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Just fix it, they say

WONTHAGGI couple Glenda Park and Stuart Mackenzie are among hundreds of others in the town affected by the shock imposition of a new Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO) on their home in Stirling Street, Wonthaggi, one of the earliest releases in the Parklands Estate.

As part of the incorporation of the North East Precinct PSP growth area into the Bass Coast Shire Council's planning scheme, more than 250 properties, possibly as many as 1000, have had highly-restrictive overlays added to their titles, in some cases, years after the land was titled, sold and built on.

Glenda and Stuart's delightful home, and well-established garden, was one of the first built in the estate, almost five years ago but they're now being asked to carry out an environmental assessment, and possibly a contamination audit retrospectively.

"I'd like to know which properties are rated as having high, medium and low risk of contamination and how they know that," said Ms Park.

"We're probably in a better position than some because the house is built and we're not planning to move anytime soon but I really feel for those who can't get a permit to build or who have to sell."

She has wasted no time writing to the Victorian Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny, stressing that surely it must be a "huge mistake" to expect people who've already bought a block and even built a home to go back and test for contamination.

"You could use your power to prevent this nightmare from continuing and becoming a stranglehold on the growth areas of Wonthaggi."

Ms Park has recommended those impacted to write to the Minister, and their local MP Jordan Crugnale, to register their interest with the shire for updates and follow the new Facebook page set up by 'Residents Affected by the EAO Wonthaggi'.

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Hundreds of
homeowners slugged

THE Victorian Planning Authority, the statutory planning arm of the State Government, has delivered a damning assessment of the Bass Coast Shire Council's handling of the alleged contamination risks associated with the release of residential land in Wonthaggi's North East growth precinct.

In a statement last Friday, the VPA said council had been given three or four clear opportunities to add contamination-related conditions to subdivision permits, and if they had, compliance with the highly-restrictive new planning

overlays would never have rested with individual homeowners, and would have been borne by the developers.

However, successive council administrations did not act on those repeated warnings, particularly as expressed in a report they commissioned themselves by GHD Pty Ltd in April 2016, and a

follow up report by the VPA in May 2019, which both highlighted "that some of the land within the precinct had a medium or high potential for contamination".

"Council continued to issue permits for residential subdivision without including contamination-related conditions even after they were made aware of the findings of the April 2016 report and the subsequent contamination report commissioned by the VPA in 2019," said the VPA in a "background" briefing provided to the Sentinel-Times last Friday.

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In turn, the Council is blaming the Victorian Planning Authority, which they say assumed control of Amendment C152 (North East Precinct PSP) in 2020 for fast-tracking, partly as a housing crisis initiative, and was responsible for everything that happened thereafter.

However, while making that clear, new shire CEO Greg Box said this week, the focus was on helping those impacted and not engaging in the blame game.

"While Council is unable to alter the requirements of an Environmental Audit Overlay, we are in constant discussion with the Victorian Planning Authority to resolve the situation urgently. We understand this is a stressful time for homeowners in the affected areas, and those who hold titles to build," Mr Box said.

Manager of Strategy and Growth at the shire, Donna Taylor, the head of the shire's planning team, claims the shire did act after receiving the 2016 GHD report, recommending environmental assessment conditions in some discrete parts of the North East Precinct and included four or five sites, several in Oates Road and one fronting Korumburra-Wonthaggi Road, in the draft amendment Council adopted in 2019.

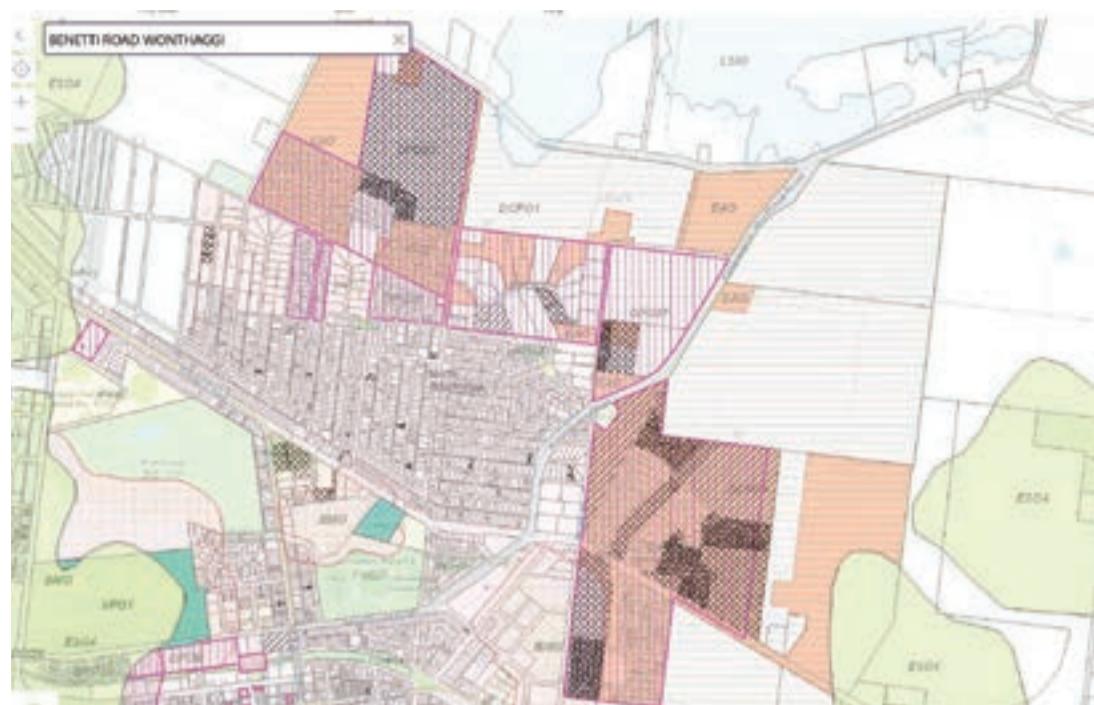
None of these sites have since been developed for housing.

She said the VPA assumed control of the amendment in 2020 and thereafter had full responsibility for decision making and community engagement.

"We did provide information and made representations about the overlays, that they should be applied to the areas we identified, and also to highly sensitive locations, such as school sites, pre-schools and playgrounds."

But the shire did not favour broad application of the environmental assessment conditions, especially as most of the area was previously grazing land and presenting a potentially low risk of contamination.

The shire certainly did not



The areas marked in orange, to the north and east of the township of Wonthaggi are the areas where new 'Environmental Audit Overlays' have been added.

see the need to apply an EAO retrospectively on blocks that had already been titled, sold and built on.

Ms Taylor said that on July 1, 2021, the State Government made significant amendments to the Environmental Protection Act 2017 which were also incorporated into Amendment C152.

She said the expanded application of the EAOs was clearly in the public domain from 2020 onwards, on the VPA's website, and the VPA also repeated claims this week, that all property owners, including developers and building block owners, had been kept informed.

This has been hotly disputed by the affected homeowners and also the developers.

Asked why the shire didn't contact the 250 property owners listed by the VPA in the approved amendment, after it had been gazetted on January 18 this year, Ms Taylor said the shire had taken legal advice and started talking with the VPA.

"It takes time to get legal advice and we still don't have a clear view of the VPA's processes," she said.

And in the absence of any

effective action by council, over the past eight years, upwards of 250 properties, many of them well-established homes, had an Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO) slapped on their titles when the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan was incorporated into the Bass Coast Shire Council Planning Scheme on January 18, 2024.

The owners can't build until the conditions of the EAO are addressed, and the overlay is likely to remain on their titles even after they have been cleared of any contamination risk.

Individual homeowners and building block owners could be up for between \$15,000 and \$45,000 to comply with the conditions of these new EAOs, if they want to build, make improvements, or sell their properties without questions being asked about the potential for contamination.

More if remedial work is required.

It has been a shock for most.

One couple, who recently bought an established house in the Parklands Estate, but have decided to put it back on the market after a home they had been chasing elsewhere in

town became available, were at a loss about what to do next.

"We're just waiting on our Section 32. We didn't know about any of this. What happens now?"

It's not just the potential cost.

'Residents Affected by the EAO Wonthaggi' have established a Facebook page in the past few days, to share knowledge about the crisis.

One of the administrators of the site, local civil engineer Liam Martin, has raised equally worrying concerns.

"It is my understanding that even if a Preliminary Risk Screen Assessment (PRSA) or Environmental Audit is undertaken, this does not mean the overlay will be removed from your land. Instead, you will be given a certificate stating that the land is suitable for its intended use (residential), assuming that the land passes the audit. Unless the VPA decides to remove the overlay, which seems unlikely, the land will always be burdened with its presence regardless of it passing a PRSA or audit, potentially scaring away any prospective buyers and likely devaluing your land."

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Can you believe the developers 'weren't advised'?

EVEN in August 2022, the Draft Bass Coast Planning Scheme Amendment C152basc, for the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan, made it clear that a large part of the precinct would be covered by new Environmental Audit Overlays (EAO).

The impacted developers would have known that. Some claim they didn't.

And by January 18, 2024, when the structure plan area, including 444 hectares of new residential land, was incorporated into the Bass Coast Shire Council Planning Scheme, a list of the 250 privately owned properties, by street address, were included as being subject to EAOs.

Inexplicably, that list included individually-owned building blocks that had long since had homes built on them, but also the open areas of land, owned by the developers, still to be subdivided.

So, it's hard to believe that the developers didn't know these highly-restrictive overlays were coming their way.

In fact, advised by their planning consultants in October 2022, as a result of the publication of the draft amendment in August 2022, the developers of the Northern Views Estate went ahead, as a precaution, and carried out environmental assessments on the bulk of their site and had the area cleared of any contamination risk.

They weren't told to do it. They just did it.

Subsequently, when the amendment was formally gazetted, all of the land to be released for titles and building, from Stage 4 onwards in Northern Views, does not have an EAO attached to the title.

That's what should have happened elsewhere, but to give the developers their due, they weren't officially told to do it when the council continued issuing subdivision approvals.

Unfortunately, the blocks sold in Stages 1, 2 and 3 of Northern Views, up to four years ago, between 2020 and mid-2022, most of them already with homes established, have been caught up in the planning mess. In relation to these, the developers and the homeowners can clearly say they weren't consulted.

The developers of the other three housing estates impacted by the blanket coverage of these new environmental overlays: Parklands, Powlett Ridge and Summerfields, are now working with recent purchasers in the first instance, those without building permits, to try to help them through their difficulties.

They then plan to move ahead with the required assessments on unsold and undeveloped blocks and unsubdivided land.

Officially though, they still haven't been advised of their obligations.

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THUR | May 2

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Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

8° 18°



FRI | May 3

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Wind AM: Light
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9° 18°



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SUN | May 5

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Wind PM: SE 15-25km/h

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IN BRIEF

Return to Work Victoria to support injured workers

THE establishment of Return to Work Victoria, announced last Tuesday, will focus on promoting effective occupational rehabilitation of injured workers, encourage employers to provide suitable job opportunities for workers who have been injured, and identify innovative injury prevention and return to work strategies.

Return to Work Victoria will deliver the Government's commitment to create and trial new programs and initiatives to improve return to work outcomes, with an initial program budget of \$50 million for its first three years. An annual review will evaluate pilot programs to ensure they are delivering outcomes for workers and value for money.

The pilot programs include a worker support hotline where workers can access mental health support for work-related stress and burnout, and an initiative that will provide small and medium sized businesses with tailored support to build mentally healthy workplaces.

WorkSafe's claims management, recovery and return to work functions will be centralised in Return to Work Victoria, enabling WorkSafe to better target support and interventions.

RACV and CFA improve home safety with new smoke alarm program

RACV and CFA have announced a Smoke Alarm Installation program for rural and regional Victoria, providing 500 at-risk residents, such as renters and elderly Victorians, with free smoke alarms.

The program also aims to increase the understanding and awareness of home fire hazards and reduce the number of preventable fire fatalities.

Smoke alarms play a critical role in early fire detection and evacuation, yet statistics indicate many homes either do not have enough smoke alarms

or have them installed in the wrong areas.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said it's vital everyone has a working smoke alarm in their homes to prevent house fire fatalities.

"We've seen the devastating results of house fires where there wasn't a working smoke alarm, so this is an important program to ensure we're helping our communities, especially those more vulnerable such as renters and elderly Victorians," Mr Heffernan said.

Warning signs of fault and age with your smoke alarm include:

- The smoke alarm unit turning a yellow colour.
- A continuous 'chirp' sound.
- Your smoke alarm activating for no reason.

CFA recommends all smoke alarms in the home be powered by a 10-year lithium battery, be interconnected and installed in every bedroom, living area and hallway on your property.

For more information on the Smoke Alarm Installation Program, visit the CFA website.

Mother's Day stall for CWA

CWA Wonthaggi Owl Women will be hosting a Mother's Day cake and craft stall raising funds to help women, families and youth.

The stall will be inside the doors of Wonthaggi Plaza on Saturday May 11 from 9am until 1pm-ish or until sold out. They will have a variety of baked goods such as delicious cakes, slices and biscuits as well as many crafted items that would make ideal Mother's Day gifts.

Past recipients of donations from proceeds include the Steve Plumb Memorial Fund, YES Youth Hub, and Headspace.

Training boost for regional Victoria

TAFE Gippsland is set to receive a substantial boost as the federal government commits nearly \$1 million to enhance

campuses across Gippsland under the TAFE Technology Fund.

The \$960,000 grant will be used to replace key pieces of specialist equipment and introduce Hybrid and Electric Vehicle (EV) resources.

The investment will support the delivery of EV automotive training at TAFE Gippsland across regional campuses at Bairnsdale, Warragul, Leongatha, Port of Sale and Yallourn.

"This investment will help TAFE Gippsland skill our workforce for the jobs of the future," Senator for Victoria, Jess Walsh stated.

"Working on hybrid and electric vehicles is now a critical part of automotive training, and now Gippsland students will be able to learn with upgraded equipment.

"TAFE Gippsland is already doing fantastic work, and this funding will give them a tech boost to be even better."

"If we want to provide greater opportunity in the regions for secure and rewarding employment, we must be able to skill and reskill our workforce," Minister for Skills and Training, the Hon Brendan O'Connor MP added.

"The TAFE Technology Fund helps ensure TAFEs in Victoria are equipped to deliver training to the standards expected by industry and students."

The project is part of the \$21.8 million tranche two of the TAFE Technology Fund.

Through both tranches of the Fund, TAFEs across the country will share in \$50 million to upgrade and expand their facilities including laboratories, workshops, new equipment and simulated learning environments.

The Albanese Government is providing \$414 million for an additional 300,000 Fee-Free TAFE and VET places nationwide over the next three years.

May Day in Wonthaggi

AT MIDDAY on Wednesday May 1, a rally with speakers, singing and music will

be held in Apex Park, Wonthaggi, under the mine whistle, to remember the sacrifices of working people and to build solidarity for the future.

Since 1886, May 1 has been known as workers' day and originated when trade unions across the world demanded better working conditions, higher wages, and an eight-hour workday.

The movement has continued to achieve greater rights for workers, including the introduction of minimum wages, sick leave, annual leave, and other entitlements.

However, there is still much to be done to ensure that all workers are treated fairly and with respect. The eight-hour work day is sadly being eroded today by casualised workplaces as well as unfair and risky working conditions.

May Day marches in Victoria started in 1893 and continue to this day.

The mine workers of Wonthaggi made theirs to Trades Hall in Melbourne on the first of May for six decades and marched through Wonthaggi to music from the Citizen's Band.

"We need to support each other and build our mutual aid networks in hard times like the cost of living crisis and unions have always been a crucial part of this," said May Day rally speaker Jessica Harrison.

"It's really to hear what other people in the community are doing to help to support each other and progress our various campaigns, and we usually finish with singing Solidarity Forever."

Solidarity Forever is a popular trade union anthem which came from the birth of the union movement and dates back to 1915.

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Mr Martin has also provided an assessment of likely costs and lead times: Costs to complete a PRSA typically commence at around \$15,000 (+GST) with EPA Victoria fees for lodging a PRSA are currently \$331.67 (FY 23/24). Costs to complete an Environmental Audit typically commence at around \$30,000 (+GST). EPA Victoria fees for an Environmental Audit are currently \$1753.13 (FY 23/24).

The minimum time to complete a PRSA, he says, is three months, with an Environmental Audit being a minimum 6-12 months but can extend significantly if contamination is identified.

Both the Bass Coast Shire Council and the Victorian Planning Authority put out conflicting statements on Thursday and Friday last week, the VPA clearly blaming the Council for a lack of action and the Council putting the onus on developers and homeowners.

"The overlay requires developers or homeowners to complete a risk screening survey before Council can approve planning permits," said the shire.

The council goes on to say that "it does not prevent homes being built on the land" but the potentially costly compliance work must be completed first.

The council has also claimed it is working with developers to keep individual landowners informed. There's certainly been little evidence of that.

The only reason the problem became public at all was through the actions of a savvy local homeowner, not only impacted by the imposition of the new overlays himself, but also concerned for his parents caught up in the planning mess.

"Our family purchased a block in the affected area late last year and were only made aware of the overlay when our builder applied for a planning permit," he said.

He took it upon himself to issue an information pamphlet, in the past few weeks, encouraging those affected to contact the Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale, who incidentally was the Bass Coast Shire Mayor in 2016, at the time GHD made the following recommendations



Already the paperwork is piling up as Wonthaggi couple Glenda Park and Stuart Mackenzie try to find a way through a planning mess not of their making.

in its report to council of April 2016:

"Following the conclusions made in this study and based on the information collected in the study area history and desktop reviews, GHD recommends that additional studies be completed for the properties identified as having high or medium potential for contamination. Council may wish to implement planning controls such as requiring additional assessment phases on these properties to confirm the findings of this assessment..."

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times this week, Ms Crugnale said she would need to check if the council was formally briefed but said "I don't remember reading the report".

Paul Buckley was CEO at the time.

Ali Wastie was CEO when the Victorian Planning Authority handed down its follow-up report in May 2019, "which determined that some of the land within the precinct had a medium or high potential for contamination, relating primarily to the historic use of the land for farming and grazing purposes".

Still no effective action by the shire.

"This is a really unfortunate

scenario which is causing a lot of stress to affected property owners in the Wonthaggi North East precinct and my view is that they shouldn't foot the bill," said Ms Crugnale this week.

The developers of the residential estates impacted by the VPA's blanket application of these environmental overlays, including Northern Views, Parklands, Powlett Ridge and Summerfields, say they weren't told in May 2019, contrary to claims made in the "background" briefing provided to the Sentinel-Times by the VPA and have asked for proof.

The owners of the Northern Views Estate were independently advised by a planning consultant in October 2022 that they should carry out the environmental assessments and completed the work by the end of 2022, as a precaution.

All future land releases at Northern Views, from Stage 4 onwards, have been cleared of any environmental concerns, and when the North East Precinct was gazetted in January this year, Northern Views was exempt.

Only those blocks, most of them already well established with homes, sold between 2020 and mid-2022, the first three

stages of the project, have been caught up in the EAO debacle.

It is not known to what extent the owners of the other estates have since moved to have assessments carried out on blocks yet to be sold, but have reported a first-order priority, to help those waiting to build.

At the time the VPA approved the development of 5000 new residential blocks in Wonthaggi, in January this year, the then Planning Minister Melissa Horne and her colleague, Ms Crugnale, characterised the initiative as helping to address Victoria's critical housing crisis.

"While we get on with delivering thousands of homes in established suburbs in cities over the next decade, we're also supporting growth areas like Wonthaggi North East with more homes, jobs and community infrastructure," said former Planning Minister Horne.

Conversely, anything that delays the process will deliver fewer homes, fewer jobs and less community infrastructure.

"Individual title owners just want it sorted and that is my absolute focus, and the quicker the better," said Ms Crugnale this week.

Get on the shire's EAO update list

HERE'S what the Bass Coast Shire Council sent out yesterday, April 29, 2024 about the new environmental overlays, but only to those who have registered with the shire for updates.

How many property owners have received the 'EAO Update No.1' is not known but many of the people spoken to by the Sentinel-Times during the week, were still unaware there is a new, highly-restrictive planning overlay on their title.

If you want to be sure if the new EAO applies to your property, you can search your address on the Land Vic website at land.vic.gov.au/property-and-parcel-search

"Thank you all for registering for updates regarding the Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO) as part of the Wonthaggi North East PSP gazetted in January.

"As you all know the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA), as the planning authority for this amendment, recommended that some of the land within the precinct should be included in an EAO. Unfortunately, many landowners were not made aware of this requirement before the amendment was finalised. We are now working with the VPA to understand what has occurred.

"This morning I met with the CEO of the VPA to discuss this issue and put forward a number of options. We are urgently working through these options to come to the best outcome for homeowners and I ask for your continued patience.

"I understand the level of your concern and that many of you are trying to understand the implications this will have for you. If you have questions regarding the overlay and its requirements, our Duty Planner is available during business hours. Information on the amendment process can be found on the VPA website.

"Please encourage other affected people you know to register for these updates. We will provide information as soon as it becomes available, kind regards, Greg Box, Chief Executive Officer, Bass Coast Shire Council."

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AS MAYOR of Bass Coast, I want to address a pressing issue that affects us all: gender equality and empowerment for women and girls.

Recent headlines have highlighted disturbing stories of femicide and violence against women, casting a shadow over our communities. I extend my sympathies and thoughts to all those affected. It is still concerning that Gippsland has poor statistics around domestic violence (ranked #23 in Victoria) – although there is hope that in our region we are actively talking about this; destigmatising; and supporting programs, groups and people who are doing positive work to ensure each year we do a bit better. We are proud to support the Gippsland Free From Violence (GFFV) Partnership which aims to prevent gender-based violence before it occurs, by creating safe, equal and respectful communities across Gippsland.

Candlelight Vigil

Bass Coast Shire Council is hosting a Candlelight Vigil in partnership with "Change for Sam". The Vigil provides a space where community can take the time to reflect on the tragic loss of lives as a result of family violence, and the ongoing risk to women and children in Gippsland. I thank everyone involved in this – you will see many purple lights beaming around on the evening in businesses and other spaces in support of this event. *Cowes - Jetty Triangle, Wednesday, May 1 - 6:30pm - 8pm*

Coaching Women and Girls Course

Women in sport is something we have been supporting for a long time. I'm thrilled to announce that the Hawks VFL football club will be coming to Wonthaggi for a range of events and as part of their visit, we will be hosting Daniel Webster (VFLW Coach) for a training session for coaches of women and girls. Those joining us will also get an opportunity to participate in match day activities at the VFL/VFLW Double Header on Sunday 12 May. *Dalyston Recreation Reserve, Friday, May 3 - 6pm*

Bass Coast Community Awards

Lastly, I want to recognise and support the numerous brilliant community groups and individuals (often volunteers) who contribute tirelessly to make Bass Coast a better place. Please consider nominating these unsung heroes for our Community Awards program. Nominations are open until Friday 3 May. Please visit our website: basscoast.vic.gov.au/about-council/citizenship-ceremonies-and-community-awards to nominate. Alternatively you can give our friendly customer service centre a call or send your submissions in by email.

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Bass Coast Council to blame, says VPA

THE Victorian State Government, through its statutory planning arm, the Victorian Planning Authority, is blaming the Bass Coast Shire Council and Wonthaggi land developers for the debacle that is unfolding on new residential land in the town.

Potentially costing each individual owner of a new block in the Parklands Estate, Powlett Ridge Estate, Summerfields or Northern Views Estate in the order of \$50,000 to remedy, is the sudden imposition of a highly restrictive Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO), on land within the North East Precinct residential growth area.

The news that homeowners and block owners have been hit with a restrictive new planning overlay only came to light in the past week when a local property owner circulated an information sheet highlighting the far-reaching implications for those involved.

Neither the VPA nor the council issued any advice to the owners of blocks in these estates, while the developers claim they weren't aware the new EAOs would impact the blocks that had already been titled and sold, some as many as four and five years ago.

However, while the shire is blaming the VPA for putting the overlays in place on January 18 this year; the developers, in turn, are blaming both the shire and the VPA for retrospectively applying EAOs to blocks of land that have already been titled, sold and even resold, and in many cases built on three, four and even five years ago. The VPA is pointing the finger back at both of them.

In a statement issued Executive Director Regional Victoria, Victorian Planning Authority, Dean Rochfort, last Friday, the VPA claimed the landowners and the council should have known about the potential for contamination back in May 2019 when the VPA "commissioned a contamination report which determined that some of the land within the precinct had a medium or high potential for contamination, relating primarily to the historic use of the land for farming and grazing purposes."

"Bass Coast Shire and the VPA are working together to look at ways to minimise the impact on homeowners," Mr Rochfort said.

By way of background the VPA issued the following



The Victorian Planning Authority says it advised the developers as far back as May 2019 of the need to conduct environmental assessments but they have asked the VPA to provide evidence of that communication.

statement:

"An Environment Assessment Overlay (EAO) is applied to land where contamination is known or is reasonably expected. Land covered by an EAO requires an environmental audit prior to it being used for a sensitive use, including housing to ensure any contamination can be appropriately remediated before the land is developed.

"Bass Coast Shire rezoned 170 hectares of land for housing development in 2010 due to a lack of residential land supply in the Wonthaggi township. In 2016 they rezoned additional land for housing. As part of the 2016 rezoning, council prepared a contamination report for the land. An EAO was not placed on the land rezoned in either 2010 or 2016.

"In 2018, council requested the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) assist in the planning of the Wonthaggi North East Precinct which covers a larger area of approximately 630 hectares. In May 2019, the VPA commissioned another contamination report which determined that some of the land within the precinct had a medium or high potential for contamination, relating primarily to the historic use of the land for farming and grazing purposes.

"The VPA at this point alerted council and landowners who were considering developing their land for housing that they needed to conduct a Preliminary Site Investigation. Had this occurred, the cost to get a compliant permit under the EAO would never have rested with individual homeowners and would have been borne by the developer.

"Council continued to issue permits for residential subdivision without including contamination-related conditions even after they were made aware of the findings of the April 2016 report and the subsequent contamination report commissioned by the VPA in 2019.

"The contamination risks were made public when the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan and proposed Planning Scheme Amendment was published in 2020. The Planning Scheme Amendment gazetted in January 2024 applied an EAO to ensure further development does not occur without an audit of the ground conditions and appropriate remediation."

But estate developers have taken issue with the claim by the VPA that "the VPA at this point (May 2019) alerted council and landowners who were considering developing their land for housing."

"I can find no evidence that we were ever contacted by the VPA. I'd like to see evidence that they contacted the landowners," said a spokesperson for the Northern Views Estate project.

"The only reason we knew about it at all was because we were advised by Beveridge Williams (planning consultants) to have the assessments done," he said.

Northern Views went ahead in October 2022, to complete the environmental assessments by the end of 2022, clearing all future stages of any contamination risk, from Stage 4 onwards, to the extent that the EAO will not appear on titles.

Unfortunately, the blocks of

land released there up to four years ago have had an Environmental Audit Overlay applied by the VPA.

Statement by the Council

BASS Coast Shire Council CEO Greg Box issued the following statement last Thursday morning, April 25.

"An Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO) was applied to parts of the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) in January this year, after the land had been subdivided for residential use.

"The overlay was put in place by the State Government Victorian Planning Authority after it was determined that parts of the precinct could have contaminated soil due to a history of farming on the land.

"The overlay requires developers or homeowners to complete a risk screening survey before Council can approve planning permits. It does not prevent homes being built on the land.

"While Council is unable to alter the requirements of an Environmental Audit Overlay, we are in constant discussion with the Victorian Planning Authority to resolve the situation urgently. We are also working with developers to keep individual landowners informed.

"We understand this is a stressful time for homeowners in the affected areas, and those who hold titles to build.

"Council has now developed a page on our website for affected community members."

They have directed interested residents to information under the heading of 'Environmental Audit Overlay'.

Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve has made an apology of sorts.

"Please be assured that council is working with the State to hopefully resolve this issue for all the residents. We understand it is very stressful for residents to find that this overlay may affect them," Cr Le Serve said this week.

Contributors to the new 'Residents Affected by the EAO Wonthaggi' Facebook page are encouraging affected residents to submit two questions each to the next shire council meeting on May 15. Questions must be emailed to the council no later than May 13, 2024 at 12.59pm to email address basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au

2024/25 Draft Budget



Council has released its draft 2024/25 Budget for community consultation. The draft 2024/25 Budget is available to view at any of our Customer Service Centres or online at engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/budget24-25

How to provide your feedback

You can have your say by providing a submission:

- Visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/budget24-25
- Send to basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au, drop in to one of our Customer Service Centres or post to Bass Coast Shire Council, 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi 3995.

You can also ask a question online at the link above and a response will be provided.

Submission close on 16 May 2024. You can choose to have your submission heard by Council and if so you will be asked to present on 22 May 2024.

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Questions for CEOs and councillors to answer

WHY, when the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan was incorporated into the Bass Coast Shire Planning Scheme on January 18 this year weren't the 250 landowners listed in the attached report, by street number, advised of their predicament by email by the present-day council?

Why, as they claim, did none of the present-day councillors know, until last week, that hundreds of homeowners in Wonthaggi had a new, highly-restrictive Environmental Audit Overlay slapped on their titles, retrospectively, and without their knowledge?

Why did the homeowners only learn about this costly and time-consuming impost when another affected landowner circulated a pamphlet a couple of weeks ago, more than three months after Amendment 152 was gazetted by the State Government?

Why, when it was highlighted to the Bass Coast Shire Council, under the management of former CEO Ali Wastie, in May 2019 by the VPA, "that some of the land within the precinct had a medium or high potential for contamination" did the shire council continue issuing subdivision permits without the required conditions as claimed by the VPA?

Why did the Bass Coast Council of April 2016, headed up by former CEO Paul Buckley and Mayor Cr Jordan Crugnale, fail to act by applying assessment conditions



Two former CEOs, Paul Buckley and Ali Wastie, with Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead, who attended the opening of the \$33 million Berninnett cultural centre in November last year, have questions to answer about Wonthaggi's North East growth precinct.

to subdivision permits when a report commissioned by the council, from GHD Pty Ltd, highlighted the potential for medium and high-level contamination?

Former Mayor now Bass MP Jordan Crugnale claims she never read that GHD report, nor does she recall receiving a briefing about the potential for contamination in the North East Precinct residential growth area.

How many other reports have not been released by council or

the recommended actions taken?

We know that the Bass Coast Shire Council and the other stakeholders for whom the 'Bass Coast Shire Coastal Risk Assessment Report' was compiled in 2019, failed to release the full report or fully address its recommendations until five years later, after a horror summer of deaths on exactly those beaches addressed in the drowning black spots report.

How many more?



Shortlisted for architect awards

THE Cowes cultural centre, Berninnett, has been shortlisted in four categories for a prestigious national architecture award.

The Australian Institute of Architects' Victorian Chapter Awards shortlisted Berninnett across four categories: Public Architecture, Regional Architecture, Sustainable Architecture, and Interior Architecture.

Berninnett was designed by Jackson Clements Burrows and built by McCorkell Constructions.

Opened in October 2023, Berninnett has already hosted a wide range of performances and performers.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve praised the ambitious Passivhaus design of the venue.

"The architects took their inspiration from the Island, both geographically and historically," Cr Le Serve said.

"The external staggered brickwork is a major technical feat reflecting the erosion of the sand cliffs, and the use of red stonework in the interior surfaces is inspired by our Red Rocks. The magnificent mountain ash pillars – a feature of the grand hall – tell the story of our colonial heritage through our jetty pylons."

The award winners will be announced on June 7.

Is shire upgrading beach signs?

IN THE wake of one of the worst summer seasons of drowning on the Bass Coast, Gina Rosamilia has written to the shire on the topic beach safety signs.

"Phillip Island Nature Park is installing updated new beach entry safety warning signs through the land they manage. What similar actions has council undertaken to upgrade beach safety signage as per the new Australian Standard to the land council manages?" she

asked at April's council meeting.

Short answer, no plans.

"Council maintains a network of over 250 beach safety signs on Council managed foreshores. The content and location of signs is informed by audits, ongoing consultation with Life Saving Victoria, and are consistent with the current relevant Australian Standards."

There's also a requirement that beach safety messaging is consistent across the region.

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Burglars target pharmacies

TWO burglaries in the early hours of Saturday, April 27, are considered to be linked. Pharmacies in Venus Bay and Meenyan were both targeted between 1am and 2am in the morning.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Wonthaggi CI on 5671 4100. Investigations are ongoing.

Deliberately lit

THANKS to the vigilance of a local security guard, the potential for extensive damage to the Leongatha Railway Station has been averted after vandals set fire to one of the doors at the facility. According to police, would-be arsonists used a can of deodorant to start a fire in a pile of sticks which spread to a door on the railway station building before it was extinguished by the security officer shortly after 12 midnight on Monday, April 22.

The Leongatha CFA attended and made the area safe. It has also been reported that a group of four or five youths also used a deodorant can to start a fire near the corner of Settlement Road and Coghlan Road Cowes on Saturday April 20 at about 11pm. An off-duty CFA officer extinguished the blaze and the local CFA brigade attended the scene.

Driver behaviour concerns highlighted by Korumburra accident

KORUMBURRA Fire Brigade has urged people to drive to the conditions following an Anzac Day morning accident on the South Gippsland Highway in Korumburra that resulted in a silver car being seriously damaged and finishing up on its side. Driver behaviour after the accident raised concerns, with a lack of regard for the safety of emergency service personnel. While reporting the happy news on its Facebook page that no one was seriously injured in the crash, the brigade urged people to slow down when conditions or the situation demands, including when emergency vehicles are present.

"On a disappointing note, we experienced many vehicles not obeying the Victorian road rules by not slowing or passing emergency vehicles at 40 km/h or coming to a complete stop when directed by our members and our stop signs," the brigade posted.

The Sentinel-Times spoke to a representative of the brigade who witnessed poor driver behaviour following the accident and explained that it a common occurrence.

"Basically, every accident that we've been to in recent times when we are conducting traffic control as CFA, people don't obey the rules," she said.

That contrasts with the behaviour observed when police are in charge of traffic control.

"We're noticing they'll obey what the police are asking them to do and slow down and stop at the stop signs but when it's a CFA member they are not caring because it's not a copper and what are we going to do," the brigade representative said.

She added that all the brigade's vehicles record dash cam footage that can be submitted to police to follow up.

Thousands caught during Operation Tribute

POLICE have detected 6,857 traffic offences across Victoria over the Anzac Day period as part of Operation Tribute.

The statewide operation saw police highly visible and enforcing over five days in an effort to reduce road trauma on Victorian roads. More than a third of offences detected were for speeding, with the majority of motorists caught speeding between 10km/h and 25km/h over the speed limit. Statewide a total 6,857 offences were detected during Operation Tribute, locally (Bass Coast Police Service Area) they included: Two drink drivers, one drug driver, two disqualified drivers, two unlicensed drivers, 47 speeding offences, three seatbelt offences, three mobile phone offences, 18 unregistered vehicles and one impoundments.

Council to decide on Bena Road Korumburra development plans



Local property owners Nathan Hersey, Sue Hinton, Geraldine and Dillon Hale, Richard Collyer, Neil Coxon and Elaine Collyer stand on the corner of Bena Road and Mountain Ash Drive with part of the intended development area at 99 Bena Road visible behind them. A39_1824

lots is a substantial increase on the original 127.

"We feel that is far too dense an allotment for rural living," Richard said.

He explained that the existing Botanica development on the other side of Bena Road to the proposed development has larger residential blocks than those intended at 99 Bena Road and includes a good area of parkland.

The ability of Bena Road to handle the volume of traffic that would result from the proposed development is another area Richard said is of concern to locals, including the intersections with George Street and Jumbunna Road as well as the impact on Whitelaw Road and its intersections with South Gippsland Highway, Jumbunna Road and Bena Road.

Bena Road resident Sue Hinton is concerned about safety issues on Bena Road should the development proceed in its currently intended form.

"It will be a huge impact on this road," she said.

Richard also argues that while an ecology report was

prepared for the intended development site, insufficient time was allowed for the study that informed the report.

Ecolink Consulting prepared a Biodiversity Assessment of the site in 2019, with principal ecologist Stuart Cooney and senior botanist Ross Dennis conducting their assessment of the study area on November 27 that year.

"As with all ecological assessments, a greater survey effort is likely to yield additional flora and fauna records," the report concedes.

While the study revealed no endangered flora and fauna species on the subject land, it noted there are 84 records of the Giant Gippsland Earthworm within five kilometres of the study area.

A separate Giant Gippsland Earthworm Assessment found no evidence of the species within the subject land and limited suitable habitat, mostly along the banks of the tributary of the Foster Creek in the northwest corner of the site.

Residents have expressed concern about the steepness of the land, small block sizes and the extent of excavation that would be required.

Richard stressed that his concerns and those he has heard from others relate specifically to the plans put forward for 99 Bena Road.

"We're not against development; we just want it done really well," Richard said, noting that it needs to provide great liveability and a healthy environment.

While appreciative of the April 8 meeting and the planner's presence, Richard said there is a feeling of disappointment among locals and a belief more can be done to listen to and act on community input.

Submissions in relation to the Development Plan must be addressed to the Planning Department, South Gippsland Shire Council, Private Bag 4 Leongatha 3953 or emailed to council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au and must clearly identify that they are a submission to the Development Plan 99 Bena Road, Korumburra.

Bass Coast Health strengthen the value of their midwives

THIS Sunday May 5 is International Day of the Midwife; a day to recognise the midwifery profession and their significance in healthcare, because every woman needs a midwife in their journey to parenthood, from pre-natal care and birth, through to postpartum health.

At Bass Coast Health (BCH), Midwifery Unit Manager Relle McMillin shared that the midwives and doctors at the Wonthaggi hospital work together in a non-hierarchical environment, she emphasised the value of this approach in creating a supportive workplace culture.

The theme for this year is "Sustainable Midwifery: Caring for Tomorrow's World". Sustainable midwifery practices prioritise the well-being of both mother and child while minimising environmental impact, ensuring a healthier future for generations to come.

In an interview with the Sentinel Times, Relle shared that Wonthaggi hospital saw

a record number of births last year.

"We recorded our highest number of births in 10 years," said Relle.

"Birth 216 babies."

"I think there are a lot of factors that contribute to our increase in births; we've got great practitioners and they have been building a reputation in the community for the care they provide."

"We do lots of partnering with our women when we're providing care, and we're working really hard towards an uplift in our maternal and newborn services, to provide that additional care."

An uplift in services signifies that BCH are planning to provide care for women who may have mid risk pregnancies, and neo-natal care for newborns – allowing women to birth in a regional hospital without having to be transferred to Melbourne, or without having to separate mother and baby.

"Our local community has raised significant funds for equipment upgrades to support our special care unit,

but more support is needed from government," said Relle.

Wonthaggi hospital currently have three birth suites and four postnatal rooms, with plans for a dedicated purpose-built space for a maternity and neonatal unit.

With an increase in recruitment at the Wonthaggi hospital recently Relle shared that for the first time the BCH maternity unit have welcomed three undergraduates, and two postgrad students.

"What you can do in a regional hospital, you may not be able to cover in metropolitan Melbourne. We're not a huge unit but what that means is you work across the full scope of practices as a midwife. Allowing you to build a rapport with each patient," said Relle.

Relle started with BCH as the Midwifery Unit Manager in 2023 and said the unit has doubled their number of midwives.

"We have worked really hard with the education team, and we have double

degree students coming down to BCH for their six months in nursing and their six months in midwifery, and in July we'll be at capacity, recruiting our final graduates – taking us to 30 midwives at BCH."

Relle graduated as a midwife in 2010 and completed her master's in advanced clinical Midwifery, she has worked at the Women's in Sandringham, as a lecturer and researcher, and most recently as the unit manager at Eastern Health Box Hill before making the decision to travel to BCH.

As a doula by trade, Relle and BCH have taken an active role in working with Safer Care Victoria to better support women in improving their birth experience; actively finding out what it is that's making hospital births sometimes challenging for women.

This is a proactive approach in making sure that BCH is at the forefront of quality healthcare that is respectful of women and women's right to choose.

Daniel's Wings of Pride raises awareness

LAST September Donna Kerr received the news no mother should ever hear, her son Daniel, had taken his own life.

She knew, she had felt it.

Last year there were 801 deaths of suspected or confirmed suicide, higher than the three years preceding and Donna knows her son is one of those statistics. This year to March 31 that number is already at 222.

"I never thought I would be a statistic mum, but I am," Donna stated.

In 2023 males accounted for 72 per cent of suspected or confirmed suicide deaths.

Daniel's tragic death underscores a critical failure, despite seeking help, he was let down by an inadequate health system that was neither local nor financially accessible and Donna is determined to prevent others from experiencing the same fate.

"We are just starting our campaign, Daniel's Wings of Pride – our goal is to create a hub locally where young adults can walk-in and it doesn't cost anything, where grieving parents can meet and speak with other grieving parents, where anyone struggling with mental health can receive guidance and support, no judgement – walk-in and feel safe.

"And somewhere where parents can come and ask questions, and we can try to bridge the gap because kids don't understand how the parents are feeling, and the parents don't understand how the kids are feeling – they need to speak and communicate a lot more, it's a problem. I was fortunate to have a good, open relationship with Daniel."



Michael Eastwood, Brianna Hooton-Shandley, Donna Kerr and Noah Tebbutt are launching Daniel's Wings of Pride to raise suicide awareness and prevention in South Gippsland. C100_1824

There's no denying that psychiatrists and psychologists are worth their weight, but the financial implications, even for those in well-paying jobs, means seeking treatment is costly with fees varying between \$200 – \$600+ per session.

"It all comes down to financial hardship. You're only just beginning adulthood and learning life skills and you get knocked when you're trying your best."

And whilst Donna noted she offered to pay, it was something Daniel insisted on doing himself.

Sitting around a table with Daniel's mum Donna, sister

Brianna, and mates Noah and Michael there is no denying they are committed to preventing suicide death from happening to someone else.

"After Daniel's death I spoke with a psychiatrist, and I asked, 'How do you prevent suicide?' and she honestly said, 'you can't but you can try. If I can save one person, my job's done,'" Donna explained.

And that is exactly what Daniel's Wings of Pride is about – raising awareness and prevention around suicide and young adult mental health.

On November 19 Donna will take

to Parliament House in Canberra with Noah and a set of Daniel's shoes, photograph and banner, as she joins president of Zerosuicide Community Awareness Program president Paul Withall and thousands of pairs of shoes in the largest visual presentation of men's suicide in the world.

With a raft of events and fundraisers including a raffle in the works, that has an ever-growing list of donations from local businesses, Donna has also created bumper stickers, mugs and pens drawn up from Noah's design with Daniel's Wings of Pride Day flagged for early September to coincide

with Suicide Awareness Month.

And Daniel's Wings of Pride is already catching the attention of individuals around Australia with @mentalhealth0123 launching a TikTok live battle this Saturday.

'Big battle vs Orange Man on May 4 at 8.30pm NSW – supporting a foundation close to my heart. Daniel's Wings of Pride to raise mental health awareness and support.' @mentalhealth0123's post reads.

"They said (the other night during discussions) that they were going to do something and we'd find out, and then I saw (the announcement) yesterday, and was shocked," Donna stated at the overwhelming gesture, explaining she is also expecting trolls.

"As I said to Michael and Noah the day after Daniel passed away, Daniel didn't do this to teach anyone a lesson, he did this to give himself freedom, to save himself. I understand why he did it, I just wish he didn't do it.

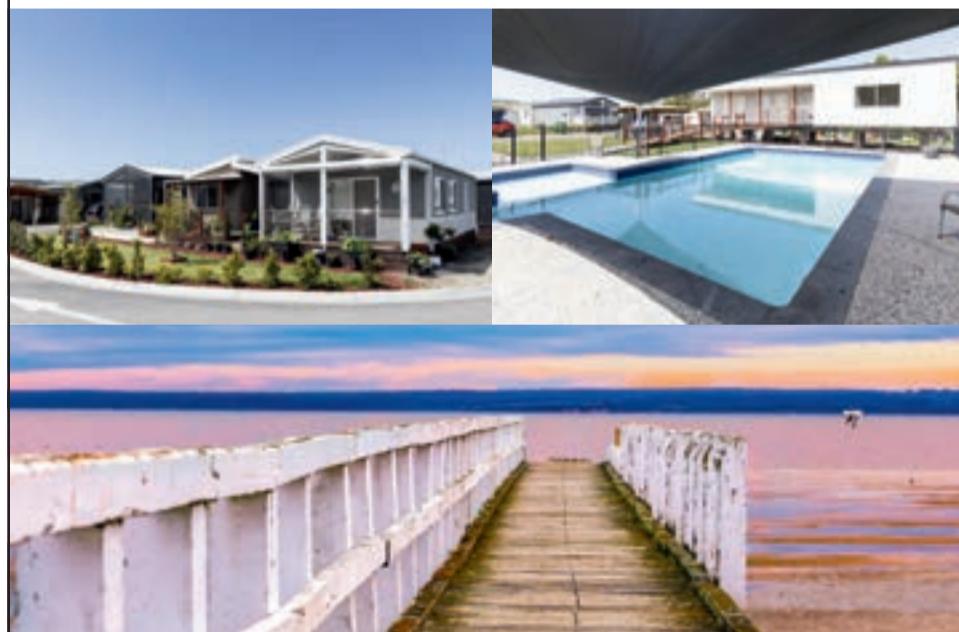
"He knew he was loved but didn't see his self-worth."

Head to Daniel's Wings of Pride on Facebook to purchase items or for further information.

If you or someone you know needs support, talk to a GP or health professional or contact:

- Beyond Blue on 1300 22 46 36 or beyondblue.org.au.
- Lifeline on 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au.
- MensLine Australia on 1300 789 978 or mensline.org.au.
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Budget Feedback



The proposed 2024/25 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan are now available for community feedback.

There are a number of ways to provide your feedback including:

- Online Survey.
- Written Submission.
- Facebook Q&A to be held on Wednesday 1 May from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

To have your say, please visit:
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 15 May 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

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To register your attendance or post your jobs on the jobs board, please visit:

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REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

RFT/414 – Provision of Tree and Vegetation Maintenance Services

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RFT/405 – Collection, Transport and Disposal of Leachate from Koonwarra Landfill

Tender closes 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 21 May 2024.

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

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Have your say on South Gippsland Shire Council budget priorities

SOUTH Gippsland Shire community members are encouraged to have a say on how their rates are spent, with a period of community engagement running until Sunday May 5 to comment on council's Proposed Budget 2024/25 – 2027/28 and Long-Term Financial Plan.

The draft documents were endorsed for public feedback at Wednesday's council meeting, with council confident they are providing a financially sound foundation to deliver services to its communities while achieving strategic priorities outlined in the Council Plan.

"The budget and financial plan provide long-term sustainability, and a framework for the incoming council to build upon, whilst introducing a number of new initiatives to meet community needs," council stated.

This year's proposed budget initiatives include:

- \$300,000 for Building Maintenance to address crucial maintenance needs including safety and functionality of community buildings.
- \$160,000 for Roadside Drainage Maintenance Spraying to enhance roadside maintenance efforts including road pavement and proper drainage.
- \$50,000 for a Memorandum of Understanding with South Gippsland Landcare to establish a partnership to bolster land management efforts, focusing on weed control and biodiversity preservation.
- \$30,000 for the Live4Life Program to support mental health education and suicide prevention for rural youth, addressing commitment to community wellbeing.
- \$50,000 to commence the implementation of outcomes



South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis at the April council meeting during which it was confirmed community members can now comment on the proposed Budget and the Long-Term Financial Plan. A05_1824

from the Coal Creek Strategic Plan in line with council's upcoming decision on the Korumburra tourist attraction's future.

• \$60,000 for the Community Leadership Program, empowering community members to foster skills development, leadership and community betterment.

• \$70,000 to plan for the impacts on South Gippsland Shire of the emerging renewable energy industry and to ensure the shire can take advantage of opportunities and mitigate risk.

These initiatives are in addition to a proposed capital works program totalling just over \$36.3 million, which includes annual road and footpath renewal works and an array of community-based

infrastructure projects.

Council CEO Kerryn Ellis highlighted the need for financial responsibility and the challenges presented by the imposed rate cap of 2.75 percent for the coming financial year, well below the Consumer Price Index, and the continued shifting of costs from the Victorian Government to local governments.

She also noted the proposed annual budget is designed to take account of the financial pressures facing South Gippsland Shire residents in the current economic climate.

Despite these challenges, the annual budget shows a combined income of \$94.363M and an underlying surplus of \$4.775M, with Ms Ellis maintaining council is in a strong financial position.

Mayor Clare Williams provided her thoughts on the important financial documents now open to comment.

"Our focus remains on investing into initiatives that will benefit our community now and into the future and the Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan reflect council's commitment to building a financially sustainable South Gippsland while aligning with the aspirations and needs of the community," mayor Clare Williams said.

Now is your chance to let council know if you agree with its financial priorities.

Feedback on the Proposed Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan can be provided from now until Sunday May 5 at yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Korumburra Senior Citizens going strong despite loss of home



While Korumburra Senior Citizens Club members miss their old home, pictured here, they continue to meet and welcome new members. A04_1824

went into fundraising and construction of the Korumburra Senior Citizens Centre at 14 Radovick Street, which opened in 1961.

"The people of Korumburra built it, all that hard work and everything, and it seems wrong that they should be just able to take it away from us because they wouldn't listen to what we were saying, how good the hall is," she said.

While the building was constructed by the community, it sits on council land, with South Gippsland Shire Council having acquired the title at the time of council amalgamation in the 1990s.

Council hoped the Senior Citizens Club would move into the Korumburra Community Hub when it opened but the seniors deemed it would be an unsatisfactory home for an organisation that has many members with mobility challenges.

A lack of parking was also a factor.

Sale of the 14 Radovick Street building is intended to assist council in meeting the costs of the Community Hub and reduce its substantial building maintenance costs.

However, there remains a strong sentimental attachment to the Senior Citizens Centre with those who have many

happy memories there.

"We miss it terribly," Margaret said of the building now intended for sale, which the club had to vacate close to a year ago after its lease was not renewed.

"We had plenty of parking there and it was easy to get in and out of," she said.

Margaret reminisces about the excellent kitchen facility and the concerts and functions held at the Senior Citizens Centre.

Still, the Korumburra Senior Citizens Club continues to offer fun and valuable social connection while supporting Korumburra hospitality venues.

Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams



HELLO South Gippsland.

If you haven't already caught a glimpse of the TV show 'Postcards' feature on Mirboo North, I would recommend you give it a watch. Featuring some beautiful businesses and highlighting the resilience of our region, it is a must-watch. You can see it by registering for free to 9Now.

Proposed 2024/25 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan

There are multiple opportunities for our community to provide their feedback on Council's Your Say South Gippsland website. This includes the Proposed 2024/25 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan, and the Foster Country Fire Authority (CFA) Lease that were endorsed for feedback at the April Council Meeting.

If you have questions about something in the Proposed Budget or Financial Plan, Councillors will be available to answer them live on Wednesday, May 1 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. This Q&A will be held on Facebook, so I encourage you to follow Council's page for more updates and details: www.facebook.com/southgippslandshire-council

Directly after the Facebook Q&A, a Candlelight Vigil will be held to remember those who have been impacted or lost their lives as a result of domestic violence in South Gippsland. Please come along at 6.30pm and gather with us outside Council's main office.

Events

Councillors were humbled to attend so many ANZAC Day services across South Gippsland. Towns all over South Gippsland hosted at least one service to commemorate the service of our ANZACs. Thank you to all the volunteers who organised these services and the light refreshments afterwards. These events are always a great opportunity to come together with our neighbours and family.

The South Gippsland Jobs Expo is happening again this year! It will be happening on Thursday, May 2 between 9.30am and 2.30pm and is the perfect opportunity for businesses who are looking for staff, and job seekers to find their perfect next role. A Jobs Board will also be available with a list of available positions not just from businesses at the Expo, but those who couldn't make it.

For more information, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/Job-Expo

Kindergarten Registrations 2025

Families – this one is for you! Kindergarten registrations for 2025 are open from May 1 until June 30. For more details, including participating kindergartens, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/kinder

Korumburra Mural Project

Melanie Caple has started painting the Korumburra Railway Precinct Mural. Happening on the exterior wall of 42 Commercial Street on the entrance to the tunnel towards the Korumburra Railway Precinct, the mural will be a fabulous splash of colour. I can't wait to see it finished!

However, I have unfortunately heard reports that people have been graffitiing where Melanie has just painted. This is extremely disappointing to hear and I hope these people find something else to do with their spare time.



Myli team member Rowanne assisting library member Di at Waterline Library

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Shire seizing closure of Aussie Outdoor Emporium

OWNER of Aussie Outdoor Emporium Mr Andrew Higgins says he has been stonewalled by the Bass Coast Shire Council who is seizing closure of his local business on May 10 despite its decade long operation and his efforts in obtaining planning permits.

In September of 2023, Andrew was notified that a complaint had come through council that his local nursery, Aussie Outdoor Emporium didn't have permits to operate – due to the property zone being deemed farming land.

Andrew was informed he needed permits for signage, for the illegal buildings – shipping containers, permits for the driveway – installed by VicRoads and permits to operate the nursery.

However, prior to the purchase of the 17-acre property, Andrew said he inquired with the existing owner who assured him that he'd been operating a driving range here for nearly 15 years. "I spoke to the real estate agent selling it at the time. He assured me there should be no reason you couldn't continue running a business on this property.

"I then spoke to VicRoads and asked them about the turning lane, and I have since received confirmation from them that I have provided to council."

The Bass Coast Shire Council responded stating that 'the construction of a private access from a road that is identified as a Transport Zone under the Bass Coast Planning Scheme requires a planning permit.'

'Council has no record of a planning permit being issued. The slip lane created by VicRoads would not have required planning approval as it was



Aussie Outdoor Emporium managed by owner Andrew Higgins is being forced to close after a decade of trading off Phillip Island Road due to shire planning regulations. Z08_1824

constructed by VicRoads.'

Andrew said, he then went to the Bass Coast Shire Council for clarification, stating "we're about to purchase this property, there is already a turning lane. It's been there for 10 to 15 years. Is there going to be any issues with us continuing, they confirmed 'no, it should be fine.'

"I had nothing in writing, but I spoke to everybody confirming everything's fine. So, I then purchased the property. I didn't change the driveways. I just started selling plants and it grew from there."

In an interview with the Sentinel Times, Andrew highlighted that the shire's planning department requested that he pay near \$3000 for his preliminary planning permit application; however, some three days later, he was then informed that the permits

couldn't be processed, and the shire was forcing closure on the business, with Andrew having until May 10 to close.

"The business has been operating for the past decade. What has instigated the fact that I now can't be approved for permits and I need to close, or I'll be prosecuted?" said Andrew.

"This is my livelihood. I've been a resident in Bass Coast for the past 43 years, I've run 10 to 15 businesses within the shire and employed over 1000 locals, and not one of the councillors can help overturn the planning departments decision."

When contacted by the Sentinel Times for further response, the Bass Coast Shire Council declared that 'The use of the land is a planning enforcement matter, and we are therefore unable to make further comment.'



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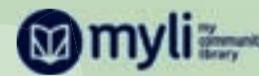
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Zachary revives Wrench family bootmaking tradition

WHILE the past is celebrated at Coal Creek, a recent visit to its 'T. Wrench Pioneer Bootmaker' shop proved to be just as much about the future, with young Wrench descendant Zachary Wilmot an exponent of the trade.

He was at the tourist park's 50th Birthday celebration, chatting with visitors about his family's bootmaking history, how he was inspired to learn to make boots, and what that entails.

Thomas Wrench set up business in Korumburra in 1890, having learned bootmaking from his father Joseph in Staffordshire, and went on to teach the trade to his sons, one being Zachary's great grandfather Albert.

Albert began his bootmaking apprenticeship aged just 12.

He eventually passed the trade on to his three sons, Alan, Harold and Zachary's grandfather Jack.

Bootmaking skipped the next generation of the Wrench family before making a resurgence, with Zachary's mum Rosemary Wrench, a senior curator at Museums Victoria, delighted at the unexpected turn of events.

The family originally ceased making boots in the late 1940s, with Albert continuing to work alongside his sons in their shoe shop and repair business.

When bootmaking items were relocated to Coal Creek, it was



Zachary Wilmot holds one of the miner-style boots he made, along with the handiwork of his bootmaking ancestors and some tools of the trade, during Coal Creek's 50th Birthday party. A07_1824

considered the fifth Wrench

premises in Korumburra since the business began, with Rosemary explaining the display was expected to remain a story set in the past.

However, Zachary's passion for bootmaking was unleashed in 2019.

While there was nobody left in the family to pass on bootmaking skills, he ultimately made use of items preserved at Coal Creek that once served his ancestors.

"I did a course at RMIT in Melbourne to learn how to make shoes, and from that came down and used the pattern pieces and things to make a pair of the miners boots that my relatives made in the past,"

he said.

While Zachary had always had an interest in the family trade, it wasn't until his aunt informed him there was a suitable course available that he realised it was a realistic option.

"There is a growing market for good quality handmade boots, and definitely ones made in Australia," he said.

Zachary described the process of making shoes and boots.

"You have to figure out what style you want and then you make the patterns off the last, which is the mould that you use to make the shoes, and you cut the patterns out on the leather, sew them together into the upper; once you've got the

rough shape you place it back over the last and start to pull the leather tight until it forms the shape of the shoe.

"You wait a few hours for the leather; once it's stretched, it needs a few hours to take form and once you've done that you can attach the sole."

He explained that in the old days the sole was nailed on, but glue is now used, requiring a few hours of drying time.

It is still possible to source bootmaking materials from within Australia, with some tanneries continuing to operate.

At Coal Creek, Zachary was wearing a pair of boots he made and displayed another pair he produced for his dad based on the family's miners boot patterns but without the hobnails.

He is also keen to make an old-style pair of football boots such as those produced by his ancestors in the past, with that project just for fun.

While Melbourne-based Zachary is determined to make a career of bootmaking, he currently works fulltime as a forklift driver for a furniture company, earning the funds required to buy the necessary materials and equipment to begin transitioning into his chosen trade.

He then intends to gradually add more equipment, with some suitable machinery being costly.

A high tea extravaganza

LEONGATHA Lyric Theatre, a cornerstone of our community's cultural tapestry, recently marked a significant milestone in its illustrious history with a grand celebration. On Saturday April 27, the theatre hosted a splendid High Tea to commemorate its 60th year, weaving together elegance, entertainment, and a sense of community spirit.

The event, more than just a jubilant affair, served as a vital fundraiser for the organisation, enabling it to continue its mission of bringing captivating theatrical experiences to our region.

Attendees enjoyed a delightful array of performances by our most talented local musicians. Xander Beach mesmerised with a captivating harp set, weaving delicate melodies that enchanted the crowd, while Stringz Trez, a dynamic strings trio, delivered an enchanting performance. Accompanied by the skilled pianist Carmel Slater, vocalists Aoife O'Connell, Cecily de Goyer, and Liesel Burrow captivated the audience with their enchanting vocals. Finally, Jonah van Stekelenburg, a local singer-songwriter, wowed the crowd with soulful vocals and expert piano accompaniment.

The occasion provided a platform to express gratitude to the sponsors whose generous support has been instrumental in the theatre's success. Bron Beach, the president of Leongatha Lyric Theatre, emphasised the significance of sponsorship opportunities in ensuring the vitality of the arts in our community.

"Our sponsors play a crucial role in enabling us to fulfill our mission of enriching the cultural landscape of South Gippsland. Their unwavering support allows us to continue producing high-quality productions and fostering artistic talent within our midst," Beach remarked.

A highlight of the event was the acknowledgment of Colin Mitchell OAM, whose indelible contribution to Leongatha Lyric Theatre spans an impressive 55 years. Mitchell's dedication and passion for the arts have been integral to the theatre's growth and success over the decades. Not only has he been a guiding force behind numerous productions, but he is also currently at the helm of the theatre's 2024 major production, Into the Woods. With his visionary direction and creative prowess, Mitchell continues to inspire and elevate the local theatre scene.

Speaking about Mitchell's invaluable contribution, Bron Beach expressed heartfelt appreciation, stating, "Colin Mitchell OAM is the heartbeat of our theatre community. His tireless commitment, artistic vision, and unwavering dedication have left an indelible mark on Leongatha Lyric Theatre, shaping it into the vibrant cultural hub it is today."

As the curtains drew to a close on this unforgettable celebration, there was a palpable sense of pride and accomplishment among attendees. The success of the High Tea not only underscored the enduring legacy of Leongatha Lyric Theatre but also signalled a promising future filled with creativity, collaboration, and boundless artistic expression.

For those eager to experience the magic of Leongatha Lyric Theatre firsthand, tickets for Into the Woods, are now on sale. Don't miss the chance to be enthralled by this captivating production, set to grace the stage of Memorial Hall in July. For more information and ticket bookings, visit leongathalyric.com.au and embark on a journey into a world where imagination knows no bounds.

Eisteddfod honours prove Ava loves to dance

ELEVEN year old Ava Privitera from Mardan loves to dance, and this was reiterated when Ava was chosen from 346 dancers for the 'Love to Dance' Award at the recent Moe Dance Eisteddfod. The award was announced and presented to Ava during the Eisteddfod ceremony, which is in its 28th year and saw 1517 performances over eight days.

Ava is an accomplished dancer who has been training with Lisa Pellin Dancers (LPD) since she was two and half years old and is currently part of the U12 Performance Team, which involves Troupe work at various Eisteddfods throughout the year.

All genres of dance that are on offer, Ava participates in,

including classical work with the Australian Teachers of Dance (ATOD), and was awarded honours with distinction for her last three yearly exams and won the Victorian Mini Dancer in 2021 at ATOD's State Scholars competition.

Ava learns the Australian Conservatoire of Ballet Russian syllabus Vaganova, jazz, tap, contemporary, acro and enjoys the musical theatre program, having performed in Frozen and The Little Mermaid with LPD.

Also learning and performing solos and duos from a young age, Ava enters many of the local Eisteddfods and performs duos with Daphne Van Hoorn, who both love to dance lyrical and jazz together.

Ava's stack of previous

awards include winning the eight and under 10 age aggregate at Casey Comps in 2022, the eight and Under 10 Adjudicator's award at Moe Eisteddfod in 2021, nine and under 11 Star Dancer at the Gippsland Stars Dance competition in 2023 and the under 11 Runner Up Champion Dancer at the international Follow Your Dreams Dance competition.

She has also recently joined the Jason Coleman Ministry of Dance Modstar regional group that goes to Melbourne four times a year to take part in dance workshops of all genres.

Ava will continue her dance training at LPD and she aspires to bring her love of dancing to others one day by becoming a dance teacher herself.



Ava practices and performs in all genre of dance including solos and duos with her dance partner Daphne Van Hoorn.



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Foster fire station funds go missing

THE STATE Government is being asked to explain what happened to funds previously promised for the Foster fire station rebuild as the Minister for Emergency Services confirms the project is currently unfunded.

Responding to questions raised last August by The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien, the Minister advised that the project is "not currently funded for replacement, including land acquisition, and have no firm timeframe for funding at this time".

Mr O'Brien said the State Government must now explain where funds previously set aside by the CFA for the

project have gone.

"The Foster brigade and wider community celebrated when a new fire station was scheduled in the CFA capital budget for completion in the 2023-24 financial year, so it is extremely disappointing to all involved to hear that that money has been pulled," Mr O'Brien said.

"The current Foster fire station, along with those in Korumburra and Mirboo North, are too small and insufficient for modern needs.

"The flow-on impact of failing to provide new fit-for-purpose modern stations means that these brigades are also denied much-needed new fire trucks as the new modern trucks

simply can't fit through the out-dated fire station doors.

"There is also an OHS issue in that there is not enough space for volunteers to change into fire gear next to moving trucks."

Mr O'Brien said after working with the Foster community for years to secure these funds, he is now calling on the State Government to provide answers as to why this project is no longer funded.

"The Foster community deserves a new fire station and it should now be funded in the coming state budget.

"This is a matter of community safety and is not a project where funds should be being cut."



The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien and his colleagues have committed to building a new fire station at previous elections and he continues to lobby the current state government to match this commitment.

Repairs to Sealers Cove track pushed out to 2025

THE timeline for repairs to the popular Sealers Cove walking track at Wilsons Promontory have been pushed out to 2025.

The important tourist asset, which Parks Victoria itself describes as 'one of the most popular hikes in Victoria', was damaged during the 2021 October storms and has remained closed ever since.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien, said he was frustrated at the glacial pace of repairs to an important tourist attraction for South Gippsland.

"I raised my concerns with the Minister for Environment over the timeline of the Sealers Cove repair project last year when it came to light that 18-months on from the storm this project was still at the design stage.

"At the time Parks Victoria indicated publicly that the walk repairs would be completed by 2024 but a recent sneaky update on the Parks website now indicates it won't begin until 2025. That's after the Government announced the project was funded in September 2023!

"I was already disappointed by a three-year timeline for the project so to have this blown out to four years is a huge frustration.

"This is another example of a city-centric State Government pushing an important regional project to the bottom of their pile.

"When it is an urban project it gets done pronto but when it is something in a part of regional Victoria that is critical to our tourism offering, the Government is extremely slow."

Mr O'Brien said given that the Prom is a world-class national park that attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors each year, including many thousands of overseas visitors, having this project continually pushed back and treated as low priority simply isn't good enough.



Diane with her renewed trousers from Fixit Café.

New hours for Wonthaggi Fixit Café

By Hilary Stuchbery

APRIL'S Fixit Café session went ahead amongst impressive renovation works at the Wonthaggi Men's Shed. Sabah and Diane set up their sewing machines under the verandah, while the electrical fixers made good use of the new tables in the main room. Ross (barista) was kept busy serving hot drinks and customers enjoyed the biscuits made by Maryanne.

It was decided at this session that the hours for the Fixit Café would change and will now be from 10am to 12.30pm with the last booking to be 12 noon. This will be in effect from the next session which is on Sunday May 19.

One item only per customer is ideal and bookings (essential) for a half hour spot can be made through the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House by phoning 5672 3731 or calling in there.

The Café is an activity of the Wonthaggi Men's Shed and can be found by going to the back of the Big W car park, out past the Goods Shed and parking near the Harvest Centre.

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Distinguished speakers at the upcoming Partnering for Innovative Workforce Solutions Conference on May 17 include Duncan Baulch, Dr Graninne Lowe and key note speaker Tanya Heaney-Voogt.

Shaping the future of health in South Gippsland

THE South Gippsland Coast Sub-Regional Partnership is proud to announce the upcoming 'Partnering for Innovative Workforce Solutions Conference' at the stunning RACV Inverloch Resort. This conference aims to foster collaboration, networking and inspiration among healthcare professionals, academia experts, and other health care leaders to address workforce challenges in healthcare.

The South Coast Sub-Regional Partnership, comprising Bass Coast Health, Gippsland Southern Health Service, South Gippsland Hospital, and Kooweeup Regional Health Service, is a collaborative partnership that has been working together to improve healthcare for the local communities they serve. Strengthening the local workforce has been a priority for the partnership, and this conference will showcase

local learnings, and welcome distinguished external speakers.

Keynote speaker Tanya Heaney-Voogt, a seasoned professional with 25 years of experience in health sector leadership, will address essential topics such as mental health in the workplace, effective leadership, and organisational adaptability.

Attendees will also benefit from insights shared by Duncan Baulch, Workforce Manager Victorian Hospitals' Industrial Association and former Manager of Nursing and Midwifery Workforce Policy at the Victorian Department of Health, and Dr. Grainne Lowe, an experienced Nurse Practitioner, academic, and researcher, amongst many others.

This conference offers a platform for networking and exchanging innovative ideas on leadership and

wellbeing in healthcare. It will take place on Friday, May 17, from 10am to 3pm at the RACV Inverloch Resort. Tickets are priced at \$25 per person (plus booking fee and GST), inclusive of morning tea and lunch.

Kristen Yates-Matthews, Director of Partnerships and Engagement at Bass Coast Health and part of the Sub Regional Partnership says "we are thrilled to host this event. The partnership has a strong passion for the workforce of the South Gippsland Coast subregion collectively. We will be outlining our strategies which have held us in good stead for many years. We are keen to hear what our partners and the experts have to say, as there is always more than can be done to thrive."

For registration, please visit events.humanitix.com/partnering-for-innovative-workforce-solutions



Associate Professor Dr Barry Rawicki is the new Rehabilitation Physician at Bass Coast Health.

Luke Anstey has been appointed to the newly developed role of Bass Coast Health Stroke Coordinator.

New service enhances stroke care at BCH

A NEW service will enable more people who have experienced a stroke to receive rehabilitation care at Bass Coast Health (BCH), closer to home.

In line with BCH's continued service development as a growing sub-regional health service, BCH has initiated the Stroke Pathway Project and has appointed new staff dedicated to stroke care.

Luke Anstey is in the newly developed role of Bass Coast Health Stroke Coordinator and Associate Professor Dr Barry Rawicki will work as our Rehabilitation Physician.

Luke will coordinate best practice stroke care across the Emergency Department, Acute, Sub-Acute and Community Services at BCH, working closely with each patient's treating team, including A/Prof Rawicki, who will support stroke and general rehabilitation as BCH transitions to providing inpatient care. A/Prof Rawicki will operate a community outpatient clinic each Monday.

"It's exciting to be leading this new service that will give our patients better care and long-term outcomes, especially given the prevalence of stroke in our community. In 2022, approximately 200 people presented to BCH with a stroke or mini-stroke," Luke said.

"Patients can access care in their local community rather than be transferred to Melbourne, as has been the case until now. This new service will allow people who have had a stroke to stay in their community for rehabilitation or return to BCH for rehabilitation after receiving advanced treatment elsewhere."

An experienced physiotherapist, he has a special interest and experience in stroke and neurological rehabilitation.

A/Prof Rawicki has expertise in neurology rehabilitation, gait analysis, spinal cord conditions, and interventional and non-interventional chronic pain management. He has held senior positions at Monash University and Monash Children's Hospital.

To support this new service, staff have been undergoing training, and new equipment and procedures are being introduced across our Emergency Department, and through our inpatients, outpatients and community services.

People wishing to see A/Prof Rawicki for an outpatient appointment can ask their medical practitioner to fax a referral to Rehabilitation Medicine to 9102 5307 or email it to access@basscoasthealth.org.au

South Gippsland Coast Partnership presents Partnering for Innovative Workforce Solutions



The Partnering for Innovative Workforce Solutions Conference is a collaborative event between Bass Coast Health, Gippsland Southern Health Service, Kooweeup Health Service and South Gippsland Hospital. This conference will explore innovative solutions for workplace challenges within the sub-region and beyond. This is an opportunity for health professionals, leaders and clinicians to come together to share learnings about innovative workforce solutions and networking.

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Relax and indulge at The Exchange

CUSTOMERS are enjoying the delights of The Exchange Café open seven days a week.

Located on Wonthaggi's Murray Street, The Exchange Café is a locally owned family business, established four months ago.

Owned by Beau Rixon, and managed and operated by his cousin Tahlia Higgins, The Exchange Café provides a friendly, welcoming atmosphere to enjoy a coffee and a bite to eat.

"Beau and I were born and raised in Wonthaggi, and we decided to take on this business venture together," Tahlia said.

"We will be implementing some of family's recipes into our menu, including our grandmother's jelly slice, and chicken and corn soup."

The café is always ready to help people kickstart the day with its Trader Combo.

For \$15, customers can start their morning with a delicious bacon and egg roll, a hot cup of coffee and their choice of Gatorade.

Another customer-favourite is the

southern fried chicken burger, with all meat on the menu supplied by Wonthaggi Meats.

With the weather beginning to turn as we head into the cooler months, the Exchange will be introducing its warm, comforting winter menu.

"Our aim is to provide a nice environment for people wanting to get together and enjoy a meal. It's been great to see our business continue to grow, and we are seeing more regulars," Tahlia said.

The Exchange Café prides itself on being a place fun, vibrant place to unwind.

Its opening hours are from 6am until 2pm on weekdays, and 7am to 3pm on weekends.

The café also has a great online presence, and orders can be made ahead of time at theexchangecafe.com.au.

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OH WHAT A FEELING

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Honouring those past and present from Phillip Island

THE Phillip Island RSL honoured the sacrifices and courage of veterans at the Cowes cenotaph for Anzac Day, whilst too recognising the ongoing contributions of current and past service personnel, who continue to serve their country.

The community gathered for the morning service, not to glorify war but as a reminder to value the freedoms they each possess and acknowledge those who served the nation and never returned home.

President of the Phillip Island RSL Peter Paul hosted the morning service and welcomed training system specialist officer, Lieutenant Kelly Clarke of the Royal Australian Navy who is presently posted to HMAS Cerberus.

"I'm with you to remember those past and present from Phillip Island and the surrounding district of all generations, who have served our nation and paid the ultimate sacrifice," said Lieutenant Clarke.

"These veterans, both men and women, who returned tempered by war, took on the task of rebuilding Australia and we pay our respects to that generation of citizens that are still with us today.

"Those of us in uniform have inherited the legacy of those before us who have served in war."

Lieutenant Clarke acknowledged those who are marked by their experience, whether far from shore or in country, recognising that many have experienced a loss that cannot be recovered or replaced.

Anzac Day was first commemorated during the First World War to ensure that the sacrifices made by Australians and New Zealanders on the shores of Gallipoli on April 25, 1915, would not be forgotten.

To acknowledge those close to the hearts of the community, Bob Woods, current Sub Branch secretary stood to read the names of the local fallen veterans that are engraved on the Cowes cenotaph – before the community were drawn to the sky, fascinated by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) fly over.

During the 11am ceremony, Newhaven College school captain Max Arceo respectfully addressed the community, relaying his gratitude to be contributing to the morning service.

"To me, Anzac Day serves as a reminder of the true impact of war and how important it is for us to uphold the peace," said Max. "Today, and every Anzac Day, I vow to stop, acknowledge and remember."

The community were then invited for the laying of the wreaths with Cowes Primary School grade six school captains Jasper Reynolds-Mailo and Matilda Cotton standing proudly, alongside Cr Ronnie Bauer for the Bass Coast Shire Council, and Liz Camilleri on behalf of Bass Coast Health, before attention was directed to the Cowes Yacht Club who then lay a wreath on the water.

To conclude the Phillip Island Anzac Day service the Newhaven College middle school choir performed the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems led by Elly Poldetti, with Carmel Slater on piano. Lest we forget.



Newhaven College Captain Tahlia Williams dedicated her address at the Anzac Day dawn service in Cowes to her great great grandfather Lieutenant Colonel Dr Henry James Williams who served as a doctor from the first day in Gallipoli, until he was wounded, and then continued on until the end of the war in France. Tahlia wore Dr Williams' medals on the right side of her blazer.



Phillip Island RSL Secretary Bob Woods had the honour, at this morning's dawn service in Cowes, of reading out the names of the 17 service men from Phillip Island who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Spirit of mateship and resilience at Cowes dawn service

SKIES were grey and a light shower of rain fell as the crowds came out of the darkness and into the light at the dawn service in Cowes on Thursday morning this week for another highly successful Anzac Day commemoration.

During a solemn moment at the start of the service, Phillip Island RSL Secretary Bob Woods had the honour of reading out the names of the 17 local men listed on the cenotaph, at the centre of the ceremony and the town, who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

Flight Officer Tristan Garcia delivered the official address saying that we owed our happiness and way of life, in large part, to the men and women of

Australia who had answered the call during war, conflict and peacekeeping missions.

"A life offered up is the greatest gift of all and today we honour all those who have worn the Australian uniform."

He also commended the big crowd for turning out saying it was strong statement of resilience and mateship, very much in the tradition of Anzacs and those who had served their country in the military forces.

And in something of a tradition at these events, Newhaven College Captain Tahlia Williams gave the community address, noting that she felt a very personal connection with the day through her great great grandfather Lieutenant

Colonel Dr Henry James Williams "who was a doctor on the shores of Gallipoli on this very day in 1915" and went on to serve right through the war, to the bitter end, in France.

"As you may have noticed, affixed to the right side of my blazer are the World War 1 medals of my great great grandfather who I honour today," said Tahlia.

It was a poignant moment.

Callum Fisher played the bagpipes, the Newhaven College Choir, under the baton of Kerryn Lockhart, sang both the New Zealand and Australian national anthems and wreaths were laid by Christine Thomas on behalf of the Phillip Island RSL, Cr Ron Bauer on behalf of the Bass

Coast Shire Council and the community, Flight Officer Tristan Garcia on behalf of the armed services and Russell Broadbent MHR on behalf of the Australian Government and the people of the Monash electorate.

President of the Phillip Island RSL Peter Paul was delighted with the turnout and the service.

"It never ceases to amaze me how many people are prepared to come out, it was great," said Peter Paul.

"We just got away with it," he said in reference to the weather holding off and reports during the week that it might be wet and cold for the dawn service. No rain actually fell while the service was running.



Newhaven College junior school captain Chloe Shapardon, junior school vice-captain Leith Cameron and junior school captain Edward Lee together lay a wreath at the Cowes Anzac Day service. Z02_1824



Cowes Primary School grade six school captains Jasper Reynolds-Mailo and Matilda Cotton lay a wreath at the Cowes cenotaph during the 11am Anzac Day service. Z01_1824



The White family: Chris, Tilly, Lulu, Chloe, Rosie, and Ken attend the Cowes cenotaph for the Anzac Day morning service. Z06_1824

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Learn from history, learn from Anzac Day, says John Methven

VIETNAM Veteran, John Methven OAM, founder of Newhaven's National Vietnam Veterans Museum, has laid bare the real history of the Gallipoli conflict while speaking at a well-attended Anzac Day service at San Remo.

Making no apologies for telling it like it was, Mr Methven said the decision to land 16,000 Australian and New Zealand soldiers at what is now called Anzac Cove, on Sunday morning April 25, 1915, for what was the first experience of combat for most of them, was both ill-advised and extravagantly foolhardy.

"When war was declared, Australia was only a new nation and they committed 20,000 troops under British control and said they could put them to whatever use they decided," Mr Methven said.

Against the advice of his military leadership, First Lord of the British Admiralty, Winston Churchill, had made the commitment, according to Methven, to deliver control of the strategically important Dardanelles Strait and Constantinople to the wavering Russians, to keep them onside. But he didn't reckon on the fight the Turks would put up to save their own country. The rest, as they say, is history, but the lesson cost 26,111 Australian casualties, including 8141 deaths.

"There was no good military reason to fight on Anzac Cove and the only good thing to come out of it was that it forged Australia as a nation. It made us realise that we were a country in our own right, able to look after ourselves.

"I only say this today because we have to be able to learn from history," Mr Methven said.

The Anzac Day service also heard from two local students, Jazmin Burnett, a Year 9 student at Bass Coast Second-

ary College, and Alice Mabilia, a co-captain at Newhaven College.

The addresses by the two girls intersected on the story of 14 year old Private James Martin who enlisted at the age of 14 years and three months, serving at Gallipoli, incredibly after his transport ship was torpedoed en route from Egypt, and ultimately died of typhoid little more than a month after arriving at Gallipoli.

"He was just the same age as me at the time," said Jazmin.

She said Anzac Day meant a lot to her because her late father had spent 41 years in the armed forces.

Alice Mabilia said she felt doubly proud to be able to address the Anzac Day service, after being chosen to speak at Wonthaggi while in Grade 6 at St Josephs and now at San Remo while in Year 12.

"I can't imagine what it must be like to leave your family, your job and the comforts of home to risk your life in the defence of your country. It's an incredibly selfless act," she said.

Wreaths were laid by a significant number of local organisations including David Edgley on behalf of the National Vietnam Veterans Museum, Gordon Skidmore on behalf of the Vietnam Veterans Association, Cr Geoff Ellis on behalf of the Bass Coast Shire Council, Marian Brennan and Maureen Matthews on behalf of the Phillip Island and San Remo Legacy Widows, among others.

Squadron Leader John Turner read the ode. There was a minute's silence and the playing of the Australian National Anthem to close.

Speaking afterwards, Mr Methven said the strong response from the community over recent years was justification for recommending Anzac Day services, on the foreshore at San Remo.



Year 9 student at Bass Coast Secondary College Jazmin Burnett and a co-captain at Newhaven College Alice Mabilia were guest speakers at San Remo's Anzac Day service.



Gordon Skidmore lays a wreath at San Remo on behalf of the Vietnam Veterans Association.



Students from San Remo Primary School Scarlett, Gemma, James and River lay a wreath at the San Remo Anzac Day service.

Mary honours our veterans at Phillip Island services



Enjoying breakfast after the dawn service at Phillip Island RSL, from left, Phillip Island SES member Julian Glynn, PIRSL Welfare Officer Lawrence Buck, Liberal Candidate for Monash Mary Aldred and Bass Coast Shire Cr Ron Bauer.



Federal Liberal Candidate for Monash Mary Aldred with PIRSL committee member Christine Thomas in Cowes.



Councillors Nathan Hersey and Jenni Keerie at the Korumburra dawn service.

People turn out in force for Korumburra dawn service

A COLD and damp start to the day couldn't deter locals from turning out in big numbers at the Korumburra Cenotaph in Coleman Park for the Anzac Day dawn service, with people coming to remember and reflect.

Korumburra RSL president David Jackson was delighted with the turnout, saying the crowd was estimated at up to 300.

Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien spoke, reflecting on the stunning 78 percent of Korumburra's population eligible to enlist who answered the call to arms in 1914.

"It was a similar story across hundreds of rural communities, many of them, like Korumburra, barely a few decades old and still virtually being cut from virgin forest," Danny said.

Korumburra's WWI remarkable enlistment figure compared to the national average of 50 percent of eligible men joining up.

Cr Jenni Keerie recited the poem 'We remember those on ANZAC Day' by Trish Reeves, which recalls not only lives lost but those wounded or psychologically scarred by war.

There was a catafalque party from HMAS Cerberus and students from Korumburra Secondary College were among those laying wreaths at the cenotaph, with Nigel Hutchinson-Brooks playing 'The Last Post' and 'Reveille'.

Korumburra brothers lost at war, remembered

THE SOUNDS of the South Gippsland Concert band welcomed all those to the Cenotaph in Colman Park, Korumburra at 10.30am on Thursday.

Under grey skies the commemorators heard from Korumburra RSL Member and co-author of Far from Home: Our Fallen Heroes of Coleman Park, Tony Moon, about young brothers from the area who went and died at war.

Of the 232 names displayed on the granite face of the Cenotaph, there are 17 sets of brothers, but following further research, Tony found another five sets of brothers who have not been included.

"Losing one son to war would be bad enough, how terrible to lose multiple sons. Our Cenotaph lists families who lost two, three and even four sons," said Tony.

In keeping with the 'brothers in arms theme,' Thomas, Harry and George Coombs aged 17, 16 and 13 read the ANZAC requiem and were a representation of the men who enlisted over one hundred years ago.

A procession of beautifully coloured floral wreaths were laid at the base of the Cenotaph by students from St. Josephs, Victoria Police, CFA as well as many personal tributes, to the sombre tunes from the concert band. A prayer of peace was offered by Korumburra RSL member Linda Shaw.

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Veteran Wayne Fuller (right) proudly wore his medals on Thursday at Wonthaggi's service, pictured alongside Wonthaggi RSL President Dan Lucas. C41_1824

Marching with medals

IT WAS a moment many years in the making on Thursday in Wonthaggi as veteran Wayne Fuller marched for the first time with his medals of service.

Wayne was recently presented with his Australian Active Service Medal 1945 - 75 with clasp Vietnam, Vietnam Medal, Australian Service Medal 1945 - 75 with clasp SE Asia, Australian Defence Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation, after friendly encouragement from Wonthaggi RSL President Dan Lucas and Veteran Support Officer Melissa Lucas.

Whilst there are many stories from Wayne's years of service from building huts to morphine syringes, which are his to share to those fortunate enough to have his time, his years of service must be recognised.

Wayne joined the Australian military as part of the 2nd Field Hospital in Vietnam as a medic, before continuing on in the catering corp.

"We got shafted 50 odd years ago, when we came back from Vietnam, and that part of my life I just forgot," Wayne explained noting he'd never had the desire to apply for the medals he deserved.

"I was attached to 2 Field Ambulance and 1 Field Hospital or 37 Evac. Then I went to Malaya for two years.

"A lot of the engineers were Tunnel Rats in Vietnam, it didn't matter if you were the cook, you all worked together - one day I'd be cooking the next I'd be on a chainsaw."

"Then I went to Indonesia with the survey crowd - mapping West Kalimantan."

As Dan laughed, "he's one of the blokes who ran into battle without a weapon!"



Anzac Day at Kongwak

Vietnam war veteran Perry Neil was the guest of honour and speaker at Thursday's service in Kongwak.

Evoking the timeless values of Kokoda

THE Anzac Day march and ceremony on McBride Avenue was graced with only a light shower as veterans and organisations lined up, before reappearing towards the end, as hundreds gathered to honour and remember our soldiers, past and present, who fought for the freedoms we oft take for granted.

Wonthaggi RSL President Dan Lucas and Kevin Walsh RFD commenced proceedings acknowledging the men and women who lost their lives in the world wars and subsequent conflicts around the world. The national anthems of both New Zealand and Australia rang out around the cenotaph expertly played by the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band.

In reading a passage from 1 John, "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for one another..." Rev Graeme Liersch spoke of the importance of prayer and role of chaplains in wartime.

"For the digger in World War I having the chaplain around was very important to them. Every day the chaplain would lead them in prayers before they would go out of the trenches and towards enemy lines."

Bass Coast College student Chloe Lawson delivered a heartfelt tribute to the ANZACs - 'We remember those on Anzac Day' written by Trish Reeves, before Mr Walsh returned to honour the 14th/32nd Australian Infantry Battalion and evoke the timeless values of courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice



Wonthaggi Citizens' Band led Thursdays march up McBride Avenue.

exemplified on the Kokoda Trail.

"Courage - To step outside your comfort zone and stand up for what is important; endurance - To stay the journey and never give up; mateship - To act with integrity, embrace diversity and to have each other's back; sacrifice - To serve a cause greater than self. Look out for one another," Mr Walsh stated.

As the strains of the Ode, Last Post, and Reville filled the air, a solemn reverence descended upon the gathering, intensified by the rising wind. The poignant moment of wreath-laying and a flyover marked the conclusion of the service.

The dawn service in Wonthaggi witnessed an overwhelming turnout, with over 300 individuals joining together in solemn reflection on the dreary morning before gathering for a camaraderie-filled gunfire breakfast at the RSL, reaffirming the enduring spirit of Anzac Day.



Dan Lucas lays a wreath on behalf of Wonthaggi RSL.



(Major) Graeme Eva had the honour of leading the veterans.

Inverloch remembers by honouring the peacekeepers

INVERLOCH proudly held one of its biggest Anzac Day services on Thursday.

A Dawn Service attended by between 400 and 500 people, and 200 people enjoyed a breakfast afterwards.

"We were a little worried about the weather, but it was fantastic. It's really pleasing to see so many people still believe in and have the spirit of Anzac," Inverloch RSL president Ross Gabb said.

A large crowd also turned out to the main service at the cenotaph at 11am.

A flyover from the RAAF and a march down the main street signalled the beginning of the service.

"This is a time to remember all the conflicts that saw our servicemen and women put under immense pressure to defend the country," Mr Gabb said.

"This year, we are honouring the peacekeepers who put themselves at risk to protect the nation."

The service included a number of guest speakers,



Inverloch RSL's Lindsay Guerin and Ross Gabb with Newhaven College captain Tom Bird at Thursday's Anzac Day services.

including representatives of Newhaven College, Inverloch and Kongwak Primary Schools, and the 1st Inverloch Scout Group, who reflected on the peacekeepers.

Newhaven College captain Tom Bird shared his family's experience.

"Each year, the 25th of April offers us the chance to reflect back on how lucky we are to be living in Australia

today, and how freedom is connected to those who have fought for us," he said.

Tom spoke about his great grandfather Roy Bird, who fought in World War II.

He was assigned to the Infantry Battalion 2/33rd of the Australian Army and was involved in a conflict between Australia and Japan in New Guinea in 1943.

Tom went on to speak

about the conflict, which was set to make history as the first airborne assault by Australian troops.

Instead, it became not only the worst and least known air disaster in Australian history, but one of World War II's best kept secrets.

"My family, and so many others, know the importance of Anzac Day comes not from the glorification of war, but from the appreciation and understanding of the sacrifices made by every Anzac and every man and woman who has chosen to fight for our country," Tom said.

"As a young Australian, I thank those who have come before me. I acknowledge their sacrifices, and on behalf of my generation, I promise to never forget these lessons that they taught us and to use this knowledge to work forward to a future they would be proud of."

At the conclusion of the main service, those in attendance were invited back to the RSL to enjoy a lunch.

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Moving Anzac Day service in Leongatha

THERE was an impressive turnout at Leongatha's war memorial, with only a little rain falling as locals marked Anzac Day.

Wreaths were laid to the moving sounds of 'Abide with Me' from the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band, new Leongatha RSL president Bill Verboon recited the Ode of Remembrance and The Last Post was sounded.

Many attendees sported a sprig of rosemary in remembrance of the fallen, with new Leongatha RSL secretary Vivian Carroll and her daughters Sophie and Alisha handing out the touching tributes.

Vivian proudly wore the medals of her dad who served in the Vietnam War, and also had a grandfather who served in WWII.

She feels honoured to play her part in the local RSL, albeit she observed that she still has her trainer wheels on.

Local Marion Cook was among the gathering, wearing one of her knitted poppies, having a few years ago been part of project to create 1000 of them to mark a centenary event. She feels young people are becoming increasingly aware of the history surrounding Anzac Day.

Marion's parents played their role on the home front during wartime, running a farm, with her father belonging to the Victorian Defence Corps, training in case Australia was invaded. Marion also had a grandson in the Navy.

Soon, outdoor proceedings concluded, with people moving into the Memorial Hall.

Inside, God Save the King rang out, transporting people back to the days of the original Anzacs. Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath told the audience of her experiences on the Kokoda Track last year when she accompanied 15 Year 11 students and others,

the emotion apparent on her face as she spoke of those who served there.

One who did so was Leongatha bank teller Bill Owen, the Lieutenant sadly killed in action, being posthumously awarded the American honour of a Distinguished Cross.

The group of which Melina was a part stopped along the way, the students reading out poignant letters and poems written by soldiers who served at Kokoda.

The politician recalled the story of one Australian soldier singing for his mortally wounded brother. On a brighter note, Melina helped put to rest the ongoing debate as to whether it is the Kokoda Trail or the Kokoda Track.

"At the base of Kokoda in the village where you finish or start the journey, there's 'Trail' on one side and 'Track' on the other, so you can make your own choice," she said.

Melina made it clear the Australian soldiers who served at Kokoda proved the doubters wrong, having come from the Citizens Militia Force and been labelled 'Chocolate Soldiers' who would melt in the heat of battle.

Those in the Memorial Hall also heard from Amanda Hart, a local Chaplain and Corp Officer of The Salvation Army who reflected on the sacrifices made during wartime and invited audience members to join her in The Lord's Prayer.

Leongatha Secondary College school leaders Bodhi Abernethy and Chloe Challis read the Anzac Requiem and the combined efforts of the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band and the South Gippsland Singers brought home the emotion of the day.

Proceedings ended on a fun note with attendees joining a WWI era singalong that included 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary'.



Leongatha Primary School Grade 6 students Ryan Perry, Piper Holt, Siiri Roberts and Charlotte Willis await the Anzac Day service in Leongatha. A10_1824



New Leongatha RSL secretary Vivian Carroll with her daughters Sophie and Alisha offer sprigs of rosemary for remembrance. A09_1824



New Leongatha RSL president Bill Verboon and retiring secretary Noel Laing during the town's Anzac Day service. A11_1824

Touching community Anzac Day service in Tarwin Lower

TARWIN LOWER'S community-led Anzac Day march and service was a great success with a substantial attendance, stirring music and singing, and poignant stories of those who served, with a splash of good-natured humour included.

Wonthaggi Citizens Band played the emotional hymn 'O God Our Help in Ages Past'. Bugler Alicia Fox and singer Terry Teylor added to the stirring service.

Local IGA owner Frank Keily shared stories of his family's involvement in war, his uncle John 'Jack' Wilson Keily fighting in WWII and Jack's son Mark serving in Iraq and Kuwait. Jack belonged to the 10th Squadron, having already been in England for training purposes when war broke out. He flew Sunderland flying boats doing reconnaissance,

and targeting enemy U-boats with depth charges.

Frank shared a legend that sprang up in the family about the glass eye Jack returned with after the war.

"My family always thought he lost his eye in battle," Frank said.

The tale of how Jack acquired his glass eye was fuelled by the fact he had been shot down a couple of times. However, Frank got a surprise answer when he eventually conjured up the courage to ask.

It turned out the crew got on the grog and tried to impress a couple of local ladies, unfortunately running a plane into the pier in the process, with Jack losing an eye in the accident.

"He was away at war for six years and he lost his eye out of guys having a bit of fun as larrkins do," Frank said.



Tarwin Lower attracted a healthy turnout for its Anzac Day service.



Glen's uniform and family history on display

GLEN Collins from Geelong proudly attended his fifth Anzac Day service in Wonthaggi on Thursday after donating his Merchant Navy Officer uniform to the RSL.

Glen's connections to the RSL flows through multiple generations with three of his grandmother's children serving in the war.

Amongst those honoured on the walls of Wonthaggi RSL are Corporal John Sparks of the 8th Battalion Australian Infantry, killed in action on August 18, 1916 at the age of 22 (from Dollar); Private Maurice Andrew Fox of the Australian Army, discharged on June 18, 1945 in New Guinea and Private Arthur Fox, National Service 1962.

Rain cleared for large gathering in Bass

IT WAS a damp setup on Thursday, but the rain cleared as Rod Horsburgh piped his way across the bridge to commence The Bass Friends of the RSL Dawn Service.

President Terry Salmon welcomed the surprisingly large gathering and spoke about replacing the trees in the Avenue of Honour that extends down the Bass Road.

Guest speaker Bob Krog outlined his own family's colourful war history and told us of his time aboard the aircraft carrier HMAS Sydney.

The Reverend Liam Mathews offered the prayer and laying of the wreaths followed.

Bugler Tex McKenzie led us through the Reveille with students from Bass Valley Primary School assisting with the flag raising.

The Reverend Mathews then conducted the blessing and the President thanked all for attending. The piper led us across the bridge to a traditional gunfire breakfast at the local hall.



Pipes ring out on Anzac Day

Local bagpiper Calum Fisher kept the crowd entertained on Thursday at Phillip Island RSL. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.

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COMMENT

Sack'em all if they can't fix this!

THE Bass Coast Shire Council and the Victorian Planning Authority are both blaming each other for the imposition of hundreds of new Environmental Audit Overlays (EAOs) on the mum and dad owned homes and blocks of land in Wonthaggi's north-east development area.

The sudden application of these highly restrictive overlays commits these home and block owners, many of them stretching finances to get into the market during a shocking housing crisis, to huge expense.

The VPA says the council didn't act when it knew of the risk of contamination, as follows:

"Council continued to issue permits for residential subdivisions without including contamination-related conditions even after they were made aware of the findings in the April 2016 report and the subsequent contamination report commissioned by the VPA in 2019."

The council in turn says they did act on the GHD report of April 2016, and proposed to put EAOS on the land identified as potentially contaminated and adopted an amendment in 2019 that did propose to apply environmental assessment requirements on four or five parcels of land, several in Oates Road and one fronting Korumburra-Wonthaggi Road.

The council didn't support retrospective overlays.

But, ultimately, they say, the VPA assumed total control of the whole amendment process for the 632 hectare site (444ha for residential development) in 2020, aiming to fast-track it through to approval, and whatever happened after that time, is the VPA's responsibility.

But that's bulldust.

Successive councils under the management of CEO Paul Buckley until February 16, 2019 and CEO Ali Wastie from February 18, 2019 to July 28, 2023, failed to keep the community informed, as part of a policy of overall secrecy, and even when 250 properties were listed in the approved amendment on January 18, 2024, as being hit with these new overlays, the council said nothing.

Despite having a list of all of these properties impacted, including street names and numbers, they didn't even do those homeowners the courtesy of sending them an email to alert them to the problem. Many still don't know they've been caught up in this horror story.

But the accusation from the VPA remains, that the

council continued to issue subdivision permits, and the developers went ahead and sold those blocks, without applying environmental assessment conditions to the permits... how does that even happen?

The councillors, and they should all be named at this point, claim they didn't know anything about it until last week, for God's sake!!

What the administration of the council is concentrating on doing now is (finally) getting the best outcome for the homeowners and building block owners, in negotiations with the VPA and the State Government.

But what they need to do straight away is communicate directly with ALL of the people involved, and by the end of this week, in an effort to avoid litigation, is to commit to paying for the retrospective assessments, environmental audits and if necessary, remedial work to be carried on the blocks they already authorised to be subdivided and sold, without conditions.

If our nine councillors can't complete this task to the community's satisfaction, they should all be sacked at the November '24 council elections.

New shire CEO Greg Box only took up his role on January 29, 2024 but aside from ensuring the 250 property owners were informed directly of their predicament in a timely manner (which he did not do), his role now is to peel back the pall of secrecy that has hung over this council for more than a decade.

The councillors say they knew nothing about this scandal, until a couple of weeks ago, which is an indictment on their performance and the attitude of past administrations.

But it finally calls out their preoccupation with a woke agenda for what it is, including whether the Cowes cultural centre should be called Berninnett or Mogar-marlarly Murk, whether they've dotted the i's and crossed the t's on their Gender Equality Action Plan, made enough progress on the Climate Change Action Plan, convinced people to vote 'Yes' or given enough priority to the former mayor's favourite community organisation, Totally Renewable Phillip Island.

Ticking off on compliance, transparency of governance and getting the shire's planning settings right are first-order priorities. You can get on with leading the national debate on gender equality, reconciliation, climate change, the flag, the national anthem and all the rest when you've discharged your statutory responsibilities to the people.

Vox Pop

What is the best concert you've been to?



Martin
Melbourne

"Dire Straits in about 1985 at the Myer Music Bowl; Mark Knopfler was very energetic and in good form and it was a warm summer's night."



Tony Calebro
Morwell

"I saw Jack Jones and the band Southern Sons recently; Jack sang incredibly well, there was a world class drum solo and Jack's tribute to John Farnham stood out."



Madi Utting
Dandenong Ranges

"This year I went to see DJ 'Fred Again' at Rod Laver Arena; the atmosphere was great, with everyone really happy to be there."

Time to be realistic on the budget

THE Mayor tells us that this is a conservative budget.

How are we to fix the potholes, fix the open gutters, pave the roads and build footpaths etc with conservative budgets? We can't! We need budgets that deal with the Bass Coast outstanding infrastructure issues.

The population of the Bass Coast in the last seven years to the end of 2022 was growing at an average rate of 3.623 per cent. Has this growth been factored into the budgets and forward estimates? It would appear that it has not!

Note 9 of the budget and forward estimates tells us the council intends to borrow \$13,424,000 and repay principal and interest of \$16,163,000.

I understand the need to pay the interest, but I do not see the need to repay the principal. In addition, the note tells us that the Council is not borrowing any money in 2026/2027 and 2027/2028, which is unrealistic. There appears to be a \$2,000,000 error between note 9 and note 15. But hey what's a couple of million between friends! Council needs to explain.

Note 10 of the budget and forward estimates tells us the depreciation charge is \$93,626,000 against an asset renewal expenditure of \$60,626,000 and an asset upgrade expenditure of \$18,327,000. This is a shortfall of \$14,163,000 which is also unrealistic.

Note 12 of the budget and forward estimates tells us we are carrying an average of over \$30,000,000 in cash and equivalents. Why? Surely this money can be spent on infrastructure.

There is so much fat in these budgets that it's stupid. We need to start to fix the infrastructure issues in the Bass Coast with these budgets.

I beg the council to set realistic budgets and not conservative budgets.

We need to fix the potholes etc.
Frank W Schooneveldt

Environmental Overlay imposed on thousands of homeowners

I WISH to voice my outrage that the Victorian Planning Authority can, and has imposed a hugely expensive process upon residents and potential residents of

Parklands, Powlett Ridge, and other growth areas of Wonthaggi.

My partner and I bought our home in Parklands three years ago. Our section 32 declared our site to be zoned residential. No overlays existed.

In January this year an Environmental Audit Overlay (EOA) was added to our section 32. We received no notification of this, either before or after the event, from any planning authority.

It only came to light very recently when a builder applied for a building permit for his clients' bare land site.

Thankfully we have been informed of this situation by affected persons, and we are determined to fight it for the below reasons.

We are now bound by the overlay's requirement to undergo a risk of contamination assessment process, should we ever require a building permit from the council.

Even a preliminary risk assessment will cost in the vicinity of \$20,000.

Dependent on the result of this there could be further process required with potential costs of \$80,000.

So there goes \$100,000 off the value of our home, thank you planning authorities.

Who will even want to buy a home with this overlay on the section 32?

As retirees we have created all the wealth we ever will, and our largest asset is our home.

Now it is worth less than it was before January.

This is still a less horrendous situation than that in which purchasers of bare land with this overlay find themselves. Great, they have purchased a site, and gained its title. But when their builder applies for a permit to build – the obligation to undergo the above described process kicks in.

Who could budget for such an unexpected and unfair cost?

This kind of overlay belongs on green sites – undeveloped potential sites, not on already subdivided land.

To overlay on developed sites is at best a mistake, at worst a cruel attempt to raise revenue.

The council is saying they cannot overturn a state planning decision.

If they cannot now, then they must make the changes, to ensure they become able to.

Surely the whole point of local

government is to ensure site specific responses are in place.

Bass Coast Shire needs to step up and say this audit has been ineffectively overlaid on developed sites.

Come on Bass Coast Shire, do your duty.

Glenda Park, Wonthaggi

Serving the ratepayers

AS A former councillor and mayor of the Borough of Wonthaggi I have made a point of not commenting on the actions of Councillors and executive staff following on from my time in office.

This was based on acknowledging the difficulties that elected representatives and senior staff have to work within Government requirements that do necessitate at times the needs of confidentiality.

At times ratepayers can and are critical of Council as is their right, however, this should be done in an informed and considered way as they may not be fully aware of the facts surrounding the (Council) decision.

With regard to the article that is on the SGST web site relating to the possible ground contamination of a number of blocks of land in Council approved developments and the revelation that an EPA overlay had been placed on these developments in 2016, and that the then Council was required to inform developers and other vested parties to carry out further investigation. But, the then Council, did not inform the relevant bodies and requires the following comment:

If the Council had acted many of these sites may have been ruled out of potential contamination and the probability of protracted costly litigation as well as considerable financial and emotional distress may be avoided councillors and executive staff first responsibility is to act in the best interests of their ratepayers.

In this case if what I read is correct, then clearly, they have not acted in the ratepayer's best interest and should be held accountable. Present Council and executive staff now need to show leadership and make every effort to rectify this matter to the benefit of those they serve, the ratepayers of the Bass Coast.

Geoff Bull, North Wonthaggi

To mum with love this Mother's Day



Stephen Webber displays the kind of colourful blooms available at Elsie's Florist to brighten Mother's Day for local mums. A06_1824

Spoil mum with help from your local florist

ELSIE'S Florist in Leongatha is looking forward to a busy period in the leadup to Mother's Day, with people encouraged to place their orders as soon as possible to ensure they get exactly what they want for mum.

The shop will be open on Mother's Day, Sunday May 12, with orders taken until the previous afternoon, but such is the demand, flowers have sold out for the occasion in previous years.

There will be a selection of favourites for mum, including chrysanthemums, roses and lilies.

Elsie's sources Australian flowers where possible, including local proteas and leucadendron from Leongatha, as well as other varieties from locations such as the Cranbourne area.

In addition to the beautiful blooms available, there is a selection of Mother's Day cards.

"We're also doing hampers, chocolates and candles," owner Sonia

Webber said.

"We do gourmet hampers, so a mix between sweet and savoury."

Sonia and husband Stephen are hoping for a great Mother's Day after the disappointment of lost Valentine's Day business caused by February's storm, which took out phone services, power and internet and made it impossible to deliver to some areas.

Elsie's Florist has been looking after Leongatha locals and those from other localities in the region since 2017, pop into the store at 11 McCartin Street, visit elsiesfloristleongatha.com.au or call 5662 0463 to find out what's available and to order.

For those in Korumburra and Inverloch pop into Korumburra Florist, 48 Commercial Street, for a special treat for your mum, and likewise in Inverloch Aspire Flowers & Inverloch Nursery, 35 Powlett Street, has all your floral needs covered.



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To mum with love this Mother's Day

To Robyn Smith of Cowes,
with much love to you on Mother's Day,
thank you for being such a supportive mum.
-- Love Scott and family

♥ ♥ ♥

Happy Mother's Day to my mum, Margaret, thank
you for all the love and support you have given
me over my life and for being a great mum.
-- Love Tim Ryan

♥ ♥ ♥

To the two amazing mums in my life: my mum,
Vicki, and my mother-in-law, Carol. They are
both beautiful, strong, inspiring women who
care not only for their families but their wider
community. They are both quiet champions of
women and have inspired me to do the same. Vicki
is a big supporter of all the women and girls in
her life, encouraging further education, reading,
independence, and support. She's been there for
me through thick and thin always encouraging me
to do my best. Carol has never let anyone tell her
she can't achieve something; from starting her own
business to volunteering in the SES, she's never let
anyone stop her. If there's a job that needs doing,
regardless of what it is, she's in there getting her
hands dirty! She is one of the kindest people I
know and will help anyone she can. She is a true
inspiration to all the women around her. Both these
women are powerhouses in their own way and are
helping to inspire myself and others to live better
lives. I would not be the person I am without them
both. I love them beyond measure.
-- Love Heidi

♥ ♥ ♥



~ Lyn's best cupcakes ~

A longtime family favourite in Lyn Balfour's home,
why not indulge in some cupcakes this Mother's Day

Ingredients:

- 125 grams butter, softened
- 1 cup caster sugar
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup SR flour
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup custard powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk

Method:

- Beat the butter and sugar together until well mixed.
- Add the rest of the ingredients all at once and beat until the mixture changes colour, about 2 mins.
- Place mixture in cupcake papers (patty pans size) makes 12.
- Bake at 180°C for 20 or so minutes or until firm to touch and golden.

Icing:

Lemon

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup icing sugar
- Lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon butter, softened
- Mix well

Chocolate

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup icing sugar
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- Warm water
- Mix well

To my wife Cara, who does an amazing
job with our kids under the difficult
circumstances that she is going through.

-- Love Russell John

♥ ♥ ♥

On this Mother's Day, I am reminded of
the unwavering strength and selfless
love that my mother embodies. She
instilled in me the values of defiance
and courage, and showed me that doing
the right thing is always worth it. I am
forever grateful for her unwavering
support and love, and I aspire to be half
the mother she is to my own daughter.
Thank you, Mum, for being my guiding
light and constant source of inspiration.

-- Love Liz Rivett

♥ ♥ ♥

Happy Mother's Day to a woman
who truly does it all! Thank you for
everything you do for us, we love you so
much! You may have failed miserably
with my siblings, but you did ok with
me. Have the best Mother's Day!

-- Love Steph Bramfit
(aka your favourite child) xx

♥ ♥ ♥

To an incredible woman who has
always been my greatest support and
has a heart of gold. I thought it was
pretty magical having you as my mum,
but seeing your grandson dote on
you has brought a whole new level of
appreciation and love that I could never
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-- Love Chloe

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To mum with love this Mother's Day

A mother's love, a grandmother's joy

MELISSA Lucas, a proud mother of two and now a grandmother, has a life story that is as inspiring as it is heartwarming. Her journey through motherhood, her dedication to her community, and her unwavering love for her family are testament to her strength and resilience.

Jared and Chloe are Melissa's pride and joy. Jared, turning 22 soon, and Chloe, a sweet 16-year-old, who is often giving presentations at Anzac Day services or competing in Taekwondo have been the centre of Melissa's universe.

"They are an absolute joy," she said, her voice filled with unmistakable love and pride.

"We're a team - I'm their biggest, loudest cheerleader, and they're right behind me.

"You don't often see many 16-year-olds walking around holding their mum's hand, but Chloe has no problem walking around holding mine, because sometimes I need that."

Her children's biggest advocate, Melissa doesn't hold them back, as

much as she would like to at times.

"It's funny I would never be the one to hold them back, but when Chloe went to South Korea with Heenan Taekwondo, it was the longest 10 days of my life!"

Melissa's role as a mother extends beyond her own children. As a veteran support volunteer at the RSL, Melissa provides a crucial link for those in need of support. Her work is driven by a desire to ensure a healthy culture and prevent burnout among the military community. This role coming into her life when her husband Dan volunteered at Wonthaggi RSL and became its president.

Balancing her professional life, Melissa also works part-time at Bass Coast Health in outpatient administration for the L. Rigby Centre, a role that might seem far from her training in alcohol and other drug care and recovery, but for Melissa, it was about following her passion of working with people and providing healthcare.

"It's a great team and Bass Coast Health are very supportive of the

work I do at the RSL."

And this Mother's Day Melissa has even more reasons to celebrate after becoming a grandmother for the first time; her son Jared and his fiancée, Shaelee, welcoming their first child, Maycee, in February.

"When I first held Jared it was just overwhelming, it's amazing, you're this little human's mum and you're so in love, and when I met Maycee for the first time, it was all the love I felt for Jared, but then a little more, I didn't think I had any more," Melissa shared, her voice filled with emotion.

"Seeing your son as a parent himself, my first reaction was 'no, you're my boy, you can't be someone's dad'... Seeing them spread their wings is just..."

Reflecting on her journey, Melissa considers the past 21 years as a mother the fullest of her life.

"I'm so grateful for every single thing that they share with me, every moment.

"They are incredible, amazing people, and I'm so proud."



Melissa is not only one proud mother but is celebrating her first as Nanna Lis this year. C46_1824

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Heart Week



Heart health checks throughout Bass Coast

UNDERSTANDING your heart health this Heart week and every week, Latrobe Health Services is proud to help communities better understand their heart health.

In January this year, Latrobe Health Services, in collaboration with partners SiSU Health and Wesfarmers Health, embarked on a mission to promote heart health awareness through Bass Coast communities. The outcomes of this endeavour stand as a testament to the commitment of these communities to prioritise their health and well-being.

Latrobe Health Services CEO, Ian Whitehead, said 319 heart tests were completed during this initiative.

"These tests included checking vital health indicators such as blood pressure, non-fasting cholesterol levels, diabetes risk assessment, and body composition analysis," said Mr Whitehead. "They provide invaluable insights into individuals' cardiovascular health."

"Sixty per cent of the participants were female, with a median age range of 66 years old. It is evident that individuals across various age groups are recognising the importance of preventive healthcare measures," continued Mr Whitehead.

While the results reveal



Participant Brooke Lewis was taken through the heart screening process by pharmacist Linda Novyen earlier this year.

areas for improvement, they also serve as catalysts for positive change. 38.6 per cent of participants presented with high blood pressure readings greater than 140/90mmHg, highlighting the need for ongoing monitoring and management.

Similarly, 44.6 per cent exhibited total cholesterol levels above 5.5mmol/L, and 45.5 per cent showed a risk of developing diabetes in the next five years, as per the Australian Type 2 Diabetes Risk Assessment Tool (AUSDRISK). These figures emphasise the significance of early intervention and lifestyle modifications to lessen the risk of cardiovascular diseases.

"This collective awareness

and commitment to health are commendable and serve as a foundation for building healthier, happier communities," continued Mr Whitehead.

"We are encouraging all communities to continue to prioritise their well-being and support each other on the journey to a heart-healthy future. For Latrobe Health this includes continued pop-up test sites in regional and rural areas, as well as an on-going partnership with the Shane Warne Legacy."

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The number of heart checks carried out across Cape Paterson, Wonthaggi and Inverloch in January 24

The median age range of tested participants was 66, with 60% of patients presenting as female.



39% of those tested had a blood pressure reading greater than 140/90

44.6% had a total Cholesterol reading of over 5.5 mmol/L

45.4% Were at risk of developing diabetes in the next 5 years.



85% of patients tested had at least one risk factor of high blood pressure, high cholesterol or high BMI.



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John Carter is leading a Heart Australia Peer Support Group in Wonthaggi for others who have had a cardiovascular disease diagnosis.

Support for your heart in Wonthaggi

Programs and Clinical Strategy Natalie Raffoul.

"In our own research, most patients expressed a strong desire to feel a sense of belonging to a community that understood their unique journeys."

Ms Raffoul said there was a two-way relationship between mental health and cardiovascular disease.

"Firstly, in people who do not already have cardiovascular disease, we know that poor mental health can increase their chances of a heart attack," she said.

"On the other hand, research shows that people living with cardiovascular disease are more likely to develop anxiety and depression as they adjust to a series of sudden changes to their health.

"This mental health burden can increase their chances of a second heart event, and that's why supporting good mental health and wellbeing is such an important part of the recovery process, our new MyHeart MyLife support group can help people on that journey."

John has been running the Heart Support Australia group for the past three months in Wonthaggi. He commented that it is a friendly non-judgemental group open to anyone who has suffered a heart incident.

"We just talk about stuff to each other, how we now feel, how we see the future perhaps. Basically, what we do is, we give one another support," explained John.

"We're totally approachable. Everyone there has their own particular issues and insight and there's a massive amount of empathy there; and anyone who's thinking about it should not be intimidated about coming around and turning up and giving it a try."

The Heart Australia Peer Support Group is held every second Tuesday of the month at 10am at the Wonthaggi Senior Citizens Centre. Contact John on 0408 556 061 or email john.carter48@bigpond.com for further information or to attend the next session.

The Heart Foundation also offers peer support through its My Heart, My Life platform heartfoundation.org.au/your-heart/support/my-heart-my-life.



Heart Week



Comprehensive care for your heart

THIS Heart Week, did you know your public healthcare service, Bass Coast Health (BCH), offers an extensive range of heart health services?

BCH provides consultations with visiting Cardiologists from The Alfred who can help you with cardiac conditions, including atrial fibrillation, chest pain, heart failure, hypertension, lipid disorders, palpitations and syncope or pre-syncope.

Appointments are available at Wonthaggi Hospital and Phillip Island Health Hub. To make an appointment, ask your medical practitioner to fax a referral to Cardiology on 9102 5307 or email it to access@basscoasthealth.org.au.

Our Rapid Access Atrial Fibrillation (AF) Clinic provides specialist care to patients with AF. AF clinics have been proven to save lives, and reduce hospital admissions and prevent stroke. A stroke is the biggest preventable risk in patients with AF.

Patients receive a personalised AF management care plan and stroke risk assessment, and oral anticoagulant review. Early identification and treatment of AF can greatly reduce the risk of stroke, and that's why our clinics aim to see patients quickly once referred to BCH.

"Most patients are referred to us by their GP or via our



Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Group client Stewart Donald works through his exercise program under the supervision of Cardiopulmonary Clinical Nurse Consultant Jane Ori at Wonthaggi YMCA.

Emergency Department at Wonthaggi Hospital. They will then have an electrocardiogram to determine if they have AF or a different arrhythmia," Rapid Access Atrial Fibrillation Clinical Nurse Consultant Angela Tiziani said.

BCH also offers Stress Echo testing and Transthoracic echocardiograms (TTE or Echo) to examine heart function. To make an appointment

with our AF Clinic, chronic cardiology clinic, rapid cardiology clinic, Stress Echo testing or for an echocardiogram, email access@basscoasthealth.org.au

BCH's Cardiology Clinical Nurse Consultant Karen Billman, and Cardiopulmonary Clinical Nurse Consultants Jane Ori and Kerry Sibson run our Cardiac/Heart Failure Rehabilitation program. This

helps people to recover from a heart event or diagnosis, as well as people with high blood pressure or cholesterol.

Patients are assessed and take part in eight group exercise and eight group education sessions to improve their health and wellbeing, and reduce the risk of future heart problems. Exercise sessions are held at Wonthaggi YMCA and Phillip Island Health Hub.

To join these programs, a referral from a doctor or other health professional is preferred but you can refer yourself or a family member. Send referrals to access@basscoasthealth.org.au or fax 9102 5307 or phone 5671 3333.

If you are aged 45 and over and do not have heart disease, see your GP for a Medicare-subsidised Heart Health Check. First Nations peoples are eligible for this check from the age of 30 and people with diabetes from the age of 35.

The 20-minute check-up assesses your risk of having a heart attack or stroke in the next five years. Your doctors will ask you about your lifestyle, and medical and family history. They will also check your blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels, and use this information to estimate your risk of a heart attack or stroke, and discuss steps you can take to lower your risk.

Intermittent fasting increasing the risk?

RMIT experts have commented on controversial new research suggesting intermittent fasting could increase the risk of dying from heart disease.

Dr Kaitlin Day, Lecturer in Human Nutrition shared there are conflicting results about intermittent fasting in the scientific literature, partly due to the different types of intermittent fasting.

"There's time restricted eating, which limits eating to a period of time each day, and which the current study looks at. There are also different patterns of fast and feed days, such as the well-known 5:2 diet, where on fast days people generally consume about 25 per cent of their energy needs, while on feed days there is no restriction on food intake.

"Despite these different fasting patterns, systematic reviews of randomised controlled trials (RCTs) consistently demonstrate benefits for intermittent fasting in terms of weight loss and heart disease risk factors (for example, blood pressure and cholesterol levels).

"RCTs indicate intermittent fasting yields comparable improvements in these areas to other dietary interventions, such as daily moderate energy restriction.

"It's likely the relationship between eating timing and health is more complex than simply eating more or less regularly. Our bodies are controlled by a group of internal clocks (our circadian rhythm), and when our behaviour doesn't align with these clocks, such as when we eat at unusual times, our bodies can have trouble managing this."

Dr Kaitlin Day uses molecular biology and big data techniques to understand the individual responses of our bodies to our diets. Her aim is to use these individual differences to design more precise nutrition intervention for the treatment and prevention of chronic disease.



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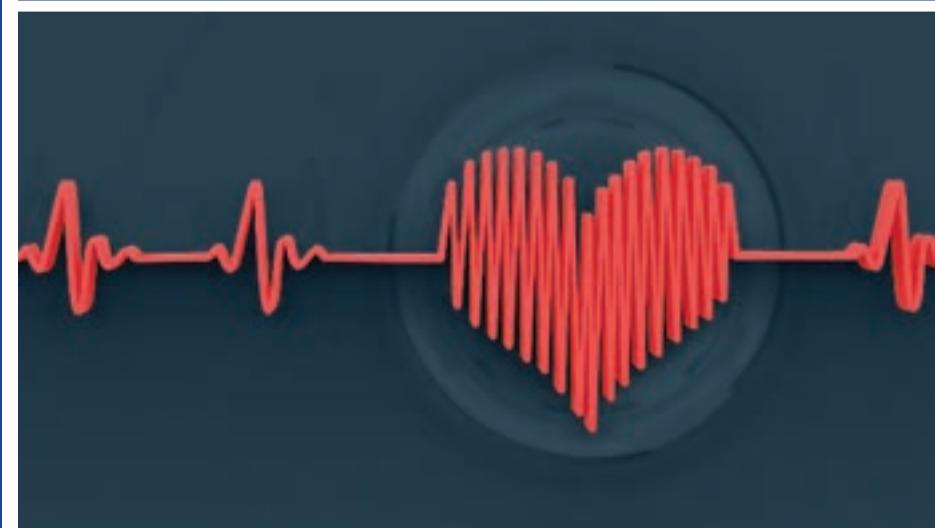
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- Atrial Fibrillation, Chronic and Cardiology clinics
- Stress Echo testing, Echocardiograms (Echo) and electrocardiograms (ECG)
- Cardiac/Heart Failure Rehabilitation Programs.

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Korumburra Scout visits Government House

CHARLIE Graham-Cross from 2nd Korumburra Scout group experienced the thrill of a lifetime at the recent GG's Camp in Canberra. Embarking on an action-packed program, Charlie's journey started with a 12-hour bus trip from Cranbourne.

"Camping at the Governors property, you did a different activity every day, whether you were onsite or offsite for the day," Charlie explained.

"The first day I was offsite at Questacon and The War Memorial. The other days I did onsite activities."

Held from April 13 to 19, activities included high ropes courses to canoeing on picturesque lakes and team-building activities.

"Every night there was different entertainment. There was the opening ceremony, bon fire with singing, magic show with special guest Matt Hollywood, a talent show, where I sang in front of over 1000 people, and the closing ceremony with a disco at the end.

"I made new friends from all over Australia."

• FAITH FACTOR

The Bravery of the ANZACs

By Amanda Hart, Corps Officer, South Coast Gippsland Salvos

ON THIS ANZAC Day 2024, let us turn our hearts to God in reflection on the deep spiritual truths woven into the fabric of sacrifice and service. As we commemorate the bravery of the ANZACs, we are reminded of Jesus Christ, who laid down His life for the salvation of humanity.

In the Scriptures, we find parallels between the selfless acts of the soldiers and the sacrificial love of Christ. Just as the ANZACs courageously faced the horrors of war, Jesus willingly endured the agony of the cross, bearing the weight of our sins so that we might have eternal life. His sacrifice serves as the ultimate example of love in action, inspiring us to live lives of purpose and devotion.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 2:3-4, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." This admonition encapsulates the essence of ANZAC Day – a day dedicated to honouring those who placed the needs of others above their own, sacrificing their lives for the greater good.

As we remember the ANZACs this year, let us also reflect on the call to sacrificial love that echoes throughout Scripture. Let us honour their memory by living lives characterised by compassion, courage, and selflessness. May we follow in the footsteps of Christ, who showed us the way of love through His life, death, and resurrection.

In times of trial and tribulation, may we find solace and strength in the promise of God's unfailing love. As we bow our heads in remembrance, let us lift our voices in prayer, seeking God's grace to sustain us in the journey ahead.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~



YES YOUTH HUB

LAST week the YES Youth Hub and FReeZA Bass Coast commenced a new event for musicians under 25 years old. We delivered a fantastic Open Mic gig that showcased our young, local talent and offered some tasty gourmet pizza for the punters. We would like to thank the Kilcunda Community Hall for their generosity and hiring the venue without cost.

This meant we were able to put the event on for free! Huge thanks to the FReeZA committee for helping setup the space and to all the musicians who jumped on stage. It was a gorgeous afternoon for all involved. Next gig to be announced soon.

In other news, the YES Youth Hub was successful at receiving a HEY Grant! Healthy Equal Youth (HEY) is a partnership between Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVic) and the Victorian Government established to deliver place-based support, services and opportunities for LGBTQIA+ young people.

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

New project!!! The YYH is taking the lead in creating a magazine for young people, by young people. This will be done in partnership with the Bass Coast Youth Services Provider Network and state and local government.

A small group is starting to form what will be affectionately known as "ZINE CLUB". They are meeting each Tuesday @ YYH to help create and curate the zine but this isn't the only way to get involved, we recommend that any young person with some creative content submit it via our email (see above). We are so keen to see where this goes. Another great way to have your voice heard, art seen and articles read.

Coming soon!!! YES Youth Hub's Drop In will be open on Thursday afternoons, starting May 2024.

This will mean that we are open from Monday to Thursday between 2.30pm – 5.30pm. We would like to thank the Bass Coast YMCA and our Engage! Funding partner, Victorian Government, for their support and will be welcoming new staff and more activities for the young people of Bass Coast.

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

Also be sure to check out our new fancy webpage: vicyouth.ymca.org.au/y-spaces/yes-youth-hub



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

RECENTLY Alana and Josh attended an expo in Leongatha organised by New Wave Disability Self-Advocacy in Leongatha.

The event showcased a range of options open to people with disabilities, including BCAL's NDIS Capacity Building sessions. Capacity Building has become a major part of BCAL's services. It is available to anyone with an NDIS plan. Activities include cooking, exploring art, digital discovery, photography, and much more.

All of the sessions are designed to offer life skills to get participants on the path to independence. This can be in the form of planning, social interaction, self-management, and getting a job. It's truly inspiring to see how the clients have progressed since starting.

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

■ WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden friends and volunteers Marisa and Frank were on a mission: get the tall, unruly olive trees pruned, clean up the off cuts and get the lot to the tip all in less than two hours, last Thursday morning.

And so, with four volunteers working on the clean-up and load up, Frank cut and pruned carefully, with his chain saw and long pole small saw.

The result is a revelation. Trees untouched for more than a decade are now manageable, and there is space, light and room for the garden's popular lemon trees to breathe.

It's great to see what a small, dedicated group of gardeners can achieve with the right help and equipment.

Thanks to Frank and Marisa and all the garden volunteers and members who put time and energy into maintaining and improving this productive community space.

To find out more contact, tgordon@westnet.com.au or visit the garden on Thursdays between 10 and noon. Information is also available by phoning BCAL on 5672 3115.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The monthly club meetings include a show-and-tell session and last week's was a big one.

The theme this month was to bring something you've made and kept. Nearly 30 pieces were presented, from chess sets to toolboxes to didgeridoos.

A common theme among why crafters held onto these particular pieces was that these were among the first pieces they made. There's always something special about that first creation, whether it's for sentimental or practical reasons.

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



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WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

LOOKING for somewhere to have a chat with ... whoever and want to do it in a welcoming, safe and comfortable setting? Then come along to the WNC Mitchell House on the first Tuesday of the month, May 7. It starts at 10.30am. Come and stay for a short time or a decent chat time (that's totally subjective.) The Café aims to help people to stay connected to their community. Enjoy the company of others over a cuppa. Nice.

The New Wave Gippsland Bass Coast is a self-advocacy group that is run by and for people with an intellectual disability and acquired brain injury living in the Bass Coast Area. The group works together to ensure that everyone has the same rights, choices and opportunities as everyone else in the community. They meet every second Thursday from 10 to 11.30pm. Call the New Wave Gippsland Bass Coast peer worker Peter Drew on 0439 425 238. Or contact the WNC for further contact information.

As a tenant you have rights. Has your rent gone up without notice? Are your repairs not being done are there delays in getting your bond returned. Then you can book a Renters' Rights time with a qualified lawyer from Gippsland Community Legal Service to get free and confidential advice. Make an appointment by phone. This service is available on the second Thursday of the month, May 9 from 3 to 4pm.

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



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Tarwin Lower and District Fire Brigade Captain Mick Moore, resident Val Latham and first lieutenant and resident Rod Hill.

Locals celebrate 10 years of open stations in Walkerville

LOCALS and CFA volunteers recently enjoyed dinner together to mark the 10th anniversary of Tarwin Lower and District's satellite station in Walkerville.

Val Latham is one of the residents behind the open station evenings, which are held monthly over the summer season.

She has lived in Walkerville with her husband Ian since the 1980s.

"It feels like a century ago now. But one summer I was reading Susan Duncan's memoir, *Salvation Creek: An Unexpected Life*. After moving to a small town, Susan started a community dinner to bring locals together. And I thought, wow, we could do something like that in Walkerville," recalls Val.

"We ran the idea past Captain Mick Moore, and here we are 10 years later. It's so wonderful to see new and familiar faces each season."

Brigade Captain Mick Moore has fond memories of Val's early support for a CFA presence in Walkerville, which today has a population of 130 people.

"Val has always been passionate about fire

By Crystal James

education. We ran fire awareness sessions in the community long before the satellite station opened in 2014," he explained.

"We even held them on Val's porch if we couldn't meet in the caravan park or on a vacant block.

"The residents have been instrumental in supporting the CFA. They persisted for 10 years, regularly petitioning the Council and State Government. It really is their station."

It's easy to understand why locals are so passionate about conserving the area. The secluded bays with postcard views of Wilsons Promontory are surrounded by more than 4000 hectares of natural coastal reserves – including a one kilometre foreshore campground on Waratah Bay in Walkerville North.

Brigade volunteer and Walkerville resident Jo Wainer leads the Watch for Wildlife local group who are working to reduce the number of wildlife killed and injured by vehicles.

Jo says: "We are blessed to still have native

animals in our area, particularly in the Cape Liptrap Coastal Park. It's home to koalas, monitor lizards, lyrebirds, wombats and wallabies.

"The forest and its residents are already feeling the effect of climate change, and the CFA is critical to protecting them from wildfire."

Jo is one of eight CFA volunteers living in Walkerville on the traditional lands of the Brataulung people.

The evening concluded with guest speaker, South Gippsland Councillor Scott Rae who commended all the CFA volunteers and residents for achieving the 10-year milestone.

"South Gippsland has the largest uptake of volunteering in Victoria," said Cr Rae. "Which really shows just how engaged we are with our communities."

Open stations at Walkerville will recommence in December 2024. Locals and visitors are welcome to bring a plate, or just come along to enjoy a meal and hear from brigade volunteers on the latest fire season updates.

Stay up to date via facebook.com/TarwinLowerDistrictFireBrigade

Inverloch View celebrates 26 years

THE Inverloch View Club celebrated another birthday at a lunch on Tuesday April 23 at the Inlet Hotel in Inverloch. Representatives from the Phillip Island, Wonthaggi, Bairnsdale and Moe View Clubs joined Inverloch members to mark the occasion.

The theme for the occasion was "jazz" and club members got into the mood by dressing up in 1920's style attire. The stunning jazz duo of Jan Blake and Neil Taylor, who some readers may remember from attending the Inverloch Jazz Festival in days past, provided music that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



View Club President Heather, Jan Blake and Neil Taylor

Real Estate

South Gippsland and Bass Coast

Know your land tax liability rights

NEW LAND tax thresholds introduced by the State Government has seen many Gippsland landholders receiving a land tax bill for the first time this year.

However, The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien is urging landholders to check their liability before paying, as reports of land tax bills being incorrectly issued to people, organisations and community groups who are eligible for exemptions come to light.

Mr O'Brien said that while he and his colleagues in The Nationals opposed the changes, legislation reducing the valuation threshold for land tax exemptions from \$300,000 to just \$50,000 was pushed through State Parliament last year.

"This has led to many people getting a land tax bill for the first time. It is important to note that while you may no longer be eligible for an exemption based on property value, there are other criteria for exemption," Mr O'Brien said.

"The most common exemption is if the property is your principal place of residence or if the land is used for primary production, however there are also other exemptions that certain community groups and not-for-profit organisations may be eligible for.

"I am urging anyone who has received a land tax bill for the first time and is unsure of their rights to make enquiries and ensure that they are not paying tax they shouldn't be."

Information on land tax including how to apply for an exemption can be found online at sro.vic.gov.au/land-tax/land-tax-exemptions or by contacting the State Revenue Office (SRO) on 13 21 61 during standard business hours.

Mr O'Brien said new land tax charges, which the State Government says is a key element in its COVID Debt Repayment



The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien is urging landholders to check their liability before paying unexpected lands tax bills.

Plan, are unfair enough without bills being sent to people and organisations who should be exempt.

"In the midst of a cost-of-living crisis it is wrong that everyday Victorians are being punished with increased taxes to make up for Labor's inability to manage money.

"With Victorians already paying the highest taxes per person of any state in Australia according to the ABS, including the highest property taxes per capita in the nation at \$2120, I want to ensure that landholders know their rights and claim any exemptions that they are lawfully entitled too."

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Donate towards a cancer free future

IN honour of those impacted by Cancer, Deery Consulting Structural and Civil Engineers are holding their fourth Biggest Morning Tea in hope to raise \$5,000 for the Cancer Council.

Office manager Robyn Hodson said this is an event that is held each year to help the Cancer Council raise vital funds towards research, support services and prevention programs.

"Last year we managed to raise \$8855 and host 80 people, and we're hoping to welcome the same number of guests here in Inverloch on Thursday, May 23 from 10am until 12pm," said Robyn.

"This year we are hosting special guest and Olympic Gold Medallist, Drew Ginn OAM who has kindly agreed to join us for a delicious morning tea and share his story after losing both his parents to cancer."

The annual event for Deery Consulting is an opportunity for the community to come together with like-minded people, share their experiences or donate to make a difference.

Paul the Pieman is catering the event, Inverloch supermarket will be donating coffee and tea and Abicor Southern have generously donated their eco-friendly plates and cutlery.

"We are very grateful for the local businesses who have also donated raffle prizes and auction items. We already have over \$1000 worth of prizes to be won, and I'll be running a lucky number draw and selling raffle tickets at the door, and prior to the event," said Robyn.

Entry is a \$20 donation per person and Deery Consulting is located at 1/54 Dixon Street, Inverloch. Can't make it? You can still help make a difference by donating to their fundraising page. Every dollar helps!



The Tarwin District Auto & Machinery Club will be holding their Coffee and Cars event this May, but it will be an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for cancer.



Gippsland musician Corie Blackley will be entertaining the morning tea attendees with live music at the fundraising event.

Coffee and cars for cancer

THE TARWIN District Auto & Machinery Club will be holding another Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for cancer on Sunday May 5.

While the club usually holds Coffee and Cars on the first Sunday of every month, this May it will turn into a fundraiser.

Following the success of last year's morning tea and having raised over \$800, organiser and club member, Melinda Holland decided to hold

another event this year.

Everyone is welcome to take their show cars along and club members take a plate of food for everyone to share and an item to be raffled off, with donations welcome from all.

"Everyone knows someone affected by cancer. I've had my family and have had friends (affected by cancer). One of our car club members has actually had three types of cancer and the previous year her mum had cancer and her

son had cancer. I've got another friend that's just recently found out, so she's in the early stages of 'what do I do next.' There's just so many people that are affected. So, we just think it's a brilliant cause," said Melinda.

Melinda commented that the biggest morning tea is an opportunity for community members to sit around and have a chat, have something to eat and raise as much money as possible for the Council

Cancer and for those affected by cancer. The club are hoping to hit a target of raising \$1000 this year.

Local Gippsland musician Corie Blakely will be playing live music over the course of the morning to entertain the morning tea attendees.

The event will be held at the Tarwin Lower Hall from 10am - 12pm on Sunday May 5 and it is \$10 per person entry with tea and coffee and sweet and savoury snacks included.

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10th Anniversary of the 'new' band room on Billson St.

The Wonthaggi Citizens' Band invites construction partners, donors and band supporters to join them in celebrating this occasion.

Date: Saturday 11th May 2024

Venue: Wonthaggi Citizens' Band Room, 29 Billson St, Wonthaggi

Time: from 1:30pm

RSVP: via email at wonncitizensband@gmail.com or phone 0407 299 738

FAMDA delivers audience winner with The Architect

AUDIENCE members were engaged in Friday's opening night of the Aidan Fennessy play 'The Architect' at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre, with a delicate blend of humour and reflection on dealing with terminal illness and other confronting issues presented by an award-winning cast.

Foster Arts Music & Drama Association (FAMDA) staged the production by arrangement with 'Creative Representation', the show directed by Bernadette Grainger. Her husband Bruce Grainger, who has appeared in many FAMDA and Leongatha Lyric Theatre (LLT) productions, plays John Stafford, with Melbourne-based Susie Sparkes in the role of Helen Pyefinch, John's terminally ill partner.

With John heading overseas, Lennie Wadsley, played by Dan Lawrie, enters the picture as Helen's unconventional carer, with Sam Shineberg in the part of Helen's son Jeremy Pyefinch.

Lawrie has acted in and directed a range of productions with LLT, with this his FAMDA debut. Shineberg is also new to

FAMDA, having played several roles at LLT.

The audience received the challenging show positively, with Lawrie delighted by the response and saying it got people chatting and thinking.

That was illustrated by their keenness to stick around longer than usual at the post show supper, speaking to the actors and sharing thoughts and experiences related to issues raised during the play.

Surprisingly, for a production with just four actors and lots of lines to learn, rehearsals ran over only eight weeks, initially twice a week and then three times as the opening approached, but that limited preparation time wasn't reflected in the polished performance.

Lawrie spoke of the mix of humour and serious topics in the production and how the cast handles the switching back and forth between those modes.

"It is challenging and takes a lot of fine tuning in rehearsals and really getting to know the character," he said.

He praised Grainger's ability

to strike the right balance in a scene, ensuring it is delivered in a way that isn't understated or over the top.

"It is difficult to find that fine line, but we feel that by show time we'd found it and the audience resonated with it."

Sparkes was familiar with the play and has South Gippsland friends, prompting her to be part of the FAMDA production, bringing her stage and short film experience to Foster audiences.

Lawrie said that while FAMDA and LLT share the same inviting and supportive culture, there is a substantial contrast between the large casts involved in Lyric's recent musical productions and being part of a smaller play.

As for learning those many lines, he finds recording and listening in the car a helpful approach.

Lawrie encourages those who are uncertain about the subject matter of 'The Architect' to give it a go. "Think about coming along to see the show because it is a real conversation starter," he said, and the reactions of the opening night audience suggest the humorous moments hit the spot.



Dan Lawrie plays carer Lennie Wadsley, with Susie Sparkes as Helen Pyefinch in FAMDA's production of The Architect. Photo: Yianni Banikos.

Wonthaggi Citizens' Band set to celebrate 10 years

IT HAS been ten years since the current Wonthaggi Citizens' Band room in Billson Street was officially opened! In May of 2014, the current facility was finally opened for use by the band and other community groups, the result of a huge amount of community support through a 'buy-a-brick' appeal and a number of local construction partners.

The band are celebrating this exciting occasion in May with two events. On Friday May 10, there will be a cabaret performance at The Clubhouse (Dr Sleeman Drive), with special guest vocalist Tom Green. Tom is well known to local audiences as a frequent performer both locally and outside the Bass Coast, including a recent tour as part of the Ten Tenors, and owner of Green Room Studios. Tickets are available both with dinner and without from

the Wonthaggi Club – wonclub.com.au.

On Saturday May 11, the band warmly invites all band supporters, donors and construction partners to join them for a celebration at the band room – please see their advert on page 30 for more details.

The Wonthaggi Citizens' Band is committed to supporting brass band music at all levels. Lessons and Training Band are available for students at Inverloch and Wonthaggi Primary Schools as well as beginners of all ages from the wider community, and the Wonthaggi Youth Brass and Citizens' Band are always happy to hear from keen brass and percussion players. Contact the band at wonnincitizensband@gmail.com or secretary Fiona Moldrich on 0407 299 738 for more information about any of the band's programs.



Wonthaggi Citizens' Band are celebrating 10 years of their current band room and are celebrating with two events in May!

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Candlelight Vigil - Change for Sam
Cowes Jetty Triangle

Thursday May 2 - Sunday May 5
FAMDA's The Architect
Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

Friday May 3
2024 Independent Schools
Team Titles, Cape Woolamai

Friday May 3 - Sunday May 5
Newhaven College's
Little Shop of Horrors
Wonthaggi Union
Community Arts Centre

Friday May 3, from 6pm
Coaching Women and Girls
in Community Sport
Dalyston Recreation Reserve

Saturday May 4, from 8am
Koonwarra Farmers Market
Koonwarra Memorial Park

Saturday May 4 - Sunday May 5
2024 Woolworths Victorian
Junior Surfing Titles Round 3
Cape Woolamai

Sunday May 5, 11.30am-3pm
Mother's Day Market
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Hunter Road, Traralgon

Sunday May 5
Prom Recitals' French Connection
Meenyan Town Hall



Inverloch Jazz Festival performers Green fieldz are back this weekend with a performance that promises show-stopping sounds.

Green Fieldz head to Inverloch Jazz

THE Inverloch Jazz is holding their next afternoon of entertainment on the May 5 and are pleased to present Green Fieldz.

Keith Rea and Sally Carter are Green Fieldz performing traditional jazz and gypsy jazz with some other exciting flavours making their jazz performances unique and varied. Stunning ukulele duets and wild fiddle with blazing guitar intertwine melodies and harmonies on well-known tunes.

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Based on the Mornington Peninsula Green Fieldz performs regularly in the greater Melbourne area as well as performing at festivals and events in Australia and NZ.

Green Fieldz has performed at the Inverloch Jazz Festival and the Port Fairy Jazz Festival and will take to the stage at the Inverloch RSL from 2pm – 4.30pm on May 5. Visitors most welcome, cost \$18. Enquiries Marg 0438 420 770.



Wonthaggi RSL President Dan Lucas with leading catafalque IC, Petty Officer Nathan Dowsett. C43_1824



Neil Barnes with grandson Tristan and Thomas Renehan ahead of Thursday's march along Graham Street and McBride Avenue. C44_1824



Olivia Soens of Bena joined Mark Pascoe of Korumburra, who proudly wore his father's Vietnam medals and Sam Fridey of Leongatha at Wonthaggi's Thursday service. C45_1824



Cohuna's Ian Behrens and Bendigo's Sheree and Paul Laursen look forward to FAMDA's production of The Architect at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre. A45_1824



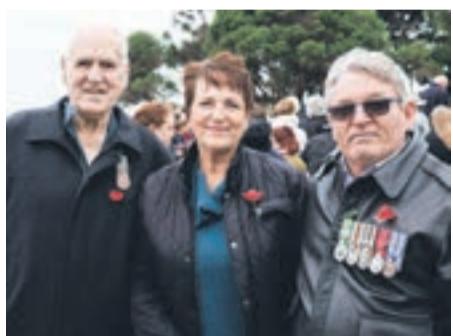
A proud father Anthony Williams congratulates his daughter Tahlia on a thoughtful address at the Cowes Anzac Day service, also with ex-serviceman Lawrence Buck.



Among those involved in the Anzac Day service at Cowes were Flight Officer Tristan Garcia, ex-serviceman Bob Woods and Christine Woods.



At the Cowes Anzac Day service were past president of the Phillip Island RSL Barry Goldsworthy, Cr Ron Bauer, Phillip Island RSL President Peter Paul and guest speaker Flying Officer Tristan Garcia.



At the San Remo Anzac Day service were, from right, Squadron Leader John Turner, Wendy Turner and Wendy's father Laurie Maxwell.



Vietnam Veterans John Melven and David Edgley catch up after the Anzac Day service at San Remo.

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Anzac Day, The Architect (FAMDA) and the Mirboo North market.



Wonthaggi flag bearer Seth Renehan displayed his great grandfather's medals alongside Garry Wilson, flag bearer Brent Renehan, who wore his own father's Vietnam medals, and Thomas Renehan who displayed a replica of his great grandfather's medals. C42_1824



Suzy Leenaars and Scott Rae look forward to The Architect in Foster. A47_1824



FAMDA vice president Noel Stringer and Kay who works back stage, with props, and front of house, welcome attendees at the opening night of The Architect. A48_1824



Ian Southall, Rosie Cousin and Gary Edwards at the Mirboo North Market on Saturday. A49_1824



Catching up after the San Remo Anzac Day service were Vietnam Veteran Gordon Skidmore, ex-serviceman Hans Becker, Vietnam Veteran David Edgley and NVVM volunteer Don Hails.



Tully Fletcher, who laid a wreath at San Remo on behalf of Jordan Crugnale MLA chats with MC John Methven OAM after the service.



Local Tim and his dog Frankie enjoy the Mirboo North Market on Saturday, with Tim picking up some jerky from Silverwind Farm. A50_1824

ON THE LAND



Do you have a problem with feral deer on your land?

FISH Creek Landcare Group is holding a community Deer Control Meeting on Saturday, May 11 from 10am – 12pm in the Fish Creek Hall Supper Room. All are welcome and tea and coffee will be provided.

Feral deer are causing considerable damage to pastures, fences, bushland and creeks in our area and pose a risk on our roads and for biosecurity.

We invite concerned landholders to come and connect with others to work in neighbourhood groups. The problem is a landscape-scale problem and needs us all to work together.

The morning's program includes information on spread of feral deer, using camera traps and deer control options. You will hear from locals: a commercial deer harvester, a recreational shooter and a farmer, and then discuss options and actions for deer control with other landowners.

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Angus feeders in demand

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AGENTS yarded around 4300 head at last Fridays VLE Leongatha store sale in another very good quality offering.

There were a few less extra heavy steers and bullocks than previous sales but there was an excellent run of 400kg to 550kg angus feeder steers which sold at dearer rates with prices lifting another 10-15 cents.

Most of the regular feedlot orders were in play and the competition was good with local graziers keen to grab a share.

In the weaner section prices remained generally steady for both the steers and heifers with some annual drafts of lighter weighted angus steers getting out to \$4.00 with most around the \$3.40 to \$3.80 mark for the better end.

Secondary types, Xbreds and dairy lines remain harder to move with buyers selective on these lines.

Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, April 26, 2024

Grown Steers

G&S Wiggins 19 Angus	623kg	\$3.51	\$2190
M Bennett 13 Angus	598kg	\$3.44	\$2060
Hislop & Hillberg 16 Angus	590kg	\$3.55	\$2100
Kyle Custom Building 20 Angus	581kg	\$3.47	\$2020
Shellcot 15 Angus	580kg	\$3.34	\$1940
Randall 15 Angus	578kg	\$3.47	\$2010
Wild Goanna Farm 10 Angus	575kg	\$3.04	\$1750
N Henderson 10 Angus	571kg	\$3.32	\$1900
B Svenson 11 Angus	560kg	\$3.53	\$1980
Kyle Custom Building 11 Angus	536kg	\$3.45	\$1850
A Lester 16 Hereford	529kg	\$3.21	\$1700
Rosebank 12 Angus	525kg	\$3.46	\$1820
Heyden Past 15 Angus	521kg	\$3.57	\$1860
M Bennett 13 Angus	520kg	\$3.55	\$1850
Stonewarra 44 Angus	516kg	\$3.72	\$1920
Dell 15 Angus x	516kg	\$3.48	\$1800
White 15 Angus	516kg	\$3.46	\$1790
Metec P/L 26 Angus/BB	513kg	\$3.35	\$1720
Burrabadoo 20 Angus	512kg	\$3.65	\$1870
A Lester 20 Hereford	512kg	\$3.12	\$1600
Hooper 18 Angus	503kg	\$3.71	\$1870
Burns 15 Angus	502kg	\$3.50	\$1760
Rosebank 12 Angus	495kg	\$3.71	\$1840
Burns 15 Angus	495kg	\$3.51	\$1740
Wallenbeen 14 Angus/BB	491kg	\$3.56	\$1750
Burrabadoo 20 Angus	486kg	\$3.74	\$1820
Doonagatha 18 Angus x	485kg	\$3.60	\$1750
Hooper 16 Angus	477kg	\$3.66	\$1750

Weaner Steers

A & L Dunkley 19 Angus	455kg	\$3.76	\$1710
G7D Smith 14 Angus	409kg	\$3.66	\$1500
A & L Dunkley 24 Angus	409kg	\$3.61	\$1480
S7J Bland 15 Angus x	389kg	\$3.08	\$1200
K & S Hutchinson 10 Angus	386kg	\$3.49	\$1350
A Bentley 21 Angus	382kg	\$3.14	\$1200
A & L Dunkley 24 Angus	374kg	\$3.34	\$1250
Km Breen 18 Angus	363kg	\$3.53	\$1230
J&M Ainsworth 20 Angus	361kg	\$3.90	\$1410
Jd Sawers 17 Angus	358kg	\$2.79	\$1000
T & J Waters 19 Angus	348kg	\$3.49	\$1200
JD Sawers 15 Angus	333kg	\$2.82	\$940
KM Breen 20 Angus	328kg	\$3.38	\$1110
C&J Moore 18 Hereford	325kg	\$3.47	\$1130
Elm Valley 20 Angus	323kg	\$4.02	\$1300
C & S Vagg Holdings 15 Angus	322kg	\$3.60	\$1160
Dk Backman 16 Angus	322kg	\$3.16	\$1020
Von Pace 21 Angus	319kg	\$3.44	\$1100
J&M Ainsworth 18 Angus	310kg	\$3.64	\$1130

Heifers

Chown 22 Angus	457kg	\$3.01	\$1380
Walker & Mason 13 Angus	452kg	\$2.76	\$1250
K Eden 11 Hereford	427kg	\$2.52	\$1080
K Eden 15 Angus	422kg	\$2.65	\$1120
D71 Webb 18 Angus	386kg	\$2.33	\$900
Paragreen 11 Angus x	356kg	\$2.83	\$1010
Kings Park 25 Angus	328kg	\$2.86	\$940
J&M Ainsworth 12 Angus	318kg	\$2.86	\$910
Kings Park 23 Spkl	316kg	\$1.66	\$525
D Backman 11 Angus	310kg	\$2.83	\$880

Xbred & Dairy Steers

J Derix 10 Angus X	623kg	\$2.58	\$1610
Ph & M Thomson 22 Sp	522kg	\$2.39	\$1250
Misty Valley 10 Angus X	26kg	\$2.11	\$900
Ph & M Thomson 20 Friesian	499kg	\$2.12	\$1060

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Mary the mannequin dresses up on special occasions even donning high vis and hard hat to help out during the storm clean up in Mirboo North.

Mary, Mirboo North's marvellous icon

A TALL leggy blond has been an icon for Mirboo North for a couple of years now, however following the storm event in February, she began to garner quite a bit more attention.

The blonde bombshell stands for days at the end of the Carter's driveway on Thorpdale Road to announce that 'Mary has spuds.'

This lady dresses up on special occasions, Christmas, Easter, ANZAC day and even donned some high vis gear and a hard hat to 'help out' with the clean up after the storm tore through the town.

"When the storm hit, all of a sudden everybody just jumped on board with the mannequin, it was just amazing. She's been out there for two years now so people were jumping on board anyway, but nothing to what they have now," said Jenise Carter, the real woman behind the plastic one.

The mannequin represents Mary Carter, a long time resident of Mirboo North who had been selling spuds for many years with her husband Wally, who passed away a couple of years ago.

And there were signs for spuds long before the fake blonde arrived.

Wally used to put out a 'Spuds Dug Daily' sign and on occasion

the family would end up in fits of laughter as people would come and ask for 'Doug Daily' – the man with the potatoes.

After Wally passed away, Jenise, his daughter, decided to do something a little different to attract attention to their spuds and the idea of Mary the mannequin was born.

While her popularity has been on the rise, it hasn't always been smooth sailing for the lovely lady. She has been kidnapped a couple of times and more recently lost her head.

A replacement head could only be found in Canada for \$20 and the business didn't ship to Australia.

"A friend of mine travels to and from (Canada), so I said, do you want to bring a head back for me? So, she did," laughs Jenise.

Now that Mary the mannequin has a Canadian head on an Aussie body, it begs the question, would she be eligible for dual citizenship?

In any case, a backup Mary keeps operations running smoothly and the original is secured more firmly in place when she's out working to try and thwart would be kidnappers.

Mary the mannequin has been a source of joy and comfort to

locals since the storm hit and this has led to another new enterprise formed by Jenise.

During the clean-up Jenise read a Facebook post from a local.

"They were sitting in line out the front of our place because they were fixing up things from the storm, the trees and that, and she (the local) wrote 'I just looked over at Mary and I just started crying. She's such an icon, she has just lifted everybody's spirits.'

"I thought that's really lovely and that's when I decided to do the t-shirts," explained Jenise.

Jenise designed and printed twenty Mary's Got Spuds t-shirts with the date of the storm and they quickly sold out to local buyers.

More t-shirts without the storm details have since been printed and Jenise, Mary and the mannequin have been attending and selling them along with Mary's spuds at local markets.

\$5 from every profitable t-shirt in the current run is being donated to the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation.

Jenise is planning further designs for t-shirts, posters, hats and a range of other items to add to the Mary has Spuds line, so keep an eye on this space.

From ewes to you

DOLLAR is set to host an upcoming Victorian Farmers' Federation Stock Sense event in late May.

To be held at 10 Stones Road on May 31, attendees will hear from veteran farmer Martin Stone and experienced vet Dr Alison Gunn.

They will cover a range of topics including how to condition and score your sheep, sheep and goat husbandry fundamentals, what you need to know about pre and post lambing, and a working dog demonstration and discussion.

The event will start at

9.15am and run until 1.30pm.

Admission to the event is free.

"These free sessions are critical for local sheep and goat farmers, and can help ensure your farm thrives," Victorian Farmers' Federation livestock president Scott Young said.

"We're encouraging farmers to come along and hear experts talk about animal welfare, biosecurity and also how best to utilise working dogs on farms."

Registration is essential – please email stocksense@vff.org.au to register.

Workshops to support Gippsland farmers

FARMERS in the Bass Coast wanting to be better equipped to manage the impacts of drought and a changing climate are encouraged to register for two upcoming Farm Business Resilience Program workshops.

Agriculture Victoria, in partnership with the ION Group, is inviting farmers, farm managers and employees, to join the free workshops to improve their knowledge and skills in farm business resilience.

Agriculture Victoria Horticulture Program Manager, Aimee McCutcheon, said the workshops will cover a range of topics to support local farm businesses after multiple recent weather events.

"The workshops are suitable for farmers in the horticulture (including nursery and gardens), meat and wool and apiary industries in the Bass Coast area.

"We encourage farmers from various backgrounds to attend, regardless of their knowledge level, as there will be many opportunities to learn new things and develop skills to take back to the farm.

Farmers will be supported to develop or update existing farm action plans to achieve their individual business goals.

"This program will assist you to set up your farm for success, now and into the future," Ms McCutcheon said.

Sessions will cover business planning, risk management, farm finances and profitable decision making, managing people on farm, farm safety and wellbeing, climate adaptation and natural resource improvement including soil, water, crops and pastures.

Session times are as follows:

- Bass Coast:**
Monday 6 to Wednesday 8 May – block 1
Monday 20 to Wednesday 22 May – block 2

Register for Bass Coast here: <https://forms.office.com/r/V7AdHyzdjt>

The workshops are delivered by Agriculture Victoria through the Farm Business Resilience Program and are jointly funded through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and the Victorian Government's Future Agriculture Skills Capacity Fund.

For further information on the sessions please see the Agriculture Victoria events page or contact Scott Botten on 0499 412 423 or at scott.botten@agriculture.vic.gov.au

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The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien is frustrated by the Government's failure to support farmers affected by recent weather events.

Flood and storm-affected farmers left stranded

FINANCIAL support for local farmers impacted by natural disasters such as the Boxing Day floods and February storm events has been lacking due to exiting Government thresholds.

Under the current arrangements a threshold is set for a particular percentage of farmers in a given local government area to be affected before there will be any state or federal government assistance.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien is frustrated by the Government's failure to provide financial support for

our farmers.

Speaking in Parliament earlier this year, Mr O'Brien called on the Minister for Emergency Services to lobby for changes to current disaster recovery funding arrangements that operate between state and federal governments.

"The threshold arrangements are not fair because if there are 10 farmers whose creek has burst its bank, which happened in the Woodside area, for example – they get nothing, because they do not reach the threshold.

"If there are 300 farmers suffering the same impact individually, then

there might be assistance triggered. From an equity point of view, that makes no sense."

Mr O'Brien said the response from the Minister admits that the current disaster recovery funding arrangements often exclude primary producers who are impacted by localised disasters from receiving support but also fails to offer any solution.

"I am very disheartened that the Minister seems content to leave these primary producers in the lurch. I know of farmers who suffered \$50,000 damage and more in the Boxing Day floods and

the February storm event in South Gippsland.

"Primary producers must of course be resilient and plan for weather events themselves, but sometimes the scale of damage is beyond any planning or available insurance."

"That's where government support should be available, irrespective of whether there are 10 farmers impacted, or 100."

"It is extremely disappointing that the State Government does not seem interested in ensuring that these funds go where they are most needed."

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GALLERT
(nee O'Loughlin),
Eileen Margaret:
Daughter of Frank and
Myrtle O'Loughlin
(nee Forrester).

Passed away
peacefully April 18,
2024, aged 90.

Loving mother,
grandmother, and great
grandmother.

*In our hearts forever.
Rest in Peace.*

Special thank you to
the staff at Opal Coast
Care, for all your care
and kindness.

LEISHMAN,
Dorothy May:

28.02.1936 - 25.04.2024.

Dorothy passed away
peacefully, but then the
family all came in.

If love sustained life,
she'd have lived
forever.

Thanks to the palliative
care nurses of BCH.

With love from this
world to the next.

Faye, Pam, Michael,
Kaye, Sally, Emma,
Lucy, Jed, Bryce, Joel,
Leigh, Isla, Erica,
Zindaba, and Elio.

SCHELLENBACH,
(Nicholls) (nee
Williams),
Elsa 'Grace':
29.12.1928 - 26.04.2024.

Loved wife and 'Kido'
of Ron Nicholls (dec.)
and cherished dancing
partner of Case
Schellenbach (dec.).

Special mum and
mother-in-law to Janice
and Eric, Graeme and
Cheryl, Jamie and
Judy, Peter and Abby,
Wynette and Trevor.

Much loved
grandmother to 13
grandchildren and 21
great grandchildren.
A life well lived for her
family and friends.

What wonderful
memories we have.

Dearly loved mum and
best friend of Wynette
and Trevor.

Cherished nana Grace
of Ryan, Nikki, and
Clayton.

Great grandmother to
Mia, Jack, Georgia,
and Remi.

Thank you for your
unconditional love and
guidance.

What a legacy you
have left behind.

SCHELLENBACH,
(Nicholls) (nee
Williams),
Elsa 'Grace':
Loved mother of
Graeme and Cheryl.
Adored nana of Lindy
and Warwick, Debbie,
Kim, and Troy.

Special great nana
Grace of Eleanor,
Georgia, Amy,
Giacomo, Leo, Zoe,
and Tejay.

Your pain has
now gone.

Rest peacefully.

Nana, we were so
blessed to have you.

So many cherished
memories.

Love always - Lindy,
Debbie, and Kim.

SCHELLENBACH,
Grace:

Our dearly loved aunt,
who has left us with so
many happy memories
of family get togethers.

A kind, gentle, lady
now at rest.

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SCHELLENBACH,
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SHEERIN,
Rodney (Jock):
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Passed away
peacefully at home.

Loving and devoted
partner of Loretta (dec.).

Loved and adored dad
and pop to Jess,
Bonnie and Rado,
Dustin, Riley and Asha.

Special friend to Linda.

Pops, thanks for
always being there for
us. We are going to
miss you so much
xxxxxx.

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SHEERIN,
Rodney (Jock):

Passed away suddenly.
Dearly loved son of Ken
and Dot (both dec.).

Loved brother and
brother-in-law of Jude,
Colin, Geoff and
Janine, Kenny (dec.),
Jenny and Ange, Lyn,
Pete and Katrina,
Steve and Karen,
Kelley and Rick.

Uncle Jock to his
nieces and nephews.

Special Uncle Jocko
and mentor to his
nephews who worked
with him at Capeview.

Rest in Peace.

SHEERIN,
Rodney (Jock):

Loved and respected
son-in-law of Alfonso
and Ena Storti (both
dec.). Loved brother-in-
law to Neil, Dennis
(dec.), Janine and
Geoff, Marianne and
Terry (dec.).

Uncle Jock to his
nieces and nephews.

*Reunited with
Loretta.*

DEATHS

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work mate and
friend to all.

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condolences to Peter,
Katrina and the
Sheerin families.

VAN DYKHUIZEN/
SCHINKEL,
Hendrikje (Ann):

14.04.1930 - 23.04.2024.
Aged 94 years.

Mother of Engelina,
Irene, Maureen, Janet,
and Maurice.

Grandmother of 8,
great grandmother of
11 and great great
grandmother of 5.

At Rest.

VAN DYKHUIZEN,
Ann:

Passed away
peacefully,
on April 23, 2024.
Aged 94.

Very dear friend and
neighbour, of Glenyne
and Alan, and family.

A last goodbye
from all of us.

SCHINKEL/VAN
DYKHUIZEN, Ann:

14.04.1930 - 23.04.2024.
At Koorooman House.

Loved and loving wife
of Marius (dec.), and
Dan (dec.).

Mother of Maureen,
mother-in-law of
Raymond, nanna of
Priscilla, Meredith,
and Mark.

Nanna and great
nanna of Olivia,
Isabelle, and Mathew.
Back with Dad / Pop.

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EGAN, William (Bill):

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EVISON, Gwen:
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Sentinel-Times

Here for a good time, not a long time

Michael 'John' Bowler:
February 22, 1947 – April 4, 2024



The life of Leongatha favourite, local stock agent John Bowler was celebrated at St Lawrence's Catholic Church in Leongatha on Friday April 19.

Landslide, otherwise dominated by snaps of happy family gatherings.

Keen on music, he attended many concerts over the years, but his argument stopper was always "I saw the Beatles with my sister Kath in 1964".

John was also very community minded, being involved in several local sporting clubs, including the Leongatha Football Netball Club, and serving with the Ruby CFA, including on strike teams away fighting the fires of Ash Wednesday.

Matt recalled a comment by his father about a bunch of Ruby dairy farmers being sent down a one-way track in the Dandenongs at the height of the fires, and being lucky to get out alive.

He also joined other dairy farmers protesting about conditions in the industry at several low points for the sector.

His father, he said, was a noted sweet tooth, not only dopping whipped cream on his cooked breakfast but also enjoying four or five sugars in his tea. And was never dissuaded from smoking, despite family members threading horse-hairs into his cigarettes and trying other strategies.

Stories of mushroom picking crashing his car on the way to see Richmond win one of its premierships in the 1970s, and finally having some success on the horses, not with his so-called "System", but with a generous group of work colleagues in the part ownership of Derby chance 'Light Up Manhattan', were included in a colourful account of the life of one of Leongatha's best loved characters.

The fifth child of Patrick Bowler (arrived from Ireland in 1918) and Rose O'Reilly, including siblings Pat Bowler, Mary Patterson, Rose Kuball and Kathleen Clark; John married Yvonne McRae in 1974 and had seven children Matthew, Shaun (dec), Paul, Joanne, Louise, Elizabeth and Timothy.

Tribute was also paid to John's partner in later years, Judy Hargreaves and son Matt, for caring for John during his recent illness.

John Bowler passed away on Thursday, April 4, aged 77.

IT'S OK to laugh at a funeral, we know that.

But the family of the late Michael 'John' Bowler made it compulsory last Friday, April 19 when a packed St Laurence O'Toole's Catholic Church in Leongatha erupted into fits of laughter on dozens of occasions as oldest son Matt delivered a full and frank account of his father's life, spent almost exclusively in the local district.

Aside from one notable trip to China and Upper Mongolia, to develop the region's burgeoning trade in dairy heifers for stock agents Landmark, and time away at boarding school at St Pat's Sale, John was the quintessential Leongatha local.

Born here on February 22, 1947, he lived on his family's dairy farm at Ruby before attending St Laurence's Primary School, just over the road from the church, where it was reassuring to hear the chatter and laughter of children during afternoon recess as the service continued inside.

The church was full to overflowing, which was hardly surprising. There was a liberal sprinkling of friends from the town and district, along with work colleagues from the G&N, Landmark and Nutrien Ag days however, being of good, Irish stock, John was likely related to at least half of the rest, coming from a family of five kids himself, with seven of his own and sharing the farm with his brother Pat's family of 10.

There are now 10 grandchildren as well.

In a rollicking account of his father's life, Matt Bowler said John loved the Leongatha district and was always keen to know how people he met locally fitted into the mental map he had in his mind of local families and relationships.

"In that sense, we've lost a vital part of the local bush telegraph with John's passing," said Matt.

In turn, he said that John was lucky to have the people of Leongatha and he thanked the owners of local cafes and businesses "for keeping dad going".

The years of experience as a dairy farmer and raising beef cattle locally was put to good use when John joined Gippsland & Northern which he approached as if he was joining a sporting team – hard work on the cattle, and a party at the end.

He became a dairy specialist with the firm, heading up its dairy heifers to China trade and ultimately visiting the region as part of the job. A picture of John and a colleague standing beside the Great Wall of China flashed up on the screen during a slide show, to the strains of Fleetwood Mac's

Doing the Red Shield Appeal differently



Margaret Coombridge and Amanda Hart with the Kokedama plants for sale.

that support."

While the local Salvos don't undertake a local door knock, they do have a digital door knock and a few money raising events planned to help reach this year's fund raising target.

Amanda and her friend are making and selling small and large Kokedama plants to order – which will also be available in time for Mother's Day.

Kokedama is a Japanese gardening technique that involves creating a ball (koke) of soil covered with moss (dama), which contains the plants roots bundled up with string and coated with soft green moss to create a unique and striking living bauble.

Small Kokedamas are \$15 the large ones are \$25,

with discounts available for orders for multiple plants.

"We're just trying to do things that are a little bit differently. The kind of things people can enjoy as well and have some fun and raise money for other things," said Amanda.

An afternoon of trivia will be held on Saturday May 18, with tables of six to eight people welcome, contact Amanda for more information.

The Salvos will also be running a Sleepout on the night of Saturday May 25 and would love more people to join in and raise money through sponsorship.

The sleeping area will be in the Salvos church grounds in Long Street, Leongatha and people are welcome to sleep in tents

or swags.

During the afternoon before the Sleepout a collection will take place at the Long Street intersection, and a sausage sizzle will be on as well.

An indoor market will be held on Saturday June 1st the Salvos and interested stall holders are invited to contact Amanda. Sites are \$20 without a table and \$25 with a table. There will be Devonshire tea available and a sausage sizzle on the day.

The funds raised go towards the Salvos food bank, provide assistance for families at Christmas time and for emergency assistance within the community.

"We were able to use Red Shield funding to provide assistance with the storm event in February in Mirboo North and Nyora particularly, with food parcels, and we ran a barbecue as well; and some continued support from that event as well," said Amanda.

To donate to the local Red Shield Appeal go to: <https://digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org.au/o/leongathasalvos>.

To order Kokedama plants or find out about any of these events, contact Amanda Hart on amanda.hart@salvationarmy.org.au or call (03) 5662 6400, or visit South Gippsland Salvos at 2 Long Street, Leongatha.

Acknowledging those behind the scenes at Men's Shed

THE weekend prior to last, John Davies and Matt Thompson from the Korumburra Men's Shed went down to Fisher's Timber and Hardware in Korumburra to present proprietor, Shaun Hill, with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of the generosity and support that Shaun and his crew have shown the Korumburra Men's Shed.

"Now, Fisher's have sponsored our very smart shirts for which we are very grateful. Shaun is putting a lot back into the community by helping us and sponsoring the Korumburra-Bena Football Netball Club."

Fisher's have also set up a container deposit scheme collection centre and if anyone who uses the facility and wants to, can direct their deposit money to the Korumburra Men's Shed to help with our building costs.

several thousand dollars over all the other building and hardware suppliers in the area," John said.

"

It's a fairly simple process through the Fire Permits Victoria website and notification to Triple Zero Victoria. It is important to check if any additional council fire regulations apply as these vary from municipality to municipality.

"

As always, follow all conditions detailed in the permit and ensure an adult is in attendance at all times. It's also important to monitor current and forecasted weather conditions and landowners should notify their neighbours."

"

The recent rainfall has been fairly substantial in some areas, but fire restrictions need to be taken off when the risk in each municipal is deemed safe



Korumburra Men's Shed's John Davies and Matt Thompson present Shaun Hill of Fisher's Timber and Hardware with a Certificate of Appreciation in acknowledgement of the various avenues of support Shaun has shown towards the Shed.

Fire restrictions to end across the state of Victoria this week

THE Fire Danger Period (FDP) for the state will officially finish at 1am on Wednesday, May 1 for the final municipalities in CFA's District 8, 9, and 27. This includes Bass Coast Shire Council, French Island and South Gippsland Shire Council.

While restrictions are set to lift in these areas, CFA Deputy Chief Officer South East Trevor Owen reminds landowners CFA permits are available to conduct burning off in line with local municipal regulations.

"Residents in these regions do have the opportunity to access a permit free of charge to conduct private property fuel reduction when fire restrictions apply," Trevor said.

to do so.

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

"We know these natural vegetation fuels can become quite dry even during the winter period and we are conscious of the developing fuel loads around those impacted areas."

"While there is still an element of risk, we will take an extra level of assurance to protect the community and I encourage residents to apply for the online permit should they need it."

When the Fire Danger

Period (FDP) ends on 1 May, all landowners will be able to burn off without a CFA permit, while mindful of any applicable municipal regulations.

You must still register your burn-offs, check weather conditions and follow local council laws, as well as EPA laws and applicable regulations.

"Registering your burn-off ensures that if smoke or fire is reported, the incident is crosschecked with our register, which prevents firefighters from unnecessarily responding and allows Triple Zero call takers to focus their efforts on emergency calls," Trevor said.

"Please allow two hours for your burn-off to be visible online."

Tightlines

Around the bay

THERE were a lot of people that decided to take a day off on Friday and made a four-day long weekend of the Anzac Day holiday.

It was also great to see so many people at the Anzac Day service in town with a huge mixture of ages involved.

Surprisingly, for most of it, the weather gods played their part and conditions were not too bad all four days.

It was great to see plenty of people out spending a dollar or two in town which is much appreciated by all heading into limited winter trade.

Wonderful to see most of the businesses were open every day as well.

Lots of people equated to lots of people fishing – lots of people fishing equates to lots of reports.

Many of the reports were from the land, with most not trusting the weather reports and leaving the boats home but still heading down for a break and a last fish before the cold shows up.

Land or boat, there weren't any reports of bagging out in five minutes, but there was some quality for the efforts people put in.

There were plenty of reports of salmon from the beaches which got better as the weekend went on and the weed from the beaches cleaned up.

Sizes seemed to be mixed during the day and towards evening or those fishing on daybreak found a few models over the one-kilogram mark.

Most of the beaches and jetties saw salmon at some stage over the weekend.

Mackerel have been showing up off the Cowes and Rhyll jetties at night-time but not both on the same night.

It turned into a bit of a guess as to which jetty you fished for the night.

The best way was with a light in the water and using sabiki (bait jigs) but remember you can not use bait on the multi hook bait jigs.

The other thing that seems to have been forgotten a little from the reports is common courtesy.

There is one group of customers that are more frustrated than everyone else this season – those who chase calamari.

If this season is the one

By **Jims Bait and Tackle**

you thought you would set yourself up to has a serious attack at them its enough to as one customer put it, "go back to fish for salmon off the surf".

There has been plenty of theories but no logical reason and just put it down to one of those seasons.

As bad as it's been, there have been patches through the season that resemble the calamari fishing people expect, just not enough of them and very random in time and tides.

Maybe the winter will see a better fishery and you can start your squid head bait collecting early for the snapper season that's just around the corner.

Whiting are working with the tides at the moment, no run no whiting, big rise and fall good quality and numbers of fish.

We get asked a lot in the shop if the whiting have finished yet which to us is a question relevant to 15 years ago and certainly not the last 10 years anyway.

We find if there is some one fishing for them whiting get caught all year round and during the winter, they are certainly the best quality for the table.

Yes, its colder, yes there are less daylight hours but its when you need to pick your time and tide.

Look for the days with some run in the tide and a change early morning or lat evening as this combination seems to be the best during the colder months.

As for where, that's still a bit of a guess but start with the spots you know and work around from there, also don't always expect to catch your 20 but settle for a decent feed.

We have gone to the winter hours at the shop (Jim's Bait and Tackle) now, opening 9am during the week, closed Wednesdays and opening 8am weekends, closing earlier Sundays.

Keep up to date by following us on Facebook.

We are also looking at our ordering for next season and we are looking at some new product, continuing to increase or range, to do this there are a few bargains with old stock we are clearing to make room.

Bowen achieves third butterfly title

FORMER Inverloch Primary and Newhaven College student Bowen Gough recently won his third Australian National 200 metre butterfly title.

The Australian Championships were held at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre from April 17 to 20.

Bowen from Bass, who started his competitive swimming journey with the local South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club as a seven-year-old, now trains with the elite High Performance Griffith University squad on the Gold Coast alongside World and Olympic Champions Emma McKeon, Kaylee McKeown, Lani Pallister, Brendon Smith, and pop star/ swimmer Cody Simpson.

The squad is coached by renowned Australian coaches Michael Bohl and Janelle Pallister.

Bowen has previously represented Australia on Australian Junior and University teams before becoming an Australian Dolphin Swimmer representing Australia at the 2022 World Championships in Budapest and Commonwealth Games in Birmingham where he finished fourth.

In the 200 Butterfly final at the Australian Open Championships, Bowen



With a new title under his belt, former local swimmer Bowen Gough now has his sights set on the Olympic squad.

and 100 metre butterfly specialist Australian Dolphin swimmer Matthew Temple were out in front of the rest of the field fighting it out to the last stroke with Bowen getting his hands on the wall first to claim the National Title.

Bowen is now back in hard training for the Olympic trials in June where he will not only have to finish first or second to qualify for the Olympic team, but also swim under the fastest qualifying time of any country in

the world for the men's 200 Butterfly 1.54.97.

Only one other Australian male has ever broken the 1.55 time so it is going to require an extraordinary swim.

Bowen is currently the fifth fastest 200 Butterfly swimmer in the history of Australian swimming – a significant achievement for a country kid with a big dream to represent his country in the sport he loved who grew up in a town that doesn't even have access to a 50 metre pool.

Thrilling Phillip Island darts championship

IN A dazzling display of darting prowess, the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League witnessed an electrifying showdown on Monday night as 17 dynamic pairs vied for the coveted doubles championship title.

With the draw boasting an unprecedented level of talent, spectators were treated to a spectacle of skill and strategy as seasoned players teamed up to battle it out on the oche.

In a heart-stopping final match, Vince Palladino and John Battista emerged triumphant over the formidable duo of William Kennedy and Scotch, clinching victory in a display of precision and nerve. The atmosphere was electric as the champions celebrated their hard-fought win, showcasing the epitome of sportsmanship and camaraderie.

Amidst the fervour of competition, the spirit of unity and family shone brightly as three generations of the Healey family graced the darts centre with their presence. Under the guidance of their patriarch, Pop David Healey, the Healey clan displayed their prowess on the board, embodying the essence of tradition and legacy within the league.

Adding to the excitement of the



Vince and John emerged as doubles champions last Monday night.

evening, Vince Palladino's triumph extended beyond the tournament victory as he secured the coveted San Remo Butchers meat tray, further cementing his status as a darts dynamo on a remarkable high.

As the league continues to flourish, the upcoming round promises another thrilling chapter in the

darts saga, with the Mustangs enjoying a well-deserved bye in round 7 of the regular season. With each match, the passion and skill of the players propel the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League to greater heights, leaving spectators eagerly anticipating the next exhilarating encounter on the oche.

Underdogs prevail at Wonthaggi Table Tennis

WHAT a round, upsets abound.

It proved to be the night of the underdog.

Each winner was positioned beneath their opponent on the ladder.

It has thrown the season wide open with all teams now believing they can lift the trophy at season's end.

White is on the board on the back of Andrew Donohue's panache and power. Andrew is rarely seen without some kind of bat in hand.

Green knocked over Pink in a thriller. Key game was the doubles

where Sven and Leigh survived the Andrigutto double crunch after five tense sets.

Now to the match of the day. Black was defeated by Blue where the combatants walked away black and blue.

Justin from Blue was at his invincible best winning all his five matches.

It was teammate Fred who outlasted Warren 11 to nine in the deciding fifth that carried the Blues over the line.

Also, a notable performance by evergreen Trish from Black who won

two hard fought five setters that proves her best table tennis maybe still ahead of her.

No mean feat given her first membership bill was in shillings.

Trish's energy and effort is saluted, on and off the table.

Green 6 d Pink 5; Blue 6 d Black 5; White 7 d Brown 4; Yellow bye.

Ladder: Yellow 12, Pink 12, Black 8, Green 8, Blue 8, White 4 and Brown 4. Leading players: Dirk 12, Braden 12, David 11, Brad 10 and Andrew D 10.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY	APRIL 30
3.37am	1.46m
9.35am	0.33m
4.38pm	1.68m
10.11pm	0.77m

WEDNESDAY	MAY 1
4.14am	1.44m
10.11am	0.35m
5.19pm	1.62m
10.47pm	0.78m

THURSDAY	MAY 2
4.55am	1.41m
10.50am	0.39m
5.19pm	1.62m
10.47pm	0.78m

FRIDAY	MAY 3
5.44am	1.38m
11.35am	0.46m
6.04pm	1.56m
11.27pm	0.78m

SATURDAY	MAY 4
12.15am	0.77m
6.46am	1.35m
12.29pm	0.55m
7.52pm	1.45m

SUNDAY	MAY 5
1.15am	0.73m
8.08am	1.34m
1.34pm	0.55m
8.54pm	1.43m

MONDAY	MAY 6
2.28am	0.66m
9.40am	1.41m
2.52pm	0.76m
9.55pm	1.44m



INVERLOCH

BOWLING Under Lights: Inverloch Bowling Club had two full greens on Tuesday night, with 56 bowlers participating in the three bowl pairs.

The competition was hot with five two game winners on each green.

Outright winners on the night were Martin Hannaford and Michael Cosgrove (green one), and Liam Cummins and Simon Bowman (green two).

A reminder, teams or individuals must register each week on the entry sheet in the clubhouse.

Entries close on Monday at 5pm or when the green capacity is reached (56 bowlers).

Social Bowls:

There was no Social Bowls on Thursday due to Anzac Day.

Bowlers are reminded that entries close at 9.30am on play day with a start at 1am.

A big thank you to Slice of Paradise Bakery for its bread donation for autumn and winter Social Bowls.

KORUMBURRA

THE Korumburra Bowling Club was represented by Ben Peachey and Joanna Lomagno in the 2024 Para State Championships.

Ben won the ID singles in this event.

WONTHAGGI

WEDNESDAY saw 26 bowlers grace the greens on a fine day with a slight breeze.

Teams of three and four were the order of the day, over two games of 10 ends.

There were three teams that were two game winners with the winners being Rae Haines, Mary McBain, Wendy Donohue and Roger Lee with a score of two wins and 33 points.

The runners up were a team of three and they were Trevor Teer, Joy Phillips and Frank Cimino with a score of two wins and 32 points.

No bowls on Thursday because of Anzac Day plus the weather was just too cold.

Saturday saw a perfect day for bowls with 34 bowlers to enjoy the day.

Teams of three and four played two games of 10 ends.

There were three teams that were two game winners with the unlucky team being Jen Miller, Wally Leijen and Wayne Mattock with 31 points.

The runners up were Allan Lowe, George Pargeter and Rob Aitken with a score of two wins and 32 points.

The winners with a score of two wins and 35 points were Ben Mattock, Scott Miller, Lorraine Stanes and Ken Gage with a score of two wins and 35 points.

Saturday night's Basket Cabaret was an outstanding success.

The room was full of happy people to enjoy the live music.

The band enjoyed the feedback from everybody, with the dance floor being full all night.

A big thank you to all the members that contributed to make such a great night happen.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am followed by the Golden Oldies Lunch at 12pm, and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

Have a good week and good bowling.



Gail Browne, Irene Holm and Sue Hoskin were the grade winners at Meeniyan Golf Club.



The daily event winners at Korumburra last Wednesday were Shelley Snooks, Jenny Blackmore and Lyn Leppin.

FOSTER

JUST a little rain for the Lorna Wilson Foursomes Championship.

Barb Warren and Jan Best had a bit of a day out and were very pleased to win the scratch, 90, handicap (19) 71, and the putting 28.

The Lorna Wilson Foursomes is a prestigious event and the club is very appreciative of the ongoing sponsorship and support from the Wilson family.

NTP on sixth was Josie Parisi and 17th Kylie Collins.

BDTL went to Elisa Nudleman and Jenny Alexander (28) 75.

The raffle winner was Ros Grieggs.

Thank you to Susan Anderson for donating the raffle.

Next week, May 8, is Stableford.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, April 23. Stableford: 33 players.

A Grade: Brian Clasby (16) 33 C/B.

B Grade: Chris Corr (24) 32 points.

NTPs: first Steve Duffield, 10th Mick Belvedere and 13th Steve McNamarra.

Thursday, April 25: Stableford: 28 players.

A Grade: Barry Kerr (10) 38 points.

B Grade: Steve McNamarra (21) 38 points.

NTPs: first Jake Fowles, seventh Jacob Wrigley, 10th Zach Walker and 13th Barry Kerr.

Saturday, April 27: Stableford: 53 players.

Sponsor: Athol Worthy.

A Grade: Ian Gibson (14) 34 points.

B Grade: Peter Hornibrook 32 C/B.

NTPs: first Brian Pope, seventh Paul Hopkins, 10th Mick Belvedere and 13th Bob Newton.

Ladies

THERE was a large field playing in the third round of the Gloria Burgess Memorial trophy last Wednesday.

The winners are determined by the best two Stableford scores over a possible three rounds.

Well done to all those who competed and we congratulate the winners.

A Grade was super close with Heather Grist the winner after a c/b with Johanna van den Heiligenberg, both finishing with 71 points.

Jenny Blackmore won B Grade 76 points and Julie Hillberg the runner-up 71 points.

C Grade was won by Pam Evers 73 points and Maree Wittingslow was runner up 70 points.

There were some great scores recorded in the daily competition.

A Grade was won by Shelley Snooks (18) 35 points and Julie Hillberg (21) was next best 33 points.

Jenny Blackmore won B Grade 38 points and Beryl Brown was runner up 30 points.

Lyn Leppin (47) was the C Grade winner 33 points and Kath Welsh (35) was runner up 30 points on a c/b.

BDTL went to Merrissa Cosson (10) 32 points, Kerri Besley (15) 31 points, Karen Sorrell (35) 30 points and Sherrin Solly (23) 29 points on a c/b.

The nine-hole competition was won by Betty Thomson with 11 points.

NTPs were first Merrissa, 10th Sherrin and 13th Kerri.

It was fabulous to have 22 women playing in the Saturday competition, and it was great to see Marg Clasby back out on the course.

The A Grade winner was Julie Hillberg (20) 36 points with Merrissa Cosson (10) runner-up 31 points.

It was lovely to see Lyn Leppin (47), one of the newer players, have her second win within a few days.

Lyn won B Grade 34 points and Jenny Blackmore (24) was runner-up on a c/b, 33 points.

BDTL went to Chris Rickard (27) 33 points, Kerri Besley (15) 30 points and Gail Beer (31) 29 points on a c/b.

NTPs were Kerri first, Lyn McIvor 10th and Johanna van den Heiligenberg 13th.

Last week, the Section 2 pennant team went down 2/3 against Wonthaggi and Section 3 won 3/2 against Leongatha.

Good luck to the Section 3 team, playing in the semi-final on Monday, April 29.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, April 23: Stableford.

A field of 79 members and guests entered the days competition.

Results were as follows:

A Grade winner: Antony Gedye (10) 37 points.

A Grade runner up: Nick Green (15) 36 points (countback).

B Grade winner: David Forbes (19) 37 points (countback).

B Grade runner up: Sam Akritidis (18) (Future Golf) 37 points.

C Grade winner: Mathew Pearce (37) 39 points.



Korumburra's Gloria Burgess Memorial trophy winners were Pam Evers, Heather Grist and Jenny Blackmore.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's winners were Karen Sheerin, Jan Beaumont and Irene Walsh.

C Grade runner up: Craig McKay (23) (Mirboo North Golf Club) 38 points.

Nearest the Pin: second shot hole five Gerry Carcarr 27cm.

Thursday, April 25: Stableford.

A field of 15 contested the Stableford competition.

Winner: Fred DeBono (25) 36 points.

Runner up: Richard Harper (28) 33 points on count back.

Saturday, April 27: Stableford.

One hundred and seven members and guests competed.

Results were:

A Grade: Winner: Tony Morganti (12) 38 points on countback. Runner up: Daniel Jolley (13) 38 points.

B Grade: Winner: Michael O'Rafferty (17) 40 points. Runner up: John Feddersen (17) 37 points.

C Grade: Winner: Gary Child (18) 34 points. Runner up: Bruce Clark (22) 33 points on countback.

D Grade: Winner: Craig McKay (23) 37 points (Mirboo North Golf Club). Runner up: Gerald Freestone (28) 35 points.

Nearest to Pin: Hole 14: Tony Morganti 118cm. Hole 16: Craig Hutchinson 293cm. Hole five second shot: Paul Deery 40cm.

NTP: Philip Dynes second, Doug Putt fourth, Kevin Jamison (propin) eighth, Graeme Campbell 13th and Simon O'Halloran (money) 17th.

All grades are close, and a tight finish is on the cards.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: April 25, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Phil Waugh 40.

Runner up: Ron Pennefether 38.

Ball sweep: Simon O'Halloran 37 and Alan Jones 34 C/b.

Results: April 27, S.R 71.

Competition: Par.

Winners:

A Grade: Mark Tiziani +5.

B Grade: Ian Gilmour +2.

C Grade: Graeme Campbell +4.

BDTL to -1 C/B.

Ball sweep: Kevin Jamison +2.

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Ladies

WEDNESDAY was an overcast day with occasional showers but luckily no steady rain.

There were 20 players for a round of Stableford.

The daily winners were A Grade Jan Beaumont (20) 33 points on c/b, Marg Johnson B Grade and round of the day Irene Walsh (27) 36 points, and C Grade Karen Sheerin (37) 29 points.

The only NTP was the eighth claimed by Anne Poulton.

BDL went to Marg Johnson 33, Yvonne Everitt 30, Anne Poulton 28, Donna Van Veenendaal 27 and Marion Walker 26.

WOORAYL

WITH a slightly damp start to the day, the club was unsure how many ladies would play.

Thank you to the players who supported the very generous sponsor AG Warehouse.

The golfers played a shotgun start Stableford event.

The A Grade winner was Pauline Lancaster (23) 34 points, and the B grade winner was Bev Bridge (32) 32 points.

BDL went to Elly Berryman 32, Sharyn Rayson 32 and Ann Poole 30.

NTP on eighth was Inge Giliam, 11th Sharyn Rayson and 17th Inge Giliam.

Elly Berryman had a gobbler on the 16th.

Five years of parkrun

SURPRISE!

It was the fifth anniversary of the Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun on Saturday, April 27.

The Wonthaggi Road Runners and visitors filled the parkrun roster, meaning many of regular volunteers could walk, jog and run the course this weekend.

Thank you to Anne McDonald, Christine Slavind, Damian Paynter, Etsuko Yasunagae, Eudora Walker, Julia Groves, Miriam Strickland, Nicole Creaser and Ronan O Sullivan.

Since April 27, 2019, the Grand Ridge Rail Trail has seen 189 events over the past five years.

In all, 1458 people have experienced the glorious out-and-back course a combined total of 5504 times.

This is all thanks to the 245 people who have volunteered to bring this event to the community.

Looking back through the time capsule of photos on the Facebook page certainly reminds you of just how lucky participants are to have a parkrun event in Mirboo North.

If it's been a while since you have visited, or maybe you have only considered it, this is your sign to come and join in with parkrun.



The second anniversary of Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun.



Luke Johnson (Winner Award Longest Noseride). Photos: Jo O'Reilly Stubbs.



Ebony Maier (Winner Open Womens).

Shark scare influences longboard finals

ON Saturday, April 27 Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) had ripper conditions for Longboard 4, with a possible shark influencing the finals!

With a large, thrashing shape casting spray 100 metre from the break, the finals were halted for a beat until the coast was deemed clear.

Longboard Captain Andrew McHenry and team delivered at Cat Bay, with Zev Landes sketching the events and Andrew Lidsey and Jo O'Reilly Stubbs capturing the surf action on cameras in and out of the water.

Phillip Island Rip Curl, Pottery by Jerrie and Phillip Island Winery sponsored the athlete's prizes.

Results:

Mixed Juniors (U18)

1st Hamish Farman. 2nd Scarlett Rennie. 3rd Kai Sturt.

Masters (45+)

1st Nat Van Der Heyden. 2nd Andrew Lidsey. 3rd Chooka (Warren Fowler).

Open Womens

1st Ebony Maier. 2nd Nala Taylor. 3rd Lucy Camenzuli.

Open Mens

1st Andrew McHenry. 2nd Luke Johnson. 3rd Andrew Burigan.

Awards:

Longest Noseride - Luke Johnson
Best Wipeout - Tom Fahey
Best Cutback - Hamish Farman



C grade award winners. Back Row: Kevin McLean (Batting Average, Batting Aggregate, Bowling Average and Bowling Aggregate), Al McLean (5 wickets in an innings) Joel Huckett (Captains Award). Front Row: Tiana Gold (First female to play in senior team grand final), Grag Miller (Century and Semifinals man of the match). Absent Steve Oats (Century and Grand Final Player of the Match).



Rohan Duff and Ray Gardiner (New perpetual Trophy Gardiner-Duff).

Kilcunda-Bass Cricket Presentation night

ON Friday, April 18 Kilcunda-Bass Cricket Club held their annual presentation night for their senior men's teams.

The club had great success in the 23-24 season with B grade making the semifinals and C grade winning the flag in their division.

On the night the AGM was held, and a new look executive committee was elected for the 24-25 season. This included President Ash Larcombe Vice President Tiana Gold, Treasurer Jess Abrahams and Secretary Mel Stone.

The club thanked outgoing President Cam Chasemore,

Treasurer James Mahood and Secretary Chris Peckett who have all had long running service to the club and whose contributions have been invaluable.

The club also introduced a new perpetual trophy, this is player voted for the second XI team. The trophy

was named in honour of two champions of the club, Ray Gardiner and Rohan Duff. This year Gardiner-Duff trophy was aptly won by Ray Gardiner in its inaugural year.

The club is looking forward to another successful season commencing later this year.



A Grade award winners. L to R. Chris Peckett (Bowling Average and Captains Award), Ash Larcombe (Century and Batting Average), Todd Smith (Most Wickets, Hammer-Aplin Trophy and LDCA A2 Team of the Year), Cam Davidson (Batting Aggregate).



B Grade award winners. Back row: Brett Joseph (Batting Aggregate), Al McBride (5 wickets in one innings and LDCA B2 Team of the Year), Ray Gardiner (Gardiner-Duff Trophy), James Mahood (Batting average). Front row: Ben Rookes (Bowling Average and LDCA B2 Team of the Year), Rohan Duff (Most Wickets and LDCA B2 Team of the Year), Al Bedford (Captains Award).

South Gippsland Bridge

APRIL 23: seven tables competing at Wonthaggi RSL.

It was great to see the relative newcomers to the club competing so regularly and winning the top spots and master points.

First: Chris Hall and Denise Allitt 58.33. First: John Quayleand Matti Shub 58.33. Third: Alan Johnston and John Sutton 54.63. Fourth: Clive Hope and Lois Dwyer 54.17. Fourth: Fay Rowlands and Julie Perriam 54.17.

April 26 Handicap Event results at Inverloch Angling Club are not yet available.

MID GIPPSLAND**RESULTS****A GRADE**

Yinnar 33 It Fish Creek 37
Boolarra 52 d Tarwin 45
Foster 46 d Thorpdale 29
Morwell East 49 d Toora 44
Stony Crk 43 It Mirboo Nth 46

B GRADE

Yinnar 32 It Fish Creek 50
Boolarra 78 d Tarwin 34
Foster 97 d Thorpdale 23
Morwell East 58 d Toora 40
Stony Crk 38 It Mirboo Nth 42
Hill End 46 d Newborough 37

C GRADE

Yinnar 46 d Fish Creek 22
Boolarra 21 It Tarwin 38
Foster 45 d Thorpdale 5
Morwell East 36 d Toora 28
Stony Crk 14 It Mirboo Nth 42
Hill End 36 It Newborough 42

D GRADE

Yinnar 35 It Fish Creek 42
Boolarra 22 It Tarwin 36
Foster 40 d Thorpdale 11
Morwell East 21 drew Toora 21
Stony Crk 39 d Mirboo Nth 32
Hill End 21 It Newborough 35

17 & UNDER

Yinnar 52 d Fish Creek 31
Morwell East 12 It Toora 55
Stony Crk 16 It Mirboo Nth 38
Hill End 27 d Newborough 26

15 & UNDER

Yinnar 42 d Fish Creek 11
Boolarra 45 d Tarwin 7
Morwell East 8 It Toora 50
Stony Crk 18 It Mirboo Nth 37
Hill End 45 d Newborough 23

13 & UNDER

Yinnar 37 d Fish Creek 3
Boolarra 26 d Tarwin 13
Stony Crk 2 It Mirboo Nth 29
Hill End 21 It Newborough 24

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
MDU	207.14	12
Morwell East	150.55	12
Mirboo North	117.19	12
Yinnar	170.97	8
Boolarra	109.86	8
Fish Creek	102.82	8
Newborough	79.35	8
Foster	86.40	4
Stony Creek	74.16	4
Tarwin	71.03	4
Toora	54.62	4
Thorpdale	59.76	0

B GRADE

A GRADE	%	pts
MDU	293.33	12
Boolarra	229.47	12
Foster	196.23	12
Fish Creek	154.69	12
Morwell East	119.23	8
Yinnar	104.13	8
Hill End	97.41	4
Stony Creek	84.09	4
Toora	79.58	4
Mirboo North	75.16	4
Tarwin	40.28	4
Newborough	75.18	0
Thorpdale	29.00	0

C GRADE

A GRADE	%	pts
MDU	249.02	12
Morwell East	175.34	12
Yinnar	172.15	12
Mirboo North	183.33	8
Boolarra	152.00	8
Tarwin	118.18	8
Newborough	107.55	8
Hill End	98.98	4
Toora	81.90	4
Foster	70.69	4
Fish Creek	51.11	4
Stony Creek	58.49	0
Thorpdale	11.60	0

D GRADE

A GRADE	%	pts
Tarwin	134.04	12
Stony Creek	134.04	12
Fish Creek	125.40	12
MDU	211.43	8
Yinnar	119.57	8
Mirboo North	114.43	8
Morwell East	125.32	6
Boolarra	119.23	4
Newborough	98.92	4
Foster	84.55	4
Toora	76.83	4
Hill End	70.11	2
Thorpdale	22.90	0

17 & UNDER

A GRADE	%	pts
MDU	680.00	12
Toora	230.36	12
Boolarra	343.75	8
Yinnar	173.42	8
Fish Creek	173.42	8
Hill End	76.92	8
Stony Creek	79.76	4
Mirboo North	76.06	4
Newborough	46.15	0
Morwell East	25.85	0

15 & UNDER

A GRADE	%	pts
MDU	885.71	12
Boolarra	245.45	12
Toora	235.29	12
Yinnar	175.00	8
Mirboo North	168.18	8
Hill End	137.50	8
Foster	62.86	8
Stony Creek	96.34	4
Newborough	56.44	4
Fish Creek	41.54	4
Tarwin	13.08	4
Morwell East	32.54	0

13 & UNDER

A GRADE	%	pts
Yinnar	457.14	12
Boolarra	150.00	12
MDU	115.00	12
Mirboo North	426.32	8
Hill End	202.38	8
Fish Creek	33.33	8
Foster	2.70	4
Newborough	79.66	4
Tarwin	67.35	4
Stony Creek	22.41	4
Toora	18.84	4

11 & UNDER

A GRADE	%	pts
Toora	31.31	12
Yinnar	20.00	12
MDU	115.00	12
Mirboo North	426.32	8
Hill End	202.38	8
Fish Creek	33.33	8
Foster	2.70	4
Newborough	79.66	4
Tarwin	67.35	4
Stony Creek	22.41	4
Toora	18.84	4

SPORT | NETBALL

Kilcunda-Bass goal shooter Kylie Wookey stretches to pull in a lob pass during the B Grade match.



Kacey Maund, the Panthers' centre looks for options through her Phillip Island opponent in A Grade.



Emily Mock sends the ball through the mid court for Kilcunda-Bass in the B Grade game.



Fish Creek's Emma Watkins and Yinnar's Eliza Famularo battle for the ball in B Grade. A18_1824



Fish Creek's Jasmine Manne has ball in hand during the B Grade contest with Yinnar. A18_1824



Haley Watkins is ready to move the ball forward for Fish Creek's B Grade team. A17_1824



A grade Magpie Mataya Maloney pushes the ball back up the court after a miss from the Giants. C89_1824



Korumburra-Bena's A grade Elisha Nicholas secured another goal in the first quarter against the Magpies. C86_1824



Dalyston goal attack Jarney Thomas was in fine form in the first quarter adding another one to her tally. C91_1824

WEST GIPPSLAND**RESULTS****A GRADE**

A GRADE	%	pts
Tooradin-D.	56 d W'gul I.	39
Dalyston	59 d Kor-Bena	49
NNG	48 It KWR 52	
Garfield	33 d Inverloch-K	64
K-Bass	46 It Phillip Island	51
Cora Lynn	40 d Bunyip	21

B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts

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LEONGATHA

UNDER 13: The 13s again improved this week, taking on their coaches feedback each quarter and adjusting. Their hard work and consistency is paying off on game day.

Under 15: We all played well and even though we had a loss we worked really hard for the entire game.

Under 17: It was a great game by all on court. Consistent, smooth, lots of connections and most of all heaps of fun.

C Grade: It was a great tussle between both teams, our girls had amazing moments and very clean plays. Should be very proud of our game.

B Grade: Well fought out competitive game with both teams going hard for the ball. Big shout out to Kate Sperling for her 200th Senior game for LFNC and is always an absolute asset on court for us. Great effort overall.

A Grade: The girls fought hard against the reigning premiers. Some great passages of play showing great promise and that all our hard work in starting to pay off.

MIRBOO NORTH

UNDER 13s: We proved again how much of a versatile team we are, with players slotting into any position they're put in. Jorge had a stellar first game in her Tigers' colours and the pressure all over the court to cause turnovers was outstanding. A few things we can still improve, let's work even harder next week!

Under 15s: Great game by our 15s. Lots of great passages of play. It's lovely watching our versatility across the court. Well done girls on a solid win!

Under 17s: So proud of all you girls - we played so hard, and absolutely hit the ground running. Beautiful transitions, and you all adapted so well with the changes throughout the game. Some little more tweaks to make, but overall, an amazing game.

D grade: Impressive teamwork on court, girls! Despite a slow start that might have affected the game's outcome, everyone stayed determined. We didn't let ourselves down, and even against a tough opponent, we only lost by a narrow margin. Some things to work on and continue to improve!! Well done.

C Grade: Well done girls another great game. Keeping the pressure up for all four quarters, our defenders are always on the hunt for a loose ball. Girls, you kept your composure and showed how well this team is

coming together. Thanks to Indi Eden for filling in for us and welcome to the team Ashlee Clark.

B grade: First win for the season woohoo. Four solid quarters of fast netball in the sunshine, everyone played their role, goalers, mids and defensive plays worked really well. Keep working together at training.

A Grade: First game with a full team and it was great to see everyone play their role. It was a good tough game and the girls fought right to the end with their heads held high. A big welcome to Nicole for her first game with us, she will be a great support. Let's keep working hard at training.

TOORA

UNDER 13s: No Game

Under 15s: Very convincing win for the girls. A great confidence boost with a mix up of positions. Found a new goaler in Tess and Charlotte E and brought out the defence aggression in Maya and Mia. Great positivity by all players.

Under 17s: Came out a little slow to start but found our mojo. Luelia, Hayley and Ella did amazing in goals. Ashlyn ran hard in the centre and Tayah defended like her mum. A few rough plays caused a couple of problems with injuries but none serious to keep the girls down.

D Grade: What another amazing effort by all this week. We knew the job was going to be tough and the girls fought extremely hard to the very end resulting in another draw. Each player committed to their role beautifully and shows how hard we have been working as a team at training.

C Grade: The girls had a strong start against Morwell with some beautiful intercepts and passage of play. Kelly had an amazing game putting lots of pressure all over the court but unfortunately the sun was out again and by fourth quarter our girls ran out of legs and we went down by 8 points.

B Grade: So proud of the girls efforts, each one of them playing their role. As we continue to play more games together and throughout the game, we are learning to gel better and better. Defenders fought hard all day to give us the best opportunity. This week's award went to Ashlyn Matheson. You did a super job on a tough opposition awesome effort, Hun!!

A Grade: So proud of the girls efforts, each one of them playing their role. As we continue to play each week we will gel more and more. Defenders fought hard all day, they were in everything and made it hard for the goalers.



Leongatha centre Nicola Marriott lunges at the ball as it goes towards the goal circle, recovering it for the Parrots as they battle to keep Moe in their sights.



Bianca Phillips assumes control of the ball for Tarwin in its A Grade defeat by Boolarra. A30_1824



A flying catch for A grade's Mia Blackwood for Poowong on Saturday. Photo: Jeff Tuff.



A strong Stony Creek defence on Holly Chila in b grade's clash on Saturday.



A clean pass from Finlay Bradley in the Under 13's for Mirboo North.



Mirboo North's Abby Forrester puts everything into blocking this pass but Stony Creek's Tayleisha Johnstone has made good space to take possession in a high-standard A Grade contest.

ELLINBANK**RESULTS****A GRADE**

Trafalgar 32 It Ellinbank 39
Longwarry 34 It Poowong 67
Yarragon 37 It Buln Buln 49
Catani 43 It Lang Lang 51

B GRADE

Trafalgar 33 It Ellinbank 39
Longwarry 28 It Poowong 57
Yarragon 24 It Buln Buln 56
Catani 24 It Lang Lang 44
Nyora 36 It Neerim Sth 60

C GRADE

Trafalgar 26 It Ellinbank 50
Longwarry 25 It Poowong 31
Yarragon 34 d Buln Buln 29
Catani 28 It Lang Lang 31
Nyora 6 It Neerim Sth 71

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	164.56	12	Poowong	208.89	14
Ellinbank	160.00	12	Yarragon	184.11	14
Lang Lang	128.07	12	Catani	224.59	12
Nilma-Darnum	236.51	8	Trafalgar	166.67	12
Trafalgar	105.04	4	Longwarry	90.32	8
Poowong	101.55	4	Nilma-Darnum	147.95	4
Buln Buln	75.74	4	Lang Lang	83.33	4
Yarragon	72.04	4	Buln Buln	82.61	4
Catani	56.20	0	Ellinbank	65.38	4
Longwarry	52.71	0	Neerim South	49.02	4
Nyora	0.00	0	Nyora	12.02	0

B GRADE

Neerim South	156.25	16	Lang Lang	236.67	12
Lang Lang	180.00	12	Poowong	234.55	12
Ellinbank	164.00	12	Catani	206.00	12
Nilma-Darnum	150.49	12	Buln Buln	181.08	12
Poowong	119.48	12	Neerim South	132.93	12
Trafalgar	96.20	8	Nilma-Darnum	126.32	8
Buln Buln	98.44	4	Trafalgar	95.83	8
Catani	93.22	4	Yarragon	81.48	4
Nyora	63.90	0	Ellinbank	52.25	0
Yarragon	57.40	0	Longwarry	37.69	0
Longwarry	48.09	0	Nyora	5.56	0

C GRADE

Neerim South	264.94	16	Lang Lang	509.68	16
Lang Lang	218.92	16	Buln Buln	721.43	12
Ellinbank	192.86	12	Nilma-Darnum	447.62	12
Nilma-Darnum	216.39	8	Poowong	272.73	12
Catani	129.33	8	Yarragon	112.31	12
Poowong	120.75	8	Trafalgar	91.94	8
Yarragon	83.94	8	Longwarry	103.51	4
Trafalgar	65.64	4	Neerim South	94.37	4
Longwarry	60.99	0	Ellinbank	39.56	0
Buln Buln	58.56	0	Catani	15.09	0
Nyora	12.90	0	Nyora	3.38	0

GIPPSLAND**RESULTS****A GRADE**

Sale 23 It Wonthaggi 54
Bairnsdale 53 d Maffra 26
Morwell 45 It Drouin 52
Leongatha 46 It Moe 78
Traralgon 50 d Warragul 33

B GRADE

Sale 40 d Wonthaggi 36
Bairnsdale 47 It Maffra 53
Morwell 33 It Drouin 42
Leongatha 50 drew Moe 50
Traralgon 49 d Warragul 32

C GRADE

Sale 15 It Wonthaggi 49
Bairnsdale 36 It Maffra 40
Morwell 39 drew Drouin 39
Leongatha 35 d Moe 31
Traralgon 28 d Warragul 22

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Moe	184.51	16	Traralgon	301.45	16
Drouin	141.72	12	Leongatha	181.52	12
Warragul	124.70	12	Sale	166.29	12
Traralgon	109.55	12	Drouin	137.80	12
Wonthaggi	112.08	8	Bairnsdale	136.44	12
Bairnsdale	111.41	8	Wonthaggi	96.83	8
Leongatha	87.77	4	Maffra	71.43	4
Morwell	87.15	4	Moe	43.83	4
Sale	48.67	2	Morwell	58.82	0
Maffra	47.42	2	Warragul	24.17	0

B GRADE

Drouin	166.67	16	Bairnsdale	260.26	16
Leongatha	145.45	14	Sale	175.00	16
Traralgon	120.27	12	Traralgon	182.35	12
Moe	112.50	10	Moe	102.34	8
Sale	97.96	10	Drouin	94.63	8
Morwell	94.71	6	Maffra	93.79	8
Maffra	65.58	6	Wonthaggi	90.98	8
Warragul	80.22	4	Leongatha	51.93	4
Wonthaggi	83.33	2	Warragul	50.81	0
Bairnsdale	71.50	0	Morwell	49.40	0

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Gippsland Soccer League Round 2 Results

ANOTHER beautiful autumn day on Sunday April 28

Senior Mens: Korumburra City 10 d Wonthaggi United 0, Phillip Island Breakers 5 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 4, Inverloch Stars 2 drew Lang Lang United 2

Senior Womens: Phillip Island Breakers 6 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1, Inverloch Stars 4 d Lang Lang United 0, Trafalgar Victory 7 d Mirboo North United 0

Mens Reserves: Drouin Dragons Maroon 4 d Phillip Island Breakers 3, Leongatha Knights 5 drew Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 5

Under 17 Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 3 d Phillip Island Penguins 1, Wonthaggi United 2 d Phillip Island Stingrays 2, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 3 d Leongatha Knights 1

Under 14 Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 4 d Phillip Island Penguins 3, Korumburra City 4 d Wonthaggi United 3, Leongatha Knights 5 d Phillip Island Stingrays 1

Under 13 Girls: Phillip Island Breakers 4 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 3, Korumburra City 3 d Wonthaggi United 1

Under 12a Mixed: Phillip Island Penguins 2 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1, Leongatha Knights 3 d Phillip Island Stingrays 2, Wonthaggi United 6 d Korumburra City 0

Under 12b Mixed: Drouin Dragons Yellow 5 d Phillip Island Sharks 0, Korumburra City 7 d Wonthaggi United 2, Leongatha Knights 5 d Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 3

GSL Round 3 Fixture – Sunday May 5

Senior Mens – 3pm

Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Korumburra City V Trafalgar Victory, Wonthaggi United V Inverloch Stars

Senior Womens – 1pm

Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Mirboo North United V Lang Lang United, Wonthaggi United V Inverloch Stars

Mens Reserves – 1pm

Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Korumburra City V Trafalgar Victory, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Phillip Island Breakers

Under 17 Mixed – 9.30am

Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Phillip Island Stingrays V Drouin Dragons White, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Phillip Island Penguins

Under 14 Mixed – 11.20am

Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Wonthaggi United V Inverloch Stars, Phillip Island Stingrays V Phillip Island Penguins

Under 13 Girls – 8.30am

Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Korumburra City V Phillip Island Breakers

Under 12a Mixed – 10am

Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Korumburra City V Trafalgar Victory, Phillip Island Stingrays V Phillip Island Penguins

Under 12b Mixed – 11.30am

Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Phillip Island Sharks, Mirboo North United V Lang Lang United, Wonthaggi United V Inverloch Stars

MiniRoos – Saturday May 4

South West/Bass Coast Hub are playing at Phillip Island from 9am.

North East/South Gippsland Hub are playing at Mirboo North from 9.30am.

Mixed results for Leongatha Knights



LKFC's U17s goalkeeper Lincoln Hamilton was instrumental in keeping the defence steady.



LKFC's U14's midfielder Noah Bowman worked around his opponent to go on to score.



LKFC's new recruit Chayce Vivian was a standout in the U12As winning game against Phillip Island.

UNDER 17s: LKFC 1 v Drouin Maroon Yellow 3

Under clear blue skies, the U17s were keen to take to the pitch in their first official game of the season. With a younger age group following a number of players ageing out of the team, it was a chance to see how they worked on the pitch as a team. An unfortunate defensive error early in the game set LKFC back however LKFC's defence worked hard shutting down the strong Drouin attacking side. Goalkeeper Lincoln Hamilton was a stand out along with Brandon Clifford in CB. Patch Wilson controlled the game in midfield but was consistently challenged by his Drouin opponent. Though they went on to push more in attack, Drouin proved a stronger outfit, taking the win 3-1.

Under 14s: LKFC 5 v Phillip Island Stingrays 1

After a successful start to their season with a win against Mirboo North last week, the U14s were keen to play at their home ground this week against Phillip Island Stingrays. The team put on a display of great team passing, making use of the whole space of the pitch. Aaron Kelly was a standout with great play on the back in his defensive midfield position. Phillip Island's defence were fast and made LKFC's attacking line work for space to shoot. Ultimately, Leongatha secured the win with a 5-1 victory. Goal scorers included Mitch Ellen, Noah Bowman, Julien Aeschlimann, Seb Merino and Tom Layton.

Under 12A v Phillip Island Stingrays

Win 3-2

Under 12B v Drouin Maroon Yellow

Win 5-3

A day of firsts for Wonthaggi United as new teams debut



It was a day of firsts as Wonthaggi faced Korumburra.

IT WAS a day of firsts on Sunday for the Wonthaggi United Soccer Club. For the first time in many years the Wonthaggi Club had an U17 team line up. A 2-2 draw was a great result for their first run this season.

It was also the first time the Club has had a team in both divisions of the GSL U12s. The 12A team had a strong performance against Korumburra and 12B worked hard but unfortunately went down to a strong Korumburra team.

To assist the growth of Woman's football in our region the GSL has introduced an U13 Girls competition and Wonthaggi was very excited to watch the girls take the field for the first time. In a very competitive game Korumburra proved a little strong for Wonthaggi.

Perhaps the most exciting first on Sunday was the opening of the new Wonthaggi United Soccer Club facility. Its completion late in 2023 has been a significant achievement for the Club and is a result of the efforts of Club Committee members, supporters and the Bass Coast Shire Council.

Poowong takes positives out of narrow defeat by Longwarry

POOWONG fought back impressively after a slow start to its away game against Longwarry but fell a couple of goals short of the Crows at game's end, with over 30 majors kicked in the contest.

Longwarry skipped to a 31-point quarter time advantage built on a four-goal burst in the first five minutes of the match, with the Magpies cutting that to just five points by halftime, and it was a close affair thereafter.

Poowong's president Matt Henshall was delighted that after being led to the ball early on, the Magpies responded positively and began getting their hands on the footy.

Poowong skipper Jack Hazendonk led the way for his side, booting four goals and being its best player, with teammates Gavin Monson, Zac Gray, Jett Blackwood and Micah Williams the other multiple goal scorers for the Magpies with two apiece.

Winger Monson is an Under 16s player, while Under 18s representative Blackwood was making his senior debut, their impressive efforts illustrating bright times are ahead for Poowong.

Hazendonk was his usual hard-at-it self whether as an in-and-under on-baller or a deep forward.

Matt's son Alex Henshall was another strong performer for the competitive Magpies, breaking away from clearances when on the ball and presenting an option for Poowong's ball carriers when on the lead as a forward.

Jason Wells spearheaded Longwarry's success with nine goals, the small forward proving elusive and accurate, his Crows' teammates giving him room to work his magic.

"They cleared out the forward 50 and let him do his thing," Matt Henshall said.

As well as Poowong's ability to hit back after its slow start, the club president was pleased with the way the side stuck to its guns after ruckman Mitch De Kleuver received a third term yellow card, being sent off for 15 minutes.

The Magpies' persistence while a man short fuelled hopes for the final term.

"We thought that once we got 18 back on the ground that we might have run over them in the last quarter but to their credit they held firm and probably used the ball a bit better than us," Matt Henshall said.



A leap had the ball tightly in Zac Gray's possession for Poowong. Photo: Jeff Tull.

Rampant Cats outrun the improving Saints

DESPITE recording another loss after facing a formidable Neerim South side on Saturday, Nyora continues to see improvement each week.

Nyora is adapting to playing together in new conditions, and the evidence is in the more competitive scores.

However, Neerim South still walked away with a comfortable 99-point win.

The game was played in good spirits in excellent conditions.

Neerim South got the jump on Nyora, kicking three quick goals.

Nyora showed up to the game in patches

and responded with a goal of its own.

However, Neerim South managed to compile three more goals ahead of the quarter time siren, creating a distance between its opposition.

Two more goals were added to Nyora's score in the second quarter, but Neerim South could not be slowed.

Neerim South continued to play its classy game, adding to its score considerably.

Despite battling to convert opportunities onto the scoreboard, Nyora fought to the very end.

The Heylen brothers, Dylan and Jesse, were a standout in Nyora's lineup, providing opportunities into the forward line through the middle.

At the final siren, the score was 31 to 130.

Nyora's next clash will be against Ellinbank at the Ellinbank Recreation Reserve.

Ellinbank is currently sitting sixth on the ladder and will prove to be another tough assignment for Nyora.

Nyora will be continuing to work towards putting in four solid quarters of footy, ensuring a competitive and respectful effort.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

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POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

 **110**  **98**

LONGWARRY	POOWONG
Longwarry 6.3	9.4 13.6 17.8 (110)
Poowong 1.2	8.5 11.8 15.8 (98)

GOALS, Longwarry: Jason Wells 9, Fintan Fox, Private player 2, Bailey Stephens, Jedd Serong, Cooper Brown, Marko Kulas 1 each

BEST: Jason Wells, Kane Oldham, Ben Cuckson, Cooper Brown, Fintan Fox

GOALS, Poowong: Jack Hazendonk 4, Zac Gray, Gavin Monson, Jett Blackwood, Micah Williams 2, Jake Cochrane, Alex Henshall, Ben Peters 1 each

BEST: Jack Hazendonk, Alex Henshall, Gavin Monson, Connor Cunningham, Zac Gray, Jett Blackwood

RESERVES

LONGWARRY	POOWONG
Longwarry 5.3	9.8 14.12 18.21 (129)
Poowong 1.0	1.2 1.4 1.5 (11)

GOALS, Longwarry: Leigh McDonald 6, Tom Smith 3, Aiden Weekes, Nathan Fry, Jake Patching 2, Jake Hedley, Kameron Sullivan, Dominic Keane 1 each

BEST: Lucas Kilday, Angus Young, Nathan Fry, Leigh McDonald, Zach Murphy, Tom Smith

GOALS, Poowong: Athan Baltas 1

BEST: Bryce Riddell, Ethan Turner, Bryce Townsend, Damian Barreto, Rhys Butler, Riley Lewis

THIRDS

LONGWARRY	POOWONG
Longwarry 1.4	5.6 10.7 11.7 (73)
Poowong 1.4	3.5 4.10 11.13 (79)

GOALS, Longwarry: Tyler van de Heyden, Will Taylor 3, Aiden Weekes, Harrison Mills, Jack Gilbert, Josh Downes, Jed Taylor 1 each

BEST: Lucas Anderson, Jake Knights, Jack Gilbert, Aiden Weekes, Joshua Cantwell, Tyler Hickford

GOALS, Poowong: Thomas Burgess 6, Patrick Dorian 4, Kohen Mandemaker 1

BEST: Patrick Dorian, David O'Neill, Lachlan Wilson, Hayden Hessel, Kohen Mandemaker, Noah Furness

FOURTHS

LONGWARRY	POOWONG
Longwarry 0.2	0.2 0.2 0.2 (2)
Poowong 3.3	7.8 12.12 15.16 (106)

BEST, Longwarry: Thomas Ball, Heath Mollison, Lachie Child, Zane den Houting, Beau Zinnow, Tarkyn Gilbert

GOALS, Poowong: Cruze Deal 6, Gavin Monson 4, Zade Zeally 2, William Dixon, George Edwards, Raffi Van venrooy 1 each

BEST: Cruze Deal, Raffi Van venrooy, Lachie Moriarty, George Edwards, Daniel Waide, Gavin Monson

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

 **31**  **130**

NYORA	NEERIM SOUTH
Nyora 1.0	3.0 4.1 5.1 (31)
Neerim South 6.6	10.10 15.14 19.16 (130)

GOALS, Nyora: Jesse Heylen, Jordan Anderson, Tyler Campbell, Peter Bastin, Jayden O'Brien 1 each.

BEST: Peter Bastin, Aaron Coggins, Samuel Dixon, Julian Rovetto, Tyler Campbell, Jayden O'Brien.

GOALS, Neerim South: Chris Urie 6, Kody Wilson 5, Kai Mounsey 3, Eddie Mc Gillivray 2, Matthew Roberts, Nathan Bayne, Declan Bagot 1 each.

BEST: Kody Wilson, Chris Urie, Eddie Mc Gillivray, Jack Erickson, Dean Stringer, Ashley Lockett.

RESERVES

NYORA	NEERIM SOUTH
Nyora 1.1	2.4 2.4 3.5 (23)
Neerim South 6.2	11.4 18.8 26.10 (166)

GOALS, Nyora: Dakota Boswell, Callum McNiff, Rob Moxon 1 each

BEST: Dalton Lowrie, Callum McNiff, Tyson Shiell, Rex Lazaros, Lachlan Strong, Dakota Boswell

GOALS, Neerim South: Toby Bayne 9, Thomas Pollard 5, Xavier Muir, Ethan Busse 2, Jayden Bell, Chad Owen, Jackson Williams, Reece Clarke, Lachlan Willis, Connor Perry, Jack Hamilton, Gabe Marsden 1 each

BEST: Toby Bayne, Xavier Muir, Thomas Pollard, Jayden Bell, Jackson Williams, Timothy Beaurein

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

ELLINBANK	LANG LANG	BULN BULN	5.6.36
10.15.75	22.13.145	d Trafalgar	6.4.40
Lang Lang 22.13.145	d Catani	Buln Buln 16.14.110	5.3.33

RESERVES

ELLINBANK	LANG LANG	BULN BULN	0.1.1
14.12.96	d Trafalgar	Buln Buln 13.16.94	5.7.37
d Catani	d Yarragon	d Yarragon	2.2.14

THIRDS

ELLINBANK	NEERIM STH	CATANI	6.4.42
8.9.57	d Trafalgar	Buln Buln 14.23.107	3.4.22
d Trafalgar	d Lang Lang	Catani 11.16.82	3.3.21

FOURTHS

ELLINBANK	NEERIM STH	BULN BULN	6.8.44
11.14.80	d Trafalgar	Buln Buln 23.23.161	0.0.0
d Lang Lang	d Yarragon	d Yarragon	0.0.0

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Lang Lang	4	0	306.94	16	Lang Lang	4	0	505.63	16	Catani	3	0	238.95	100	Poowong	4	0	500.00	100
Buln Buln	3	0	187.18	12	Neerim South	4	0	446.24	16	Ellinbank	3	1	236.30	75.0	Neerim South	4	0	320.87	100
Neerim South	3	1	174.48	12	Ellinbank	3	0	491.38	12	Neerim Sth	3	1	229.09	75.0	Ellinbank	2	1	311.94	66.6
Longwarry	3	1	127.27	12	Niilma-Darnum	3	0	268.60	12	Poowong	2	1	109.38	66.6	Buln Buln	2	1	311.94	66.6
Niilma-Darnum	2	1	172.38	8	Longwarry	2	2	159.56	8	Longwarry	2	2	158.08	50.0	Niilma-Darnum	2	1	122.73	66.6
Ellinbank	2	1	136.09	8	Buln Buln	1	2	138.93	4	Lang Lang	2	2	60.00	50.0	Lang Lang	1	2	87.28	33.3
Poowong	1	3	104.71	4	Trafalgar	1	3	51.68	4	Trafalgar	1	3	80.32	25.0	Trafalgar	1	3	41.22	25.0
Trafalgar	1	3	73.84	4	Yarragon	1	3	38.53	4	Niilma-Darnum	0	3	26.04	0.0	Longwarry	0	4	34.34	0.0
Yarragon	1	3	49.09	4	Nyora	1	3	37.35	0	Buln Buln	0	3	19.44	0.0	Yarragon	0	4	9.68	0.0
Catani	0	3	42.34	0	Catani	0	3	28.37	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Cat				

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



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YINNAR

FISH CREEK

Yinnar 2.1 3.5 7.7 11.7 (73)
 Fish Creek 2.2 3.6 4.8 7.10 (52)

GOALS, Yinnar: Josh Bugeja, Flynn Schill, James Shea 2, Adam Bailey, Ben Cheffers, Sebastian Famularo, William Robertson, Blake Van Der Meer 1 each

BEST: William Robertson, Clancy Mills, Josh Bugeja, Brendan Chapman, Thomas Robertson, Luke Cheffers

GOALS, Fish Creek: Damien Scully 3, Kairon Dorling, Jack Hayes, Jai Stefani, Willem Voorham 1 each

BEST: Timmothy Gavenlock, Damien Scully, Willem Voorham, Tom Buckley, Pat Pekin, Roland De Biase

RESERVES

Yinnar 2.4 6.6 10.6 13.7 (85)
 Fish Creek 0.2 1.3 1.5 2.8 (20)

GOALS, Yinnar: Jarryd Garlick 6, Cameron Le Page, Patrick McGrath, Daniel Schneider 2, Daniel Yates 1

BEST: Ryan Mayo, Jarryd Garlick, Gabe Olver, Daniel Schneider, Patrick McGrath, Mathew O'Toole

GOALS, Fish Creek: Jake Staley, Anthony Wilson 1 each

BEST: Jake Staley, Lane Bowman, Tom Millton, Joseph Rysko, Adam Bright, Tye McGannon

THIRDS

Yinnar 2.3 4.8 5.9 5.10 (40)
 Fish Crk/Tarwin 2.1 4.1 8.4 9.6 (60)

GOALS, Yinnar: Billy Durea 2, Bailey Beecher, Hudson McCulloch, Harvey McKay 1 each

BEST: Jay Rogalsky, Riley Zielecki, Pharoah Gardner, Cody Vivian, Harvey McKay, Grady Ryan

GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Oscar Bright, Alby Edgelow 3, Tige Brewer, Zak Bright, Jackson Morgan 1 each

BEST: Archie Moore, Billy Boyd, Lucas Buckland, Oscar Bright, Alby Edgelow, Asher Hamlett

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB



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FOSTER

THORPDALE

Foster 3.3 7.6 9.6 12.7 (79)
 Thorpdale 2.2 4.4 4.7 6.12 (48)

GOALS, Foster: Jake Best 7, Josh Toner 2, Michael Green, Leevi Lidstone, James Morris 1 each

BEST: Jake Best, Billy Flavelle, James Morris, Josh Toner, Craig Wray, Michael Howell

GOALS, Thorpdale: Hayden Britten, Shaun Falla, Cougar Millsom, Shannon Pickering, Matthew Powell, Anthony Rosato 1 each

BEST: Shannon Pickering, Jordan Ceppi, Shaun Falla, Benjamin Britten, Travis Patten, Daniel Holt

RESERVES

Foster 1.1 2.2 4.3 4.6 (30)
 Thorpdale 5.2 7.4 10.9 11.10 (76)

GOALS, Foster: Jason Midwinter 2, Jedd Davy, Alej Lacanaria 1 each

BEST: Kade Rossborough, Zach House, Flynn Lomax, Angus Lomax, Brodie Prain, Jedd Davy

GOALS, Thorpdale: Ray Pickering 5, Zane Danger, Jason Fahey 2, Shaun Kerton, Jason Winderlich 1 each

BEST: Jason Fahey, Christopher Gardiner, Haydn Edwards, Daryle Brennan, Travis Pickering, Thomas Mackenzie

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, MAY 4

ELLINBANK

ROUND 5

Ellinbank v Nyora
 Neerim South v Longwarry
 Poowong v Catani
 Lang Lang v Nilma Darnum
 Buln Buln v Trafalgar
 Yarragon - BYE

GIPPSLAND

ROUND 5

Drouin v Sale
 Leongatha v Warragul
 Traralgon v Wonthaggi
 Moe v Bairnsdale
 Maffra v Morwell

MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 4

MDU v Boolarra
 Fish Creek v Hill End
 Tarwin v Foster
 Newborough v Morwell East
 Thorpdale v Stony Creek
 Toora v Mirboo North
 Yinnar - BYE



Yinnar makes off with the ball on its home turf against Fish Creek. A27_1824

Magpie's 27-point win



A glorious Autumn day sets the backdrop as Fish Creek and Yinnar battle in the air. A26_1824

Tigers and Blues tough it out in brutal clash

By Rob Popplestone

clubs themselves.

"Stoked to get the four points," Sam Davies, Foster coach said.

Hosting a quality opposition like Thorpdale, meant that the Tigers were going to have to do just that if they were to trouble a quality Blues outfit, and guess what? ... they did!

The game however didn't come without a cost, both teams having several players sidelined after brutal clashes, in a match that was not officiated by umpires but the

from everywhere next week against Tarwin, that all said we were also stoked that the netballers had a clean sweep today too!"

There is no questioning that Foster, at their best, is a force to be reckoned with, and Thorpdale found that out in no uncertain terms on the weekend.

"It was another tough contested game. Unfortunately, we couldn't step up and compete to our expected level," Jason Winderlich, Thorpdale coach stated.

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previous week. Looking forward to the bye this week and will give us the opportunity to refine parts of our game and reset for our next block of tough games."

The win by the Magpies, was as good a victory as the club has had in recent seasons and has Yinnar amongst a handful of genuine contenders in 2024, their opponents Fish Creek were beaten but far from disgraced.

"A tight tussle for most of the day, we couldn't get the game on our terms for most of it, with credit to the Yinnar pressure and spread," Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach said.

"A few key moments we didn't win, allowing Yinnar to kick away a little bit. A late surge saw our intensity get to where it should have been all day, in the end, we left it too late."

The home and away season is all about winning enough games to be well placed for a finals surge in a few months' time, and there is little doubt these two teams will be part of the conversation.

"Brutal game of footy, I'd expect there to be four or five players from each team missing next week. It gave us a good indication where we think we are though, which is in the middle of the table. Great to have such an open competition again this year."

Each week there seems to be at least one result that catches most by surprise, and that is the nature of a competition that shows very little between top of the tables and as far down as eighth, ninth or even tenth.



Oh brother! All eyes on the ball for the three Stone brothers of Stony Creek; Cam, Julian and Tom as the track the ball from the stoppage. Tom and Cam kicked goals this week, in the win over Mirboo North but they're yet to get all three on the scoresheet in a game. That will come.



Leigh Jowett and Joe Brooks collide for the Tigers on Saturday in the ANZAC clash against Stony Creek. Photo: Gerard Bruning.

Battle of the jungle cats

STONY Creek recorded a comprehensive 77-point victory over Mirboo North in Saturday's battle of the big jungle cats at Stony Creek's superbly-surfaced racecourse oval.

Balmy 17C autumn sunshine and an ever-so-slight south westerly breeze meant weather conditions were as perfect as perfect can be for footballers, umpires and spectators alike.

From the outset, it was clear for all to see that Stony Creek had a better understanding of its game plan specifics and implementation of same, than the Tigers had of theirs.

In short, nothing much went right for the visitors, especially after getting jumped at the start of the match by Stony Creek.

To help bolster its ranks,

By Rover

Mirboo North brought in past senior premiership representatives, Alex Windsor and Dom Pinneri, plus Beau Peters, Leigh Jowett and newcomers, Thomas Harris and Connor White.

Mirboo North was unable to close down Hayden Bull and veteran 326-game club stalwart, Jacob Byrnes, who booted seven and four goals respectively for Stony Creek.

The pride of the Lions' fast-moving running play was on full display in the first quarter, when they banged on 6.2 to the Tigers' one major in 28 minutes of one-sided football.

Although Mirboo North only managed two behinds in the second quarter, the Tigers fought back hard and restricted the home side to two late

goals, that increased Stony Creek's lead to 44 points at the long break.

Dominant players in the first half for the Lions other than Bull and Byrnes, were Cameron Stone, Julian Stone, Tylah O'Connor Linke and John Phillips.

Stony Creek consolidated its authority in the third quarter with creative handball, hard running and classy foot disposals into and through the corridor, adding 4.1 to Mirboo North's 2.3.

Carrot-top, Taj Wilkins, brought up Mirboo North's third and final goal of the game with a long set shot, just before the three-quarter time siren.

Mirboo North's only score in the last term came from its gallant giant ruckman, Patrick Lewis, whose booming

50-metre set shot missed by a whisker to the left side of the big white sticks.

Unable to overcome Stony Creek's overall dominance, Mirboo North's search for solutions was no hypothetical crisis; the Tigers' plight represented football reality.

Despite being outplayed nearly all afternoon, Mirboo North didn't stop running, jumping and tackling and striving to the end; they simply couldn't put enough goals on the Alf Bright Memorial Scoreboard to be competitive.

Best players for the Tigers were Jeremy Salinger, Lewis, Harry Mahoney, Windsor, Joe Brooks and Wilkins.

This Saturday, Mirboo North travels to Toora, in search of its first win of the 2024 season.

Keep your eyes on Toora, there are better days to come

By Rob Popplestone

THE prospect of a perfect start to the season for Morwell East was always going to guarantee that the Hawks were up and about and ready to clip the wings of the visiting Magpies.

Make no mistake, Toora are an improved side on what they were in 2023, but the weekend clash also showed that there are still some significant improvements to be made to threaten the top end of town.

"Great win today at home.

We attacked well from the half back line. We got our running game going through the middle of the ground and our forwards were working hard to make sure we were kicking goals from good positions," Paul Henry, Morwell East coach stated.

"A well-balanced team effort from us. Similar position to last year leading into an away game against Newborough.

We will however be looking to make a much better effort than we produced then."

The Hawks continue to impress, with really consistent football, the weekend providing five, eight, three and three goals for the four quarters respectively, ensuring a victory that builds on the platform from which to launch even bigger and better victories.

"We had seven changes from last week that provided an opportunity for two debutants.

However, unfortunately we were out gunned by a slick Morwell East side who defended the ground well, spread hard and moved the ball skilfully, giving their forwards good looks," Jack Weston, Toora coach said.

The scoreline shows a one-sided affair, but it also provided a learning for a Magpies side intent on improving as quickly as possible.

Morwell East was good; Toora will get better.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Morwell East.....	3	0	278.81	12
Newborough.....	2	1	192.55	8
Stony Creek.....	2	1	154.86	8
Yinnar.....	2	1	135.23	8
Tarwin.....	1	1	112.80	8
MDU.....	1	1	106.62	8
Foster.....	2	1	101.57	8
Thorpdale.....	2	1	89.91	8
Fish Creek.....	1	1	85.93	8
Boolarra.....	1	2	104.35	4
Toora.....	1	2	67.87	4
Mirboo North.....	0	3	39.93	0
Hill End.....	0	3	31.12	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Stony Creek.....	3	0	337.36	12
MDU.....	2	0	250.91	12
Morwell East.....	2	1	258.70	8
Thorpdale.....	2	1	235.00	8
Yinnar.....	2	1	228.57	8
Newborough.....	2	1	206.15	8
Fish Creek.....	1	1	94.49	8
Boolarra.....	2	1	78.74	8
Toora.....	1	2	52.86	4
Tarwin.....	0	2	42.45	4
Mirboo North.....	1	2	29.41	4
Foster.....	0	3	33.04	0
Hill End.....	0	3	17.70	0

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Fish Creek/Tarwin.....	2	0	198.99	10
MDU.....	1	0	180.28	10
Newborough.....	1	1	56.55	8
Yinnar.....	1	2	137.78	4
Mirboo North.....	0	2	23.12	4
Stony Creek.....	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End.....	0	0	0.00	0
Toora.....	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra.....	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale.....	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East.....	0	0	0.00	0
Foster.....	0	0	0.00	0

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

101  **24** 

STONY CREEK | MIRBOO NORTH

Stony Creek 6.2 8.4 12.5 15.11 (101)
Mirboo North 1.0 1.2 3.5 3.6 (24)

GOALS: Stony Creek: Hayden Bull 7, Jacob Byrnes 4, Anthony Dyke, Julian Stone, Tom Stone, Jack Stuart 1 each

BEST: Hayden Bull, Cameron Stone, Tylah O'Connor Linke, Jacob Byrnes, Julian Stone, John Phillips

GOALS: Mirboo North: Joe Brooks, Jeremy Salinger, Taj Wilkins 1 each

BEST: Jeremy Salinger, Patrick Lewis, Harrison Mahoney, Alex Windsor, Joe Brooks, Taj Wilkins

RESERVES

Stony Creek 6.3 11.5 15.10 23.13 (151)
Mirboo North 0.1 1.2 1.2 1.3 (9)

GOALS: Stony Creek: Matthew Coutts 10, Colby Michael 7, Glenn Gray, Rory Harrington, Thomas Horsburgh, Matthew Portelli, Brad Renden, Angus Wright 1 each

BEST: Matthew Coutts, Colby Michael, Brad Renden, Adam Atkins, Matthew Portelli, James Monaghan

GOALS: Mirboo North: Angus O'Loughlin 1

BEST: Shane Peters, Xavier Spaul, Robert Devine, Mitchell Richardson, William Lewis, Todd Alexander

THIRDS

MDU 2.3 3.6 8.9 12.16 (88)
Mirboo North 1.1 4.1 4.1 5.1 (31)

GOALS: MDU: Angus McInnes 5, Timothy Hibberson 3, Hunter Fennell 2, Lincoln Hamilton, Kyra Helms 1 each

BEST: Hunter Fennell, Jarvis Lacy, Ryan Marshman, Lachlan Hibberson, Angus McInnes, Burke VanderZalm

GOALS: Mirboo North: Jack Huther 2, Archie Mahoney, Harrison Malady, Lachlan Poljak 1 each

BEST: Xavier Spaul, Jesse Rawlings, Billy Jennings, Tom McGrath, Archie Mahoney, Zac Jones

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

123  **22**

MORWELL EAST | TOORA

Morwell East 5.3 13.4 16.8 19.9 (123)
Toora 0.1 1.3 1.3 3.4 (22)

GOALS: Morwell East: Chris Wangman 7, Brandon Francis 4, Nik Kyriacou 3, Matthew Cunningham, Tanner Higgins, Caiin Iorangi, Bradley Kimberley, Robert Michaelides 1 each

BEST: Chris Wangman, Bradley Kimberley, Caiin Iorangi, Brandon Francis, Jarryd Pickett, Robert Michaelides

GOALS: Toora: William Goosey, Joseph Platt, Jake Smart 1 each

BEST: Ben East, Oscar Cashmore, Jaxon Lewis, Jake Dows, Jake Smart, William Goosey

RESERVES

Morwell East 1.4 2.11 6.17 13.19 (97)
Toora 1.0 1.1 1.1 1.1 (7)

GOALS: Morwell East: Steven Tobin 5,

Aaron Dodd 4, Brodie Murdoch 2, Ryan Carlson, Jackson Mackenzie 1 each

BEST: Jackson Mackenzie, Jordan Wilson, Aaron Dodd, Izayah Terrick, Lachlan Tactor, Dylan Pappas

GOALS: Toora: Aron Rhodes 1

BEST: Linden Dyson, Mark Glowrey, Taj Accardi, Kurtis Storr, Brad Stone, Terence Need

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Newborough 25.17.167 d Hill End 3.3.21

RESERVES

Newborough 23.12.150 d Hill End 2.2.14

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Travis Krause has the footy under control for Tarwin during its victory over Boolarra. A32_1824



Tarwin and Boolarra compete. A33_1824

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TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

 **63**  **89**

BOOLARRA

TARWIN

Boolarra 4.3 7.5 8.7 9.9 (63)
Tarwin 1.2 6.4 11.10 13.11 (89)

GOALS, Boolarra: Brendan Mason, Sam Mazou 3, Joel Mason, Aidyn Sheers, Lachlan Smith 1 each

BEST: Mitchell Lovison, Simon Noy, Kyle Hearn, Sam Mazou, Tom Reiske, Marcus Twomey

GOALS, Tarwin: Conor Agnew 3, Ricky O'Loughlin, Ryan Waddell, Matthew Williams 2, Daniel Cardy, Alexander Chadwick, Kane McCarthy, Tom Vanderkolk 1 each

BEST: Jason Kennedy, Matthew Williams, Ricky O'Loughlin, Ben Chalmers, Daniel Houston, Harrison Cumming

RESERVES

Boolarra 3.0 5.1 7.4 8.7 (55)
Tarwin 2.1 4.5 4.6 6.10 (46)

GOALS, Boolarra: Michael Cleaver, Patrick Haines, Thomas Poulton, Glen Richards 2

BEST: Chris Riseley, Glen Richards, Patrick Haines, Matthew Windsor, Sam Solomon, Thomas Beamish

GOALS, Tarwin: Brodie Senior-Gibson, Vaughan Van Dillen 2, Travis Bergmeier, Josh Chalmers 1 each

BEST: Travis Bergmeier, Brenton Taber, David Leggo, Brodie Senior-Gibson, John Kilsby, Nick Browne

THIRDS

Yinnar 2.3 4.8 5.9 5.10 (40)
Fish Crk/Tarwin 2.1 4.1 8.4 9.6 (60)

GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Oscar Bright, Alby Edgelow 3, Tige Brewer, Zak Bright, Jackson Morgan 1 each

BEST: Archie Moore, Billy Boyd, Lucas Buckland, Oscar Bright, Alby Edgelow, Asher Hamlett

The Sharks are circling



Matthew Williams looks ahead for Tarwin. A35_1824



Boolarra's Nicholas Miller brings back planking, with the umpire penalising him for his mistimed flight. A34_1824

By Rob Popplestone

BOTH of these two teams were coming off a round two loss, but both had also shown enough in the very early part of 2024 that they could believe that this clash was very winnable if a four-quarter effort complemented by some calmness under pressure was shown.

Pre-game predictions had the match to be decided by a very small margin, and for the most part they were right, the Blues coming from behind before scoring an impressive victory.

The Demons got out to a fast start leading by better than three goals at quarter time, before the visitors slowly but surely started to reel them in.

"We started well but that's about as far as it got," Brendan Mason, Boolarra coach said.

"We were outplayed for three quarters to a team that wanted to work harder and wanted it more. Now we have to face another tough game next week against MDU on their home ground."

The way the Sharks went about their business, would have impressed the Tarwin faithful, down early, their focus on the job at hand did not waiver, the longer the game went, the greater the margin became.

"After a slow start we chipped away but finished off strong which was in contrast to our week earlier, it's a pretty new group, and it's new to us coaches as well with so many new faces as we get to know everyone's strengths and weaknesses," Jason Kennedy, Tarwin coach said.

The Sharks are again starting to circle, and there is not a side in the competition that can casually cruise into a contest against Tarwin and expect to leave without a fight.

The weekend ahead for Mid Gippsland football

By Rob Popplestone

beaten two times in a row.

"This week we need to really focus on how we want to be moving the ball and defending the ground. Ticking off some KPIs that we lacked from this week will be key for us. Hill End has had a tough fixture to this point, so I don't think their results are a true reflection of where they are at. We will need to be switched on from the start," Jarrod Walker, Kangaroo's coach.

There is little chance of a victory for the Rovers based on all the evidence we have, but that's not to say that the Hillsmen cannot have little wins within the game that continues to point them in the right direction. Possibly coach Ambu Uliando's biggest challenge is keeping his men motivated in a season where just turning up is a win of sorts in itself.

Tarwin v Foster

Both of these two teams had shown just a week earlier that they possess the required internal fortitude that complements their footballing ability, both displaying courage in their respective victories in round three.

Tarwin had to claw their way back into a game in which they

were outplayed early, and Foster stood up physically in a brutal game against Thorpdale.

"We had three blokes in a hospital bed from the game, hopefully the league can sort out this umpire situation because we can't have dangerous and out of control games," Sam Davies, Foster coach.

Umpiring situation aside, the challenge to find more soldiers to turn up for Foster this week is real and will no doubt test the Tigers as they prepare for the Sharks on their home ground.

"There has been some different results each week – so we just have to take our chances when we get them and given its our first home game in round four it's a big day for us and a chance to put in a big performance," Jason Kennedy, Tarwin coach.

Thorpdale v Stony Creek

Thorpdale were tipped to be one of the big improvers this season, an impressive 2023 had the Blues set for even bigger things in 24, but three games in, and the evenness of the competition coupled with the physicality that has left them with several players unavailable has coach Jason Winderlich calling on his considerable experience to continue to find a way through.

Stony Creek too understands

the importance of this match, a clash that the Lions are ready, willing and more than able to rise to. "Thorpdale away next week will be a great challenge for us. Always love seeing the bag of spuds they give away at the end of the game! Looking forward to the hit out," Chris VerBoon, Stony Creek.

As enjoyable and as fun as it is to see who might walk away with the bag of spuds that Thorpdale give away at games end, it will be the four premiership points that will mean the most.

Toora v Mirboo North

A win is like gold for those at the top and it is no different for those at the other end of the ladder either, Toora already have points in the bank, while the Tigers are still on the hunt for their first win of the season.

"We now face the second of back-to-back road trips – down to Toora this week. They will be looking to bounce back also – expect a tough, hot contest," Damian Turner, Mirboo North.

The Tigers have shown glimpses of what they can do.

"Mirboo North this week, and I look forward to an opportunity to move to 2-2. No doubt Damo will have his side up for the contest, so we need to make sure we bring our best," Jack Weston, Toora coach.



Wonthaggi's Jarryd Blair celebrates kicking the winner for Collingwood in the 2012 Anzac Day clash against Essendon at the MCG. (Photo courtesy of the Herald Sun).

How Blair's Anzac moment made Pendlebury's highlight reel

EVER the team player, man of the moment in Thursday's Anzac Day clash at the MCG, Scott Pendlebury, selected a surprise highlight from his 17 blockbuster appearances against Essendon when reviewing the occasion last week.

When asked prior to the game by his first and most influential coach in the AFL, Mick Malthouse, to name his number one highlight, either of his own doing, or a team mate's, from all those appearances, Pendlebury nominated 2010 premiership team mate Jarryd Blair's effort in the 2012 Anzac Day game, six years into his record-breaking career.

"I would have to go for Jarryd Blair kicking the winning goal in the 2012 Anzac Day game," said Pendlebury.

When Essendon's Brent Stanton put Essendon five points in front with little more than two minutes to go, the Bombers looked to have snatched another last-gasp victory. It had been the Bombers' fourth goal in-a-row but enter hero of the day, Jarryd Blair.

Speaking recently to the Herald Sun, Blair acknowledged, in typically self-effacing fashion, that he was just in the right place at the right time when the ball spilt off the pack in the goal square.

"I remember Ben Sinclair taking the mark at half forward and rolled around and kicked it in. There were blokes everywhere," he told Herald Sun reporter Rebecca Williams.

"I was just in the right place at the right time and just tapped it over the line."

Of course, in front of 90,000 screaming fans, it was a bigger moment than that.

Interestingly enough, Leongatha's Dyson Heppell had been playing on Blair for most of the day and probably had the better of him, but the last strike, by the diminutive Collingwood forward was all that counted and still rates number one among Scott Pendlebury's Anzac Day highlights.

At this week's Anzac Day game, Pendlebury continued to stack up the records when he passed the 10,000 possession mark in his 390th game with the Pies, the only player to reach such heights, and still with the 400-game milestone in sight.

Wonthaggi gets rolling with away win over Sale



Wonthaggi coach Jarryd Blair fires out a handball during Power's breakthrough win over Sale. Photos: Warren Leyden, Wazshots Photography.



Isaac Chugg drives Wonthaggi forward, with his strong performance one of the reasons Power got the better of Sale.

SHANNON Bray's vice-like final term tackle in defence for Wonthaggi stopped Sale's Jack Johnstone in his tracks as he threatened to bring the Magpies back within a straight kick, a moment that proved decisive in Power's first win of the season, by 7 points.

While it was only 10 minutes into the quarter, a Sale behind proved to be the only remaining score for the day.

Moments before Bray's team-lifting effort, Sale had punished a Power mistake with a Thomas Campbell goal and the Magpies may well have seized momentum with another major.

Power took a small advantage into the last stanza after coach Jarryd Blair read a Toma Huther ruck tap to perfection, emerging from the pack to goal.

Young Noah Anderson built on that lead when he snapped accurately early in the final term, his third major, and when Huther got the footy into Cooper McInnes' hands for a composed major, Power threatened to skip away.

The remainder of the game was characterised by strong tackling pressure from both sides, with holding the ball decisions going both ways.

Jack Blair and Isaac Chugg proved instrumental in the second half, continuing to win the footy and create opportunities for Wonthaggi.

Jarryd Blair and McInnes each finished with a couple of majors for the winning side, one behind Anderson's haul.

A stellar performance in the ruck and a couple of goals from Sale skipper Jack Leslie saw him named his side's best, with Shannen Lange and Hudson Holmes among the Magpies winning the ball and creating clearances.

For Power, the Blairs and Anderson were involved in a passage of play that gave the side early confidence and an opening minute goal as it began to work its way back from a 0-3 start to the season, Anderson nailing a set shot after a confident mark.

Former Tarwin player Kaj Patterson had a solid presence for Power from early on, showing class late in the first term when Huther brought the footy down for him, weaving and snapping truly.

While the win is crucial to kick start Power's season, footy was put into perspective before the match as players and officials lined up for the Ode of Remembrance and the sounding of the Last Post.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 4

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

 77  61

LEONGATHA

MOE

Leongatha	2.3	7.5	9.9	11.11 (77)
Moe	3.5	4.6	5.6	9.7 (61)

GOALS, Leongatha: Jenson Garnham 4, Jackson Harry 3, Aaron Turton 2, Tallin Brill, Ned Hanly 1 each

BEST: Thomas Marriott, Cade Maskell, Benjamin Willis, Jackson Harry, Matthew Borschman, Ned Hanly

GOALS, Moe: Thomas Matthews, Harrison Pepper, Nick Prowse 2, Trent Morrow, Liam Weir, Max Woodall 1 each

BEST: Trent Baldi, Riley Baldi, Nick Prowse, Lachlan McGrath, Luke Mulqueen, Liam Masters

RESERVES

Leongatha	3.0	7.2	10.6	16.9 (105)
Moe	2.1	3.2	4.2	4.2 (26)

GOALS, Leongatha: Guy Dickson 6, Flynn Materia 5, Nick Nagel 2, Ty Hall, Levi Hickey, Jarrod Stewart 1 each

BEST: Xavier Bolge, Guy Dickson, Flynn Materia, Jarrod Stewart, Beau Grabham Andrews, Darby Kratzat

GOALS, Moe: Justin Morrow 2, Aaron Wilson 1

BEST: Cody Wood, Justin Morrow, Aaron Wilson, Sam Hanson, William Luke, Samuel Morrow

THIRDS

Leongatha	3.4	9.5	12.10	15.12 (102)
Moe	2.0	2.1	2.1	3.3 (21)

GOALS, Leongatha: Hamish Gill, Ben Fort, Fletcher McLennan, Hugh Livingstone, Kade Berryman, Jett Brown

BEST, Moe: Kyan Mulley, Jordan Shields, William Jenkinson, Brodyn Blandford, Lincoln Roe

FOURTHS

Leongatha	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.3 (9)
Moe	6.4	12.5	15.8	18.12 (120)

GOALS, Leongatha: Noah McLennan, Angus Livingstone, Willis Patterson, Thomas Geary, Jacob Bolge, Clayton Quaife

BEST, Moe: Mason Malady, Archie Jones, Sam Robinson, Max Moroney, Tshawen Ouslinis, Kobi Caldwell

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

 59  66

SALE

WONTHAGGI

Sale	1.3	4.3	8.4	9.5 (59)
Wonthaggi	2.6	5.9	7.11	9.12 (66)

GOALS, Sale: Thomas Campbell, Jarrod Freeman, Jack Leslie 2, Mitch Dowse, Jack Johnstone, Will Leslie 1 each

BEST: Jack Leslie, Jonty McGuiness, Shannen Lange, Harry Tattersall, Jake Hutchins, Thomas Campbell

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Noah Anderson 3, Jarryd Blair, Cooper McInnes 2, Kaj Patterson, Jake Thomas 1 each

BEST: Joshua Schulz, Isaac Chugg, Mitch Hayes, Noah Anderson, Kaj Patterson, Jack Blair

RESERVES

Sale	2.2	5.4	7.5	8.9 (57)
Wonthaggi	2.4	3.7	5.10	5.12 (42)

GOALS, Sale: Jack Cantwell 3, Shane Fyfe, Maddix Malone, Charlie New, Jake Simic 1 each

BEST: Thomas Glenn, Cayden Johnson, Jack Cantwell, Christopher Laverty, Benjamin Hall, Finn McDonald

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Adam Busana 2, Jorin Joske, Darren Patmore, Jai Williamson 1 each

BEST: Riley Lindsay, Cooper Lindsay, Adam Pugh, Kurt Brown, Ollie Dawson, Cade Brown

FOURTHS

Sale	1.3	3.3	7.6	7.7 (49)
Wonthaggi	1.3	4.8	5.8	7.8 (50)

GOALS, Sale: Xavier Collins, Harper Walker, Cooper Rand, Dean Feltis, Blake Lindrea, Hugo Davine

BEST, Wonthaggi: Archie Jobe, Billy Wyhoun, Connor Macmillan, Ayden Fawaz, Thomas Macmillan, Harvey Smith

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Bairnsdale	13.9.87	d	Maffra	9.12.66
Morwell	13.10.88	d	Drouin	9.12.66
Traralgon	8.8.56	d	Warragul	5.5.35

RESERVES

Maffra	10.8.68	d	Bairnsdale	4.5.29
Drouin	16.2.98	d	Morwell	6.8.44
Traralgon	21.21.147	d	Warragul	1.5.11

THIRDS

Maffra	12.9.81	d	Bairnsdale	5.4.34
Drouin	16.11.107	d	Morwell	7.2.44
Warragul	10.9.69	d	Traralgon	6.6.42

FOURTHS

Maffra	10.14.74	d	Bairnsdale	4.4.28
Drouin	10.5.65	d	Morwell	5.12.42
Traralgon	25.23.173	d	Warragul	0.2.2

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	4	0	185.29	16
Bairnsdale	3	1	110.28	12
Traralgon	2	1	118.42	8
Drouin	2	2	116.67	8
Moe	2	2	108.53	8
Sale	2	2	105.61	8
Morwell	2	2	99.23	8
Wonthaggi	1	3	85.88	4
Warragul	1	2	85.58	4
Maffra	0	4	47.88	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	4	0	409.62	16
Maffra	3	1	178.21	12
Bairnsdale	3	1	123.04	12
Traralgon	2	2	217.88	8
Sale	2	2	94.08	8
Moe	2	2	55.59	8
Morwell	1	3	91.51	4
Wonthaggi	1	3	77.70	4
Warragul	1	3	35.92	4
Maffra	1	3	32.45	4

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Warragul	3	0	189.36	12
Drouin	3	1	162.23	12
Traralgon	3	1	151.52	12
Maffra	3	1	130.43</	

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Tooradin-Dalmore 14.18.102 d Warragul Industrials 9.8.62

Nar Nar Goon 19.15.129 d Koo Wee Rup 5.3.33

Dalyston 17.9.111 d Korumburra-Bena 6.5.41

Phillip Island 17.10.112 d Kilcunda-Bass 9.7.61

Inverloch-Kongwak 21.22.148 d Garfield 1.3.9

Cora Lynn 39.19.247 d Bunyip 0.0.0

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 3

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

**111** 

DALYSTON KORUMBURRA-BENA

Dalyston 4.3 10.6 13.9 17.9 (111)
Kor-Bena 1.0 1.2 3.4 6.5 (41)

GOALS, DALYSTON: Hayden Wallis 4, Jaxon Foon, Dino Karamoshos 3, Kyle Kirk, Brad Monson 2, William Clarke, Mitchell Davey, Robert Davey 1 each

BEST: Mitch Hallahan, Curtis Murfett, Hayden Wallis, Brad Monson, Michael Harris, Kyle Kirk

GOALS, KOR-BENA: Zachary Barrett, Nicholas Besley, Joel Cuman, Josh Hopkins, TJ Loughridge, Luke Walker 1 each

BEST: Joel Cuman, Kye Benson, Rhys Dixon, Hugh Gordon, Mitchell Wightman, Nicholas Besley

RESERVES

Dalyston 2.3 5.4 6.8 7.9 (51)
Kor-Bena 4.0 4.1 4.3 4.6 (30)

GOALS, DALYSTON: Dean Wylie 5, Greg Magro, Jesse Orchard-Moore 1 each

BEST: Jesse Orchard-Moore, Alexander Geyer, Dean Wylie, Shaun Silver, Jack Sheerin, Zachary Storry

GOALS, KOR-BENA: Nash Beavis, William Croatto, Ash Snooks, Marty Snooks 1 each

BEST: Isaak Fox, Jesse Harris, Jed Harris, Nash Beavis, Ash Snooks, Jasper Macri

THIRDS

Dalyston 5.5 12.6 17.8 21.13 (139)
Kor-Bena 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.2 (2)

GOALS, DALYSTON: Max Connell 6, Noah Shepherd 5, Jesse Dugard, Chase Krause 3, Jake Hughes 2, Beau Ransom, Harry West 1 each

BEST: Max Connell, Max Toler, Sebastian Ori, Noah Shepherd, Angus Rosenow, Riley Brinkman

GOALS, KOR-BENA: Tanner Walker, Dylan Parry, Bailey Fowles, Noah Belvedere, Jake Fowles, Sam Hill

FOURTHS

Dalyston 0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 (6)
Kor-Bena 5.3 7.4 10.8 13.12 (90)

GOALS, DALYSTON: Jojo Joma 1

BEST: Malachi Ori, Riley Pearson-Rutland, Jayke Woods, Heath Hender, Jojo Joma, Luke Franks

GOALS, KOR-BENA: Chase De Grandi 6, Ky Gow, Lucas Jones, Billie Wrigley 2, Jesse Gollop 1 each

BEST: Chase De Grandi, Indie Cameron, Phoenix Lorkin, Hamish Withall, Billie Wrigley, Max Fowles

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Tooradin-Dal 14.18.102 d Warragul Ind 9.8.62
Nar Nar Goon 19.15.129 d Koo Wee Rup 5.3.33
Cora Lynn 39.19.247 d Bunyip 0.0.0

RESERVES

Tooradin-Dal 25.20.170 d Warragul Ind 2.1.13
Nar Nar Goon 15.11.101 d Koo Wee Rup 4.3.27
Cora Lynn 26.13.169 d Bunyip 0.2.2

THIRDS

Warragul Ind 12.11.83 d Tooradin-Dal 2.0.12
Nar Nar Goon 15.18.108 d Koo Wee Rup 4.3.27

FOURTHS

Warragul Ind 7.6.48 d Tooradin-Dal 3.3.21
Nar Nar Goon 10.9.69 d Koo Wee Rup 5.4.34

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, MAY 4

WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 4

Koo Wee Rup v Kilcunda-Bass

Bunyip v Dalyston

Garfield v Tooradin-Dalmore

Nar Nar Goon v Korumburra-Bena

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Arm in arm with heads lowered the Giants and Magpies stood solemnly as Wonthaggi RSL President Dan Lucas paid tribute to the men and women who gave their lives for their country, before the commencement of Saturday's ANZAC clash. C80_1824

Dalyston soar in Anzac clash



Looking for an opening, Curtis Murfett weighs up his options during the first quarter on Saturday. C81_1824

DALYSTON claimed a convincing win over Korumburra-Bena in the Anzac Round on Saturday.

Dalyston Football Netball Club thanked the Wonthaggi RSL for its support on the day.

The RSL was honoured to be asked to hold a service before the Senior match.

It was a game played in good spirits throughout all four quarters.

Keen to make an impression, Dalyston delivered a mighty first half.

Mitch Hallahan was instrumental in Dalyston's victory, earning him the Anzac medal, judged by the umpires.

His ability to keep the ball moving into the forward line was key to the game.

Hayden Wallis and Brad Monson both played impressive games, being effective forward targets for their team.

Wallis led Dalyston's goal kicking efforts with his four-goal tally.

Jaxon Foon and Dino Karamoshos added three each.

Kurt Thomas played his best game of the season yet in the ruck.

The Magpies held an impressive 58-point lead at half-time, with the Giants struggling to have an impact on the scoreboard.

In the second half, Korumburra-Bena demonstrated its determination and continued

to fight.

Korumburra-Bena's coach Josh Hopkins reminded his team what needed to be done, and it responded accordingly with increased pressure across the back half.

Rhys Dixon managed to get a lot of intercepts, which were sent deep into Korumburra-Bena's forward line, creating more opportunities for the Giants to score.

Joel Cuman and Kye Benson were lively in the midfield, and Mitchell Wightman was vital out wide.

The midfield rotation was a crucial element to Korumburra-Bena's prospects and worked more effectively later in the game.

Korumburra-Bena's goal scoring efforts increased in the second half, shared between multiple goal kickers.

Despite the push, Dalyston continued to give its workman-like performance to storm ahead to a 70-point victory.

Post-match Hallahan commended his team for producing their first four quarter effort of the season.

While paying credit to the Giants saying the scoreboard didn't reflect the true evenness of the contest.

In round 4 Korumburra-Bena face Nar Nar Goon away, which will be another tough task, while Dalyston head to Bunyip.

Phillip Island's youth shines bright

THE "Battle of the bridge" was upon us. In recent years the two teams have been a lopsided affair. Come 2024 and Kilcunda-Bass has recruited heavily and knocked off Tooradin for the first time since the West Gippsland competition started.

Phillip Island was forced to make four changes losing experienced Youle, Aaron Harris, Daniel Pearce and crafty forward Travis Woodfield. Once again Island looked to its strong Senior list and also to their under 18s. Yianni Caffieri and Zac Walker lined up for their second games for the year along with Cooper Walton (debut), Tyce Kleverkamp and Finn O'Brien (Gippsland Power) the Island team was full of young talent.

Right from the first bounce it was evident Daniel Bourke was the dominant ruckman of the day, he was towering above last year's league medallist Dale Gawley. Bourke was feeding his midfielders with the Bruce brothers and Max Walton showing superior skills. Bass had come to play with big name recruit Travis Tuck throwing his weight around. Killy-Bass were thrusting the ball forward but being repelled by Cooper Walton, Mark Griffin and Cobe Olarenshaw. In a tight tussle first quarter finished Kilcunda-Bass 19 to Phillip Island 13.

Coach Pedersen addressed his troops and pointed out Bass were attacking centre half forward and this would open up opportunities to counter in the second. Stand up Jesse Patullo, the intercept king who was aided by the dashing Kai Mackenzie. Phillip Island changed gears and Bass were unable to keep up, in a blink of an eye Island had poured on 7 goals. Bass were stunned and they tried to stem the flow, but the Island lifted its intensity. Half time approached and the Island had put a nice 5 goal



Bryce Hindhaugh puts boot to ball as a flying Nathan Foote attempts to smother. Photo: Carol Ratcliffe.

gap in the game leading 60-31.

In a seesawing battle both teams came into the third where the game went up a notch. Connor Thompson and Joshua Ryan were being active in the forward line chasing and tackling. Zac Walker and Finn O'Brien were starting to take contested marks around the ground. A competitive quarter brought the scores Phillip Island 80 to Kilcunda Bass 52.

The Panthers were still in striking distance, step up the Taylor brothers, Billy (5 goals) and Captain Jack 2 goals for the game. Charlie Bruce and Hayden Bruce were putting their superior fitness and speed to good use and along with Bryce Hindhaugh (2 goals) Phillip Island put the game out of reach. Final scores Phillip Island 112 to Bass 61. A very competitive and exciting game that showcased the depth the Island has. Congratulations to Hayden Bruce for winning the Anzac medal and Phillip Island young brigade.



Bradley Aldwell (Kilcunda-Bass) attempts to mark under pressure from the Island's Charlie Bruce. Photo: Anna Carson

Inverloch-Kongwak continues to reign supreme

PUTTING on another professional performance, Inverloch-Kongwak secured a comprehensive win against Garfield on Saturday.

Travelling to Garfield, the Sea Eagles were eager to compete in the Anzac Round.

A minute silence was observed, followed by The Last Post, before the game kicked off.

Inverloch-Kongwak started well and managed to see score on the board early.

The midfielders – led by Paul Pattison who was ultimately identified as the best player of the Anzac Round by

Garfield – were on top of their game and were able to gain a lot of entry in the forward 50.

Oscar Toussaint played a solid game for the Sea Eagles up forward, kicking two goals in the first quarter.

He would go on to kick five

for the game, along with Nicholas Baltas, who is having a stellar start to the season.

The Sea Eagles managed to create a 37-point margin going into quarter time, having kept Garfield scoreless.

The second quarter was a reset, and a slight breeze towards the town end needed to be adjusted to.

Garfield committed more of its numbers around the ball and managed to slow Inverloch-Kongwak's midfield.

Despite a tighter quarter, the Sea Eagles were still comfortable as the halftime siren sounded.

Coach Tom Hams reminded the team its easy to let momentum fizzle out at this point.

The Sea Eagles responded by coming into the second half and continuing to play its disciplined game style.

A confident third quarter saw Garfield left scoreless once again, while Inverloch-

Kongwak extended its lead out to 101 points.

Inverloch-Kongwak showed no signs of slowing down with another six goals kicked in the fourth quarter.

Backmen Luke Johnson and Trent Bacon were brought forward during the last quarter and both kicked their first goals of the season.

Inverloch-Kongwak went home with a 139-point victory.

The Sea Eagles have a bye this week and will be taking a well-earned rest before coming back to take on Dalyston in the Mother's Day round.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts av
Inverloch-K	4	0	317.57	16	Inverloch-K	4	0	350.00	16	Warragul Ind	3	1	268.27	3.00	Phillip Island	3	0	1200.0	3.00
Nar Nar Goon	3	0	569.77	12	Cora Lynn	3	1	228.26	12	Phillip Island	2	0	427.03	2.67	Inverloch-K	3	0	346.55	3.00
Cora Lynn	2	1	219.32	10	Nar Nar Goon	2	1	401.23	8	Dalyston	2	1	270.73	2.67	Kor-Bena	2	1	229.27	2.67
Phillip Island	2	1	122.18	10	Tooradin-Dal	2	1	317.98	8	Kilcunda-Bass	2	1	268.27	8	Nar Nar Goon	2	1	127.93	2.67
Kilcunda-Bass	2	1	101.79	8	Garfield	2	1	144.55	8	Garfield	2	1	91.67	2.67	Garfield	2	1	126.73	2.67
Garfield	2	1	60.00	8	Phillip Island	2	2	107.14	8	Phillip Island	2	1	205.05	2.00	Warragul Ind	2	2	85.89	2.00
Dalyston	1	2	125.00	4	Koo Wee Rup	1	2	78.57	4	Tooradin-Dal	0	1	14.46	0.00	Koo Wee Rup	0	3	43.48	0.00
Tooradin-Dal	1	2	112.74	4	Dalyston	1	2	57.23	4	Bunyip	0	2	8.45	0.00	Tooradin-Dal	1	1	129.58	1.33
Warragul Ind	1	3	81.38	4	Warragul Ind	1	3	26.83	4	Kor-Bena	0	2	0.78	0.00	Koo Wee Rup	1	2	100.00	1.33
Koo Wee Rup	1	2	45.18	4	Kor-Bena	0	3	26.78	0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00	Bunyip	0	2	18.02	0.00
Kor-Bena	0	3	36.13	0	Bunyip	0	3	2.10	0	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00	Dalyston	0	3	8.30	0.00
Bunyip	0	3	5.67	0											Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND
3

KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

 61	 112
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KILCUNDA-BASS **PHILLIP ISLAND**

Kilcunda-Bass 3.1 5.1 8.4 9.7 (61)

Phillip Island 2.1 9.6 12.8 17.10 (112)

GOALS, K-Bass: Travis Tuck 4, Anthony Daraio 3, Dale Gawley, Dean McRae 1 each

BEST: Travis Tuck, Nathan Foote, Jed Rosenow, Lachlan Burns, Anthony Daraio, Thomas West

GOALS, Phillip Island: Billy Taylor 5, Hayden Bruce 3, Charlie Bruce, Bryce Hindhaugh, Jack Taylor 2, Joshua Ryan, Zac Walker, Max Walton 1 each

BEST: Hayden Bruce, Charlie Bruce, Billy Taylor, Yianni Caffieri, Jack Taylor, Zac Walker

RESERVES

Kilcunda-Bass 3.1 6.1 8.2 10.4 (64)

Phillip Island 3.0 3.0 3.3 3.4 (22)

GOALS, K-Bass: Scott Pugh 5, Callan Brinkmann, Trent Cartmel, Max Homer, Jack Rosenow, Owen Thomas 1 each

BEST: Max Homer, Sam Watson, Scott Pugh, Jack Rosenow, Lleyton Cartmel, Owen Thomas

GOALS, Phillip Island: Nick Anderson, Lucas Chihotski, James Nicolaci 1 each

BEST: Thomas Macrokanis, Blake Thompson, Lucas Chihotski, Kirby Fuller, Saxon Mau, Finlay Cousins

FOURTHS

Kilcunda-Bass 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)

Phillip Island 8.5 13.7 24.9 27.14 (176)

BEST, K-Bass: Taye Prasad-Taylor, Hayden Power, Rhylee Duell, Riley Eden, Ashton Smith

GOALS, Phillip Island: Charlie Fischer, Jack Larsson 5, Sam O'Garey 4, Jeremy Kelly, Blake Murphy, Archie Ross, Samuel Schuller 2, Levi Addison, Harry Arceo, Archer Cameron, Dean Rizzo, Xavier Williams 1 each

BEST: No players named.

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

 9	 148
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GARFIELD **INVERLOCH-K**

Garfield 0.0 1.2 1.2 1.3 (9)

Inverloch-K 5.7 8.15 15.19 21.22 (148)

GOALS, Garfield: Zac Soutarvc 1

BEST: Jack Barnes, Jesse Wouters, Zac Soutar, Callum Tyler, Will Pickering, Beau Scampolino

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Nicholas Baltas, Oscar Toussaint 5, Ethan Park 2, Trent Bacon, Taite Cumming, Will Hams, Luke Johnson, Toby Mahoney, Callan O'Flynn, Paul Pattison, Jamieson Soumilas 1 each

BEST: Paul Pattison, Oscar Toussaint, Ethan Park, Luke Johnson, Jordan Tomas, William Turner

RESERVES

Garfield 1.1 2.1 3.1 3.1 (19)

Inverloch-K 0.1 3.2 4.3 8.7 (55)

GOALS, Garfield: Billy Anile, Charlie Fitzpatrick, Toby Talbot 1 each

BEST: Aaron Marsh, Nate vandenbroeck, Matthew Bow, Luke Wilson, Lachy Fernandez, Toby Talbot

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Blake Green, Liam O'Neill, Dylan Taylor 2, Mitch Hewitson, Reegan Kemp 1 each

BEST: Malachy O'Flynn, Matt McCaughan, Adam Cross, Ashton Hewitson, Dylan Taylor, Brayden Hone

THIRDS

Garfield 1.1 2.2 4.2 4.2 (26)

Inverloch-K 5.2 8.4 11.7 18.9 (117)

GOALS, Garfield: Sean Marsh 2, Ding Dieng, Joseph Zaccari, Theo Zaccari 1 each

BEST: Theo Zaccari, Toby Ronaldson, Joachim Hayward, Cam Jenkins, Diesel Ashe, Joseph Zaccari

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Jobe Scapin 5, Rem Dal Pozzo, Jarvis Harvey 4, Lucas Allen, Archie Terlich 2, Harry Butcher 1 each

BEST: Jobe Scapin, Harry Butcher, Rem Dal Pozzo, Jarvis Harvey, Archie Terlich, Jordan Bertacco

FOURTHS

Garfield 1.0 2.0 3.0 3.1 (19)



Matt Borschman played his role strongly for the Parrots against Moe on Saturday in the 'match of the day' at Leongatha as one of a number of players added to the mix.

Tight tussle for newlook Moe and Leongatha

SEVENTEEN of the players who ran out at Sale on Gippsland League preliminary final day last year didn't take the field for the 'match of the day' between Leongatha and Moe at Leongatha on Saturday.

The backbone of both sides was there, Tom Marriott setting the tone for the Parrots with six or seven possessions in the first 12 minutes, Luke Bowman also strong out of the centre, Cade Maskell playing that floating defensive role to perfection and big Benny Willis, ably assisted by Josh Schelling promoted from the Reserves, strong in the ruck as usual.

The two-pronged forward attack of Jenson Garnham and Jack Ginnane was another consistent feature as too was the drive provided by Jack Hume and the creative efforts of Aaron Turton up forward, notably with the first goal of the match to get the home side started.

But there were seven players in the Parrots' lineup who weren't there in the 2023 grand final; Mitch Bentvelzen strong out of defence, Nick Argento providing flashes of brilliance around the flanks, Matt Borschman slotting in easily, Ned Hanly making a welcome return and the likes of Cooper Alger and Kyle Brown playing their roles.

Moe had 10 changes from the side that played in last year's prelim.

The tall timbers of Chris Prowse in the ruck and Nick Prowse up forward were a feature again, the Baldi brothers, especially Riley going on winning streaks out of the centre on several occasions, Declan Keilty intercepting as he liked, especially early until Jack Ginnane and co made him more accountable, Harrison Pepper busy up forward, Luke Mulqueen in the key defensive role, and Lachie McGrath up forward and around the packs made Moe competitive, especially in defence.

But with the likes of Blaser, Cocksedge, Daniher, Ceppi and Gowers among 10 missing, it was a major overhaul that somehow

didn't look a whole lot different.

They challenged the Parrots until half time, and came back at them in the last quarter indicating that they will develop into one of the main contenders as the season progresses.

The Parrots and Moe traded goals in a spirited opening to the match, with Keilty intercepting down back to start an attacking move that finished with Nick Prowse on the lead to answer Turton's quick opening goal.

Bowman out of the centre was good, but Riley Baldi was having the best of it, front and centre to the competitive efforts of their ruckman Chris Prowse.

Nick Prowse might have had the next when he hit the post and they paid the price with Leongatha going coast-to-coast through Hume and Argento to Jenson Garnham on the lead.

He looked on for a bag as he gave his opponent the slip with ease.

But, honestly, Moe had the best of it for the remainder of the quarter, Nick Prowse continuing to look dangerous up forward and Leongatha trying to plug gaps instead of going on the attack themselves.

Ultimately, Moe got reward for effort when Harry Pepper marked on the angle and Tom Matthews got a late goal to put them in front at the first change.

Parrots' coach Trent McMicking wasn't well pleased, especially with the Parrots' pressure. He urged them to "get an arm across" at the first break and to be accountable and they responded with five goals to one in the second quarter to take control on a glorious day for football... anything.

Moe evened it up again in the second half but the damage was done and Leongatha went on to a 16-point win with plenty to like about their inclusions including Ned Hanly who got better and better the further the match went and Josh Schelling adding a string to McMicking's bow by stepping up to give Ben Willis a chop out as required.

Leongatha is still enjoying the benefits of being able to bring more of its talented younger players forward which again underscores the importance of that increasingly scarce commodity these days. Under 18s wanting to play football.

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