include the Monthly Medals on Wednesday, May 3, (ladies) and Saturday May 6, as well as the usual weekly competitions.

LEONGATHA

NO TUESDAY event out of respect for Anzac Day.

Thursday JP Malone Diggers Day April 27.

On Thursday 87 members/guests hitting off on a shotgun start at 9am, played and enjoyed a 4 Person Ambrose event.

Winners: Paul Richardson, Peter Read, Peter Clingin & Craig "The Coach" Hutchinson with a score of 52.5 nett. An outstanding result for the team with an 11 under stroke score.

Runners Up: Peter Hartigan, Peter Stivic, Chris Leaver & John McInnes with a score of 54.875 nett

NTP: 14th Craig Hutchinson at 2.56m. 16th Peter Hartigan at 3.05m

Saturday Stableford Event April 29 we had a fine field of 86 golfers take to the course for this week's challenging Stableford event in cooler and wetter conditions nevertheless resulted in some quality scoring.

A Grade Winner: Paul Deery with a score of 40 pts. R/Up: Rod MacKenzie with a score of 38 pts

B Grade Winner: Bob McGahey with a score of 40 pts. R/Up: John Federson with a score of 35 pts on a countback

C Grade Winner: Ross Walker with a score of 34 pts on a count-back. C Grade R/Up: Dot Stubbs with a score of 34 pts on a countback

D Grade Winner: Kent Hams with a score of 33 pts on a count-back. D Grade R/Up: Ken Mackenzie with a score of 33 pts on a countback

NTP: 14th Mark Anderson at 1.78m. 16th Peter Smith at .90m

Good news for LGC with the arrival and warm welcome to two new staff members: Jodie who joins the hospitality support team and Sean who joins the Golf Operations team.

Ladies

THE rescheduled Bruce and Anne Gibson American Four-

somes board event was played in conditions far better than a fortnight ago.

Helen Mackenzie partnered Kay Dumbleton to win the day with 33 points. Marea Maher and Marianne Leaver were runners up, just two shots behind.

The following partnerships won a ball down the line: Wendy Parker and Ev Indian 30 points, Trish Owen and Bev Reinhard 28 points, Anne Gibson and Shirley Welsford 28 points, Mel Willder and Max Eabry and Libby by Christison and Fay Quilford 26 points, Pat Pease and Joy O'Sullivan 25 and Anne Bowd and Robin Smith 24 points.

Our event sponsor, Anne Gibson was the only player close to the flag on the 16th hole.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

ON FRIDAY 28, the Meeniyan Ladies hosted their Annual Tournament - Blue Day (Hug a Friend Day) kindly sponsored by Veronica Park.

Twenty-one teams of three played Bendsomes with a blue ball twist.

The blue ball was to be played by each player 6 times and whose turn it could double their point score for that hole. So if the ball became lost then the teams did not score as well.

Thirteen out of the 21 balls were returned at the end of the day. There were teams from Foster, Leongatha, Wonthaggi, Phillip Island, Northern, Korumburra and Meeniyan. The winners were Phillip Island 3 consisting of Deb Orr (15) Barb Hayden (30) Megan Elbaz (27) with a lovely score of 135 pts and a returned blue ball.

R/U were Meeniyan 1 - Wendy Parker (16). Sue Brown (37) Veronica Park (18) with 133pts and also a returned blue ball. NTPs 2nd Megan Elbaz (Phillip Island) 8th Rhonda Boyd (Phillip Island) 11th Andrea Thorson (Meeniyan) 14th Heather Grist (Korumburra) DLB Meeniyan 5 - Jenny Cope, Anne Grist, Jenny Blackmore 129 pts.

Meeniyan 4 - Faye LePage, Jo Fennell, Jenny Riseley 126 Pts & Meeniyan 2 - Jo Graeme, Heather Poletti and Wendy Gervasi 125 pts. The busiest team was Meeniyan - Heather McCaughan, Glenys McRoberts and Heather Atkins with 62pts and no returned blue ball. The raffle raised \$432.00 and the yearly auctioned sun hat made & donated by Heather McCaughan was bought by Sue Hoskin and raised \$220.00. All proceeds of the raffle and auction will go to Beyond Blue. A big thanks to the men and ladies in the kitchen, Irene for

her great organisation of the day and all the ladies that supplied the beautiful salads, sponges & slices. It was a great day had by all.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY April 27, Stableford.

A Grade: S Mills, (10) 37pts c/b

B Grade: M Richter (21) 35pts c/b

DTL: D Woodall 37, N Whichello 35, M Payne 33 c/b.

NTP: 6th M Payne, 16th, R Matthews.

Birdies: 4th M Payne, 6th S Mills, N Whichello, M Payne.

Saturday, April 29, 4BBB

Day winner: T Whitelaw & N Bracecamp 46pts

Runner up: D Evans & A Liebe, 43pts

DTL: M Payne & D Taylor, 41.

P Draper and R Robbins 41.

NTP: 4th R Robbins, 6th T Whitelaw, 13th A Liebe, 16th G Renwick.

Birdies: 4th P Draper, 6th T Whitelaw, A Liebe, 16th D Evans, G Renwick, J Robbins.

PHILLIP ISLAND

TUESDAY, April 25, Mens 18-hole Mixed Stableford.

Michelle and Mark Davey won with 48 points.

BDL to 10 points c/b

John Mahony and John O'Brien won the mens competition with 45 points.

BDL to 38 points c/b

NTP Mens 5th Phil Ellard 7th Greg Holland 10th Rob Davison 17th Ryane Avery

Ladies 5th Lesley Meadowcroft 7th Jo Disher 10th Vicki Ramage 17th Debra Orr

BDL to Mens 9-hole Stableford

Basil Moloney (15) was the winner with 19 points from David Gladman (17) 18 points.

BDL to 15 points c/b

Wednesday, April 26, Ladies Stableford

A Grade Winner was Judy Magill (21) with 38 points.

B Grade Winner was Zoe Frost (25) with 38 points

C Grade Winner was Michelle Pardoe (37) with 41 points

NTP 5th Cheryl White 7th Cathy Jones 10th Megan Elbaz 17th Megan Elbaz

BDL to 32 points c/b

9 Hole winner was Anne Balf with 20 points

Thursday, April 27, Open Par, the winner was Leigh Hayhurst (12) +5 from Mark Davey (33) +3

Barry Grazules had a hole in one on the 7th Hole.

BDL to square

NTP: 5TH Colin Morris 7th Barry Grazules 10th Danny Hibbert 17th Christian Lloyd.

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Open 9-hole Stableford
Winner was John Rodakis (36) with 22 points. BDL to points c/b Saturday, April 22, Stableford Mens Results A Grade winner was Alex Andrews (12) with 38 points from Paul Cashman (12) 36 points B Grade Winner was Glenn Paterson (18) with 37 points c/b from Garry Birch (16) C Grade Winner was Dave Egan (24) with 39 points from Adam Wagner (27) with 38 points BDL to 33 points c/b NTP: 5th John McKechnie 7th Dan McConnon 10th Dan McConnon 17th Vince Collella Aaron Saric had an eagle on the 18th Hole.

Ladies Stableford Results

Ladies winner was Emma Hall (10) with a great score of 41 points from Vicki Ramage (25) with 346points

NTP 5th Megan Elbaz 7th Emma Hall 10th Vicki Ramage BDL to 31 points c/b 9 hole Open Stableford winner was Steve Rieger (25) with 18 points. BDL to 16 c/b

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results April 27. Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole, SR. 71 Winner: Roger Kilpatrick 35 Runner Up: Terry Fox 35 BDTL to 33 Men's Results April 27. Competition type: Stableford 9 hole 10 to 18, SR. 36 Winner: Paul Cornelis BDTL to 15.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the 4BBB Royal Women's Hospital State fundraiser.

There were 14 teams and with a lovely 45 points the winners were Lisa Brusamarello (29) and Karen Sheerin (45). Lisa's score dropped her handicap, well done.

R-up were Pam Hanley (30) and Jan Beaumont (20) 41 pts

NTP 2nd Marg Ryan, 8th Chris Hamilton, 17th Jan Beaumont

BDL Dawn Judkins & Patsy Britt 40, Merryn Dear and Yvonne Everitt 39, Irene Walsh & Donna Brosnan.

South Gippsland Mens Pennant Golf Finals



South Gippsland men's pennant finals played at Foster Golf Club saw Lang Lang six defeating Leongatha one. Featuring Richard Briggs, Mango McGuire, Gary Sosenko (Captain), Joe Jenkins, Brett Mottrum, Bart McDonald, and Clint Walker.



Division 3 men's pennant final was played at Foster Golf Club on Sunday, April 30 with Lang Lang winning a tight match against Woorayl 4/3. Team members pictured are Carlos Casero, Mark Ando (Captain), Ben Hayes, Brendan Hayes, Cal Gray, Ray Zammit, and Jason Hester.



Wonthaggi Saturday winners Stan Noad, Rob Aitken, Lyn Tagell and John Duscher.

INVERLOCH

OUR Annual Bowl Over Cancer Day has been scheduled for May 25.

This day supports the Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary. Last year was a great success thanks to the generosity of bowlers, friends and the community. Names need to be registered by 9.30 on the day with play starting at 11.00. One game will be played before lunch and another after. The winners on the day will have their names engraved on the Trophy specifically made for the day. Players can bring their own lunch or partake in soup and bread. Players are asked to bring a plate for afternoon tea. A trading table will be in place so please also bring something to place on it. We will also be having a raffle and an auction.

Our Thursday Social Bowls attracted 23 players. Winners for the day with 2 wins and 31 points was the team of Carol Hughes (skip) Steve Snelling, Chris Brooks and Harry Dunn.

LEONGATHA

Last Wednesday, amazing weather greeted us for the staging of the Monthly Triples event.

Our neighbours, South Gippsland Homes were the proud sponsors of the event which involved 26 teams.

John Newcombe's team were the winners on the day with a score of 4 wins plus 25 shots.

The Runner/up team skipped by Andy Robertson was close with a score of 4 wins plus 20 shots. John Newcombe who has a history of winning this event introduced some new blood into his team being Daryl White and John Crewdson who were worthy substitutes.

Social Bowls will continue to be played at the club up until May 27, when the winter break will be taken and recommence on August 19.

The Kitty Club is booked in for this Friday night so please come along to experience the consumption of fine food & chit chat.

The AGM was held on the 24/4/23 and Paul Michael was elected President of the club for another term.

MIDWEEK

WHAT a day. As our 26 players walked out to start our games, the heavens opened up and the rain started to come down.

Winners on a score of 39 were: Peter Gratten (S), Laurie Bell (3), Michael Waring (L)

Runners Up on 27 points were: John Nicholson (S), Gillian Harper (3), Gwen Jeffrey (2), Pe-



Wonthaggi indoor bowlers Jan Milkins, Pat Novak, Max Sweetnam and Jeannie Slocombe.

ter Thorley (L)

Best One Game on 20 points were:

Michael Dady (S), Rob Jeffreys (3), Tony Morris (L)

A big thank you to Rex for setting up and clearing up the green. Also to George for all his work behind the bar.

Many thanks to Gwen for supplying some of her home cooked cake to some of our lucky bowlers.

Thank you once again to Peter, Pauline and John for running the show. And a big hello to Ken, a newcomer to our Thursday family.

Next week we will be meeting at Lang Lang at 10:00AM for a 10:30AM start. Looking forward to seeing everyone from Lang Lang and hope we get a few locals to join in with us. See everyone there.

WONTHAGGI

This week saw pleasant weather for Anzac day which is always good for all the services.

Wednesday was a perfect day with the weather gods looking down on us. With the excellent weather we had 32 bowlers turn out to enjoy the autumn sunshine.

There were teams of three and four who enjoyed two games over ten ends. We had two teams winning two games, with the winners being Bill Davidson, Lyn Tagell and George Pargeter with a score of 2 wins and 34 points.

The runners up were Ray Hin, Frank Tagell, Chris Graham and Sid Gostling with a score of 2 wins and 32 points.

Thursday was called off after as it rained until lunch time and that was the last Thursday morning for this season.

There is always social bowls,

plus just a roll up with friends. After rain early Saturday morning, the day turned out to be perfect for bowls.

Thirty one bowlers graced the greens in teams of three and four over two games of ten ends.

There were two teams that were two game winners with the runners up being Allan Ireland, Joy Phillips, John Hill and John Paterno with a score of 2 wins and 32 points. The winning team was Stan Noad, Rob Aitken, Lyn Tagell and John Duscher with a score of 2 wins and 33 points.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 1.00 pm and Saturday social bowls at 1.00 pm. Don't forget the AGM on Tuesday, May 9, at 7.00 pm.

WONTHAGGI**INDOOR**

THIS week we saw amazing total of 51 players for the week 21 on Tuesday and 30 on Friday.

The winners on Tuesday with a plus 14 winning 2 games were Allan Ireland, Judy Sweetnam and Lisa Smith.

Runners up on plus 13 winning 1 game only were Linda Newman, Jeannie Slocombe and Max Sweetnam.

Friday we saw a really good win of plus 23 they were Jan Milkins, Pat Novak, Max Sweetnam and Jeannie Slocombe.

Runners up on plus 14 were Judy Sweetnam, Lino Cuman and Mario Toffolon all teams won both their games.

United Bowls held their singles championships on Wednesday night the winners were (men) Laurie Culph, runner up Allan Ireland.

Ladies winner Jeannie Slocombe, runner up Kietha Sloan.

Phillip Island Tenpin Results

2S COMPANY: 1st on 16pts King Pins, 2nd on 14pts Ally Cats and 3rd on 13pts Palms.

ABL: 1st on 108.5pts Knack-ers, 2nd on 92pts Storm and 3rd on 91.5pts PinPals.

Business Early: 1st on 3pts Happy Hour, 2nd on 3pts Old Timers and 3rd on 3pts The Redundants.

Business Late: 1st on 3pts Holy Splits, 2nd on 3pts Sassy Gronks and 3rd on 3pts Gunners.

Phantom: 1st on pts Tow-ball, 2nd on pts Lucky 13 and 3rd on 8pts Dish.

Top Scores:

Men: Justin Porthouse 216, Scott Lynch 200, Steve Clarke 191

Women: Strike it lucky 157, Tricia Niessink 156, Chloe Else 146

Wonthaggi Table Tennis results

A GRADE team Miners (Bruce Harmer, Charley Donohue) are still holding on to the number one spot on 16/51.

Union (Michael Chang, Sean Michael) are just percentage points behind on 16/42.

Chipping Away (Justin Licens, Andy Chetcuti) are on 15/52.

Underground police (Braden Andrigutto, Andrew Freeman-tle) 14/48, Mark Donohue, David Kimmings 13/51, Pit Ponies (Dirk Holwerda, Fred Debono) 8/36, Diggers (Jack Duff, Warren Wilson) 8/24.

Leading A Grade players: Justin undefeated, Michael Chang 8/27, Bruce Harmer 7/25, Jack Duff 7/23, Mark Donohue 6/20, David Kimmings 6/18. Braden Andrigutto and Charley Donohue - points not available.

A Reserve results next week.

Juniors coaching continues at the Wonthaggi Table Tennis Centre on Thursdays from 6.00 pm. New players very welcome. Cost \$5 per player.

Social table tennis continues on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12.00 mid-day.

For further information contact Trish on 0407 502 441 or Brad on 0432 311 047.

Pony Club holds Freshmans Show

ON SUNDAY, Wonthaggi Pony Club held its annual Freshmans Show Jumping Day.

Wonthaggi members and riders from the district and neighbouring areas enjoyed beautiful sunshine, stunning grounds and amazing results. The Freshmans Show Jumping is a great confidence building tool for both horses and riders.

Full rounds are completed without the pressure of a competition and heights are gradually increased.

The jumping began at 45cm and increased by 10cm increments each hour. The final rider completing a round at 105cm.

Thank you to 'Hackett Photography' for capturing some wonderful images, Instagram- @divinitymoon Facebook- Hackett Photography



Practice makes perfect for the Roller Derby squad members as they fine tune their skills and tactics before competition.



Eden Robertson readies herself for the 2023 World Cup..

Venus Bay's Eden prepares for Aussie representation in France

VENUS Bay's Eden Robertson continues her preparations for July's Junior Roller Derby World Cup in Valence France, with the 17-year-old undergoing a rigorous training program for what will be an intense tournament.

The event takes place between July 28-30 with Australia battling four opponents on a single day, with each bout played over two 30-minute halves, ensuring players will need to focus on pre-game and post-game routines to maximise recovery and reduce injury risks.

Eden, who will be one of the team's main Blockers, is used to representing Gippsland Ranges in monthly 'Statewide Stampedes', playing just a single match at each.

That highlights the value of an intense training regime for the Aussie squad, including monthly

interstate sessions.

At the time of chatting to the Sentinel-Times, Eden was preparing to head to Brisbane, having already been to Adelaide and Hobart training sessions.

Each runs for six to seven hours.

"The first part of the session we do skills and building up our endurance and then for the other half of the training we go into full game play where we're split into two teams and use our skills and teamplays we've learnt," Eden said.

Having previously played junior roller derby in Dandenong prior to the pandemic, Eden started her involvement with Gippsland Ranges through the club's Skatefit program, soon joining the adult league.

About a year later she became aware of an opportunity to apply for a tryout to determine the Auss-

ie Junior Roller Derby World Cup squad, earning the opportunity to display her skills in a lengthy Toowoomba session.

"We did skills, knowledge and gameplay," Eden said of the six-hour tryout at which she earned inclusion in the 20-person World Cup squad.

When not at interstate training, Eden keeps busy with daily workouts, with clubs including Gippsland Ranges sent details on what their Australian squad members need to work on.

The fitness and skill training demands Eden must meet come as a surprise to many.

"When people first hear about it, they think it's really rough and that I'm just pushing people over, but it's a lot more skill based and game plans rather than just being rough and doing what you want," Eden said.

Nine countries will compete in the Junior Roller Derby World Cup, along with Team World, a side comprised of players from a mix of nations that don't have sufficient player numbers to form their own team.

Australia placed fourth in the 2015 and 2018 Junior Roller Derby World Cups, with the 2021 event cancelled.

Both Junior Roller Derby World Cups took place in the United States, with USA West getting the better of USA East in the deciding bout of each tournament.

Canada outclassed Australia in the third-place playoff in both 2015 and 2018, with Eden and her teammates keen to break new ground.

One of just a couple of Victorians in the squad, she is excited to be heading to France to represent Australia.



Olivia takes out state championship

YEAR 7 Newhaven College student Olivia Curtain and Indi's Mr Zorba Jones (Mr Jones) have won the 2023 PETstock Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championship Jumping Intermediate 90cm at Werribee Park. They have now secured a place on the Victorian Team at the Nationals later this year. After three gruelling days of competition against the best year 7 to year 9 students in the State, Olivia and Mr Jones had three super consistent rounds. Olivia's preparation, dedication and tireless hours of training under the guidance of Frida Lindgren from Lever Equestrian and the countless competitions during the lead up that she puts into her three horses, is second to none. Many thanks go to all family, friends, supporters, competitors and sponsors Melbourne Brick & Geohex Erosion Control Systems.

Strong turnout for Mini Roos

By Wonthaggi United Soccer Club

A HUGE crowd gathered for the first round of the Bass Coast Mini Roo Hub.

Phillip Island were hosting, and a huge crowd turned out to watch the future soccer superstars take the field for the first time in season 2023.

Wonthaggi's Under 6s were off to a good start proving too strong for the Lang Lang team. Brilliant first games for Alex, Alfie, Archer, Jaxon & Nathaniel and a great start for coach Faith Stewart-Walters.

Wonthaggi's U8 Emus were the first team to take the field with Hayley and Obi doing a sensational job as goalies. Wonthaggi debuted 3 players Blake, Hayley and Miller who did a brilliant job, while Arnie was fierce in defence. A great first effort with players never giving up.

The Wonthaggi U10s got off to a marvellous start for the season against Inverloch with their first win 3:2. The whole team worked together with enthusiasm even in the final minutes as the rain pelted down. A great start for new coach Chis Haig and his team.

Training continues on Tuesday evening, with this week's Hub in Inverloch.



Inverloch Stars take on Leongatha Knights



LKFC's Evie Bath keeps possession.

INVERLOCH Stars Under 17 team took the pitch for their first game of 2023 on Sunday in glorious conditions.

It was always going to be a tough day out with many of the team having just stepped up from the U14s but coach Dean Harvey told them to just remember what they had been practising at training: focus on passing, holding positions and communicating to each other. It was pretty exciting to watch Hugo Norton and Jack Harvey both hit the back of the net in the first half keeping the Stars well and truly in the game.

Leongatha came out firing in the second half with quick successive goals and as Dean pointed out their experience playing as a team for many years shone through.

He complimented our young Stars as they kept their heads high and continued to play with positivity and energy right up to the final siren, and looks forward to seeing them carry the momentum into their next game.

Final result: Leongatha 7 - Stars 2

Leongatha Knights results

LEONGATHA Knights FC welcomed their neighbours Inverloch for their first home round of the season.

Following their late loss to Phillip Island the previous week, the Knights were keen to change the tone. Midfielders Ethan Bath, Darcy Johnstone and Blake Mo-script set the momentum with combinations that moved the play swiftly. Despite some solid defending from Inverloch, Leongatha's attack proved too strong with forward Aidan Hall scoring four goal across the game. James Heneghan provided the fifth goal. Junior Patch Wilson made his senior debut, slotting perfectly into the play. Paddy Johnston also made his senior outfield debut, proving a formidable opponent on the wing.

Round two results:

U12s: LKFC 0 v Inverloch 14, U14s: LKFC White 1 v Phillip Island 7, LKFC Blue 0 v Inverloch 6 U17s: LKFC 7 v Inverloch 2, Reserves Men: LKFC 2 v Inverloch 7, Women: LKFC 8 v Inverloch 0, Senior Men: LKFC 5 v Inverloch 0

• GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE RESULTS AND FIXTURES

GSL Round 2 results – Sunday, April 30

Senior Mens: Phillip Island 6 d Lang Lang United 0, Korumburra City 7 d Mirboo North United 2, Leongatha Knights 5 d Inverloch Stars 0, Drouin Dragons 16 d Wonthaggi United 0

Senior Womens: Phillip Island 9 d Lang Lang United 1, Leongatha Knights 8 d Inverloch Stars 0, Drouin Dragons 3 d Wonthaggi United 1

Mens Reserves: Inverloch Stars 7 d Leongatha Knights 2, Trafalgar Victory 6 d Korumburra City 1, Phillip Island 3 d Drouin Dragons 1

Under 17 Mixed: Leongatha Knights 7 d Inverloch Stars 2

Under 14 Mixed: Phillip Island 7 d Leongatha Knights White 1, Korumburra City 10 d Mirboo North United 4, Inverloch Stars 6 d Leongatha Knights Blue 0, Drouin Dragons Maroon 4 d Wonthaggi United 3

Under 12A Mixed: Korumburra City 7 d Mirboo North United 5, Inverloch Stars 6 d Leongatha Knights 0, Drouin Dragons Maroon 8 d Wonthaggi United 2, Phillip Island 6 d Lang Lang United 0

Under 12b Mixed: Drouin Dragons Yellow 3 d Trafalgar Victory 0, Phillip Island Blue 6 d Inverloch Stars 3

GSL Round 3 fixture – Sunday, May 7

Senior Mens – 3pm

Trafalgar Victory v Lang Lang United, Mirboo North United v Drouin Dragons, Korumburra City v Leongatha Knights, Inverloch Stars v Wonthaggi United

Senior Womens – 1pm

Mirboo North United v Drouin Dragons, Inverloch Stars v Wonthaggi United

Mens Reserves – 1pm

Korumburra City v Leongatha Knights, Inverloch Stars v Phillip Island

Under 17 Mixed – 9:50am

Phillip Island v Drouin Dragons White, Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons Maroon

Under 14 Mixed - 11:30am

Mirboo North United v Drouin Dragons Maroon, Korumburra City v Leongatha Knights Blue, Inverloch Stars v Wonthaggi United, Phillip Island v Drouin Dragons White

Under 12a Mixed - 10am

Mirboo North United v Drouin Dragons Maroon, Korumburra City v Leongatha Knights, Inverloch Stars v Wonthaggi United

Under 12b Mixed - 11:30am

Phillip Island Red v Drouin Dragons Yellow, Korumburra City v Phillip Island Blue

Mini Roos – Saturday 6 May

South West/Bass Coast Hub are playing at Inverloch, North East/South Gippsland Hub are playing at Mirboo North

Gippsland United FC results

ROUND 2: U12 Pre-NPL: GUFC V Langwarrin SC at LCSS Morwell

The sun was shining for the first home match of the season at Latrobe City Stadium, as the Gippsland boys hit the pitch in their new season strip against a strong Langwarrin outfit.

It was all Langwarrin early as their midfield dominance created plenty of scoring opportunities, keeping the defence of Liam Arbon, Oliver Lee and Lewis Manzo very busy, working hard to defend the goal and win their individual duels. The crowd gasped when Hudson Reiss almost scored from a free kick, putting a great ball just over the crossbar. Keeper Romeo Vitale was exceptional, saving 3 near goals and providing good clearance work to keep Gippsland in the hunt, trailing by just 1 goal at half time.

Coach Manzo rallied the troops at half time and they came out with a burst of energy, dominating play early through the middle as Ryan Ogg, Blake Breheny, Dino Grbic, Lucas O'Dowd and Isaac Sharp all upped their work rate and to create opportunity. Harry Lee troubled the defence with his run and pressure, and Sidney Box was a tireless worker who kept running and creating all day. Keeper Quinn Asmussen came on with impact, producing an incredible save from a penalty kick and Beckham Bremner added great defensive pressure in the second half. Some late goals to Langwarrin meant a 4-nil scoreline didn't reflect what was a close encounter for the most part, with the improving United squad starting to gel together as a team.

Result - Langwarrin SC 4, GUFC - 0.

Round 1: U18 JBNPL: GUFC V Box Hill SC at LCSS Morwell

The Under 18 boys faced Box Hill United in Round 1 of the 2023 NPL Regular Season, hosting Box Hill on a warm afternoon in Morwell.

Box Hill started the game on the front foot, having a few good chances to open the scoring before eventually breaking down the Gippsland backline and finding the net 15 minutes into the game. However, Gippsland wouldn't let the game slip away just yet, as a beautiful through ball led Abraham Konyi in behind the Box Hill defence and level the scoring at 1-1.

Nine minutes later, some brilliant first-time passing from the Gippsland attack led Ronald Kong through on goal, who slotted the ball into the bottom corner to see Gippsland turn the game around. Box Hill continued to dominate the half but went into half time down against a strong defensive Gippsland side.

In the second half, Box Hill came out firing away, scoring an equaliser in the first 2 minutes of the half, and registering their 3rd and 4th goals quickly, making it 4-2 before the 10th minute of the second half. Within the games hour mark, they found their 5th goal, making a comeback for Gippsland seem impossible. The Gippsland boys weren't able to create chances going forward, however were able to hold off the strong Box Hill attack for the remaining half an hour, resulting in a 5-2 loss.

The 18s have the bye next week, before hosting bottom of the table Mornington.

Result - GUFC - 2, Box Hill - 5.

MID GIPPSLAND**RESULTS****A GRADE**

Hill End 23 It Toora 55
Tarwin 68 d Foster 30
Fish Cr'k 52 d Newborough 36
MDU 19 It Boolarra 61
Mirboo Nth 66 d Stony Cr'k 25

B GRADE

Hill End 24 It Toora 62
Tarwin 48 d Foster 25
Fish Cr'k 58 d Newborough 30
MDU 48 It Boolarra 63
Mirboo Nth 57 d Stony Cr'k 37
Thorpdale 9 It Yinnar 78

C GRADE

Hill End 47 d Toora 21
Tarwin 62 d Foster 4
Fish Cr'k 20 It Newborough 23
MDU 37 d Boolarra 18
Mirboo Nth 38 d Stony Cr'k 26
Thorpdale 6 It Yinnar 88

D GRADE

Hill End 28 d Toora 16
Tarwin 66 d Foster 15
Fish Cr'k 36 d Newborough 22
MDU 31 d Boolarra 21
Mirboo Nth 53 d Stony Cr'k 14
Thorpdale 9 It Yinnar 70

17 & UNDER

Fish Creek 33 d Newborough 8
MDU 57 d Boolarra 10
Mirboo Nth 7 It Stony Cr'k 28

15 & UNDER

Hill End 25 d Toora 24
Tarwin 5 It Foster 23
Fish Cr'k 35 d Newborough 10
MDU 27 It Boolarra 51
Mirboo Nth 42 d Stony Cr'k 8

13 & UNDER

Hill End 22 It Toora 23
Tarwin 10 It Foster 17
Fish Cr'k 4 It Newborough 16
MDU 3 It Boolarra 31

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Morwell East	360.00	12
Boolarra	321.05	8
Tarwin	177.97	8
Toora	169.35	8
Fish Creek	154.41	8
Yinnar	142.11	8
Mirboo North	140.00	4
Foster	34.51	4
Newborough	69.81	0
MDU	48.98	0
Stony Creek	47.90	0
Hill End	35.20	0

B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts
Morwell East	237.74	12
Yinnar	357.14	8
Boolarra	345.10	8
Toora	163.64	8
Fish Creek	144.44	8
Mirboo North	119.28	4
MDU	112.36	4
Tarwin	96.10	4
Foster	58.25	4
Stony Creek	70.87	0
Newborough	59.05	0
Hill End	31.58	0
Thorpdale	6.28	0

C GRADE

C GRADE	%	pts
Yinnar	345.95	8
Morwell East	250.00	8
Hill End	183.33	8
MDU	157.14	8
Tarwin	260.61	4
Boolarra	169.77	4
Mirboo North	118.87	4
Fish Creek	118.18	4
Newborough	90.00	4
Toora	66.67	4
Foster	7.63	4
Stony Creek	67.14	0

D GRADE

D GRADE	%	pts
Morwell East	260.61	12
Mirboo North	366.67	8
Yinnar	288.57	8
Fish Creek	242.11	8
Tarwin	221.28	8
Boolarra	107.84	4
MDU	106.78	4
Hill End	98.15	4
Foster	20.18	4
Newborough	71.64	0
Toora	39.19	0
Thorpdale	27.88	0
Stony Creek	27.52	0

17 & UNDER

17 & UNDER	0.00	12
Morwell East	960.00	8
Toora	392.86	8
MDU	276.92	8
Fish Creek	257.14	8
Yinnar	100.00	4
Stony Creek	33.96	4
Tarwin	0.54	4
Boolarra	31.88	0
Newborough	15.79	0
Mirboo North	625.00	8
Yinnar	483.33	8
Fish Creek	350.00	8
Boolarra	188.89	8
Hill End	151.43	8
Morwell East	123.53	8
Foster	80.56	8
MDU	177.36	4
Toora	48.28	0
Newborough	23.66	0
Stony Creek	22.86	0
Tarwin	7.78	0
13 & UNDER	170.00	12
Boolarra	1033.33	8
Yinnar	466.67	8
Mirboo North	340.00	8
Hill End	95.65	4
Toora	71.79	4
Newborough	68.75	4
MDU	35.90	4
Fish Creek	25.00	4
Tarwin	64.29	0

SPORT | NETBALL

Power defender Mia Plenovich passes forward during a tight opening quarter against Maffra on Saturday.



Courtney Brann puts up a shot as Power gets its game going in the A Grade match against Maffra on Saturday.



Jess Blair puts up an enthusiastic block as Maffra A Grade goes forward.



Goal shooter Chelsea Bowman makes an irresistible call for the ball working out into the forward third.



Nyora's Amber Carroll (C Grade) takes her shot.



The Saints Cait Van Dord (A Grade) reaches long to deter her opponent.

WEST GIPPSLAND**RESULTS****A GRADE**

Bunyip 75 d Warragul Ind 51

Cora Lynn 28 It KWR42

Dalyston 56 d Kor-Bena 37

I-Kongwak 53 d K-Bass 31

NNG 60 d Garfield 45

Tooradin-D 71 d P-Island 59

BUNYIP 22 It Warragul Ind 35

Cora Lynn 53 d KWR 35

Dalyston 58 d Kor-Bena 45

I-Kongwak 41 It K-Bass 42

NNG 70 d Garfield 35

Tooradin-D 72 d P-Island 23

C GRADE

Bunyip 14 It Warragul Ind 23

Cora Lynn 25 drew KWR 25

Dalyston 13 It Kor-Bena 17

I-Kongwak 23 d K-Bass 5

NNG 37 d Garfield 6

Tooradin-D 29 d P-Island 19

13 & UNDER

Bunyip 34 d Warragul Ind 1

Cora Lynn 32 d KWR17

Dalyston 27 d Kor-Bena 1

I-Kongwak 16 d K-Bass 6

NNG 22 d Garfield 11

Tooradin-D 43 d P-Island 9

D GRADE

Bunyip 19 d Warragul Ind 1

Cora Lynn 10 It KWR 28

Dalyston 27 d Kor-Bena 1

I-Kongwak 33 d K-Bass 18

NNG 50 d Garfield 19

Tooradin-D 27 d P-Island 4

LADDERS**A GRADE**

Tooradin-Dal. 180.13

16

Inverloch-K 195.40

12

Dalyston 171.25

12

Inverloch-K 201.64

12

Kor-Bena 98.56

8

Nar Nar Goon 96.32

8

Bunyip 105.66

4

Phillip Island 100.00

4

Garfield 66.09

LEONGATHA**Game Day report: Round 4.**

Under 13: A drizzly morning wasn't ideal to play netball. Our U13 girls were competitive against a very strong Sale team. They came home with a stronger second half when the sun came out! Score: Leongatha 27 def by Sale 40

Under 15: A tough game but we kept our heads up. Everyone played strong and did their job. Well done girls. Score: Leongatha 27 def by Sale 46

Under 17: Tough hit out by the girls but everyone held their spots. Sale came back hard in the last quarter however everyone did their job, and we got the win. Awesome effort by everyone and proud to get this win. Score: Leongatha 25 def Sale 23

C Grade: Great game in wet conditions. The team lifted against a strong Sale side to come away with our fourth win of the season. Score: Leongatha 27 def Sale 11

B Grade: Consistent four quarters. Great shooting from our three goalers and great defence all down the court. A week off next week, work hard and well done! Score: Leongatha 67 def Sale 36

A Grade: A fast and furious effort from the first quarter. Well done to the team for their consistent effort and persistence to get an impressive win. Keep it up! Score: Leongatha 61 def Sale 28

LEONGATHA & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION**Winter competition kicks off for netball**

By LDNA

ON SATURDAY, April 29, Leongatha and District Netball Associations kicked off their 2023 Winter Competition with 54 teams.

Ranging from Netball For All (all abilities), Net Set Go, 11 and under top and bottom age grades, 13 and under top and bottom age grades, 15 and under section 1 and section 2, 18 and under, B and A Grades.

With 12 extra teams this year compared to last year, teams come from as far as Phillip Island, Kilcunda Bass, Inverloch Kongwak, Fish Creek, Stony Creek and our LDNA affiliated clubs Mt Eccles, Mirboo Nth, St Laurence and Town netball.

A big congratulations to all committee members, umpires and clubs for a smooth start to the season, co-ordinating 14 teams and umpires at 11am and 12pm times and 12 teams and umpires at the 1pm and 2.25pm times.

A special mention to Coffee Hot Spot and the canteen committee for your hard work on Saturday.

Season opening for LDNA, congratulations to all involved on this very successful day.

Seven courts full for two times slots and six courts full for the final two time slots.

No parking spots left, little future netballers everywhere.

LDNA now celebrating 57 years of providing a wonderful facility for netball.

Do we need updated change rooms, toilets and car park facilities? Probably!

Our pavilion is now 50 years old and has served us well. Are seven courts going to service our needs?

With prospective umpires on view, young ones willing to learn and many valued umpires from years gone by welcomed as they come back to support us.

No umpires..... no games, let us help you to become an umpire.

Come on board put up your hand to assist, this is your association, still thriving, still making a wonderful contribution to our great sport.



Chloe Brown takes a shot at goal and scores against Sale in the first half. Z12_1823



Stacey Giliam is open to get the ball into the 'D' for Leongatha. Z11_1823



Nice hands by Jade Cashin who works around her Sale opponent, to pass the ball to Emma Ton. Z06_1823



Harper McLennan changes direction from the defensive third to move the ball back down court for Leongatha in the first half. Z14_1823



LDNA's Mt Eccles Pink 11 and under bottom age team ready for action.

ELLINBANK**RESULTS****A GRADE**

Buln Buln 37 It Trafalgar 43
Catani 37 drew Lang Lang 37
Nyora 45 It Longwarry 54
Poowong 15 It Ellinbank 64
Nil-Darnum 71 d Yarragon 51

B GRADE

Buln Buln 47 It Trafalgar 54
Catani 48 d Lang Lang 40
Nyora 29 It Longwarry 55
Poowong 12 It Ellinbank 65
Nil-Darnum 52 d Yarragon 31

C GRADE

Buln Buln 33 d Trafalgar 28
Catani 40 d Lang Lang 24
Nyora 5 It Longwarry 73
Poowong 14 It Ellinbank 55
Nil-Darnum 43 d Yarragon 26

LADDERS

	A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Ellinbank	195.61	16		Catani	145.92	12
Nilma Darnum	130.91	16		Longwarry	140.00	12
Neerim South	497.96	12		Trafalgar	233.90	8
Trafalgar	156.52	12		Nilma Darnum	136.78	8
Lang Lang	96.83	6		Ellinbank	132.10	8
Catani	95.81	6		Poowong	252.78	4
Longwarry	79.33	4		Buln Buln	105.15	4
Buln Buln	77.89	4		Lang Lang	47.66	4
Nyora	56.00	4		Yarragon	26.97	0
Poowong	55.68	0		Neerim South	10.08	0
	30.00	0		Nyora	0.00	0

B GRADE

Trafalgar	145.52	16
Ellinbank	259.41	12
Buln Buln	143.23	12
Nilma Darnum	104.94	12
Neerim South	174.77	8
Catani	92.35	8
Longwarry	89.11	4
Yarragon	81.68	4
Poowong	55.49	4
Lang Lang	83.72	0
Nyora	27.90	0

C GRADE

Catani	131.15	16
Neerim South	366.67	12
Ellinbank	250.56	12
Nilma Darnum	131.78	12
Longwarry	153.28	8
Buln Buln	97.78	8
Trafalgar	93.39	4
Yarragon	82.14	4
Poowong	65.83	4
Lang Lang	46.94	0
Nyora	7.69	0

15 & UNDER

Buln Buln	312.70	16
Poowong	324.24	12
Yarragon	200.00	12
Longwarry	172.46	8
Catani	152.73	8
Nilma Darnum	103.67	8
Trafalgar	68.50	8
Neerim South	54.81	4
Ellinbank	38.96	4
Lang Lang	34.00	0
Nyora	5.66	0

13 & UNDER

Catani	380.77	16
Buln Buln	205.88	16
Poowong	730.00	12
Yarragon	261.90	12
Longwarry	114.00	8
Nilma Darnum	93.33	6
Neerim South	88.71	4
Ellinbank	38.96	4
Lang Lang	32.47	2
Trafalgar	46.75	0
Nyora	9.09	0

GIPPSLAND**RESULTS****A GRADE**

Moe 64 d Bairnsdale 36
Drouin 24 d Traralgon 44
Morwell 29 drew Warragul 29
Maffra 36 d Wonthaggi 45
Leongatha 25 d Sale 23

B GRADE

Drouin 38 It Traralgon 40
Morwell 53 d Warragul 45
Maffra 53 d Wonthaggi 45
Leongatha 67 d Sale 36
Longwarry 27 It Sale 46

C GRADE

Moe 30 It Bairnsdale 34
Drouin 38 d Traralgon 30
Morwell 35 d Warragul 24
Maffra 36 d Wonthaggi 31
Leongatha 27 d Sale 11

LADDERS

	A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Leongatha	157.60	16		Leongatha	164.36	16
Morwell	132.39	14		Sale	133.71	12
Moe	142.35	12		Traralgon	130.95	12
Drouin	114.04	12		Morwell	122.81	10
Sale	89.94	8		Bairnsdale	117.65	8
Bairnsdale	80.98	8		Maffra	93.70	8
Traralgon	83.33	4		Drouin	94.85	6
Wonthaggi	7					

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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 2*+7



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Melbourne
Western Bulldogs
Fremantle
Port Adelaide
Collingwood
St Kilda

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 1*+4



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GLENN RIGBY

Brisbane
Richmond
Geelong
Melbourne
Western Bulldogs
Fremantle
Port Adelaide
Collingwood
St Kilda

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 2*+6



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STEVE CURTIS

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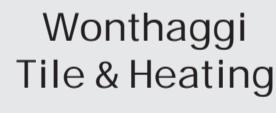
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 2*+5



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39



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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 2*+5



78-80 Watt Street,
Wonthaggi
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Darryl McGannon	44
Dylan Clark	44
Carl Lindsay	43
Warren Stewart	43
Ben Fisher	42
Brad Hodson	42
Katherine & Darren	42
Adam Ware	41
Glenn Rigby	41
Joan Hoober	41
Phil Hardy	41
Alex Geyer	40
Rohan Beale	40
Sam Turner	40
Ant Cook	39
Kris Baker	39
Rod O'Neill	39
Tom Marriott	39
Michael & Megan	38
Keith & Eddie	37
Phil & Cathal	35
Steve Curtis	32



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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 2*+5



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ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 4

POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB


87

24
ELLINBANK 4.5 5.8 8.13 12.15 (87)
Poowong 0.2 2.3 3.6 3.6 (24)

GOALS, Ellinbank: Shaun Phelan 6, Thomas Johnson 2, Anthony Battista, Joxon Notman, Ryan Atherton, Zachery Holton 1 each

BEST: Shaun Phelan, Rylan Smith, Daniel Pratt, Thomas Johnson, Michael Urie, Jake Harper

GOALS, Poowong: Alex Henshall, Mitch Maloy 1 each

BEST: Mitchell van't Hof, Jack Hazendonk, Mitch De Kleuver, Zac Gray, Steven McInnes, Damon Hansen

RESERVES
Ellinbank 7.4 10.72 22.11 29.17 (191)
Poowong 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 (6)

GOALS, Ellinbank: Jake Dean, Mathew Robertson 5, Gaige White, Nicholas Pratt 4, Ryan Parson 3, Taj Irwin 2, Ripley Pyle, Liam Ancillieri, Patrick Alger, Logan Joyce, Xavier Vanlangenberg, Shannon Whelan 1 each

BEST: Gaig White, Ryan Parsons, Jake Dean, Nicholas Pratt, Sam Barwick, Xavier Vanlangenberg

GOALS, Poowong: David O'Neill 1

BEST: Daniel McDonald, Rhys Butler, Mitchel Whiting, Harrison Sheedy, Tyran Lord, Lachlan De Kleuver

THIRDS
Ellinbank 2.4 5.8 11.9 13.10 (88)
Poowong 0.1 0.1 0.3 1.3 (9)

GOALS, Ellinbank: Jack Champion 4, Will O'Brien 3, Liam Bellio, Vincent Onslow 2, Thomas Bingham, Saxon Rice 1 each

BEST: Will O'Brien, Jack Champion, Patrick Alger, Thomas Bingham, Liam Bellio, Ayden Clarke

GOALS, Poowong: Joshua Hutton 1

BEST: Tommy Burgess, Benjamin Fowler, Lachlan Wilson, Bryce Broadmore, Daniel Whelan, Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton

FOURTHS
Ellinbank 4.1 6.3 6.9 12.11 (83)
Poowong 2.0 3.0 4.0 4.0 (24)

GOALS, Ellinbank: Jack Winduss, Ayden Clarke, Charlie Armour, Vincent Onslow 2, Taj Irwin, Shayne Sherry, Brodie Onslow, Nathan Handley 1 each

BEST: Vincent Onslow, Taj Irwin, Jack Winduss, Brodie Onslow, Luke Rollinson, Jhy Good

GOALS, Poowong: Rory Nettle, Bryce Broadmore, Zachary Sherar, Jett Blackwood 1 each

BEST: Bryce Broadmore, Zachary Sherar, Jett Blackwood, Kohen Mandemaker, Tyler Williams, Lochie Wilson, James Welford, Kyson Cornwall, Blake MacDonald

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

104

98
LONGWARRY 3.4 7.5 13.6 16.8 (104)
NYORA 6.1 9.3 12.6 15.8 (98)

GOALS, Longwarry: Braydon McHugh, Jedd Serong 6, Darren Granger 2, Troy Lehman, Luke Clarkson 1 each

BEST: Jedd Serong, Daniel Pullen, Cooper Brown, Troy Lehman, Nicholas Redley, Angus Adamik

GOALS, Nyora: Scott Pugh 6, Travis Stewart, Nick Anderson 2, Ben Parrott, Dylan Heylen, Rhys Grange-Lylak, Marvin Sellers, Connor Thompson 1 each

BEST: Scott Pugh, Travis Stewart, Dylan Heylen, Adam Pugh, Kallan Rigby, Nick Anderson

RESERVES
Nyora 2.3 6.4 11.6 12.8 (80)
Longwarry 1.2 1.2 2.4 5.7 (37)

GOALS, Nyora: Jono Hewitt 5, Stanton Till, Brad Drews 2, Lincoln Brock, Shaun Lamb, Brandon Lloyd 1 each

BEST: Jono Hewitt, Stanton Till, Shaun Lamb, Blake Thompson, Jarred Pearsall

GOALS, Longwarry: Shaun Emslie, Matt Kouris, Jordan Moro, Zach Murphy 1 each

BEST: Zach Murphy, Dom Pullen, Bailey Osseweyer, Robert Wind, Matt Kouris, Cody Coad

IN OTHER GAMES...
SENIORS
Lang Lang 17.8.110 d **Catani** 6.6.42
Buln Buln 11.6.72 d **Trafalgar** 8.6.54
Yarragon 18.15.123 d **N-Darnum** 3.6.24

RESERVES
Lang Lang 11.8.74 d **Catani** 6.7.43
Buln Buln 6.11.47 d **Trafalgar** 3.8.26
Yarragon 10.19.79 d **N-Darnum** 2.3.15

THIRDS
Buln Buln 15.17.107 d **Trafalgar** 0.1.1
Longwarry 11.14.80 d **Lang Lang** 4.2.26

FOURTHS
Trafalgar 5.7.37 d **Buln Buln** 3.4.22
Longwarry 6.9.45 d **Lang Lang** 4.6.30
Yarragon 6.7.43 d **N-Darnum** 3.8.26

Poowong fights hard until final siren

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG welcomed Ellinbank on Saturday in all grades.

The ground was excellent and the seniors had two changes with Luke Close and Micah Williams both in for their first senior game with the club.

Up against Ellinbank, a team probably in the top three, the boys were prepared to take it up to them as did the thirds and fourths with their improved performances from round one.

Poowong were kicking to the Nyora end, Ellinbank were out of the blocks early with three goals.

Poowong went forward early for a point, the boys were working hard and from a mark followed by an infringement a free kick was paid down field. Alex Henschell finished off with Poowong's first goal.

Ellinbank went forward from a series of marks resulting in their fifth goal from the pocket followed by a couple of points.

Poowong unfortunately lost full forward Andrew Logan, with a hamstring and will

probably miss a couple of weeks.

Jack Hazendonk was working hard as he always does, it's amazing to see him bounce back after some of the tackles.

Ellinbank kicked their eighth goal followed by four points two from free kicks, Poowong had the ball in the forward line when the siren sounded.

Ellinbank holding a 37-point lead at three quarter time.

The last quarter started with Ellinbank kicking two goals from free kicks to snuff out any chance of a comeback, but the boys fought it out right up to the final siren.

Poowong has a very young side which is improving each game. Important players make the most of the opportunities and ensure of your delivery to a teammate.

Coach Rod Gundrill is doing a good job, researches well for the game and speaks very well to the players, all good signs.



Alex Henschell of Poowong looks to handball clear of the pack. Photos: Jeff Tull

Saints denied victory in arm wrestle with Longwarry



Travis Stewart takes an incredible mark.

NYORA came up short in an incredible tight match against the Longwarry Crows.

The Saints were leading the way until quarter three where the Crows managed to rally and just edge the lead by a mere goal.

This would then follow for the final quarter with Longwarry taking out the victory just one goal in front.

"The weekend was a really good game; a high scoring shoot out. A shame we couldn't come out on top, however the group should take a lot away from being in a tight close game," Nyora

coach Dylan Heylen said.

"The position we put ourselves in on the weekend is exciting. We need to continue to improve as a group so next time we're in a tight game we can handle ourselves better.

"As much as it sucks losing tight games, we need to take the many positives from it and move forward."

However, the news wasn't all bad with the Saints reserve team taking a solid win.

"Congratulations to the reserves group. Fantastic win and they're building stronger and stronger. As a collective senior group, we're definitely on the up," Dylan added.



Nyora's Dylan Heylen handballs to Connor Thompson.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 4

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Buln Buln	4	0	184.82	16	Ellinbank	4	0	586.67	16	Ellinbank	3	0	408.22	100	Neerim South	2	0	577.36	100
Ellinbank	3	1	182.56	12	Neerim South	3	0	609.26	12	Yarragon	2	0	300.00	100	Buln Buln	3	1	243.75	75.0
Trafalgar	3	1	116.25	12	Lang Lang	3	0	454.41	12	Neerim South	2	1	323.85	66.6	Longwarry	3	1	96.37	75.0
Longwarry	3	1	95.18	12	Longwarry	2	2	89.24	8	Longwarry	1	2	53.10	33.3	Trafalgar	1	2	44.32	33.3
Neerim South	2	1	236.81	8	Catani	2	2	84.47	8	Lang Lang	0	3	35.94	0.0	Buln Buln	0	3	9.64	0.0
Lang Lang	2	1	152.80	8	Nyora	2	2	65.17	8	Poowong	0	3	0.00	0.0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0
Yarragon	2	1	151.92	8	Trafalgar	1	3	105.06	4	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0
Poowong	1	2	44.21	4	Longwarry	2	2	89.24	8	Poowong	0	3	9.64	0.0	Nilma Darnum	0	4	15.38	0.0
Buln Buln	0	4	55.96	0	Lang Lang	1	2	63.78	4	Nilma Darnum	1	3	30.10	4	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0
Nilma Darnum	0	4	55.96	0	Yarragon	1	2	63.78	4	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0.0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0.0
Nyora	0	4	52.83	0	Poowong	0	3	4.31	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0
Catani	0	4	50.40	0															



The Box Hill Hawks, in partnership with the Bass Coast Shire Council, the Victorian Football League (VFL) and Victorian Football League Women's (VFLW) hosted a double-header against Casey Demons at Wonthaggi. Pictured are members of the shire team at the games on Sunday. Photo courtesy Paul Landells.



The VFL Box Hill Hawks celebrate an early goal in the first term of their contest against the Casey Demons. Z46_1823

Thousands turn out for historic VFL clashes

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The crowd swarmed the ground with the shire navigating public parking on the surrounding land opposite the Wonthaggi aquatic centre, with the Box Hill Hawks using the centre as their club rooms for the day – kindly handing the Wonthaggi Power club rooms to the Casey Demons for their participation.

AFL Auskick too set up drills on the inside netball courts for the juniors to have a play and practice their skills for their 2023 season. The AFL Auskickers also took to the ground at half time with families cheering on the sidelines as they witnessed the inspiration

that these little players had after watching the VFL matches.

The VFL game kicked off at 2:05pm and the Box Hill Hawks fell short to the Casey Demons, with the Demons leading by 17 points at half time.

But both teams remained strong, rousing the crowd with their energy and momentum. The Demons held their ground taking victory with a five-goal lead – 106 to 76 at the end of the fourth term.

The day was inspiring for Wonthaggi and surrounds, with the Bass Coast Shire Council hoping to see more VFL games in the future played here locally.



Box Hill Hawks 203cm ruckman, Lloyd Meek was best on ground when Wonthaggi hosted the VFL game between the Hawks and the Casey Demons on Sunday. Photo courtesy Paul Landells.



Mayor Cr Michael Whelan and Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie are proud partners of the VFL match held at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve on Sunday. Z54_1823



Nadia Von Bertouch dominated against the Demon's putting all her energy into the game before receiving a head knock. Z42_1823



AFL Auskick took the kids out onto the field during half time of the VFL match at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve. Z51_1823

Breakers decimate opponents to kick start season



Past player Lana Van Berlo presents jumpers to first gamers Jaclyn Van Rooy, Brooke Whiteside, Kate Thompson and Poppy Marshall.

AFTER their round one bye, the Bass Coast Breakers travelled to Edithvale-Aspendale for their first match of the season.

While the Breakers started strongly with a lot of the play, their first quarter was a little rusty as evidenced by the score line with only 2 of 10 scoring shots converted.

By the second quarter both teams had settled into the game with less opportunities, but a better conversion rate for the Breakers who led 5.9-39 to 0.0 at half time.

By half time darkness had set in and the lights were on. The Breakers pressure continued with Georgia Sharp contesting well on the wing.

Kate Thompson had an immediate impact in her first game for the Breakers, marking strongly around the ground and finding space in the forward

line - nailing the harder of her two shots at goal.

The floodgates opened up in the last quarter with Jenna Russo finishing with 5 goals for the match and Kelly O'Neill 4.

While the scoreboard was favourable for the visitors, the performance of Poppy Marshall, Brooke Whiteside and Sienna Lane who were all playing their first senior women's game, having transitioned through the local youth girls programs, was equally as exciting.

Final score: Breakers 13.18.96 def Edi-Asp 0.0.0

Best: K.Thompson, J.Russo, K.O'Neill, G.Sharp, S.Lane, S.Poke

Goals: J.Russo 5, K.O'Neill 4, S.Bolding, I.Bradford, B.Whiteside, K.Thompson

This weekend the Breakers face Seaford at home - 4.40pm Saturday at Dalyston.



Jaclyn Van Rooy is first to the ball.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 2

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

 **108**  **30**

NEWBOROUGH FISH CREEK

 Newborough 3.2 11.4 16.5 17.6 (108)
 Fish Creek 1.1 2.1 2.6 4.6 (30)

GOALS, Newborough: Nathan Wheildon 4, Joshua Hecker, Jayden Van Dyk 3, Jack Robinson 2, Patrick Charles, Liam Flahavin, Josh Pearce, Hayden Prestidge, Matt Rowlings 1 each

BEST: Josh Pearce, Joshua Hecker, Patrick Charles, Nathan Wheildon, Wade Anderson, Jack van den Dolder

GOALS, Fish Creek: Thomas Cameron 2, Roland De Biase, Jack Hayes 1 each

BEST: Thomas Cameron, Willem Voorham, Brad Pulham, Lachlan Gale, Jack Hayes, Stewart McCooke

RESERVES

 Newborough 1.5 3.9 5.13 6.14 (50)
 Fish Creek 2.0 3.2 3.2 5.5 (35)

GOALS, Newborough: Christian Berquez, William Collings, Jack Edebohl, Patrick Frendo, Jordan McMahon, Tyler Peters 1 each

BEST: Samuel Lodge, Patrick Frendo, William Collings, Dominic McColl, Joel Jacovou, Shane Corder

GOALS, Fish Creek: Liam Howard, Bradley Perks, Toby Redpath, Brock Stefani, Thomas Vuillermi 1 each

BEST: Owen Straw, Liam Howard, Owen Schnoor, Brandon Busuttil, Lane Bowman, Peter Mueller

THIRDS

 Fish Crk/Tarwin 6.3 9.9 15.10 15.14 (104)
 Newborough 0.1 1.1 2.1 3.2 (20)

BEST, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Zak Bright, Rory Standfield, Shea Griffin, Max Howard, Thomas Vuillermi, Asher Hamlett

BEST, Newborough: William Cuthbertson, Cooper Coulthard, Ryan Mellon, Harrison Gallagher, Brody Young

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

 **83**  **52**

MDU BOOLARRA

 MDU 3.5 7.8 9.10 12.11 (83)
 Boolarra 2.3 3.7 3.14 6.16 (52)

GOALS, MDU: Jayden Deas, Timothy Harris, Wayne Stewart, Shaye Walsh, Samuel Wilson 2, Ashleigh Allen, Brandon Allen 1 each

BEST: Nathan Allen, Fraser Kelly, Timothy Harris, Samuel Wilson, Shaye Walsh, Jayden Deas

GOALS, Boolarra: Aidyn Sheers 2, Luke Marriott, Brendan Mason, Sam Mazou, Chris Rusey 1 each

BEST: Simon Noy, Brendan Mason, Luke Marriott, Aidyn Sheers, Jayden McCormack, Nic Dowse

RESERVES

 MDU 6.5 11.9 13.15 17.18 (120)
 Boolarra 0.1 0.2 0.2 0.2 (2)

GOALS, MDU: Todd Mackie 4, Ben Cantwell, Jack Dunn 2, Brenton Arnup, Martyn Beacham, Jake Brydon, Rhys Fisher, Mitchell Hooper, Neil Mathieson, Nick Tuckett, Jacob Whiteside 1 each

BEST: Jacob Whiteside, Nick Tuckett, Todd Mackie, Max East, Ben Cantwell, Martyn Beacham

BEST, Boolarra: Thomas Beamish, Eddy Stanton, Patrick Haines, Declan Gregor, Thomas Holley, Benjamin Bremner

THIRDS

 Foster 2.2 6.4 9.7 10.9 (69)
 MDU 1.4 4.4 6.4 10.6 (66)

GOALS, MDU: Angus McInnes 3, Rylie Checkley, Jordan Cleator 2, Rylan Bell, Finn Dunn, Burke VanderZalm 1 each

BEST: Burke VanderZalm, Rylie Checkley, Rylan Bell, Harry Scrimshaw, Jarvis Lacy, Brayden Sellings

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

 **75**  **60**

TOORA HILL END

 Toora 11.9 (75)
 Hill End 9.6 (60)

GOALS, Toora: Colomen Jal, Jack Weston 3, James Maurilli-Pullin, Mason O'Sullivan 2, Jean Bezzene 1 each

BEST: Jack Weston, Jonathan Pintus, Peter Grant, Jean Bezzene, Colomen Jal, Luke Anedda

GOALS, Hill end: Jamie Somers 7, Joshua Hammond 1

BEST: Aaron Fawcett, Jamie Somers, Calvin Rees, Harry Moore, Joshua Fairfull, Seth Calway

RESERVES

 Toora 2.2 6.5 11.5 13.8 (86)
 Hill End 3.0 4.0 6.1 7.2 (44)

BEST, Toora: Luke Haustorfer, Terence Need, Aron Rhodes, John Glowrey, Luke Anedda, Lukas Jenkins

BEST, Hill end: Jake Schiavello, Jarryd Harris, Bradley Gorman, Rikki Caldwell, Xavier Worth, Daniel Lamers


Strong mark by Joel Sinclair in the second quarter against Boolarra. Z20_1823

MDU triumphs in clash of Demons

MEENIYAN Dumbalk United was quick to seize the initiative, never allowing rival Demons Boolarra an opportunity to settle into the contest, with MDU prevailing by 31 points.

While the home side led by just eight points at quarter time, Boolarra coach Tony Giardina acknowledged his side was thoroughly outplayed from the beginning.

MDU coach, Nathan Allen led the way onfield, providing momentum for his side and said the

current group's first win together will foster greater confidence.

"Our back six held up, and we were then able to counterattack and convert our chances," Allen declared, noting that Boolarra's ability to run in numbers presented challenges for MDU's defence, something the backmen handled well.

Another pleasing aspect of MDU's performance was its ability to share the goal scoring workload, with five players booting a couple of

majors each.

They were Shaye Walsh, Timothy Harris, Jayden Deas, Samuel Wilson and Wayne Stewart.

All of those, bar Stewart, featured on MDU's best players list, joining Fraser Kelly and coach Allen in earning that honour.

While the winning side finished with just one more scoring shot than Boolarra, MDU's superior delivery to its forwards and greater accuracy saw it boot twice as many goals as the beaten side.



Ashleigh Allen takes the ball down the line for goal against Boolarra in the first half. Z22_1823

Foster scrapes home over Tarwin

FOSTER held off Tarwin by three points, with the Sharks making a charge after trailing by almost four goals at the final change.

Tarwin booted a goal with 30 seconds remaining but couldn't manage a further forward thrust.

"Our tackling pressure was where we needed it all day and we got the result we deserved in the end," Foster coach Sam Davies said.

He acknowledged Tarwin is always a tough proposition on its home deck, having the ability to show impressive run and to link up effectively.

Davies was delighted that the Tigers continued to tackle ferociously, putting a lot of pressure on Tarwin's ball carriers, and felt everyone made a positive impact to overcome the Sharks' challenge.

Tarwin coach Troy Hemming was impressed by the tenacity of the opposition.

"Foster played a very contested game led by Brendan Neville and I thought he set the game up for them in the first half," he said.

Tigers co-captain Neville was a bull in the midfield, getting in and under to feed the footy to Foster's outside runners.

His ability to apply tackling pressure when not in possession was equally important.

Tom Littore, Michael Howell and Jake Thornell were outstanding in defence for the ultimately triumphant Tigers.

That trio was rarely beaten in one-on-one duels, earning praise from coach Davies.

Despite the narrow defeat, Sharks coach Hemming was pleased with his team's commitment.

"Our lads were up against it all day with not much going our way but for them to stay in the fight till the last second, I can't fault our spirit and want to win," he said.

He was particularly well served by Nathan McRae who had the better of Mitch Allott in the ruck, with Jason Kennedy performing well in the midfield and Kaj Patterson most damaging up forward for the Sharks with three goals.

Davies wasn't surprised by Tarwin's final term surge that almost got the Sharks over the line.

Toora's long journey pays off

TOORA showed its improvement this year with a spirited round two victory over 2022 finalist Hill End, with the Magpies holding their nerve to triumph by 15 points away from home.

Winning coach, Jack Weston was delighted with Toora's performance in its first venture to Hill End since joining the Mid Gippsland League.

"After a few blokes worked out how far the drive was, we had seven changes to the senior side from last week," Weston said.

If there was any truth to that lighthearted remark, some may find it difficult to squeeze back into senior ranks in round 3 after others capitalised on their opportunities.

"The 21 players who pulled on a Toora jumper provided a hugely improved effort from last week," coach Weston said.

He was a major contributor to the win, booting three goals.

The game ebbed and flowed with both sides having patches of control.

Weston praised Rovers for their continued pressure and tenacity.

"To their credit, Hill End hung around, and in a marathon last quarter, kept coming to tighten it up late," he said.

He conceded it was a relief to get a win early in the season, and expects to see continued improvement from his Magpies.

Toora's Colomen Jal equalled his coach's three-goal haul, with teammates James Maurilli-Pullin and Mason O'Sullivan booting a couple of majors each.

Weston paid tribute to the effort and organisation of his backline, saying it played a key role in the win and highlighted the leadership provided in defence by Jonathan Pintus and the evergreen Peter Grant.

More work needed for Fish Creek

NEWBOROUGH were emphatic winners over Fish Creek in Round 2 of the Mid Gippsland Football-Netball League.

The Bulldogs sent an ominous warning to the competition after annihilating the Kangaroos on their home turf 17.6 (108) to 4.6 (30).

With Fish Creek expected to be one of the big improvers of the MGFNL this season, their performance against a Newborough side right in the premiership window showed just how much work they have to do.

The Bulldogs broke away after quarter time, adding eight goals to one in the second term to take a commanding 57-point lead into the sheds.

It was more of the same in the third, with Newborough kicking five goals to one, be-

By Liam Durkin and Rob Popplestone

fore parking the bus at three quarter time.

The Bulldogs played for time in the last, only adding a single goal, but smartly getting through with one eye turned to what is looming as a huge game at home this Saturday against Mirboo North.

Fish Creek coach Jarrod Walker lamented the performance of his team.

"Tough day at the office for us, showed glimpses of what we can do, but a well-drilled Newborough proved too strong," he said.

"Thorpdale next week will be another good test. They've recruited really well so will be a good hit out. Ray Pickering always seems (to have) something up his sleeve to keep us on our toes."



Fish Creek's Pat Pekin getting a hand ball under pressure from his Newborough opponent.

Historic match up sees Mirboo North triumph

STONY Creek's first official visit to Mirboo North in 55 years, saw it lose by 45 points in Damien Turners 300th club game and Hudson Kerr's 100th senior appearance for the mighty Tigers on Saturday.

On that June 1968 afternoon in the former South Gippsland Football League, where gate takings totalled \$74, Mirboo North won by 32 points.

Ray Nichol booted seven goals, whilst Bill Nash, captain-coach Des Mortlock, Ray Wright, Robert Fowkes and rugged full back, Johnny 'Sunshine' Mercer, were others who featured prominently for the home side.

Among Stony Creek's best were Glen Miller, Richie Dobson and Laurie Moloney, who snared two goals and later played 80 games with Essendon, after representing Leongatha in its 1970 LVFL premiership team.

Fast forward to 2023 and Troy Sinclair, grandson of legendary Stony Creek footballer, Allan 'Stumpy' Sinclair, was among the Lions' best at Tigerland.

Stony Creek suffered an early blow when Lachlan Thomas dislocated his left shoulder shortly after taking a high overhead mark and scoring the opening goal, six minutes into the match.

Ben Campbell, who recorded Mirboo North's first major with a long set shot roost 10 minutes later, continually exhibited his polish and finished with four outstanding

By Rover

goals in a best on ground performance.

Only a point separated the sides at quarter-time, after which Mirboo North built enough momentum to take an 18-point lead into the long break.

Although swift ball movement up and down and all around the ground was occurring, frequent gang tackling meant anyone who hesitated in heavy traffic was duly caught and truly lost.

The persistent pace of Tiger teenagers, Jesse Chila, Ethan and Max Woodall, Nick Cummaudo, Beau Peters, Tarmah Little, Taj Wilkins, Harrison Mahoney and Beau Melbourne was starting to catch up with some of their older and less agile opponents.

Although Stony Creek's delivery options were chosen with good intentions, not enough of them were successful.

Without an adaptation strategy in place, the Lions also struggled to cope with Mirboo North's integrated transitional concepts, as well as the Tigers' programmed logistical mobility through the midfield.

A four-goal to one third quarter by Mirboo North extended the Tigers' lead to 35 points at the last change, where coach Peter Mongta urged his players to keep attacking hard, rather than chipping the ball around and closing the game down.

Tully Bernaldo, Sinclair, Mitchell Rowe, Jack Stuart and playing coach, Chris Verboon kept plugging away for the visitors, but it didn't stop Mirboo North adding another four goals in the final term.

The 15th and last Mirboo North major came from Max Woodall, who cleverly snapped his third goal over his right shoulder off the pack in the right forward pocket.

To their credit, the Lions stuck to their guns, with two closing goals deep into time on.

This Saturday, Mirboo North travels to Newborough which thrashed Fish Creek by 78 points and looks the team to beat again for this year's Mid Gippsland flag.

Reserves:

Spectators were treated to a hard-fought and bruising battle of wills, spills and thrills that went down to the wire and saw Stony Creek take the chocolates by one point over Mirboo North.

The Tigers' hopes of victory were severely damaged when gallant ruckman, Mitchell Richardson, tore a hamstring early in the game, that forced him from the field and into the medical room for treatment.

Both sides had given their all, plus a bit more, when Jarrod Byrnes marked a pass 40 metres from home for the Lions, with scores locked together at 7.4 apiece and 48 seconds remaining in the last quarter.

Byrnes' set shot brought a behind and plenty of celebrations from teammates, along with shouts of acclamation from Stony Creek fans, when the final siren sounded a few seconds later.

Angus Wright, Darcy Loughridge, Nick Svenson and burly full back, Bryce Rawson, played their hearts out all day for the Lions in their narrow victory.

Former Mirboo North senior premiership representatives, Alex Windsor, Dom Pinneri, Luke Palmer and Simon Busuttil turned back the clock and did handy things for the Tigers they would have done plenty of times through the years.

Thirds:

Reigning premier, Mirboo North, suffered its first defeat since 2021, when Yinnar won a high standard game by 23 points at Tigerland.

Best players for Yinnar were Keegan Zielecki, Jay Rogalsky and Flynn Schill, whilst Hayden Barnes, Noah Bradley and Cody Vivian were in good form for Mirboo North.

With only a handful of last year's premiership side eligible for thirds this season, Mirboo North is rebuilding its team with juniors who have graduated from the Central Gippsland Junior Football League competition.

This Saturday Mirboo North journeys to Newborough which is fielding a thirds team for the first time in a number of years.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 2

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

MIRBOO NORTH 98 **STONY CREEK** 53

Mirboo North 2.2 7.3 11.5 15.8 (98)
Stony Creek 2.1 4.3 5.6 7.11 (53)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Ben Campbell 4, Max Woodall 3, Jesse Chila 2, Julian Blackford, Darcy Brock, Joe Brooks, Beau Melbourne, Josh Taylor, Damien Turner 1 each

BEST: Ben Campbell, Jesse Chila, Jake Nash, Julian Blackford, Hudson Kerr, Max Woodall

GOALS, Stony Creek: Tully Bernaldo, Jacob Byrnes 2, Aidan Simmons, Lachlan Thomas, Zac Van Delft 1 each

BEST: Tully Bernaldo, Troy Sinclair, Mitchell Rowe, Jack Stuart, Hayden Funnell, Chris Verboon

RESERVES

Stony Creek 0.1 3.4 5.4 7.5 (47)
Mirboo North 1.1 3.1 4.3 7.4 (46)

GOALS, Stony Creek: Jarrad Byrnes 3, Jakeb Pronk, Troy Shepherdson, Nick Svenson, Joshua Wyhoon 1 each

BEST: Angus Wright, Darcy Loughridge, Nick Svenson, Izack McRae, Shaun Cope, Bryce Rawson

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Luke Palmer 3, Michael Aveling 2, William Lewis, Dominic Pinneri 1 each

BEST: Alex Windsor, Dominic Pinneri, Luke Palmer, Simon Busuttil, Jedd Felmingham, Leigh Jowett

THIRDS

Yinnar 2.3 4.4 7.6 10.8 (68)
Mirboo North 1.0 3.1 4.1 7.1 (43)

GOALS, Yinnar: Jay Rogalsky 3, Mack Rieniets, Will Xerri 2, Dylan Hobbs, Noah McCafferty, Harvey McKay 1 each

BEST: Keegan Zielecki, Jay Rogalsky, Flynn Schill, Harvey McKay, Pharoah Gardner, Luke Douch

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Daniel Masters, Clancy Snell 2, Sam Bradley, Zac Jones, Archie Woodall 1 each

BEST: Hayden Barnes, Noah Bradley, Cody Vivian, Sam Bradley, Clancy Snell, Archie Woodall

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

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FOSTER **TARWIN**

Foster 2.3 6.4 10.8 11.9 (75)
Tarwin 2.2 4.4 7.4 11.6 (72)

GOALS, Foster: Michael Cooke 3, Tom Bartholomew, Willem Duursma 2, Mitchell Green, James Morris, Brendan Neville, Tim Wigney 1 each

BEST: Brendan Neville, Tom Littore, Michael Howell, Willem Duursma, Oliver Callcott, Jake Thornell

GOALS, Tarwin: Kaj Patterson 3, Tom Crocker, Ryan Waddell, Matthew Williams 2, Marty Snooks, Tom Vanderkolk 1 each

BEST: Nathan McRae, Tyson Hanegraaf, Jason Kennedy, Kaj Patterson, Fergus Warren, Jordan Hill

RESERVES

Tarwin 6.4 15.7 19.10 24.18 (162)
Foster 1.0 1.1 2.3 2.3 (15)

GOALS, Tarwin: Hayden Browne, John Kilsby, Todd Lomax 4, Max Dyball, Stuart Kilsby 3, Travis Cameron, Tom Giroud 2, Joshua Carmody, Royce Patterson 1 each

BEST: Joshua Carmody, Travis Cameron, Todd Lomax, Nick Tucker, William Blundy, Royce Patterson

GOALS, Foster: Michael Green, Will McDonald 1 each

BEST: Jaxon Cripps, Mikey House, Lee Hulse, Simon Gibson, Michael Green, Jacob Albrecht

THIRDS

Foster 2.2 6.4 9.7 10.9 (69)
MDU 1.4 4.4 6.4 10.6 (66)

GOALS, Foster: Nathan Gundrill 4, Leevi Lidstone, Jack Rathjen 2, Jedd Davy, Jaxon Lewis 1 each

BEST: Jack Rathjen, Reghan Lewis, Nathan Gundrill, Leevi Lidstone, Darby Hoskins, Cooper Butinar

Fish Crk/Tarwin 6.3 9.9 15.10 15.14 (104)
Newborough 0.1 1.1 2.1 3.2 (20)

GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Joseph Rysko 3, Tige Brewer, Ryan Gwin, Rory Standfield, Thomas Vuillermin 2, Brandon Bell, Wilkie Edgelow, Asher Hamlett, Zac McRae 1 each

BEST: Zak Bright, Rory Standfield, Shea Griffin, Max Howard, Thomas Vuillermin, Asher Hamlett

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Yinnar 9.11.65 **d Thorpdale** 7.5.47

RESERVES

Yinnar 6.11.47 **d Thorpdale** 7.4.46

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 2

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Mirboo North	2	0	228.57	8
Newborough	2	0	197.03	8
Morwell East	2	0	136.63	8
MDU	1	1	118.80	4
Tarwin	1	1	104.58	4
Yinnar	1	1	98.55	4
Foster	1	1	97.66	4
Boolarra	1	1	84.71	4
Fish Creek	1	1	70.06	4
Toora	1	1	68.83	4
Thorpdale	0	2	85.35	0
Hill End	0	2	70.70	0
Stony Creek	0	2	57.30	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Tarwin	2	0	411.11	8
Toora	2	0	267.61	8
Newborough	2	0	171.05	8
MDU	1	1	256.45	4
Fish Creek	1	1	188.57	4
Morwell East	1	1	151.25	4
Thorpdale	1	1	113.64	4
Hill End	1	1	95.76	4
Yinnar	1	1	69.84	4
Stony Creek	1	1	46.85	4
Mirboo North	0	2	48.34	0
Boolarra	0	2	24.71	0
Foster	0	2	10.36	0

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts

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Maffra's Daniel Bedggood gets up to take a rare mark in the forward 50.



Kyle Reid was a winner all day across half back for Wonthaggi at Maffra.

Power back on after Maffra shutdown



Power coach Jarryd Blair has eyes only for the ball in a complete performance by him at Maffra on Saturday.

YOU'RE doing plenty of things right when you hold one of the benchmark teams of the past few decades, Maffra, to just nine points until three quarter time, on their own home ground.

That was the story of Wonthaggi's record-breaking win over Maffra last Saturday, on the back of a winning defence, led by Shannon Bray, Jye Gilmour and Kyle Reid, and a team defence fronted by the coach himself, Jarryd Blair, at his contested possession best throughout the day.

The Power was also able to apply commendable forward pressure as well with the likes of Cooper McInnes, Jack Hutchinson, Harry Dawson and Jack Blair making it tough for Maffra to clear the scoring zone.

And they had a choice of lead-up forwards too including Jakeb Thomas, Jordan Staley and Troy Harley and Jack Hutchinson.

The only thing, and it was an issue noted by Blair at three-quarter time, was the number of goal-scoring chances that either hit the post or went astray, robbing the Power of an even bigger winning margin than the record 80-point result over Maffra by the end of the game.

"We're creating a lot of chances and we want to be kicking more of them," said Blair at the last change.

"No one means to miss them, so just as long as we keep creating them, the goals will come," he said.

But missing gettable chances can result in momentum changes in tight games, against the best opposition, and you may see some goal-kicking scenarios practiced at training over the next few weeks.

There was, however, a lot to like about the way Wonthaggi went about it on Saturday, in glorious autumn sunshine at Maffra.

They put their stamp on the contest early in the first quarter with three unanswered goals to Cooper McInnes (2) and Harry Dawson after which both teams had their chances, in a defensive game to the end of the first term.

Danny Butcher was running hot for Maffra and should have opened their account when he received a nice pass from Ben Brunt. Good team defence by Reid, Bray and Knowles set a pattern for Power, Bray also combining with Jack Blair but Daniel Bedggood also had a clear chance that came to nothing.

Wonthaggi went bang, bang through Jordan Staley and Tom Davey for quick goals soon after the restart and they looked set to put a real space between the teams on the scoreboard.

But Maffra's onballers including Kieran Jones on Toma Huther in the ruck, Butcher on Sparkes, Ed Carr tracking Jarryd Blair and Aiden Lindsay and Mitch Hayes among others running through the middle, were holding their own and Wonthaggi relied on a

fair bit of drive out of the back half.

Brodie Mabilia took a nice intercept mark which ended in a point to Sparkes and Cooper McInnes took a hanger before kicking a point and it took a hook up between Jarryd Blair and McInnes to bring up the Power's next, a great snap after a hard-ball-get by Blair resulting in the goal of the day.

Ryan Sparkes just about had his head pulled off in a crude tackle that started a dust up midway through.

Wonthaggi was growing in confidence and Kyle Reid was playing higher up the ground to keep the ball rebounding deep into the attacking zone.

Lindsay and Hutchinson combined for no score and when urged to finish their work by Blair at three quarter time, they won the last quarter five goals to three to set up a record-setting 80 point win.

The result puts Wonthaggi back on track after a let-down week against Moe, and they now have a string of winnable games that could set up their season.

their opening goal through Alex Carr.

But that was it for the rest of the term and Wonthaggi locked down again and they really should have had eight more goals, rather than three, by the last break.

Jakeb Thomas and Jack Hutchinson both hit the post in the space of a minute, and Staley, Davey and McInnes all kicked points, wasting terrific work by the Blair brothers, Sparkes and others but finally Dawson broke through, Hutchinson got one after a good lead-up mark and Thomas kicked an easy one after a downfield free.

It was all Wonthaggi in a pleasing "team effort" and when urged to finish their work by Blair at three quarter time, they won the last quarter five goals to three to set up a record-setting 80 point win.

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Final Scores: Wonthaggi 15.18.108 def Maffra 4.4.28.

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, MAY 6

ELLINBANK

ROUND 5

Lang Lang v Buln Buln
Trafalgar v Nyora
Longwarry v Poowong
Ellinbank v Neerim South
Yarragon v Catani
Nilma Darnum - BYE

GIPPSLAND

ROUND 5

Traralgon v Warragul
Wonthaggi v Drouin
Maffra v Morwell
Leongatha v Bairnsdale
Sale v Moe

MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 3

Toora v Morwell East
Boolarra v Foster
Stony Creek v Hill End
Yinnar v MDU
Newborough v Mirboo North
Fish Creek v Thorpdale
Tarwin - BYE

WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 4

Dalyston v Bunyip
Garfield v Inverloch-Kongwak
Koo Wee Rup v Kilcunda-Bass
Phillip Island v Nar Nar Goon
Warragul Industrials v Korumburra-Bena



Parrot Jenson Garnham has ball in hand during his stunning 11-goal display. A23_1823

Ten out of Ten Parrots

A 10 out of 10 performance was the verdict of Leongatha coach Trent McMicking, and it's doubtful any Parrots fans would argue following a magical display of teamwork capped off by Jenson Garnham's stunning 11-goal haul.

The Parrots were switched on from the outset, never relenting as they charged to a 132-point win over last season's runner-up Sale, taking a staggering 29 marks inside their forward 50 metre arc to Sale's six.

Jack Ginnane followed up his 11-goal bag in round 3 with eight against the Magpies.

Despite two forwards combining for 19 goals, there wasn't a hint of selfishness from Leongatha, with Garnham, Ginnane and others sensing when to find a teammate in a better position rather than strive for personal glory.

Wil Dawson set the tone early, booting the game's first major after returning to the Parrots' lineup.

He impressed with his ability to help out Ben Willis in the ruck and his intensity in winning contested ball, whether laying tackles or smothering.

The fact Jack Hume missed a mention in Leongatha's best demonstrates the heights the Parrots reached, with the number 11 a commanding force with his marking around half forward and asserting himself in other parts of the ground.

Aaron Heppell excelled, whether he had the Sherrin in hand or was laying crunching tackles, with Luke Bowman another prolific ball winner who contributed significantly to Leongatha's outstanding display.

Cade Maskell, Tom Marriott and Ginnane were also among the Parrots' best but there were no passengers for the defending premier.

While McMicking was delighted with his players' ability to adjust to slippery conditions in the first term, he wasn't yet entirely satisfied at quarter time.

"Four times you've had three fly," he

told his backmen.

But there was little for him to worry about from thereon in, and even at that point Leongatha enjoyed a 26-point lead.

Already on fire in the first term, Garnham didn't let up when hostilities resumed, steaming out like a train on the lead, snatching the mark and goaling from near the arc not far in from the boundary.

Such was Leongatha's first half dominance, the Parrots had 43 marks to 17 by the long break, including 15 to one inside the forward 50 zone.

As impressed as he was with the first three quarters, McMicking wasn't about to get soft on his players at the final change, urging them to get the job done and not take the foot off the pedal.

They took that message to heart, providing a scintillating 10 goal to two last term.

"I can't pick a hole in it," McMicking said in the rooms after a wonderful team effort.

He praised his side's midfield domination and touched on the importance of combining success and enjoyment.

"Everyone here is working for two purposes, premierships and fun," McMicking said.

While there is still much hard work ahead to achieve the former, the Parrots are laying solid foundations to achieve their quest.

Tallin Brill (3 goals) and Dawson, with a couple of majors, were Leongatha's other multiple goal scorers behind the G-Trains with shared initials, Garnham and Ginnane.

Coach Jack Johnstone was Sale's only multiple goal scorer, kicking a couple of majors, while Shannen Lange and vice captain Jack McLaren gave their all as the Magpies' best, McLaren the beaten side's most prolific ball-winner with 26 disposals.

The Parrots' exemplary show will live long in the memory.



Leongatha's big man Ben Willis and Sale's Jack Leslie contest in the ruck during the first quarter. Z15_1823

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Moe	4	0	229.45	16	Leongatha	3	1	268.22	12	Traralgon	4	0	326.45	16	Traralgon	4	0	337.86	16
Leongatha	4	0	214.47	16	Traralgon	3	1	205.11	12	Warragul	3	1	234.84	12	Maffra	3	1	198.21	12
Traralgon	3	1	145.45	12	Moe	3	1	176.50	12	Bairnsdale	2	1	128.57	10	Moe	3	1	194.34	12
Bairnsdale	2	1	88.10	10	Wonthaggi	3	1	142.38	12	Leongatha	2	1	91.07	8	Bairnsdale	3	1	192.97	12
Wonthaggi	2	2	124.80	8	Maffra	3	1	108.74	12	Maffra	2	1	86.71	8	Leongatha	3	1	172.07	12
Warragul	2	2	53.11	8	Morwell	2	2	144.23	8	Morwell	1	3	71.58	4	Drouin	2	2	76.12	8
Morwell	1	3	70.56	4	Bairnsdale	2	2	102.09	8	Moe	1	2	49.50	4	Warragul	1	3	94.24	4
Sale	1	3	64.57	4	Warragul	1	3	41.91	4	Sale	0	2	75.45	2	Sale	1	3	32.18	4
Maffra	0	3	59.94	2	Sale	0	4	40.07	0	Drouin	0	4	39.29	0	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0
Drouin	0	4	84.95	0	Drouin	0	4	20.80	0	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Wonthaggi	0	4	42.70	0

ROUND 4

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND
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LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

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LEONGATHA

SALE

Leongatha 6.3 13.6 17.9 27.13 (175)
Sale 2.1 3.4 4.6 6.7 (43)

GOALS, Leongatha: Jenson Garnham 11, Jack Ginnane 8, Tallin Brill 3, Wil Dawson 2, Jesse Burns, Sam Forrester, Aaron Heppell 1 each

BEST: Jenson Garnham, Aaron Heppell, Cade Maskell, Luke Bowman, Thomas Marriott, Jack Ginnane

GOALS, Sale: Jack Johnstone 2, Thomas Campbell, Shannen Lange, Jack Leslie, Hayden Potts 1 each

BEST: Shannen Lange, Jack McLaren, Adam Wallace, Liam Place, Hudson Holmes, Lachie Ronchi

RESERVES

Leongatha 7.0 12.3 15.7 20.10 (130)
Sale 0.0 1.4 1.5 2.6 (18)

GOALS, Leongatha: Flynn Materia 4, Darcy Hume 3, Reegan Kemp, Jacob Lamers, Lachie Wright 2, Noah Fixter, Steve Forrester, Ty Hall, Rhett Kelly, Oakley Kerr, Joshua Schelling, Thomas Sorrell 1 each

BEST: Darcy Hume, Ty Hall, Matthew Borschman, Steve Forrester, Flynn Materia, Jacob Lamers

GOALS, Sale: Jordan Sandeman, Thomas Wrigglesworth 1 each

BEST: Thomas Wrigglesworth, Shane Fyfe, Ethan Dyer, Zak Russell, Jonty McGuiness, Hudson Tollner

THIRDS

Leongatha 6.1 10.5 12.8 14.10 (94)
Sale 1.0 4.2 8.3 10.6 (66)

BEST, Leongatha: Max Donohue, Beau Graham Andrews, Julian Callahan, Lachlan Gill, Will Brown, Cooper Quaife

BEST, Sale: Kane Cutler, Hudson Tollner, Baxter Pearce, Maddix Malone, Chris Kelsey, Thomas Wrigglesworth

FOURTHS

Leongatha 3.3 8.8 8.13 14.20 (104)
Sale 0.2 0.2 0.4 1.4 (10)

BEST, Leongatha: Klayton McGrath, Aydan Williams, Archie Fixter, Thomas Geary, Kade Berryman, Isaac Bolge

BEST, Sale: Jarrod Cutler, Finn Wilson, Jonah Hall, Baylin Grubb, Bailey Harrison, Harper Walker

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

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WONTHAGGI

MAFFRA

Wonthaggi 3.4 7.9 10.15 15.18 (108)
Maffra 0.1 0.2 1.3 4.4 (28)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Cooper McInnes 4, Tom Davey, Harry Dawson 3, Troy Harley 2, Jack Hutchinson, Jordan Staley, Jake Thomas 1 each

BEST: Jarryd Blair, Shannon Bray, Tom Davey, Jake Thomas, Troy Harley, Tim Knowles

GOALS, Maffra: Daniel Bedggood 2, Alex Carr, Darcy Davis 1 each

BEST: Danny Butcher, Alex Carr, Zach Felsbourg, Brayden Monk, Daniel Bedggood, James Read

RESERVES

Maffra 2.1 2.3 7.3 10.5 (65)
Wonthaggi 2.4 3.5 5.5 7.8 (50)

GOALS, Maffra: Jesse Oldham 4, Bailey Carubia 2, Will Brunt, Jos Dimarco, Jack Kelly, Seth Smith 1 each

BEST: Brent McKenzie, Jesse Oldham, Sebastian Pendergast, Josh Davis, Max Gravener, Brodie Johnson

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Adam Busana 2, Ryan Cornell, Ollie Dawson, Wayne Luke, Reeve Moresco, Jaxon Williams 1 each

BEST: Jaxon Williams, Thomas Murray, Noah Anderson, Lachie Jones, Silas O'Halloran, Reeve Moresco

FOURTHS

Maffra 5.2 10.3 13.6 20.11 (131)
Wonthaggi 0.0 1.2 3.2 4.3 (27)

BEST, Maffra: Zachary O'Keefe, Elijh Berry, Jack McQuillen, Thomas Phillips, Lachlan Harrington, Samuel Richards

BEST, Wonthaggi: Connor MacMillan, Thomas MacMillan, Codi Duscher, Oliver Feather, Andot Mankhong, Jasper Shone

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Traralgon 19.18.132 d Drouin 13.10.88
Warragul 13.3.81 d Morwell 10.11.71
Moe 14.16.100 d Bairnsdale 7.8.50

RESERVES

Traralgon 19.12.126 d Drouin 4.4.28
Morwell 6.6.42 d Warragul 6.3.39
Moe 15.4.94 d Bairnsdale 5.8.38

THIRDS

Traralgon 17.10.112 d Drouin 4.3.27
Warragul 13.10.88 d Morwell 5.6.36
Bairnsdale 8.10.58 d Moe 5.5.35

FOURTHS

Traralgon 8.14.62 d Drouin 3.9.27
Warragul 16.10.106 d Morwell 12.8
Bairnsdale 9.9.63 d Moe 6.6.42

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 3

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

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TOORADIN-DAL

Phillip Island 4.2 11.8 14.11 16.15 (111)
Tooradin-Dal 4.2 5.5 8.7 9.13 (67)**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Travis Woodfield 4, Jesse Patullo 3, Max Blake 2, Cameron Brown, Tully Dickie, Bryce Hindhaugh, Jack Papas, Eli Richards, Billy Taylor, Jack Taylor 1 each**BEST:** Bryce Hindhaugh, Max Walton, Daniel Pearce, Max Blake, Hayden Bruce, Travis Woodfield**GOALS, Tooradin-Dal:** Stewart Scanlon, Julian Suarez 2, Liam Adams, Hayden Bertoli-Simmonds, Johnny Duff, Adam Oxley, Panos Papas 1 each**BEST:** Cooper Shipp, Liam Adams, Brent Macaffer, Panos Papas, Brad Lenders, Hayden Bertoli-Simmonds**RESERVES**Tooradin-Dal 1.4 6.7 6.13 13.16 (94)
Phillip Island 1.0 1.2 2.3 2.4 (16)**GOALS, Tooradin-Dal:** Timothy Lenders 3, Kane Forgiarini 2, Ned Harrison, Jordan Jones, Connor O'Riordan, Corey Provan, Jason Siegel, Scott Szucs, Joshua Trezise, Caden Webb 1 each**BEST:** Joshua Trezise, Mitch Forgiarini, Corey Provan, Jordan Jones, Connor O'Riordan, Thomas Bethune**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Dylan Susic, Will Taylor-Eagles 1**BEST:** Thomas Niven, Cooper Logan, Samuel McRae, Noah Bee-Hickman, Tom Aylett, Kirby Fuller**THIRDS**Phillip Island 0.5 3.8 4.10 6.11 (47)
Tooradin-Dal 1.2 2.3 4.8 5.11 (41)**GOALS, Phillip Island:** No players named.**BEST:** Leo Savona, Kohen Beaumont, Jack Huther, Beau Davies, Zac Walker, Max Arceo**GOALS, Tooradin-Dal:** No players named.**BEST:** Ryan Gates-Crewes, Darcy Wright, Brody Campbell, Charlie Shinners, Jack Hamilton, Anthony Mirauta**FOURTHS**Phillip Island 1.3 3.5 3.7 5.11 (41)
Tooradin-Dal 1.0 2.2 2.5 2.5 (17)**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Oliver Duggan, Bailey Hennessy, Jeremy Kelly, George McCausland, Noah Williams 1 each**BEST:** William Hill, Jeremy Kelly, Noah Williams, Oliver Duggan, Benjamin Chihotski, Heath Womersley**GOALS, Tooradin-Dal:** Chayse Campbell 2**BEST:** Lenny Goldberg, Harrison Hardy, Darcy Freeman, Riley Sherwood, Hudson Rogers, Lachlan Plant**IN OTHER GAMES...****SENIORS**Warragul Ind 20.20.140 d Bunyip 3.5.23
Cora Lynn 16.11.107 d Koo Wee Rup 11.9.75
Nar Nar Goon 17.21.123 d Garfield 2.3.15**RESERVES**Warragul Ind 21.13.139 d Bunyip 2.1.13
Cora Lynn 8.13.61 d Koo Wee Rup 4.2.26
Nar Nar Goon 18.11.119 d Garfield 4.1.25**THIRDS**Cora Lynn 14.11.95 d Koo Wee Rup 4.6.30
Garfield 14.13.97 d Nar Nar Goon 2.5.17**FOURTHS**Nar Nar Goon 18.10.118 d Garfield 1.0.6
Warragul Ind 25.21.171 d Bunyip 0.0.0

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Warragul Industrials 20.20.140 d Bunyip 3.5.23

Cora Lynn 16.11.107 d Koo Wee Rup 11.9.75

Dalyston 24.9.153 d Korumburra-Bena 11.6.72

Inverloch-Kongwak 26.11.167 d Kilcunda-Bass 3.3.21

Nar Nar Goon 17.21.123 d Garfield 2.3.15

Phillip Island 16.15.111 d Tooradin-Dalmore 9.13.67

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Billy Taylor and Coby Olarensaw look make a break out of the pack. Photos: Carol Ratcliff

Bulldogs bite back in grand final replay

ROUND 3 beckoned with one of the toughest challenges in the West Gippsland League – an away visit to last year's premier (and Bulldog conqueror) Tooradin.

The skies were foreboding as the faithful headed from the Island, amidst the pouring rain and slippery roads.

Upon arrival at Tooradin, and low-and-behold, sunshine and relatively clear skies.

Combined with an oval in what looked perfect condition, the challenge didn't look any lesser given the conditions favoured the type of game last year's premier enjoyed. Last week's ordinary performance against Inverloch was in the rear-view mirror, but how far all wondered?

Pre-game began with Tully Dickie presented with his game-day jumper, having been selected for his first game for the senior Bulldogs after two classy performances in the ressies. With Eli Richards, vice-captain Daniel Pearce and Jessie Patullo back in, the loss of Jordy, the Sauce and ball-magnet Kimber was reasonably offset. Message from the coach – go fast, go wide and go hard!

In what many pundits were to conclude was one of the most exciting, exhilarating performances from a team in the local competition, the Bulldogs were unrecognisable from Round 2.

Speed on the ball, slick and clean movement, hard



The Bulldog's Kai Mackenzie palms it off as Tooradin tackles.

inside, and quick on the outside, all of a sudden, the Bulldogs found themselves four goals to one in the first.

Eli Richards leading on the ball, Jesse Patullo on the move, and Trav Woodfield ran the Tooradin defence ragged. Not to be outdone, the Seagulls rallied with 3 goals in the last 5 to level the score – ouch!

Quarter 2 began as Q1 ended, with the Seagulls scoring and all of a sudden in front.

But then, the next seven goals were from the Bulldogs, taking over all over the ground.

Kai Mackenzie took running charge from the backline delivering to players all over the ground.

By mid-way through the quarter, all forwards had goals.

The Dogs found themselves up 74-35 at the major break.

The premiership quarter was a beauty. As expected, the Seagulls came out hard, with that man Scanlan bob-

bing up for a couple.

Just when the home side looked to be getting on top, Max Blake and Jesse Patullo stepped up for goals.

With Cam Pedersen dominating from the middle, and Daniel Bourke well on top of man-mountain Piva Wright, the dogs stemmed the tide.

The ball continued to ping from end to end, with the gulls trying to make headway, and the Bulldogs continuing the brave and precise ball movement in response. 3 goals to both teams in the third was just rewards for a fantastic quarter of football.

The last continued at the break-neck speed, with the Gulls pushing and probing and the Bulldogs resisting.

Trav Woodfield continued his day out, and with his second for the quarter finishing the contest.

Eli continued his outstanding mid-field display, with Max Walton displaying why he is on the Box Hill list with an outstanding mid-field game. The Gulls continued right to the end, but with stern defence the Bulldogs finished up extending their lead to a well-deserved 44-point victory.

After game celebrations were strong, but with the full knowledge that this is Round 3, and next week Nar Nar Goon await at the Kennel.

One great win doesn't a season make, but it certainly provided an indicator of the best the Bulldogs can put together being well on the pace at the top of the competition.

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Sea Eagles feast on wounded Panthers

INVERLOCH KONGWAK continued their bright start to the season on Saturday when they welcomed Kilcunda Bass down the highway to the Inverloch Recreation Reserve.

The visitors were again without their star midfielder Nathan Foote and forward Taylor Gibson and were coming off a tough loss to the up and coming Dalyston, while IK still missed Dylan Clark but arrived off the back of a huge win at the kennel.

Conditions were perfect at 'The Nest' and the first term started evenly with both teams cracking in hard but even after just five minutes it was clear that it was going to be IK's day.

The Sea Eagles structures were impeccable as it was clear once again that their new look coaching panel has done an incredible job, this time making it near impossible for the Panthers defenders to move the ball out of defence.

This eventuated as the theme of the whole afternoon as the home side gained great momentum through the play of guns Andrew Soumilas and Lachlan Scott.

At the first break, the Sea Eagles had opened up a 33-point lead, holding the visitors to just two shots for goal,

both behinds.

The second quarter was easily IK's best for the day, with every player in the gold white and blue playing well, disallowing 'Killy Bass' any opportunity to get their game going.

The ball lived in the host's forward half for what felt like the entirety of the term as Tom Hams and Tate Short intercepted plenty of kicks in the middle of the ground.

IK's ANZAC medallist Will Hams was again getting plenty of it out on the wing and the run through the middle of Joe Soumilas and Oscar Toussaint was deadly.

This all helped the Sea Eagles hold the Panthers goalless for a second straight term and extend their lead to a mammoth 90 points at halftime.

The third quarter saw a decent fightback from the Panthers booting their first three goals of the match with Kye Benson and Dean McRae leading the way.

The Panthers were just too undermanned to fight the overwhelming strength of their hosts who came alive again in the third through young prodigy Archer Reid who began to dominate up forward in his senior debut.

At the final change, IK led it by 108 points.



Inverloch's Toby Mahoney is a picture of concentration, kicking towards goal against Killy Bass. Z27_1823

Carew catapults Dalyston to dominant victory

MORALE around the Dalyston Football Netball Club lifted significantly after each of their four football teams saluted with wins against Korumburra-Bena in round 3.

After a testing few seasons, real signs of improvement are beginning to show as the senior team posted a resounding victory in fine conditions on their home deck.

Highlighting the performance, Blake Carew bagged nine, kicking multiple goals each quarter.

Along with Mason Storr (5 goals) and Hayden Wallis (4 goals), the Magpies had a three-pronged attack that proved too potent for the rebuilding Giants.

Dalyston's ability to extract the ball from the centre allowed quick delivery into their forward 50 to benefit their leading key position players.

The first term was a free-wheeling affair with both teams up for the contest.

Mason Storr capped off the good early work of Smith and Wallis to post the first major.

The Giants answered with Jay Walker lacing one out to the leading Kodie Walker who didn't disappoint with his set shot from 40m out.

By quarter time 10 goals had been scored, Dalyston held the

lead by 25 points.

Hayden Wallis headlined the start of the second with two early goals. Both strong grabs on the straight lead.

Kodie Walker lifted Giants' spirits with a sensational dribbling effort from deep in the pocket but goals to Carew and Storr kept the Magpie's scoreline ticking.

The Giants added the next two through Sewell and MacDonald but three goals in red time gave Dalyston a firm hold on the game at the long break.

What the Giants lack in experience is countered by their enthusiasm to compete and at no point did they throw in the towel.

In fact, they won the third quarter, outscoring Dalyston four goals to three. Their playing coach Paul Fermanis was pivotal in this period, he initiated several forays from centre half forward and kicked two himself.

The Magpies cleaned up their act and Blake Carew put the game to bed with three consecutive goals from the restart.

The final term saw the Pies stretch their lead and build momentum to take into their next game against Bunyip. Korumburra-Bena are on the road again with a visit to Warragul to test themselves against the Dusties.



Jaxon Foon provides Dalyston captain Brayden Duve protection to mark. Photo: Michelle Chisholm

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

ROUND 3

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts av
Inverloch-K	3	0	264.57	12	Tooradin-Dal	3	0	638.60	12	Garfield	2	0	364.58	4.00	Nar Nar Goon	3	0	400.00	4.00
Cora Lynn	3	1	137.78	12	Cora Lynn	3	1	331.58	12	Inverloch-K	3	0	295.45	4.00	Phillip Island	3	0	296.36	4.00
Tooradin-Dal	3	1	109.76	12	Inverloch-K	3	0	323.68	12	Phillip Island	2	1	127.41	2.67	Warragul Ind	2	1	697.92	2.67
Nar Nar Goon	2	1	229.01	8	Nar Nar Goon	2	1	232.22	8	Cora Lynn	2	2	143.09	2.00	Dalyston	1	1	190.91	2.00
Phillip Island	2	1	117.80	8	Warragul Ind	1	1	198.90	4	Tooradin-Dal	2	2	140.13	2.00	Koo Wee Rup	1	1	79.22	2.00
Dalyston	2	1	104.74	8	Dalyston	1	2	171.19	4	Warragul Ind	1	1	66.67	2.00	Kor-Bena	1	1	66.06	2.00
Warragul Ind	1	2	147.59	4	Koo Wee Rup	1	2	69.57	4	Koo Wee Rup	1	2	86.53	1.33	Garfield	1	1	40.00	2.00
Koo Wee Rup	1	2	87.20	4	Garfield	1	2	68.07	4	Kilcunda-Bass	1	2	80.68	1.33	Inverloch-K	0	2	27.93	0.00
Garfield	1	2	71.64	4	Phillip Island	1	2	62.38	4	Nar Nar Goon	1	2	64.78	1.33	Bunyip	0	3	22.34	0.00
Kor-Bena	1	2	51.86	4	Bunyip	1	2	28.76	4	Dalyston	1	2	39.54	1.33	Tooradin-Dal	0	2	14.29	0.00
Kilcunda-Bass	0	3	46.09	0	Kilcunda-Bass	1	2	20.87	4	Kor-Bena	0	2	30.00	0.00	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bunyip	0	3	40.13	0	Kor-Bena	0	3	12.87	0	Bunyip	0	0	0.00	0.00	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

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INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

167 **21**

INVERLOCH-K KILCUNDA-BASS

Inverloch-K 5.5 14.8 20.8 26.11 (167)

Kilcunda-Bass 0.2 0.2 3.2 3.3 (21)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Archer Reid 6, Toby Mahoney 5, Liam O'Neill 4, Nicholas Baltas, Taite Cumming 2, Will Hams, Clinton McCaughan, Lachlan Scott, Tate Short, Joe Soumilas, Jordan Tomas, Oscar Toussaint 1 each

BEST: Ethan Park, Archer Reid, Lachlan Scott, Joe Soumilas, Kairon Dorling, Tate Short

GOALS, K-Bass: Dean McRae 2, Dale Gawley 1

BEST: Kye Benson, Dean McRae, Benjamin Eddy, Bradley Aldwell, Lochlan Scott, Mitchell Wood

RESERVES

Inverloch-K 1.5 7.12 15.14 20.19 (139)

Kilcunda-Bass 3.1 3.2 3.2 3.3 (21)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Patrick Jobling 4, James Scott 3, Xavier Hughes, Bailey Patterson, Emmet Taranto, Dylan Taylor 2, Jack Butcher, Jaxon Hayes, Lachlan Johnson, Callum McKenzie, Jamieson Soumilas 1 each

BEST: James Scott, Bailey Patterson, Lachlan Johnson, Emmet Taranto, Jamieson Soumilas, Jaxon Hayes

GOALS, K-Bass: Tyler Halls-Ferguson, Harry Maclean, Ben Wemyss 1 each

BEST: Gerard Giacco, Zach Gorsuch, William Campbell, Tyler Halls-Ferguson, Jonathon Rocatas, Michael Gatherum

THIRDS

Inverloch-K 4.1 9.5 13.7 17.8 (110)

Kilcunda-Bass 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.1 (13)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Rem Dal Pozzo, Jarvis Harvey 5, Harry Butcher, Jai Williamson 2, Jack McNally, Callan O'Flynn, Jobe Scapin 1 each

BEST: Callan O'Flynn, Rem Dal Pozzo, Jarvis Harvey, Jai Williamson, Zac Mabilia, Harry Butcher

GOALS, K-Bass: Isaac Sinniah, Owen Thomas 1 each

BEST: Owen Thomas, Riley Eden, Jack Hosking, Toby Challinor, William Campbell, George Blum

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

153 **72**

DALYSTON KORUMBURRA-BENA

Dalyston 7.3 14.6 17.7 24.9 (153)

Kor-Bena 3.1 6.3 10.3 11.6 (72)

GOALS, Dalyston: Blake Carew 9, Mason Storr 5, Hayden Wallis 4, Jake Barry, Brayden Bowes, Brayden Duve, Mitch Hallahan, Michael Marotta, Curtis Murfett 1 each

BEST: Blake Carew, Curtis Murfett, Mason Storr, Brayden Duve, Mitch Hallahan, Hayden Wallis

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Byron Walker, Kodie Walker 3, Paul Fermanis 2, Wade MacDonald, Christian Sewell, Blake Webb 1

BEST: Joel Cuman, Jay Walker, Blake Webb, James Dunn, Byron Walker

RESERVES

Dalyston 4.1 9.2 14.8 22.10 (142)

Kor-Bena 0.1 1.2 1.2 1.3 (9)

GOALS, Dalyston: Jake Gehler 6, Andrew Magro 5, Lachie Wright 3, Jake Woolan 2, Tyson Andrijetho, John Armstrong, Stewart Beaumont, Zachary Storry, Kyle Valentine, Fraser West 1

BEST: Lachie Wright, Alexander Geyer, Andrew Magro, Jake Gehler, Fraser West, Shaun Silver

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Alessi Green 1

BEST: Jesse Harris, Boyd Robertson, Evan Allaway, Mitchell Sawyers, Charlie Carew

THIRDS

Dalyston 4.3 6.5 7.8 9.8 (62)

Kor-Bena 0.2 0.4 1.5 5.6 (36)

GOALS, Dalyston: Matrix Chisholm 4, Riley Sharp 2, Riley Gray, Ryan Gray, Ryda Kay-Darts 1 each

BEST: Sebastian Ori, Riley Sharp, Beau Ransom, Tai Bolding, Matrix Chisholm, Ryan Cargill

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Jy Carew 2, Jake Fowles, Jake Kelly, Hayden Simcock 1 each

BEST: Zachary Barrett, Charlie Carew, Jake Fowles, Hayden Simcock, Josh Checkley, Jack Donohue

FOURTHS

Dalyston 2.3 4.7 9.11 10.13 (73)

Kor-Bena 1.0 1.0 1.0 2.1 (13)

GOALS, Dalyston: Noah Shepherd 3, Jesse Dugard 2, Bailey Anderson, Ziggy Bowman Kissane, Will Chisholm, Jake Hughes, Tyge Silvester 1 each

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Shelby Knoll worked hard to break out the hold from Akayla Peterson, keeping the ball with the Demons. Z44_1823

Thousands turn out for historic VFL clashes

THE Box Hill Hawks and Casey Demons VFL and VFLW teams made history on Sunday, playing their first scoring match on the grounds of Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve – drawing in a crowd of over 3000 people from the community to witness the action-packed matches.

The VFLW kicked off at 11:30am with the Hawks dominating the ground and securing a win against the Casey Demons.

The game was formed through the partnership between the Bass Coast Shire Council and the Box Hill Hawks.

Mayor Cr Michael Whelan attended the game and said, "what a remarkable day for football, our partnership with VFLW supports equality in sport and witnessing the level of talent here on the ground is just inspiring for the younger generation."

"We hope to see a higher level of interest in girls' football for the juniors after today."

"We also have great gratitude to the Casey Demons for agreeing to play in Bass Coast, helping us to build on our relationship with VFL and share days like this with the community."

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The Box Hill Hawks and the Casey Demons fight for victory at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve for the first time. Z48_1823

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