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Gary Blackwood (former Member for Narracan), Margaret Aldred, John Aldred and Wayne Farnham (Member for Narracan) voiced their support behind Mary Aldred on Saturday. Photo: Latrobe Valley Express.

# TOO CLOSE TO CALL

- Can Aldred secure momentous Liberal win?

TAKING a leaf out of her father Ken Aldred’s political playbook Liberal Mary Aldred has defied a national swing against the coalition to possibly secure a win in Monash.

Fighting a resurgent Labor Party and two fiercely competitive independent candidates in Deb Leonard and former Liberal incumbent Russell Broadbent the tenacious Ms Aldred was humbled by the support she has received.

Campaigning hard on election day in Leongatha Ms Aldred said she never took any vote for granted asking for the

**By Bruce Wardley**

confidence of the people of Monash in Gippsland to be their next Federal representative.

Ms Aldred’s father, the late Ken Aldred, a career politician for 17 years, last represented the marginal seat of Deakin in the heart of Melbourne’s leafy eastern suburbs.

Struggling to hold back her emotions Mary spoke highly of her father’s legacy. “I love my dad and miss him dearly,” said Mary.

Very much her own person Mary Aldred has forged her own style of politics.

Formerly CEO of the Committee for Gippsland the region’s leading industry voice to government Ms Aldred oversaw the growth of the organisation to 100 members.

Mary also served the local community as Chair of the Gippsland United Basketball League and Chair of the Gippsland Water Community Advisory Committee.

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## True crime interest revealed

ON DAY four of the triple murder trial of Erin Patterson, one of the witnesses in the case, Christine Hunt, a member of a true crime Facebook group of which Erin was a member, described Mrs Patterson as something of a “super sleuth” within the group.

Appearing by video link, Ms Hunt said the initial Facebook group was set up to discuss the Keli Lane murder trial of 2010 in NSW, breaking away later to form smaller chat groups.

“She was well-liked within the group and regarded as a good researcher, something of a super sleuth,” said Ms Hunt.

The witness said she had four or five one-on-one conversations with Erin Patterson during which time her relationship with husband Simon Patterson was also discussed.

The couple had married on June 2, 2007, living together in Oakleigh East for a month before travelling and settling in Perth prior to the arrival of their first child in January 2009. They separated in 2015.

“I understood that they’d grown apart,” she said using the word “coercive” as a description provided to her by Erin of Simon Patterson’s alleged behaviour.

She said she also heard from Erin that as an atheist, she found her husband’s religious involvement challenging, including with regard to where their children should be going to school.

Ms Hunt’s testimony was the first from a witness other than Simon Patterson, whose presence in the witness box had dominated three of the first four days of the trial in the Supreme Court, starting at Morwell on Wednesday, April 30.

Erin Patterson is on trial for the murder of her estranged husband’s parents, Don and Gail Patterson, as well as Gail’s sister Heather Wilkinson, all guests of a family lunch at the accused’s Leongatha home on Saturday, July 29, 2023.

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# True crime interest revealed: Erin Patterson described as ‘super sleuth’

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Another guest at the lunch, where it has been alleged a meal of poisoned mushrooms was served inside individual Beef Wellingtons, was Simon Patterson's uncle, Ian Wilkinson, Heather's husband, who was the only person other than Erin to survive the lunch.

Erin Patterson, 50, of Leonagatha has pleaded not guilty to the three murder charges and one of attempted murder involving Mr Wilkinson.

Also appearing as a witness on Monday this week was another of the true crime Facebook group friends, Daniela Barkley, who recalled Erin Patterson posting a photo online of a new dehydrator she had purchased.

"She was a bit excited that she had purchased a dehydrator," she told the court by video link, saying that Erin had shared photos online of mushrooms she had dehydrated, some months before the lunch was her recollection, certainly in 2023, she said.

Cooking was one of the regular topics discussed.



Crown Prosecutor Dr Nanette Rogers is leading the case against Erin Patterson for the Department of Public Prosecutions.

Ms Barkley said it was her understanding that the dehydrator was used exclusively for mushrooms.

The court was shown a Facebook post to the group made by Erin Patterson. It read: "I've been hiding powdered mushrooms in everything. Mixed into chocolate brownies yesterday, the kids had no idea."

Ms Barkley also told the court that there had been some discussion within the group about how to make Beef Wellington, Erin indicating she was going to attempt to make the meal.

"She was struggling to find a big piece of meat from the butchers for the Beef Wellington, that it was too expensive," said Ms Barkley, noting that

other members of the group had shared their thoughts on alternative ways to make the dish.

She dated the chat in July 2023.

Colin Mandy SC, defence counsel for Erin Patterson, cross-examined Ms Barkley, asking her to explain the size and nature of the chat groups, and if they were primarily support groups for the women involved.

He asked what she thought of Erin Patterson as a mother.

Ms Barkley said her life revolved around her kids.

"I thought she was a wonderful mother," she said.

Mr Mandy also queried the timing of the discussion about the Beef Wellington, Ms Barkley saying she couldn't recall there being any earlier discussion.

Mr Mandy asked her if she was aware that Erin Patterson liked mushrooms.

"I always knew that about Erin," said Ms Barkley.

The trial is continuing in the Latrobe Valley Court and is expected to run for five or six weeks.

## Too close to call

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Ms Aldred joined Lifeline Gippsland as a board member, Latrobe Regional Hospital, Australian Sustainable Hardwoods and Woorayl Lodge Community Aged Care.

During her election campaign, Ms Aldred committed a Liberal Government to deliver \$10 million for the Phillip Island Recreation Reserve to ensure local families, sports teams, and community groups have access to the high-quality facilities they deserve.

Ms Aldred also made a commitment to improve mobile phone coverage for residents, businesses and tourists in West and South Gippsland to ensure local residents, businesses, and emergency services are able to access reliable mobile coverage and internet connectivity.

"Residents, businesses, and emergency service providers have all told me that we must improve connectivity in Korumburra, Leongatha, and Phillip Island," said Ms Aldred.

Gippsland Youth Spaces, which runs initiatives aimed at reducing youth crime across Gippsland, was also a priority for Ms Aldred to ensure young people have access to programs that promote responsibility, inclusion and respect.

Aged 42 Mary Aldred is keen to make a real contribution to parliament if elected.

"I'll always consider Monash to be a marginal seat," said Ms Aldred.

"I've had to work hard every minute of the day for the last 18 months."

Expressing her great respect for the former Liberal incumbent in Monash, Russell Broadbent, Mary Aldred said she had volunteered to assist Mr Broadbent in past election campaigns.

"I think the Liberal Party received a strong message at the last election," said Mary.

Ms Aldred set out to win the trust of the electorate.

"People knew I'd been a 'doer' in the community and that includes working with farmers," said Mary.

"You can't win this seat without the support of farmers."

"Infrastructure, careers, cutting red tape and having the 'right to farm' are important."

With her mother Margaret and brother John Aldred standing by her side in the closing hours of the campaign the current leading candidate for Monash not only has the strong support of family but no doubt a keen sense of history as well.

## Teal candidate Deb Leonard almost doubles her vote in Monash

By Bruce Wardley

WITH the final result in Monash still waiting on the final distribution of preferences Independent candidate Deb Leonard has not lost sight of her priorities.

"Back to parenting and a surf," posted Ms Leonard on social media. Lifting her primary vote from just over 10 per cent in 2022 to achieve almost 18 per cent of the primary vote in 2025 Deb Leonard has been reluctant to admit defeat.

"It's a mixture of emotions, nervousness and exhaustion," said Ms Leonard. "We would need a strong preference flow to get us over the line."

Currently trailing the Liberal and Labor candidates in the final counting (at time of print) Ms Leonard reflected on eight months of solid campaigning.

"I think there was a lot of disillusionment in the community and a feeling that we've been left behind and people were looking for an alternative to the major parties and a lot of people voted differently at this election to how they had voted before and that has really split the result," said Ms Leonard.



Independent candidate for Monash Deb Leonard casts her vote on Saturday in Leongatha. A23\_1825

As early as March Ms Leonard refused to be drawn on her likely flow of preferences.

"I don't like doing deals on preferences," said Ms Leonard in Wonthaggi.

Deb Leonard's preferences were left blank on her 'How to Vote Card'. Conventional wisdom is that not putting out a How to Vote card can adversely impact

both the number of votes a candidate may receive and also how the preferences of a candidate's supporters could flow.

"It's hard to say what the result would have been had I directed preferences," said Ms Leonard. "The final results are not in, and we may not know the final outcome for a few days."

Ms Leonard said it was a

matter of integrity not to direct preferences.

"I want to say thank you to every single volunteer and supporter of this campaign, we did absolutely everything we could do and left nothing on the table, we lived our values of positivity, integrity, respect, inclusion, sustainability and fun."

Ms Leonard claimed she saw more election promises from both sides of politics than she had ever seen before showing that Monash would not be taken for granted anymore.

"I am so proud, humbled, grateful and inspired to be a part of this movement and to have had the honour of working alongside so many incredible members of our community," Ms Leonard said.

"Thank you all from the bottom of my heart."

In the final weeks of the election campaign the degree of attack style advertising and letter box drops disappointed Ms Leonard who called for truth in political advertising.

Turning her attention to her two children and an amazing and supportive husband Deb Leonard said she was still waiting to have that surf she was hoping for.

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Wind PM: Light  
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\$15,987 raised  
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THE Wonthaggi RSL Anzac Appeal has raised a staggering \$15,987 this year with \$6780 raised through merchandise sales and \$9207 in Appeal badge sales.

“We would like to thank all our volunteers, the Wonthaggi CWA volunteers and the Wonthaggi Community for making another great appeal possible,” Wonthaggi RSL Active Events Officer and Vice President Dan Lucas said.

“This appeal money goes to help veterans and their families in need and the merchandise money that has been raised will go towards maintaining and minor repairs to the RSL Sub Branch while we apply for grants for our renovation plans.”

Baths Road Reserve  
fire reduction work

WORKS to reduce storm debris in Baths Road Reserve, Mirboo North commenced Monday, May 5, with an anticipated completion date of Friday, May 16. During this time, there will be limited access to the Reserve with walking tracks closed to the public.

The purpose of these works is to reduce storm debris from the February 2024 storm event. The reduction of debris will improve access for emergency personnel, equipment and the community. The works will not remove all the debris from the February 2024 storm event, only what is necessary to reduce bushfire and other safety risks, while considering environmental impacts. Heavy machinery will be working in the reserve, so obey the signage and fencing.

There will be periods of machinery noise and activity during these works, particularly around Jordan Way in Mirboo North. The machinery will only operate between 7am to 5pm from Monday to Friday while the works take place. Debris suitable for firewood will be removed and made available to the community at local firewood collection areas. Works are being led by the Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action and supported by South Gippsland Shire Council.

Dig in to soil biology  
with Declan

SOUTH Gippsland Landcare Network (SGLN) is hosting a free Soil Biology field day this Thursday, May 8 in Ruby. This workshop will look at why improving soil biology can be really beneficial during dry periods or drought conditions, like South Gippsland is currently experiencing.

Participants will visit the property of local and well-respected soil scientist Declan McDonald who has 30 years experience in the soil biology field and has been farming with regenerative methods for five years now.

Join SGLN for a farm walk with Declan to see how the soil and pastures are faring through

this dry season.

It's been difficult to watch the weather forecast, waiting and hoping for rain. This event provides the opportunity to get together, acknowledge the challenges and learn how to improve soil on properties, and better manage these conditions in the future.

Lunch and refreshments are included, for more details and to register email kirby@sgln.net.au or go to events.humanitix.com/sustainable-agriculture.

Reid Street residents  
call for a lasting solution

GRATEFUL Phillip Island residents are pleased Bass Coast council has paused the proposed removal of asphalt primer seal from local roads in favour of more consultation with owners calling for a longer-lasting solution for sealed roads.

According to Reid Street resident Shane Dougherty, the Bass Coast Urban Roads and Drainage policy in its current form is too narrow in its application and options for specific roads.

“A replacement of the primer seal if properly maintained would be well suited to the streetscape and amenity residents are seeking for Reid Street,” said Mr Dougherty.

“Just look at how long our asphalt surface has been in place, almost 20 years.”

With effectively 100 per cent support for their petition residents and homeowners have agreed to meet this month to discuss and distil preferences for how they wish their road to be maintained or improved.

Particularly grateful for the contributions and support for their petition from Island Ward councillors Reid Street residents want a more amicable solution for all stakeholders.

“Primer seal is a proper pavement sealing technology provided it is properly maintained,” said Mr Dougherty.

Do it for Dolly

COMMUNITY Bank Inverloch is going blue to end bullying, throwing its support behind Do It for Dolly Day on Friday, May 9.

Everyone is encouraged to join the Community Bank team in the branch at 16C Williams Street, Inverloch from 10am until 11am to help achieve the goal of raising \$350 for the cause.

“On this special day, communities across Australia are coming together to spread kindness, take a stand against bullying, and create a safer world for kids,” the branch's Do it for Dolly Day fundraising page states.

Donations will help fund vital anti-bullying programs, education, and support services, giving families, schools, and communities the tools to prevent bullying and promote kindness.

Do it for Dolly Day honours the memory of Dolly Everett who took her life due to cyber bullying, aged just 14, a trust called Dolly's Dream established by her parents to help stop other

families enduring the pain they have experienced since her loss.

Visit dollysdream.org.au/fundraisers/communitybankinverloch to contribute.

Students at Inverloch and Kongwak Primary Schools will be contributing to the cause, each holding a free dress day with a blue theme and collecting gold coin donations.

Have you seen Jasmin?

A 14-YEAR-OLD female has been reported missing after last being seen in Wonthaggi around 1.25am on April 17.

Jasmin is known to frequent the Morwell area and anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Jasmin, or who has seen Jasmin is urged to contact Wonthaggi Police on 5671 4100.

Watch your speed  
in school zones

LOCAL police in Bass Coast continue to focus on road user behaviour including speeding on main roads and roads with a high number of pedestrians including school zones.

A number of drivers on Phillip Island have been detected exceeding 40 km/hr in a school zone on the Phillip Island Road at Rhyll during school times between 8am and 8.30am.

Housefire under  
investigation

POLICE were called to a housefire which was well underway at 12am last Sunday in Dowling Street, Wonthaggi.

The fire was brought under control by the local fire brigades and investigations into the cause of the fire are continuing.

On campus training  
back at Chisholm

AFTER a hiatus and questions raised in the local community about the lack of in person options at Chisholm Institute in Wonthaggi, the institute has confirmed they are back and will be offering on-campus and online training in the region to support local workforce development and create career opportunities, particularly in areas where skills are in high demand.

In collaboration with local industry and community organisations, Chisholm are offering qualifications that align with key sectors including health, education, training and assessment, and accounting and bookkeeping. Starting in July 2025, five free TAFE courses will be delivered at Chisholm's Wonthaggi campus. This includes:

- Certificate III Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC30121)
- Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping (FNS40222)
- Certificate IV Training and Assessment (TAE40122)
- Certificate IV School-based Education Support (CHC40221)
- Certificate III in Individual

Support (CHC33021) Ageing and Disability

Enrolments are now open for courses starting in July. Find out more at the information session held on May 14 from 12pm – 2pm at Chisholm's Wonthaggi campus.

Just a Farmer screening  
& panel discussion

DIRECTED by Simon Lyndon and starring Leila McDougall, Joel Jackson, Robert Taylor and Susan Prior, Just a Farmer sheds light on the mental health challenges faced by farming communities, offering hope, resilience, and connection.

Just a Farmer explores the impact of suicide on a rural Australian family. Set in picturesque rural Victoria, the film addresses significant mental health challenges faced by farming communities and the importance of community support.

Following the screening on Thursday, May 8 at 6pm, a panel discussion will offer valuable insights into mental health issues specific to regional and rural settings and provide information on available support resources.

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

- Lifeline on 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au.
- MensLine Australia on 1300 789 978 or mensline.org.au.
- Kids' Helpline on 1800 551 800 or kidshelpline.com.au.

Got a great idea?

WESTERNPORT Water is inviting applications for its 2025-26 Community Support Program, offering sponsorship funding and in-kind support for local events, initiatives and projects that align with the themes of healthy people, healthy communities, and a healthy planet. With \$35,000 available in funding, the program supports not-for-profit organisations, community groups, sporting clubs, schools, kinders and committees of management across Westernport Water's service area.

Applications open Wednesday, May 7 and close Wednesday, June 16, 2025, with successful applicants to be notified by July 18. A cheque presentation event is scheduled for July 30.

Projects must be based within Westernport Water's service area and be run by registered not-for-profit organisations. Events must be free from single-use plastic water bottles.

There are five sponsorship packages available:

- Water refill stations (up to \$7000)
- Small water efficiency projects (up to \$5000)
- Schools (up to \$3000 for water-focused education or projects)
- Sports hydration (up to \$500 for hydration kits or water coolers)
- Event package (\$500 cash plus hydration support and promotional materials).



# Watching her weight or watching the mushrooms

THE woman accused of the murder of three family members and the attempted murder of another after serving them poisonous mushrooms at a lunch in Leongatha on Saturday, July 29, 2023, had poor self-image and low self-esteem, according to her estranged husband Simon Patterson.

Mr Patterson was giving evidence on Thursday in the highly-publicised trial of his wife Erin Patterson, the Leongatha mother of two, who is accused of murdering his mother and father, Don and Gail Patterson of Korumburra, and also his aunt Heather Wilkinson after attending the lunch with her husband, Korumburra Baptist Pastor Ian Wilkinson.

Mr Wilkinson is the only person to survive the lunch, apart from Erin herself.

Erin Patterson has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Under cross-examination by defence counsel Colin Mandy SC last Thursday and Friday, Mr Patterson was probed about his relationship with his wife before and after their separation in November 2015 and an ultimate falling out over family support payments in 2022.

While Mr Mandy focused on their financial arrangements post-separation, including the ownership of a house in Leongatha, several in Korumburra and one in Mt Waverley, he also followed up questions about earlier claims that Erin Patterson had eaten her meal on



**Estranged husband of the woman accused of the murder of his mother and father and also his aunty, together with the attempted murder of his uncle, Simon Patterson of Korumburra arrives at the Morwell court complex last week with communications consultant Jessica O'Donnell who is assisting the Patterson family.**

that fateful day from a smaller, different-coloured plate to the larger ones she provided for her guests.

He started by asking Mr Patterson if he thought his wife was concerned about her weight.

Asked first by Mr Mandy if he thought his wife had poor self-image, Mr Patterson said he agreed with that perception.

"She'd put on a lot of weight over the years?" suggested Mr

Mandy.

"Yes, I'd agree with that," said Mr Patterson.

Asked if he thought she was embarrassed about that, Mr Patterson said he couldn't recall her saying so, but it could have been true.

"But she wasn't happy with the way she looked?" Mr Mandy asked.

"I don't think Erin was particularly happy with how she is in most aspects. I don't think she has high self-esteem,

that would be a good way of putting it."

But Mr Mandy pressed Simon Patterson on the issue of his wife's weight.

"The question was pretty specific," said Mr Mandy.

"Do you agree she wasn't happy with the way she looked?"

Mr Patterson said he assumed that was the case but didn't recall Erin ever saying so specifically.

Mr Mandy had earlier established with Mr Patterson that he was well aware of the type of crockery in Erin's Leongatha house, that there were only eight or 10 dinner plates and while there were some matched plates it was fair to say they were a mismatched group.

During her opening remarks to the court on Wednesday this week, Crown prosecutor Dr Nanette Rogers addressed the issue of the plates in detail.

She claimed Erin Patterson had plated the meal herself consisting of "individual Beef Wellingtons, mashed potato and green beans".

She claimed that while Heather and Gail moved the four larger plates from the kitchen bench to the table, Erin took the smaller, lighter-coloured plate to her place at the table.

Mr Patterson's evidence continued on Monday in the Supreme Court trial at the Latrobe Valley Law Courts in Morwell.

## Little hope of Glenn Arnold winning seat

A FINAL result for the Senate may take weeks but Inverloch Life Saving Club President and National's senate candidate Glenn Arnold is holding out little hope of the Coalition picking up the last remaining senate seat. With a swing of one per cent against the Coalition in Victoria and a 1.5 per cent swing in favour of the ALP local candidate Glenn Arnold admitted over the weekend there was little hope of winning another senate seat for the Coalition.

"There probably never was," he said.

Overwhelmed by the support he had received during the campaign Mr Arnold said he was very thankful that people thought the best for him.

Even with counting for the Senate at an early stage it seems almost certain Labor will take the last remaining senate seat from the Coalition in Victoria.

The Greens seem likely to retain their single Victorian senate seat.

With only a third of the Senate vote counted and the last seat coming down to the wire the Nationals have advised Glenn Arnold a certain result may not be known for days. Preferences are still to be counted from a host of minor parties.

"The reality is there is little hope for us," said Mr Arnold.

## Monash count too close to call, according to Tully Fletcher

LABOR candidate Tully Fletcher has not yet conceded Monash to the Liberals.

Despite suffering a possible five per cent loss in primary votes the proud Gippslander and dad of two Mr Fletcher at last count looked like delivering a solid final result for the ALP. Mr Fletcher said it had been an honour to stand as Labor's candidate in Monash and receive so much warm support from the wonderful people and communities who made me.

"Monash remains too close to call and our Labor team is watching the count closely."

While the final distribution of preferences will be complex and could in the end produce an unexpected result, Mr Fletcher said the Labor team know some things already.

"A clear majority of Australians in Monash support a major party, as we have at every election since our seat was created in 1949," Mr Fletcher said. "Media reports and polling which suggested otherwise were false."

Mr Fletcher said the Liberals and Teals spent between \$1million to \$1.5 million flooding communities in annoying ads for over a year, but neither were able to cleanly defeat the short eight-week Labor campaign with no funding.

"The working men and women of Monash didn't buy what Liberals and Teals were selling, we know better," said Mr Fletcher. "We know Liberals don't deliver, and independents can't deliver."

"Thank you to every Labor member, union member, volunteer, and voter in Monash who backed our Labor team and contributed to the landslide re-election of our Albanese Labor Government."

## Good signs for the Liberals Mary Aldred in Monash

THERE was still no decision in the seat of Monash on Monday but with a further 2000 votes coming in on Monday morning, the Liberals' Mary Aldred had increased her percentage of the vote from 32.07 per cent on Sunday to 32.18 per cent on Monday, an increase of 720 primary votes from 27,418 votes to 28,138 votes well ahead of Labor's Tully Fletcher on 17,809 and independent Deb Leonard on 15,290, some 2519 votes behind Mr Fletcher.

Meanwhile, as the vote

counting continued at Waragul on Monday, supporters of the various candidates were out and about around the electorate collecting their signs and election paraphernalia.

**RIGHT: Supporters of Liberal candidate Mary Aldred were out and about around the electorate over the weekend collecting some of the hundreds of signs erected during the campaign, this one from a farm paddock between Dalyston and Kilcunda.**





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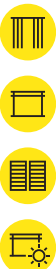
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# It's about the people not the politics

By Michael Giles

WITH the divisive nature of the Voice Referendum of October 2023 and the pounding we've received for what seems like 12 months in the lead up to the Federal Election, is it any wonder that most people heaved a sigh of relief on Sunday to think we might finally get some peace.

It's a chance to draw breath until we move into the state election cycle ahead of the November 28, 2026, Victorian election, which will come around soon enough.

For that reason alone, if not to give new governments a chance to roll out a proper reform agenda, it's time Australia moved to a once-in-four-year election cycle with a fixed date. Now, that's a referendum we can all support.

Apart from that, we're not going to add to the seemingly endless and often self-serving postmortem that's going on following last weekend's election result except to say that there are some fundamental issues that need to be addressed in this great country of ours.

- **Housing:** Everyone should have access to housing and keeping alive the dream of home ownership should be a priority for government. But Australia's property prices are among the highest in the world, indicating there's a lot wrong with the fundamentals. We need a new plan that addresses not only negative gearing but also the balance between tenants' and landlords' rights, and the cost and complexity of house building.

- **Education:** Since the early 2000s Australia's performance, compared to other OECD countries, has been declining across the key areas of reading, science and mathematics. This is not a criticism of teachers but an indication that something is wrong with the overall education plan, the curriculum and with the leadership.

- **Energy policy:** The Coalition's thought bubble about nuclear energy a couple of months out from a Federal election and the lack of clarity from Labor about how we are going to meet our energy targets should be ringing alarm bells for the Australian community. It's an issue, like national defence, that's too important for political point-scoring. The parties need to thrash out a bipartisan position, researched by experts and based on science, before it's too late (if it isn't already).

- **Law & order:** Strictly speaking law and order is a state issue but right across Australia we're seeing a worrying rise in the incidence of serious crime and the activities of organised crime groups. Again, there needs to be a combined response by government, one that engages and educates the community.

The kind words of both Anthony Albanese and Peter Dutton after the election managed to clear the air somewhat after an uninspiring campaign. Hopefully it's a sign of things to come.

Also, a note on the departure of Monash MP Russell Broadbent after 43 years in public life. Whatever you make of Russell's politics, we have received dozens of reports over the years from people who were helped by Russell on immigration issues and with other personal crises when all else failed. We wish him well in retirement and thank him for his service to the people of Monash and the greater Gippsland region.

# Healthy response to community plan

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has its Healthy Communities Plan 2025-29 out for public consultation at the moment and there's already been a healthy response to the call for feedback.

So, what should be included in the shire's healthy communities plan, given they don't run a hospital or even a medical centre?

Dozens of residents, who attended community pop-up sessions at Cowes, Corinella, Kilcunda and Inverloch in recent weeks have made some pretty insightful suggestions. Here are a few of them:

- Critical need for social housing
- Homelessness
- More female doctors
- New Pickleball stadium
- More police presence (we don't feel safe)
- Waiting times to see a doctor
- Mental health for teens
- Well-maintained footpaths and walking tracks
- Importance of a local newspaper
- Transport to get to activities
- Exercise, sleep and good food
- Supported programs for mums and bubs
- Subsidised Pilates' classes
- Re climate anxiety – activities that work towards mitigating the effects of climate change including letter writing to polities etc.

These and many more suggestions on Post It Notes will be categorised and recorded to help inform policymakers about what the community wants and needs to lead a healthy life in the local community.

Community Strengthening Officer and a member of the public consultation team at



**Bass Coast Shire Council Community Strengthening Officer Shirley Egan was delighted with the feedback from the public to the shire's Healthy Communities Plan consultation last week.**

the Bass Coast Shire, Shirley Egan, is delighted with the feedback so far and is encouraging others to participate by going online and filling out a survey form on the Engage Bass Coast website by the deadline of Sunday, May 25.

"We've had a lot of feedback which is great and it's so important to get that level of participation," said Ms Egan.

"If the community doesn't tell us what they want we can't include it in the new plan."

And if the provision of community health services is outside the council's own area of responsibility, such things

as access to doctors, funding for sporting facilities, mental health support and social housing; these things can go into the council's advocacy priorities for government.

Following workshops with service providers the shire will produce a draft plan by July/August which will be put out for further public consultation.

But this stage of the process is a chance to have your suggestions for a healthy community included in the draft and ultimately the plan which will guide council's healthy communities initiatives going forward.



**Some of the Post It Note ideas contributed at Bass Coast's Healthy Communities Plan pop-up sessions.**

# Future development of San Remo in question

THE Bass Coast Shire Council hosted a forum on Tuesday, April 29, with 70 registered attendees, 33 per cent of registrations were from the real estate industry, 33 per cent from the development and planning industry and others from small business and government.

With a buzz in the room, attendees explored the future of San Remo. The session looked at how combining urban design with economic development strategies supports the shire to provide a clear, directed plan for the future of San Remo that the community can get behind.

Greg Box, Bass Coast Shire Council CEO, was the MC for the session and opened by setting the scene more broadly on key projects across Bass Coast and the investment opportunity of Bass Coast.

Nick Felstead, Bass Coast Shire Council Manager Strategy and Growth, provided



**The discussion panel focused on traffic, character and development of San Remo.**

an update on the San Remo Structure Plan and presented key statistics on San Remo's growth. Nick also presented some of the early insights from the community consultation, including township character and small-town feel, traffic, the value of tourism and environment and landscape values.

Orlando Harrison, UrbanFold

Director, Urban Designer and Architect, explored the role placemaking plays in shaping a township, thinking from a community, environmental and economic lens. Orlando brought insights from his work developing the San Remo Urban Design Framework.

For the panel, Nick and Orlando were joined by Jodie Vogt, co-owner of

Phillip Island Hot Springs and Wolfgang Platzer, General Manager of San Remo Fisherman's Co-Op, bringing a small business, tourism and investment perspective to the conversation.

Wolfgang highlighted the value and uniqueness of Marine Parade being positioned parallel to sea views, as well as the opportunity for connectivity of local events to our main commercial hub.

Jodie highlighted the opportunity of wellness tourism and wellness real estate, as well as the local employment opportunities that the hot springs will bring to the employment landscape here in Bass Coast.

Key questions for the panel looked at how the shire tackles visitation seasonality, tackles traffic flow into San Remo and balances the projected growth with the coastal charm and character of San Remo.



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# Unhappy 1st birthday for padlocked Newhaven jetty

PHILLIP Island is maintaining its rage over the closure of Newhaven jetty 12 months ago.

Coming together for the first anniversary of the closure of the jetty local residents called on the Allan Government to repair and reopen the Newhaven Jetty without delay.

Nationals MP Melina Bath said locals are frustrated over a lack of a positive response from the State Government and remain resolute in their demand for better collaboration on a way forward.

"I stand with residents who are calling for funding and a timeline for this much-loved asset," said Ms Bath.

"It is highly disappointing that despite a strong campaign the community is still being kept in the dark."

Political pressure resulted in an engineering inspection according to local residents but to date there still been no word on the jetty's future.

Ben Dennis owner of Saltwater restaurant estimates the closure of the jetty could have cost him as much as half a million dollars in lost passing trade.

Ms Bath used the first anniversary of the jetty's closure to renew her calls for action.

"Leaving the Newhaven Jetty to disintegrate behind mesh fencing is unacceptable."

"Bass Coast locals deserve to know that they won't be back here standing in front of a locked barrier again in another year's time, commiserating a second year of closure."

"Recent structure inspections must lead to a pathway for funding and reconstruction."



Save the jetty protestors with Nationals MP Melina Bath on the first anniversary of the closure of the Newhaven jetty. B03\_1825

Yvonne Lynch recalled watching the joy of two boys catching a snapper on the jetty just before it closed, only to come back fishing rods in hand the next week locked out of the jetty with wire mesh and padlocks.

"Fishing is great for kids," said Ms Lynch.

Another resident remembering the jetty as a boy wondered about the notion of heritage.

"There's still plenty of fish out there just look at the cormorants and seals."

"Fishing is part of who we are as humans," said Mr Grivas.

Ms Lynch remembered moonlight reflecting off the water from the pier at night.

"When you come over the

bridge now it looks like a junkyard."

Amanda Keilar said twelve months later the community are still locked out.

Divers did an inspection of the jetty according to Ms Keilar and a costing has been done but no costs or information have been made public.

Ms Keilar suggested it might be a lot less than they thought.

"The jetty is still closed with no concrete decision on whether it can be repaired."

Melina Bath said the rally in June last year led to a petition and a debate in parliament.

"This has been a State Government asset that was left to decline, and they did nothing about

it," said Ms Bath.

"It was on Parks Victoria's list for some time before its closure."

Estimates for repairing the jetty have jumped from hundreds of thousands of dollars to \$1 million, \$2 million and \$3 million dollars according to Ms Bath.

"That's not fair," she said.

"This needs to go back on their priority list."

Nearby Newhaven boat ramp is on the list for improvement but with no starting date.

Ms Keilar said they are not going to sit down and watch the jetty fall into the ocean.

"It could take a lot of pressure off San Remo's jetty and rock fishing," said Ms Bath.

Long-time commercial fisherman George Papas said Newhaven is one of the busiest tourist destinations in Victoria.

"It's a staple of this community. It's the first thing you see when you come over the bridge."

Ilias Grivas said it symbolises neglect.

"I congratulate residents on their commitment to saving the Newhaven Jetty and will remain standing with them," said Ms Bath.

"This should be part of a timetable of upgrades."

"We do not want to see a second anniversary, this much loved community asset needs to be opened and upgraded by next year, we're looking for a pathway forward."

Ben Dennis took the opportunity to thank the jetty's supporters.

"It shows there are people who care."

Wolfgang Paltzer from the San Remo Fisherman's Co-operative said he was worried about the precedent it sets.

"What's next?" he asked.

"Which jetty is the next one to be closed because 'we didn't want to keep them maintained'."

Cutting a symbolic birthday cake Melina Bath said it was an unhappy birthday cake.

"It's no good at all."

Mr Dennis said the closure of the jetty had significantly impacted the wedding trade at Saltwater.

Critical of a lack of support from Bass Coast Council Mr Dennis said he had received no rent relief from Bass Coast Shire despite the loss of business.



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# Leaked exam papers puts pressure on local VCE students

ASSURANCES from the State Government that measures are now in place to prevent a repeat of last year's leaked VCE exam papers scandal has done little to reassure nervous VCE students in local secondary colleges.

Expressing sympathy for regional students worried about the advantage city-based kids may gain from leaked exam papers South Coast Breakfast Presenter and 40-year VCE mathematics specialist Richard K said the exam process is far from foolproof.

At the Minister's request in December 2024 the Secretary to the Department of Education established an independent review of the VCAA in response to issues arising from the 2024 Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) examinations.

Every year the VCAA develops and delivers over one hundred VCE examinations to more than 70,000 students across Victoria as the final milestone in their secondary school education.

A small but significant number of errors in the development and delivery of these examinations over successive years has necessitated a number of reviews.

Errors were identified in 2022 in the mathematics exam paper and in 2023 there were multiple errors in the mathematics and chemistry exam papers as well as the incorrect distribution of a Chinese second language paper to two schools.

Last year's VCE exams were hit by the unintentional disclosure of examination content

By Bruce Wardley

on sample cover pages published on the VCAA website to allow students to familiarise themselves with the 'look and feel' of the first pages of each examination.

The need to make up for lost time past a critical production deadline led to the flawed suggestion that a new process be adopted for the way sample cover pages were created leading to the unintentional disclosure of questions in 65 of 116 VCE exam papers.

To expedite the production of sample cover pages the previous process which involved creating new files was revised and a new tool was adopted to 'link' the cover page to the finalised examination with restrictions on what could be viewed.

Intended to make up for lost time the revised process instead allowed data on linked pages including stimulus materials and questions to be unintentionally found using commonly available software.

The Department of Education Chief Executive Officer decided that 53 of the 55 exam papers identified as containing sensitive materials should be rewritten, a report by cybersecurity specialists later revealed 65 examinations had been impacted.

In order to meet examination deadlines, the VCAA engaged additional printing contractors and reprinted all examination content but there were several errors in the packaging process and of the 76,000 students



Former VCE mathematics teacher and examiner now Wednesday Breakfast Club Presenter on South Coast FM Richard K. B01\_1825

sitting written VCE examinations a number of students are known to have received an incorrect examination paper.

South Coast FM Breakfast Club Presenter Richard K, a VCE teacher for 43 years and a mathematics specialist said the philosophy of the VCE when it was introduced in 1987 was very good.

"Prior to that everything was exam based," said Mr K.

"I thought the philosophy behind the original VCE was an excellent thing.

Common Assessment Tasks were originally set centrally but even then there were problems with leaks and corruption according to Mr K.

"Exams are far from foolproof. It's like hacking bank accounts when the banks think they have it all sorted but clever minds find a loophole. The error in last year's sample cover pages was

completely avoidable."

A simple (single) PDF version would have been bullet-proof he claimed, sympathetic for VCE students in South Gippsland and the Bass Coast.

"There's got to be justice in the process."

For those disappointed with last year's results Mr K advised students should not make a life judgement on one bad or disappointing outcome.

"You've got to be resilient. There are many pathways to achieve your ambitions and aspirations."

His advice for this year's VCE students is to keep your eye on the prize.

"It's not you versus the rest, it's you showing what you've got. Your time to shine," he said.

With offers of fake exam papers likely to be rife Mr K said it was an integrity thing.

"What does it say about you?"

Mr K said the obvious risk is if you put all your eggs into the one basket relying on what is likely to be a fake paper, you could pull the rug from under your own feet by it being nothing like the real thing.

"If you won the lotto and saw the exam paper beforehand you will no doubt carry the guilt of an undeserved result and won't give yourself the proper preparation to complete your studies at a higher level."

Richard K can be heard on the South Coast FM Breakfast Club from 6am to 9am every Wednesday morning. South Coast FM broadcasts on 88.1, 89.5 and 89.1.



Futurist Steve Sammartino explored Artificial Intelligence in San Remo with Bass Coast Councillor Meg Edwards last week. B02\_1825

## Unleashing the power of Artificial Intelligence on Bass Coast

A FUTURE shaped by Artificial Intelligence (AI) is set to change the world according to futurist and business technologist Steve Sammartino.

Speaking to Bass Coast Shire and local business operators in San Remo Mr Sammartino provided key insights into how a future driven by AI may look.

"The future is here," said Mr Sammartino.

More than 70 participants at the workshop needed little convincing.

"The question is how do we embrace it," he said.

AI is about computers making human-like decisions according to Mr Sammartino.

"With human-like outputs."

ChatGPT was used by Mr Sammartino as an example of a tool that allows you to give verbal instructions to a computer and feel like you are talking to someone who is genuinely curious.

A breakfast keynote speech was followed by a question and answer session and a hands-on workshop organised in response to an Understanding Business in Bass Coast Survey in 2024 where over 35 per cent of respondents expressed a desire to learn more about AI.

Mr Sammartino told the workshop you don't need to learn anything new to embrace this new tool.

A regular visitor to China, Mr Sammartino has spoken to business and local communities in over 40 countries around the globe including Asia, India, Europe, Africa and the USA.

"AI is multi-modal," explained Mr Sammartino.

It can be used for language, maps, information, analysis, images and videos.

Artificial Intelligence can also be used to create computer code for specific software.

"It's a human-based revolution," said Mr Sammartino.

Information on upcoming business training and development event opportunities can be found at [basscoast.vic.gov.au/services/business/business-development-and-training](http://basscoast.vic.gov.au/services/business/business-development-and-training).

## GSHS assures community about local patient choice

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service (GSHS) CEO Lou Sparkes has assured about 70 local residents at a Woorayl Probus club meeting that the freedom to access the care people need – whether through Melbourne, Frankston or locally in Leongatha and Korumburra – won't change and will remain a priority under the new health reform. GSHS has stepped up its commitment to community engagement, kicking off a series of direct conversations with locals about what the Victorian health reform and voluntary merger will mean for South Gippsland residents.

GSHS and Bass Coast Health

(BCH) will merge with Alfred Health, Kooweerup Regional Health Service and Peninsula Health to form a new health service from January 1 next year.

Ms Sparkes said the new service, provisionally titled Bayside Health, would mean better access, equity and connection.

"We're here to make sure our community doesn't get left behind – that people are informed, empowered, and always able to access the care you need close to home."

The Woorayl Probus forum addressed several questions around zoning, navigating care between Foster and Leongatha,

and the challenge of understanding public versus. private systems.

"Many attendees were unaware that the Leongatha Urgent Care Centre is completely free," Ms Sparkes said. "This sparked important discussion around the differences in cost between public and private emergency services."

Ms Sparkes outlined GSHS's new health model with doctors being directly employed rather than contracted. She added that improving access to appointments was a shared national issue.

"The merger creates more opportunities to bring specialists into the rural public system

and improve equity by reducing costs and wait times," she said.

One audience member shared that even with a 95+ ATAR, their grandchild couldn't get into medicine – an anecdote that sparked discussion on the broader pressures in Australia's healthcare system.

Ms Sparkes said GSHS could continue to lead the reform with transparency, community input, and a local-first mindset.

"We want to continue engaging with the South Gippsland community, especially older residents, to ensure they feel informed, valued and connected," she said.



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# South Gippsland Shire Council News

## 2026 Kindergarten Registrations Now Open

Three-year-old and four-year-old kindergarten registrations for 2026 are now open.

To register, simply complete the online registration form and nominate your kindergarten preferences.

To ensure an easy and fair process for all parents, Council operates the central registration system on behalf of all participating kindergartens across South Gippsland.

Registrations must be lodged

by 30 June to receive a first-round offer.

Kindergarten is an important step for young children. It helps them to develop strong social skills and encourages a love of learning. Children that attend kindergarten are more independent and likely to make a smooth transition to primary school.

To find out more or to register, visit:  
[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/kinder](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/kinder)

### Speight Street to be considered for renaming



South Gippsland Shire Council is considering renaming a section of Speight Street in Loch, to Albert Road following a community request.

The current naming does not comply with Geographic Names Victoria's rules, causing potential confusion for road users and emergency services. The proposed change aims to create a clear and logical division at the four-way intersection.

To have your say, visit:  
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#### COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 May 2025 at 2.00pm. Details will be available on Council's website:

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

To watch the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:

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#### CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Join us for a Candlelight Vigil on Wednesday 7 May to honour and remember those whose lives have been lost due to domestic and family violence.

When: 6.30pm

Where: The grassed area between the Council office at 9 Smith Street and Leongatha Memorial Hall.

#### COMMUNITY TRAINING

Council's May and June Community Training Calendar is now available. To see what's on offer and to register for a session, visit:

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

#### REQUEST FOR TENDERS

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

**RFT/443 - 25/26 Resheet Program**

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 27 May 2025.

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

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# LBA breakfast offers handy business tips

BUSINESS owners from Leongatha and surrounds were happy to make an early start to their Friday, hearing from Foster identity Tristan White about business culture and tips on recruiting, staff retention and effective communication.

They enjoyed breakfast at Sweet Life Cafe and the chance to catch up with other business operators, then listened intently to entrepreneur, author and speaker Tristan during the Leongatha Business Association (LBA) event.

Clint Hilder of Foster Service Centre and Deborah Harris of Main Street Revelations in that town were among the listeners, Deborah intently jotting down notes.

She felt the session provided a good chance to reflect on what she has been doing well in her business and to learn what she should consider going forward, glad she got up early to attend.

“He’s a bit of a hometown hero,” Clint said of Tristan, having a copy of Tristan’s book ‘Culture is Everything’ and keen to hear his talk.

“I was mainly coming to find out about staff attraction



Amy Cowan of Cowan Building and Bathrooms, Andrew Ross of Woorayl Lodge and HR consultant for the Lodge Jodie Bennett-Wood look forward to hearing from Tristan White. A16\_1825

and retention because we’ve lost some staff recently and we’re trying to hire some new staff,” Clint said, feeling he picked up some valuable tips.

One of those was confirmation of the need to tailor job advertisements more specifically to the business.

Clint may attend other LBA events, having found the morning worthwhile.

LBA president Marty Reidy described the organisation as “a little association”, telling attendees the aim is to increase its size.

“We’re trying to add value back to the business community,” he said, noting LBA gets access to councillors, and Federal and State Government representatives, enabling it to advocate on behalf of local businesses, and its committee members are always keen to hear feedback from business operators.

The organisation has meetings every six weeks and various events, offering a great opportunity for networking and getting to know other business owners in your area.



Tristan White speaks to attendees at the Leongatha Business Association breakfast on Friday. A17\_1825

Amy Cowan of Cowan Building and Bathrooms attended Friday’s event keen to meet other local business people.

Co-CEO of Woorayl Lodge Andrew Ross attended to keep up to date with what’s happening and support the business association.

A diverse mix of businesses are represented in the LBA membership, including some in retail, hospitality, financial services and trades.

Those considering joining can do so by visiting [lba.org.au](http://lba.org.au).

## Mayor’s Message



Cr John Schelling

I HOPE this message finds you well. Last week, we had the pleasure of hearing from Councillor Bron Beach. I really enjoy sharing this platform with my fellow councillors as it’s an opportunity for everyone to share their passions and interests with our community.

### ANZAC Day

A couple weeks back, my fellow Councillors and I had the honour of attending ANZAC Day services around the region. ANZAC Day is a solemn occasion where we pay our respects to everyone who has served our country. I attended the dawn service in Leongatha and the afternoon service at Mount Eccles. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our local RSLs, who keep the ANZAC Day tradition alive and prevalent in our community.

In particular, I would like to highlight the Leongatha RSL, which is sponsoring two Year 10 students from Leongatha to walk the Kokoda Track in 2026. This incredible opportunity was announced at the Leongatha ANZAC Commemoration Service by Gary Blackwood, one of the initiative’s founders. This once-in-a-lifetime experience will undoubtedly be a profound journey for these students.

### CEO Appointment

I am also very pleased that Allison Jones was appointed Council’s new Chief Executive Officer last week. Ms. Jones brings a wealth of leadership experience in local government and will provide deep insights into both the challenges and opportunities ahead of us. This appointment marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our organisation. My fellow Councillors and I look forward to continuing to work with Ms. Jones for the betterment of this community.

### Register for Kinder in 2026

Registrations for kindergarten in 2026 are now open. You can register via the council’s website, and I encourage you to do so by 30 June to secure your preferred kindergarten. [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/kinder](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/kinder)

### Candlelight Vigil

On Wednesday, Council is hosting a Candlelight Vigil in solidarity of those who have died or been affected by domestic or family violence. This important event symbolises our region’s zero tolerance toward domestic and family violence. I urge our community to show up in support and reverence of this occasion. Please join us on Wednesday, 7 May at 6.30pm, on the grassed area between our office at 9 Smith Street, Leongatha, and Memorial Hall.

### Gippsland Dairy Industry Strategy

Dairy Australia is seeking feedback on the recently released draft Gippsland Dairy Industry Strategy. I really want to encourage our farmers and those with connections to South Gippsland’s dairy industry to take a look and provide feedback.

### 2025 Latrobe Health Services Gippsland Business Awards

Now is the time to cast your nominations for the 2025 Latrobe Health Services Gippsland Business Awards. Small businesses need our support, so if you’re grateful for the coffee shop staff who remember your name and regular coffee order, or love the products in a particular store, show your support and nominate them.

### Mirboo North Lions Club 20 Year Anniversary

Last Saturday night, Di and I had the privilege of attending the Mirboo North Lions Club 20 Year Anniversary at the Grand Ridge Hotel. It was a great celebration with three of the original members (Aaron, Leatha and Chris) in attendance. Congratulations to all of the volunteers at the Mirboo North Lion Club who have continued to support our community for so many years.

## South Gippsland Shire Council announces new CEO

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council has announced the appointment of Allison Jones as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Ms Jones brings a wealth of leadership experience in local government, having most recently served as South Gippsland Shire Council’s Interim CEO and Director of Performance and Innovation.

Prior to joining Council, she held senior executive positions at Bass Coast Shire Council and Latrobe City and has previously served as a Senior Policy Advisor with the Victorian Government.

Mayor John Schelling welcomed the appointment, describing it as a significant win for South Gippsland Shire Council.

“Allison’s appointment builds on the great work already underway at Council

and marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our organisation,” the Mayor said.

“We are thrilled to welcome her to the role. She has shown outstanding leadership over her almost five years with us and brings deep insight into both the challenges and opportunities ahead.”

Mayor Schelling also highlighted the competitiveness of the recruitment process.

“Selecting a CEO is a critical decision, and we were fortunate to consider a wide range of highly experienced candidates. However, Allison stood out due to her substantial expertise across many areas, including finance, governance, planning, risk, investment attraction, advocacy, customer service, and economic development. This breadth of experience will be instrumental in

driving positive outcomes for our community.”

“I warmly congratulate Allison on her appointment and welcome her to the role on behalf of the entire Council,” he added.

In response, Ms Jones said she was honoured and excited to step into the CEO role.

“Leading this remarkable organisation in such a beautiful region is truly a dream come true,” she said.

“I’m particularly excited to be taking on this role as Council prepares to adopt a new Council Plan. I look forward to working closely with Mayor Schelling, Councillors, the organisation and our community to bring the plan to life and deliver meaningful outcomes for South Gippsland.”

Allison Jones will officially commence her appointment on Monday, June 2, 2025.



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## Funding helps Animal Aid continue caring for furry friends

SOUTH Gippsland Animal Aid (SGAA) have received nearly \$20,000 in State Government funding to help purchase equipment to safely secure and transport cats.

SGAA is run by a team of volunteers who have been helping abandoned and injured animals for over forty years.

They provide a safe and secure temporary home for animals in need and make every effort to find them a permanent new home with loving owners.

The funding was spent on cat traps and cages which will help the organisation to humanely secure cats and kittens so they are not harmed and can be checked for a collar, identification tags or microchip or otherwise safely rehomed.

“This grant was a great help with equipment much needed to continue our work,” said a spokesperson for the SGAA.

“We received a desexing grant as well, and we matched it dollar for dollar and spent quite a bit over the amount allotted. But every cat we can help desex helps with the unwanted litters.”

The funding is specifically for not-for-profit and community pet rescue and rehoming groups which help find homes for vulnerable pets.

To date the State Government program has invested \$5 million across 90 organisations, supporting the rehoming of more than 6000 dogs and 12,000 cats.

Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence recently announced that a further \$1.27 million has been awarded to organisations that provide vital rehoming services for cats and dogs.

“These funds will help more rescue cats and dogs find their forever home by making sure they receive the veterinary

work and training they need to make their adoption as successful as possible,” said Ms Spence.

“Our rehoming and rescue organisations do an incredible job caring for vulnerable animals, we’re making sure they have the support they need to continue this great work.”

Delivered as part of the Animal Welfare Fund (AWF) Grants Program, these grants recognise and support the important role animal shelters and rehoming organisations play in caring for and rehabilitating our cats and dogs, offering vulnerable animals a second chance at finding a home.

Since 2014, the AWF Grants Program has awarded more than \$13 million in funding to not-for-profit animal shelters, foster care organisations and community vet clinics to directly improve companion animal welfare in Victoria.



South Gippsland Animal Aid have received nearly \$20,000 in State Government funding to help them continue their important work. ob02\_825



# Leongatha Business Association shares ideas for shire development

LEONGATHA Business Association president Marty Reidy is taking South Gippsland Shire Council up on its invitation to respond to its Draft Council Plan, Budget and Financial Plan, having prepared an extensive submission on behalf of LBA, keen to see the shire maximise its business and tourism opportunities.

While acknowledging the extensive engagement already undertaken by council and its intent to shape a vibrant and inclusive community, LBA wants to see a greater focus on economic development, jobs, industry, infrastructure delivery and planning reform, with council being an enabler of growth.

LBA argues the Community Vision statement that informs the Council Plan needs to provide more specific economic aspirations, showing how the desired future for the Shire can be funded.

Attracting suitable industries and businesses to Leongatha, and South Gippsland more broadly, including another major national food processor, is identified as important by the LBA, and the submission puts forward ideas to drive economic growth in the South Gippsland Shire.

Chatting to the Sentinel-Times, Marty spoke of the need to address the requirement for worker accommodation, and to increase housing, also pondering what more can be done in terms of strategy



**Marty Reidy of Leongatha Business Association has come up with a detailed submission for South Gippsland Shire Council in relation to its latest Draft Plans. A40\_1825**

around local tourism and how to involve the private sector.

Marty said the timeframe of planning approvals locally is an area he hears about frequently, with people saying it takes forever.

“A planning approval should take no more than 90 days from submission but they’re often taking six months, maybe 12 months depending on the type of submission, so that slows down absolutely everything (including) economic growth,” Marty said, with the submission focusing on the goal of determining planning permit application outcomes within the statutory 60 days.

He’d like to see more in the Draft Council Plan about addressing the issue and identifying solutions.

While observing infrastructure improvements are likely

to drive growth, Marty said the Draft Financial Plan highlights a substantial reduction in infrastructure spending in coming years, while staff expenditure is set to significantly increase, questioning whether council should be looking at other areas to reduce expenditure.

LBA identifies the lack of tourist accommodation in South Gippsland as a hurdle that needs to be overcome, noting the possibility of council approaching private sector operators to establish the viability of them coming to the area, and potentially fast-tracking the planning process to facilitate accommodation projects.

It’s all about being proactive and starting the conversation, Marty argues, speaking of approaching suitable business

operators and industry representatives, presenting an attractive case and facilitating a move to the area.

He suggested the possibility of reduced fees, or rate allowances for those establishing businesses to boost South Gippsland Shire’s appeal, along with once again potentially fast-tracking planning approvals.

Marty spoke of enabling people who want to do business to do so, stressing that the resultant economic growth would have a positive impact on council.

“It’s got to give them more scope to do those other things that are important for the community,” he said, explaining that extra revenue generated through growth can be directed to programs that are necessary, potentially reducing reliance on rates.

LBA argues in its submission that council must put economic growth at the centre of everything it does.

“Support private enterprise, fast track approvals, unlock industrial land, solve accommodation shortages and above all, build a region that backs business because when business grows, everything else follows,” president Marty said.

“The Leongatha Business Association stands ready to support a council that’s ready to act,” he declared, urging council to choose ambition and action or get left behind.

## Parliament's largest e-petition on the No New National Parks debate

THE Liberals and Nationals tabled the largest petition in Legislative Council history as anger brewed about the State Government pushing ahead with the expansion of national parks.

More than 40,000 signatures have been received for the No New National Parks petition, which stands up for the rights of those who want to keep accessing our state forests for traditional bush activities.

Shadow Minister for Public Land Management, Melina Bath, is an advocate for better management of public lands, including state forests and national parks, to allow continued access for traditional recreational activities without compromising environmental protection.

In a massive show of support, almost 34,000 concerned bush users signed up online, making it the largest e-petition in Victorian history for both houses of parliament.

Neglecting public land leads to overgrown tracks and, the proliferation of invasive weeds and feral pests, which degrade the environment and pose a threat to native flora and fauna.

Shadow Minister for Public Land Management, Melina Bath, will today table the petition.

“Labor’s flawed policies are not saving vulnerable species, through neglect and mismanagement it is placing them and Victorians at a greater risk of bushfire,” Ms Bath said.

“The Liberals and Nationals will actively manage our public land for better environmental and recreational outcomes.

“Our historic petition is a voice for Victorians who cherish our bush and immerse themselves in nature.”

The debate will be heard in Parliament on Wednesday, May 14 at approximately 5.15pm and will be live-streamed for public access. Visit Tabled petition 9007 – Stop the creation of any new national parks – Parliament of Victoria.

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# Serving up kindness for 10 years at Inverloch Community House

INVERLOCH Community House is marking a major milestone this month, as its Soup Café turns ten. Coinciding with the annual Neighbourhood House Week, the celebration honours a decade of shared meals and friendly conversations.

Held on the second Tuesday of each month from May through to September, the Soup Café offers a welcoming space for anyone in the community to enjoy a bowl of soup, make new friends and feel part of something bigger.

This year's first Soup Café will take place on Tuesday, May 13 from 12 noon to 1.30pm at the Inverloch Community Hub.

As always, no bookings are required, and the cost is simply "pay-as-you-feel," with the funds going back into the Café.

Manager of Inverloch Community House, Lisa Archibald, reflected on the origins of the initiative.

"We had our first Soup Café in 2015 as part of Neighbourhood House Week. It was just meant to be a one-off event, but the response from the community was so positive. We had so many people asking if we could do it again," Ms Archibald said.

Since then, the monthly event has become a fixture on the Inverloch calendar, drawing more and more participants each year.

"Initially, we were serving



**Chris Tuttle (visitor and customer service officer at Inverloch Community Hub), Lisa Archibald (manager of Inverloch Community House), and Barbara Laug (volunteer), at the Inverloch Community Hub ahead of the Soup Café's 10th anniversary. W06\_1825**

around 65 bowls of soup. Last year, our final café had closer to 90-95 serves, which shows just how much the community has embraced it," she said.

Each Soup Café is hosted by a different community group, who prepare three types of soup – typically one meat, one vegetarian and gluten-free, and a third of their choice. Volunteers with food safety training are on hand to support the process and ensure quality.

But the event is about much more than soup.

"It's a really simple way to connect people," said Ms Archibald.

"We encourage guests to sit with someone new, rather than just stick to people they

already know. That's where those meaningful 'ripples of change' can happen – through genuine conversation and connection."

Neighbourhood House Week, held from Monday, May 12 to Sunday, May 18, is a national celebration recognising the work of more than 1000 neighbourhood and community houses across Australia.

This year's Neighbourhood House Week theme, 'Ripples of Change,' celebrates how small actions like a shared meal or a warm smile, can lead to stronger, more connected communities.

Ms Archibald said the Soup Café captures the spirit of the week perfectly.

"It's hosted by the community, for the community. The fact that it's sustained itself over ten years says so much. It's open to everyone, there's no judgement and no expectations. That's what makes it special."

She also offered a word of encouragement to anyone new to the area or hesitant to attend.

"I get that it can be daunting stepping into a room where you don't know anyone. But the space is very open and friendly. The objective is to meet new people, and regulars really help each other feel welcome," she said.

"If that first step feels too big, we also encourage people just to pop into the community house. We're always happy to chat about what's on and what activities might interest you."

As the Soup Café enters its tenth year, Ms Archibald thanked those who have helped along the way.

"A huge thank you to Bass Coast Shire Council, to Paul the Pieman for your ongoing support, and of course to all the volunteers who've been a part of this journey over the last decade."

Whether you're looking to make new friends, support your local community, or simply enjoy a hearty meal, the Soup Café will welcome you with open arms, and a hot bowl of soup.

## Grants to celebrate our volunteers

TO SHOW our volunteers how important they are Bass Coast Shire Council are supporting National Volunteer Week (May 20-26) by offering micro-grants of up to \$100 to help local community groups celebrate the amazing efforts of their volunteers.

Whether it's a morning tea, a sausage sizzle, a small gift, or promoting your group's thank you event, these micro-grants are designed to help make planning your thank you efforts that little bit easier.

Bass Coast has one of the highest volunteering rates in Victoria, with 18 per cent of adults actively volunteering – well above the state average of 13 per cent (ABS Census 2021). From coaching junior sport to planting trees, delivering meals, and running community events, volunteers are the heart and soul of our region.

National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering; it highlights the important role of volunteers in our community and invites people not currently volunteering to give it a go. This year's theme is 'Connecting Communities' – highlighting how volunteering creates lasting relationships that enrich lives and strengthen communities.

Planning an event that's open to the rest of the community is a great way to say thank you and celebrate the spirit of volunteering. If you're hosting an event during National Volunteer Week, don't forget to list it on Council's events page so the whole community can join in!

To be eligible for a micro-grant, applicants must be incorporated not-for-profit groups and cover any costs above the funding provided. The event or activity must take place during National Volunteer Week 2025.

Apply now and show your volunteers just how valued they are.

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Simple card trick that will save loads

JULIAN Finch, leading money expert, founder and CEO of Finch Financial, is encouraging Australians to 'cap the card' in order to spend less, save more and improve their chances of securing a home loan.

With decades of mortgage brokerage experience, Finch has helped thousands of Australians successfully navigate the lending process. Finch Financial has one of the highest loan approval rates in the country, often securing approvals within minutes.

"Eighty per cent of people who apply for a home loan spend too much of their income. It is easy to see that they could save so much more but they don't because they are not making the effort or don't have the will-power," Finch said.

"All they have to do is put a spending cap on their credit card or block it altogether for days at a time, and it forces them not to spend.

"These types of things are easy to do thanks to the clever settings available through most banks' online portals."

Finch said that one simple habit of capping your credit card expenses can make a major difference to both your savings and your ability to get a loan approved.

"Cap the card simply means setting a hard spending limit on your transactions to control your outgoings. It forces you to live within a budget, shows financial discipline to lenders and helps you reach your savings goals faster," Finch said.

"Adding blocks to your credit card actually forces you to stop spending altogether."

It improves your borrowing profile. "Banks closely review your spending habits. Capped spending shows lenders you are responsible with money, which can directly improve your chances of loan approval," Finch said.

"By keeping your daily or weekly spending under control, you allow your savings to grow without constantly dipping into them to cover overspending.

"It also forces you to change your mind on spending. If you can't buy it under your spending cap, then you shouldn't have it."

It also reduces financial stress. "Knowing you have a firm limit helps take the pressure off. You are less likely to experience financial blowouts or struggle with 'bill shock' when your statements arrive," Finch said.

"Small spending decisions compound over time. Setting and sticking to a cap helps you develop discipline that will serve you well beyond the loan application stage.

"Lenders want to see consistency, not chaos. If you can demonstrate that you have control over your everyday spending, you put yourself in a much stronger position to get the loan you want."

Saying no to nuclear energy

By Courtney O'Brien

'NO NUKES for the Valley' is the declaration on the side of a trailer that was driven across the Monash electorate, last week in an effort to raise awareness about the negative impacts of nuclear energy.

Loy Yang power station is coal-fired but has been proposed as one of seven sites on which to build a nuclear power station in a proposal made by the Coalition.

John Ellery and Ken Hardisty from the Communications Workers Union were the pair towing the trailer, which also featured a character similar to Mr Burns – an evil nuclear power plant owner from The Simpsons.

Last week the pair drove through Wonthaggi, Korumburra and Leongatha, looping up and down the main streets, past pre polling stations and stopping to give out bumper stickers to voters.

"It's making voters aware of the issue. The issue hasn't gone away, and they need to consider that when they vote," said Mr Ellery, who was spreading the message across to Bairnsdale on Wednesday.

John and Ken have no political affiliation and are acting in response both to community concerns around nuclear power and the dangers being highlighted by experts about having a nuclear power station close to a large population.

Particular concerns include safety issues, in regard to keeping



John Ellery and Ken Hardisty from the Communications Workers Union, last week, were driving across the Monash electorate to bring attention to the dangers of nuclear energy. C01\_1825

a power station going to avoid a meltdown, health issues, a lack of jobs for locals, only being able to provide about four percent of Australia's energy requirements and using what has been dubbed as 'yesterday's technology'.

"Worldwide, it's gone from 20 per cent nuclear generation down to nine per cent. So, the rest of the world is now stepping away from it. When you look statistically at the other power stations across the world, within close proximity of those stations, they say, within two decades there's an extremely high number of birth defects in children. There's cancer, on-going cancer associated just to the background radiation of the people living within those areas," explained Ken.

Ken also mentioned that a UK study demonstrated that property values within an 80-kilometre radius of a nuclear power station generally dropped, in the first instance, by 20 per cent.

"There is no actual justification for using nuclear compared to renewables. Also, what you look at in the costing, when they say that the costings have gone from trillions down to billions with the Dutton plan, those costings don't take into consideration the cost of getting water, the cost to the communities, the cost of all the infrastructure you need, mine rehabilitation in places where this infrastructure is," explained John.

"The pretext of the seven power stations that they're saying they're going to build, is

that they'll build them in a place where they can plug them into the grid. The actual grid in the valley with the Delburn Wind Farm generation that's going in, it's enough that the grid is actually full. There's no capacity in the grid to take on a nuclear power station. So, that's just an absolute fallacy."

While voting for the Federal Election wrapped up on Saturday, John and Ken believe the issue won't go away.

"Particularly given there's a lot of vested interests wanting to pursue this nuclear madness, and so we suspect that it'll keep on going, and certainly a lot of the small community groups who are opposed to nuclear power will continue their struggle," John said.



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# Remembering the Fall of Saigon

ON APRIL 30, 2025, Vietnamese Australians stood alongside Vietnam Veterans to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon, pausing to remember the profound loss.

In 1975, fifty years ago, the day marked the end of a brutal conflict, and also the beginning of an exodus for many, fleeing their cherished homeland for an unknown future.

For many Vietnamese, including those who would later call Australia home, the journey was one of peril and determination.

Nicky Chung, a Bass Coast resident, recalls her family's dramatic escape from Vietnam in 1979.

"I have always admired the incredible courage of my parents," she said.

"They risked everything to bring my sister and two brothers to safety."

Her parents left in the middle of the night, departing by a modest boat. The family were ambushed by pirates, their fragile hope almost lost – until a Thai fishing vessel arrived, rescuing them and taking the family to Songkhla refugee camp in Thailand.

Nicky's father, a former Vietnamese soldier who had once fought alongside US troops, knew his life was at risk when the war ended.

"There was a target on his back," she explained.

"The American delegation arrived to collect us at the refugee camp, but my Dad was out at the time; another boat of Vietnamese had come to shore. It was the Australian delegation that eventually picked us up."

It is estimated that up to one-third of those who attempted to escape never completed the tumultuous journey, dying at sea.

The legacy of that turbulent era continues to reverberate throughout Australia – not only in the harrowing memories of those who fled but also in the enduring spirit of compassion that welcomed them.

Earlier this year, the Australian Vietnamese Women's Association, where Nicky is the CEO, hosted a commemorative event at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum on Phillip Island to express heartfelt thanks to the Australian soldiers who, through acts of bravery and humanitarianism, helped secure safe passage for countless refugees.

Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead attended the event:

"This milestone carries deep meaning for so many people – for the Vietnam Veterans who served with courage, and for the Australian Vietnamese community, many of whom came to this country seeking safety and a fresh start. Their stories are woven into the fabric of

our nation, and today, we acknowledge their resilience, their contributions, and the shared history that connects us all."

Last week, on April 30, Nicky attended a service at Sunshine RSL, where Vietnamese refugees sat shoulder-to-shoulder with both Australian and Vietnamese veterans. The service was an emotional mix of sorrow for the separation of a cherished homeland, family and friends, and equally filled with deep gratitude for the kindness that paved the path for new beginnings.

The scars of the Vietnam War are a sombre part of Australian history too.

According to records from the Australian War Memorial, over 60,000 Australians served in Vietnam, and 523 lost their lives in a conflict that reshaped the national consciousness. Many thousands were wounded in service to a cause that remains both debated and deeply remembered.

Across the country, countless Australian families opened their homes and hearts to Vietnamese refugees. Today, Vietnamese Australians are woven into the very fabric of multicultural Australia – thriving in business, contributing to the arts and community, as Nicky does, as a proud Rotarian, giving back to her community here in Bass Coast.



Nicky at the 50th anniversary at Sunshine RSL on April 30, marking the Fall of Saigon.



Mayor Rochelle Halstead with Scouts at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum on March 1.



Nicky's family from left, her father, sister, (Nicky), brother, mother and younger brother.

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# An innovative model of healthcare for patients

ATTICUS Health is a social enterprise set up by doctors who are passionate about helping every patient maximise their experience of life.

Running the Korumburra Medical Centre, Atticus Health uses an innovative, patient-centred approach through the SEAM model – Simple, Emotive, Aged Care; which combines both health and social care.

Through case conferencing and training, clinicians and other healthcare professionals work together to deliver targeted, integrated and individualised health and home care.

This model helps to prevent the isolation often experienced by housebound patients, enabling them to receive comprehensive care in their own homes.

“We’re trying to bridge that gap with patients, elderly people, who are struggling to come to the clinic because they’re getting more housebound,



Atticus Health uses an innovative model to deliver comprehensive, targeted and integrated health and home care - Nathan (gardener), Rebecca (care manager), Jean, Kim (carer), with founder, Dr Floyd Gomes (GP).

and that’s what’s sort of led me on this journey,” said Dr Floyd Gomes, founder of Atticus Health.

Dr Gomes explained that through attending GP conferences over the

years, he discovered Denmark have an outstanding healthcare model.

By leveraging off this model and using the opportunities in Australia’s own healthcare system,

he seeks to drive the synergy of this, to create a powerful, collaborative and innovative approach to healthcare.

“The people who do this truly, really well, often will go to places in Denmark. The Danish communities have these municipalities, and one of them is called Varde, and I just think it’s worthwhile saying, we’ve got all the tools there now to achieve that, and to truly do something really special, leveraging off what’s done in a place like Denmark.”

A key element of the SEAM model is that the whole person or organisation, and their goals

and aspirations are considered first.

A deep understanding of that allows for the best decisions and outcomes to be reached in partnership with the patient, their carer and the health and social care team, or organisation.

Doug was one of Atticus Health’s first patients. He suffered severe COPD, which affected most aspects of his life and led to multiple hospital admissions.

To help Doug avoid so many hospital admissions, Atticus Health held a case conference with his GP, carer, case manager and physiotherapist, to create an

action plan for when he becomes unwell at home.

The plan included using a nebuliser, checking the colour of his sputum if he was coughing more than usual, and sending a sample to check for bacterial growth – under the guidance of the care manager and GP.

The action plan was put into place on many occasions and getting on top of it quickly with a change of antibiotics, meant that Doug was able to avoid a hospital admission for an entire 12 months.

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#### Community Information Sessions

If you’d like to know more about **labour and logistics**, or any other topics related to the decommissioning of platforms and pipelines in Bass Strait, the Esso Consultation Team along with **presentations from CMA Contracting (Dismantling and Recycling Contractor) and Qube (Operators of Barry Beach Marine Terminal)**, will be hosting community information sessions at the following locations:

- Monday 19 May 2025 - Welshpool**  
Welshpool Memorial Hall  
49 Main Street
- Tuesday 20 May 2025 - Foster**  
Foster War Memorial Arts Centre  
Main Street
- Wednesday 21 May 2025 - Leongatha**  
Leongatha Memorial Hall  
6-8 McCartin Street
- Monday 26 May 2025 - Yarram**  
The Yarram Hub  
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- Tuesday 27 May 2025 - Lakes Entrance**  
The Bellevue Hotel  
201 The Esplanade
- Wednesday 28 May 2025 - Sale**  
The Criterion Hotel  
90 Macalister Street

All the above sessions will run from **5.00pm - 7.00pm** with a **presentation** about Esso’s operations with a focus on decommissioning projects.

We encourage you to come along and ask questions or to raise any concerns you may have. Please **register your attendance** by emailing: [consultation@exxonmobil.com](mailto:consultation@exxonmobil.com)

If these dates and times don’t suit, please contact us at [consultation@exxonmobil.com](mailto:consultation@exxonmobil.com) or by phone on 03 9261 0000.



The Esso Consultation Team will also be available to discuss all current activities, including:

- Bass Strait State Waters Environment Plan
- Bass Strait Environment Plan
- Jack-Up-Rig Plug & Abandonment Revision 1 Environment Plan
- Turrum Phase 3 Drilling Environment Plan
- Decommissioning Planning Campaign 1A

#### Like to be consulted about these activities?

Esso is working to identify and consult with relevant persons [stakeholders] whose functions, interests, or activities may be affected by one or more of Esso’s proposed activities.

Complete the [Esso Consultation Questionnaire \(sli.do\)](#) in the Esso Consultation Hub to let us know if you’d like to be consulted or have any questions or feedback.

Refer to the NOPSEMA brochure [Consultation on offshore petroleum environment plans brochure.pdf \(nopsema.gov.au\)](#) to understand more about consultation on offshore petroleum environment plans assessed under the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2023.

Your feedback and our response will be included in the relevant regulatory application documentation and submitted to the regulator.

#### Please connect us with other interested people

If there is anyone you know who may be interested in our activities, we encourage you to share this information with them.

#### To find out more information



For more information about Esso’s activities and other projects, please go to the Esso Consultation Hub at: <https://corporate.exxonmobil.com/locations/australia/our-approach>

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## 20-year milestone and \$280,000 raised

THE Mirboo North Lions Club celebrated their 20th anniversary by holding a dinner for nearly 100 community members at the Grand Ridge Brewery recently.

The night was emceed by Korumburra Lions Club member Roger Powell, while founding member Liz Morris, spoke about how the club got started.

It was the Strzelecki Lions Club who initially acted as the supporting club for the Mirboo North Lions, with Peter Ryan, previous MP, also helping to get things underway.

Chris McKay, another founding member, and one of only three charter members that remain in the club today, was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, Lions Club International, on the night. “We announced the Melvin Jones award to Chris McKay, which is the highest award you can award from the Lions – for general community work,” said Judy Jackson, secretary of Mirboo North Lions Club.

He’s one of those people who you ask him to help, and he’s already got it done. He’s just a quiet achiever.

\$280,000 has been raised by the Lions over two decades, mostly from barbecues, raffles, the Mirboo North Op-shop and a few Show n’ Shines thrown in.



Charter members of Mirboo North Lions Club were presented with plaques at the clubs recent 20th anniversary celebrations. Aaron Wilson, Leatha Peters, and Chris McKay, in addition, Chris was presented with the prestigious Melvin Jones Award, named after the organisation’s founder. Photo: Rob Waycott.

“It just all adds up,” said Judy.

The money raised by the club is donated to individuals, organisations and causes of their choosing.

The majority of funds go to the local community, while some goes to the Australian Lions Foundation, who distribute it for natural disasters nationwide, and some goes overseas towards international disasters.

The most memorable donation the club made, as recalled by Judy, was to a local boy who had cerebral palsy.

Equipment was purchased so the boy and his

family could manage better at home.

“It really, really, gave us a buzz because we were helping someone, one single person, physically. It’s mostly groups that we were helping, but this was a real one-on-one thing that made a huge difference,” recounted Judy.

The Mirboo North Lions Club seek to continue their efforts for at least another 20 years and are always keen to welcome new members to join them.

For more information about Mirboo North Lions Club, contact Judy Jackson on 0419 370 770.





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## Affordability for renters overlooked in Gippsland

NEW rental affordability figures released on Wednesday, April 30, by Anglicare Victoria show that renters are the real victims of Australia's housing crisis.

"We have heard a lot in this election campaign about how both major parties are wanting to enable people to realise the 'Australian dream' of owning your home, but there is also an Australian dream that supercedes this – which is actually having a home to live in," Anglicare Victoria Gippsland Acting Regional Director Katrina Stone said. "Neither major party is doing enough for those who are struggling to find somewhere affordable to rent in Gippsland that puts them immediately into housing stress."

Anglicare Victoria's 2025 Rental Affordability Snapshot (RAS) is an annual survey of available rental properties, which measures their affordability for people receiving minimum wage or relying on income support payments.

"For people getting by on support payments, the 2025 Rental Affordability Snapshot shows that private rentals are almost impossible to secure. After decades of under-investment, Victoria has the lowest proportion of social housing in the country," Ms Stone said. "Over 65,000 Victorians are currently on the public housing waiting list. The number of young people under the age of 25 on the waitlist is growing, as is the number of those waiting for housing that are fleeing family violence."

According to this year's RAS, no available rentals in the state were affordable for singles on Youth Allowance or JobSeeker.

"Young people leaving state care are at high risk of homelessness, and we need governments to allocate a proportion of public housing exclusively for this group of young people."

The RAS also found that just one property was affordable for a single parent with a child over 14 who relies on Centrelink as their sole source of income.

"The rental affordability situation is so dire, some parents trying to escape violence with their kids have no choice but to head back into the lion's den. It's that or homelessness."

The RAS found that some on minimum wage fared better, but only if they were in metro Melbourne. Thanks to the minimum wage boost and a 1.7 per cent dip in Melbourne rents compared to the year before, minimum wage workers in the city were able to afford 19 per cent of the available properties, up from 14.5 per cent in 2024. In regional Victoria, rents increased by 3.6 per cent.

The state government's 2023 Housing Statement pledged to deliver 260,000 homes over the next 10 years, but only around 700 additional social homes.

"The real implications of this data we see walking through our doors every day are that of families and individuals on the brink of homelessness, who can't afford a roof over their heads as well as food, medication, transport, and all the other costs that keep rising," Ms Stone said.

"The fact is, we need at least 60,000 new social housing properties across the state over the next decade to meet demand. Right now, we are seriously lagging, and every day more people are being left behind."

# Family business Van Steensel Timbers marks 60-year milestone

VAN Steensel Timbers of Grantville and Officer marked 60 years of trading recently, with promotions, special giveaways and barbecues held throughout April to celebrate the milestone.

The Grantville store was established about 35 years ago, an addition to the Officer business.

Now thriving, the business grew from humble beginnings in 1965, after Jan Van Steensel began sourcing second-hand timber from building sites, demolitions and auctions, to sell, before branching out into new building materials.

Jan and Freda Van Steensel's four sons later took over the business and continue to run the two store locations, with Steve and Bruce managing the Grantville store and Peter and David managing the Officer store.

Steve puts their ongoing success and longevity down to being a family business, priding themselves on customer service and the willingness to go the extra mile for their customers.

Van Steensel Timbers in Grantville has continued to expand over the years, offering not only a huge range of timber, but also hardware, tools and gardening equipment, with a nursery also being



**Brothers Bruce and Steve Van Steensel recently celebrated 60 years of the family run business, Van Steensel Timbers located in Grantville and Officer.** ob01\_1825

added about four years ago.

Being in a key location and with a huge increase in the population locally, the demand for goods and services has grown, especially in the past ten years, commented Steve.

"Officer is right in the nitty-gritty of suburbia with their customer base being mainly trade and many of those being customers from the very beginning, which is a huge testament to the service that has been brought forward with the generations. Whereas down here, we're kept busy

with our locals and our loyal trade customers – it is such a growing area, Corinella, Coronet Bay, Phillip Island, San Remo, Grantville, Wonthaggi, Inverloch," explained Steve.

"We have trucks traveling all over Melbourne, with communication and stock transfers between the two stores on a daily basis."

Living locally himself, Steve is actively involved in the community and Van Steensel Timbers have always been happy to support local sporting clubs, and other groups and organisations through

sponsorships.

However, what Steve and the team enjoys most about working in the family business is having the opportunity to make other people happy.

"People come in and we give them a quote or advice to help them with their projects and often get feedback and photos, and gratitude when completed. Our trade customers are the same, often showing us photos of finished jobs which gives us all a sense of team effort satisfaction."

## Spinning wool and spinning stories at the Spin-in

IT WAS a celebration of creativity, friendship and craft centred around wool and natural fibres last Friday, when the Coal Creek Spinners and Weavers held their Spin-In.

Spinners from all over rolled in with their spinning wheels and fabric projects to catch up with long lost friends, make new ones, learn new skills and see what others were creating.

The Spin-in was an annual event held by the Coal Creek Spinners and Weavers (CCSW) before COVID and will become an annual event once again.

"We'll continue to have annual spin-ins and invite spinning groups from all around. There are spinning groups from Montrose, from Box Hill, from McClellan, which is Langwarrin, from Koorooman which is Leongatha, Morwell and Melbourne," said CCSW member Jo McLeay.

The other groups also hold Spin-ins which CCSW members enjoy attending.

"It's a matter of continuing to build networks, and you can learn off each other too," said Jenny Vidler from CCSW.

Jenny recounted one Spin-in where she noticed a lady making a wonderful scarf, who then showed Jenny the pattern, which she has used several times over since, and has even passed the pattern on to others.

A red carpet was rolled out at the event with attendees bringing along their best hand-knitted or home-spun shawl to show off on the catwalk in a fashion parade.



**Jenny Vidler, Jo McLeay and Dawne Wylie from the Coal Creek Spinners, enjoy the craft and the company at the Spin-in on Friday.** ob07\_1825

"It's just for the fun of it, really," said Jo.

Humans have been spinning before there was written language, with evidence of Neanderthals using the technique, explained the spinners.

"It's a technology that was able to help them stay warm and to create things like baskets and ropes and nets and things like that. So spinning is a very old technique."

Reportedly, European ladies would collect all the little bits of wool which had caught on

bushes and twigs from their sheep, and they would rub the fibres up and down on their leg to turn it into a piece of thread.

This led to the development of stick spinning, rock spinning and, of course, spinning wheels.

"Being able to use a wheel means that you can add twist faster and it's still human power," said Jenny.

Typically, spinners use what they spin, to knit, weave, crochet, dry felt or wet felt, quilt and create all myriad of wonderful practical and creative

fabric works.

"A lot of these things are too labour intensive, but it's so worthwhile," added Jenny.

The Spin-in coincided with the CCSW's exhibition – Spin a Yarn – which features a stunning array of work and showcases the talent of these fabric artists; on until Monday, May 26 at Coal Creek Park and Museum.

CCSW are always happy to welcome new spinners – no experience necessary. For more information contact Jo McLeay on 0402 087 017.



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Luke Chetcuti, Annick Cerdor, Lindy Clemann, Eva Cereti and Justin Smith at the Yooralla stand. A04\_1825



Tim Mackie and Paul Drew were among the friendly representatives of New Wave Gippsland welcoming people to the Self Advocacy Expo at Leongatha Memorial Hall. A01\_1825



Peyton, Jess, Kat (New Wave Gippsland), Kara (Yooralla), Sarah, and Paul (New Wave Gippsland) enjoy the photo booth at the Self Advocacy Expo. A05\_1825



Clients of Yooralla demonstrate their ability to advocate for themselves. A02\_1825



Will, Corran and Craig of Yooralla enjoy the photo booth.



Annick Cerdor directs performers from Yooralla during Tuesday's Self-Advocacy Expo. A03\_1825

# Self advocacy highlighted in Leongatha

TUESDAY'S Self Advocacy Expo in Leongatha, co-organised by New Wave Gippsland and Yooralla, brought together representatives of those organisations and a range of service providers, drawing attention to the rights and ability of those with disability to speak for themselves.

New Wave Gippsland is a self advocacy network for those with intellectual disabilities or acquired brain injuries, which has groups on the Bass Coast, in South Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley, and runs a Rainbow Pride group (LGBTIQ+).

It's all about grassroots self advocacy, being member run for members rather than being a service provider, offering members the chance to be leaders, with staff supporting the groups.

New Wave partners with various organisations in the communities in which it operates, such as Yooralla.

Paul Drew has been a member of New Wave for about 10 years and is a peer worker for Bass Coast and South Gippsland, and described how his involvement has changed his outlook.

"I've learned how to speak up for myself and help other people do the same," he said, adding that he also learned he can say 'no' if he needs to.

Tim Mackie has belonged to New Wave for three or four years, saying it taught him about the concept of self advocacy and has led to him travelling around the State being involved in self advocacy initiatives.

"It's given my life a sense of purpose it was lacking previously," Tim said.

Annick Cerdor, assistant manager at Yooralla in Leongatha, said the organisation focuses on clients having a say in what they want to do and on building their independence wherever possible.

Therefore, self advocacy is seen as crucial, fostering close ties with New Wave.

New Wave's Jess Cottle, project worker for Bass Coast and South Gippsland, visits Yooralla in Leongatha every Wednesday chatting with clients, reminding them about advocacy and helping them address any challenges.

Empowerment of the clients and ensuring they understand they have the same rights as everyone else are at the heart of the visits.

A lively Yooralla contingent brightened up the Leongatha Memorial Hall on Tuesday, first confidently striding laps and brandishing signs that showed they are not afraid to make themselves heard.

They then took to the stage, displaying their dance skills, former dancer Annick having helped bring the performance together.

Both the creation of the signs and the desire to perform were client-driven, Annick explaining she is inspired by their ideas and helps with organisation.

Yooralla Leongatha is open Monday to Friday between 9am and 3pm, Annick noting it also operates extended hours and offers excursions that have included trips to Chadstone and Fountain Gate, mini golf and a visit to Crown Casino.





**Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault representatives help people understand their rights. Standing: Ben Corcoran, Alisha Gilliland, Ellie Stubbs and Josh Latham. Seated: Rachael Walters and Beth Minster.** A08\_1825



**Rebecca McLoughlin, business relationship manager at Plan Partners, at Leongatha Memorial Hall on Tuesday.** A07\_1825



**Marketing and promotions officer at Interchange Gippsland Abbey McColl explains the services the organisation provides.** A09\_1825

# Lots of opportunities for disability advocacy and support

ALONG with organisers Yooralla and New Wave Gippsland, representatives of other organisations were on hand at Tuesday's Self Advocacy Expo in Leongatha, letting those with disability know about available support and encouragement.

NDIS manager at Workforce Plus, Kath Moodie, explained the not-for-profit organisation has a presence throughout Gippsland, helping those aged 16 and over, with a focus on employment pathways and providing group and individual support.

"Predominantly, it's about work-based learning, so we go into employment places and do teaching on the job," she said.

Business relationship manager at Plan Partners, Rebecca McLoughlin, outlined the services the organisation provides for those receiving NDIS funding, across two main areas, plan management and support coordination.

"We help support participants with their plan and utilising their funding in the best possible way," she said, noting a support coordination team is in place to work with clients to achieve that, with

building people's capacity a key aim.

That capacity building includes providing assistance with the administration and finance side of people's plans, guidance available to navigate challenges such as ensuring invoices are compliant and that people are staying within their budgets.

Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault also had a presence at Tuesday's Expo.

The service supports people who have been impacted by sexual assault, generally doing so through counselling and advocacy.

A social and sexual safety program for people with cognitive disability has been created and delivered by people with cognitive disability.

That ties in with the philosophy of, "nothing about us without us" and the aim of giving those with disability a strong voice.

Peer educators such as Ben Corcoran collaborate with Federation University, which has been conducting extensive research and helping ensure content is appropriate.

"Under the new funding we've

got, we've redeveloped the program to make it more approachable," he said.

Respect, rights and relationships are key focuses.

Interchange Gippsland was also represented at Leongatha Memorial Hall, being a disability support organisation that links in with other services, that prompting it to support Expo co-organiser New Wave.

Interchange runs a program for adults between 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday, the age bracket extending from 18 to about 65.

"We do lots of community connections during that service; participants might go out into the community and do swimming or cooking, so we like to get them out of the office and connecting with other community groups," Abbey McColl, the organisation's marketing and promotions officer said.

One-to-one support is available as well as group services and support with NDIS plans and linking in with other services.

Services for children and teenagers mainly run on holidays and weekends.

Interchange Gippsland has

offices in Wonthaggi, Morwell and Bairnsdale.

Intake officer Lauren Robertson of Gippsland Disability Advocacy was on hand to explain its services.

"We provide free, independent advocacy to those with a disability and the advocacy can be on different levels, whether it's somebody needing general advice or referral to a different service," she said.

Others are looking for support to help them advocate for themselves.

"We want to empower those who have the capacity to advocate for themselves but maybe they just need a little bit more support, and for those who cannot speak for themselves, we can represent them as an advocate," Lauren explained.

Gippsland Disability Advocacy has offices in Wonthaggi, Traralgon and Bairnsdale, providing advocacy throughout Gippsland.

As well as learning about available opportunities, Expo attendees enjoyed posing at the photo booth in front of a vibrant rainbow background, some also seeing an entertaining performance from Yooralla clients.

Can you help boost access and inclusion in South Gippsland?

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council officers were present at Tuesday's Self Advocacy Expo in Leongatha to ensure attendees are aware of the opportunity to submit an expression of interest to join council's Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee, which meets monthly.

The committee is made up of a group of dedicated advocates living and working in South Gippsland and with a diverse set of personal and professional experiences.

It provides feedback on plans and policies as well as a voice on key community issues.

Advice and ideas from the committee will help council create an Access and Inclusion Action Plan, a plan for equitable access to goods, services and facilities across the shire.

As well as those with disability, applications are encouraged from people who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, members of the LGBTQI+ community and those from diverse ethnic backgrounds.

There are 11 current committee members who meet once a month in Leongatha, generally on a Monday evening, with an online option available.

Those interested in joining the committee can find out more and apply at [yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au) or contact Council on 5662 9200 and ask to speak to Lucinda Young or Sophie Bolding.



**Disability support worker Louise Van Eck and NDIS manager Kath Moodie represent Workforce Plus at the Self Advocacy Expo.** A06\_1825



**Lauren Robertson, intake officer at Gippsland Disability Advocacy, is happy to chat about available services.** A10\_1825



# Nominations open to recognise Victorian seniors

THE State Government is encouraging all Victorians to recognise the valuable contributions of older members of the community by nominating them for the 2025 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.

Minister for Ageing Ingrid Stitt announced that nominations are now open for this year's awards, which celebrate older Victorians who generously share their time, skills and experience to benefit their communities.

For more than three decades, the awards have highlighted the important role older Victorians play in strengthening the state, from supporting local communities to leading organisations that drive statewide change.

Last year, Professor Manjula Datta O'Connor was named Victorian Senior of the Year for her work supporting women facing family violence. Other recipients were recognised for fostering inclusion, promoting health and wellbeing, honouring veterans, and empowering fellow older Victorians.

There are six categories of awards in 2025, including:

- 1. The Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year for outstanding and lasting contribution to their community and Victoria
- 2. The Council on the Ageing (COTA) Victoria Senior Achiever Award for significant contribution to local communities
- 3. The Emerging Impact Award recognising new volunteers who are already making an impact in their community
- 4. The Positive Ageing Award for promoting wellbeing and active ageing
- 5. The Promotion of Multiculturalism Award for advancing cultural diversity
- 6. The Veteran Community Award for service to the veteran community.

The awards will be presented in October at a ceremony as part of the annual Victorian Seniors Festival. All eligible nominees will receive a certificate of recognition for their contributions.

Nominations are open online until Sunday, June 1, and nominees must be aged 60 years or older, or 50 years or older for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorians.

To nominate a deserving older Victorian, visit [seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards](http://seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards).

# Running in the Shadows hit the stage in Wonthaggi

EXPERIENCE Australia's premier tribute to Fleetwood Mac – Running in the Shadows.

Running in the Shadows is Australia's longest-running tribute to this iconic band, and will perform at Wonthaggi Union Theatre on Friday, July 4.

Unlike any other band, Running in the Shadows delivers energy and enthusiasm night after night as they explore Fleetwood Mac's music to pay homage to the superstar band.

You will hear all your favourites, Gypsy, Landslide, Don't Stop, Rhianon, Dreams, Everywhere, Go your own way, The Chain... and many more.

From the early hits from Peter Green's music, through to the Rumours album era, spanning up to Tango In The Night and even some of Stevie Nicks' solo material, there is something for every Fleetwood Mac fan to enjoy.

Audience members who have seen The Australian Fleetwood Mac show in the past have found it hard to believe they were not experiencing the real deal on stage.

# To mum with love this Mother's Day

## Inverloch launches Mother's Day guide

THE Inverloch Tourism Association (ITA) is excited to announce the launch of the Inverloch Guide to Mother's Day, the latest in the Visit Inverloch series of information guides – just in time to help you plan the perfect celebration for Mum or that special mother figure in your life. This thoughtfully curated guide is packed with heartfelt gift ideas and memorable dining experiences, all from ITA member businesses that know how to make Mum feel special – because many of them are mums themselves!

Among the featured businesses:

- The Inverloch Esplanade Hotel (Invy Espy) has just launched a scrumptious new menu, making it an ideal destination for a relaxed Mother's Day lunch or dinner. Early favourites like the indulgent steak sandwich are already drawing attention – and yes, your favourite pub

classics are still on the menu.

- Greener Life Inverloch is offering funky foliage combos for just \$25 – a winning gift idea for plant-loving mums. These vibrant plant-and-pot pairings are the perfect way to bring a little greenery and colour into Mum's home.

- Green Heart Café and Providore will be open all weekend long for breakfast, brunch, lunch, morning and afternoon tea. Their fresh housemade goodies are a treat in themselves – including a wide range of gluten-free options, plus a fabulous lunch menu designed to suit all tastes.

- Mookah, Inverloch's go-to boutique for quality, comfort and brands chosen for their ethical values, has just restocked the ultra-popular locally designed Merry People boots – a winter essential reflecting freedom, playfulness and being ready for anything. Even better? Each

pair comes with a free pair of fun socks, to give mum another reason to smile.

The guide also includes plenty of options to dine out with mum over the weekend with local cafes, restaurants and pubs ready to welcome you and Mum with warm hospitality, fresh local produce, and plenty of sweet and savoury treats.

"Inverloch has so much heart, and it really shines through in how our local businesses have embraced Mother's Day," said Mick Asbury from Offshore Digital, ITA VP and developer of the Visit Inverloch website and digital guides.

The Inverloch Guide to Mother's Day is now available online at [visitinverloch.co/mothers-day-in-inverloch](http://visitinverloch.co/mothers-day-in-inverloch) or scroll [visitinverloch.com.au](http://visitinverloch.com.au).

This Mother's Day, support local, celebrate love, and show Mum just how much she means – the Inverloch way.



Dress mum up this Mother's Day with a new piece from Jorgia Kate, Leongatha.

## Endless gift ideas in Leongatha

LOOKING to spoil Mum this Mother's Day in Leongatha? Start her day right with a thoughtful gift set or luxury beauty treats from Nagel's Amcal Pharmacy. From soft leather accessories by Gabee and Louenhide to the radiant Marc Jacobs Daisy Eau So Fresh Glow and indulgent skincare from Estée Lauder, she can pamper herself in true style.

To keep Mum looking and feeling her best, stop by Jorgia Kate – a boutique lovingly established by mother-daughter duo Cheryl and Maddi. With a curated selection of classic, casual and versatile wardrobe staples, and expert guidance on

hand, you'll find the perfect piece – or an entirely new look – to suit her style.

Once she's dressed to impress, take Mum downtown for a bite to eat, a cheeky prosecco, and a relaxing moment with friends or family. Whether it's a cosy café brunch or a sunny spot by the window, Leongatha's welcoming hospitality scene has something for every mood.

And if Mother's Day looks a little different this year – no one said you can't treat yourself. Take a walk, grab your favourite coffee, or simply enjoy a quiet moment. However you choose to spend it, Leongatha's local businesses are here to help make it meaningful.

## Newhaven Kindergarten celebrate their special person this Mother's Day

THIS Mother's Day, the children of Newhaven Kindergarten's three and four-year-old programs have been learning about and appreciating the special people in their lives, those who make them feel safe, loved and heard.

Educator Sarah said the centre acknowledges and discusses what this looks like for all of their families and fosters the understanding that this is not the same for any one family.

"The children are interested in sharing ideas and learning about the special people and mothers in others' lives, and what they do that makes them feel happy and special," said Sarah.

The children have been creating links to their environment and building on sustain-

able practices, which is very important at Newhaven Kindergarten. "This year, in the lead up to Mother's and Special Person Day, in our three- and four-year-old classes, the children have spent time creating necklaces and small jewellery trays out of clay. They've carefully decorated these with recycled sea glass."

Involving family and building community is an integral part of creating a strong sense of belonging for all the children at Newhaven Kindergarten. Sarah shared that the children are excited to host their mothers and special guests for morning or afternoon tea. Along with enjoying tasty treats made by the children, guests will also be invited to participate in activities with their child.



Luca, teacher Angelo Sarith, Wesley, and Laiken prepare homemade gifts for their special person this Mother's Day.



# To mum with love this Mother's Day

## Indulge mum this Mother's Day at Revive

BEING a mum, carer or guardian is no small feat – whether she's rocking school drop-offs or smashing glass ceilings, the work never really ends. Even when the nest is empty, the love (and the workload) never stops.

So this Mother's Day, treat her to the relaxation she deserves with a luxurious spa package, indulgent gift voucher or rejuvenating treat from Revive Beauty and Spa in Wonthaggi.

Let her slow down and surrender to pure bliss.

Specially designed for Mother's Day, give her the ultimate indulgence with the 'Revive-Her' Signature Spa Experience. Unwind with a wellness massage, followed by a sensory journey facial, dreamy hot oil head massage, rejuvenating foot scrub and restoring eye treatment, and walk away with a bonus Salus Sleep Essentials Set including a heat pack and sleep spray.

Or nurture the Nurturer with a divine 120-minute package including hot



**Give mum a gift that nourishes, restores and lets her glow from the inside out this Mother's Day. C16\_1825**

stone massage, sensory journey facial, hot oil hair treatment, head massage, hot and cold stone face massage and hydration mask.

Maybe a little pick me up with the Reviver. A soul-soothing full body massage, botanical facial, hot oil hair treatment, head massage, peppermint and thyme foot scrub and warm mud foot massage that'll leave her floating.

Want to customise her experience? Choose from luxe treatments like a volcanic hot stone massage,

glow-boosting facial, lash lift, mani, pedi or more.

Bonus offer: Receive a free Revive candle when you purchase a 90-minute spa package of her choice. From The Ocean Healer to The Hawaiian Body Melt and The Dreaming to The Ocean Escape and The Balinese Ritual let her unwind in rejuvenating bliss.

No matter what you choose each is crafted to melt away the stress and awaken the senses.

Looking for a gift she can use at home? The entrance is filled with a wide array

of gift sets and at-home treatments alongside Revive's own curated range that features hand-poured candles, reed diffusers and mini diffusers – perfect for the car, laundry or bedside table, all made right here in South Gippsland.

Even better – spend \$130 on gift vouchers in-store and receive a free hanging diffuser to add an extra little touch of love.

This Mother's Day take the weight off her feet and give her a gift that'll leave her restored and glowing from the inside out.

## A special day for...



**KAI Tanaka-Burnham born at Wonthaggi Hospital on April 5, 2025, weighing 3.34kg. Kai is the first child for Mark Burnham and Megumi Tanaka of Corinella.**



**JAYDE Olivia Simpson born at Wonthaggi Hospital on April 10, 2025, weighing 3.35kg. Jayde is the daughter of Lucas and Chelsea Simpson of Cape Paterson, and a sister of Ryder two.**

## It's a labour of love as our kids prepare for Mother's Day

SPOILER alert for the mums of prep kids at the Bass Valley Primary School. Looks like there's a nice surprise coming your way on Mother's Day this Sunday!

The children were hard at it, in between their usual classes last Friday, applying the finishing touches to their Mother's Day projects, and you could see it was very much a labour of love for the most important people in their lives (sorry dads!).

We won't give it away completely but we'd expect

the mums involved to show the appropriate amount of surprise and delight when the handmade gifts arrive on Sunday morning.

And that's what it's all about.

At childcare centres, kinders and junior classes across Australia this week, there'll be a significant emphasis on our mums and what they do for us on a daily basis.

This Sunday, May 11 is officially Mother's Day but every day should be mother's day even if it's just to say: "I love you mum".



**Prep students at the Bass Valley Primary School Riley, Georgie, Arlo and Khloe barely had enough time to raise their heads from their desks, and smile for the Sentinel-Times' camera, while they prepared a surprise for their mums on Mother's Day this Sunday.**

## Raffle offers chance to win while benefiting residents

DON'T miss your chance to win a special prize in the Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary's Mother's Day raffle to be drawn on Saturday, May 10 at the Lodge.

Prizes, worth over \$100 each, were donated by Leongatha and Meeniyah businesses and include jewellery and lingerie.

Tickets cost just \$2 each, a price that may soon account for a third of a cup of coffee, but it all adds to the Auxiliary's fundraising total, the money helping make valuable additions at the Lodge for residents.

They are currently enjoying new furniture bought with a \$10,000 donation from the Auxiliary, raised through previous efforts.

Pop into Leongatha IGA on Friday, May 9 between 9am and 5pm or visit Woorayl Lodge reception to buy tickets.

Sentinel-Times was fortunate to arrive during a shift changeover, getting to chat to four friendly Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary members.

**RIGHT: Woorayl Lodge Board and Auxiliary treasurer Peter McAlpine, Auxiliary vice president Kaye Warren and members Sandra Harris and Joan Fiek enjoy chatting to shoppers at Leongatha IGA and raising funds for residents of the Lodge through the Mother's Day raffle. A14\_1825**



## Loch market back in time for Mother's Day

THE Loch Village Variety Market, active for over 20 years, runs from Mother's Day until September, and this year the Loch Public Hall Committee welcome the public to browse a vast range of vendors, and enjoy homemade treats from the Loch CWA volunteers. Open on the second Sunday of the month from 9am until 2pm, with a gold coin donation for entry, organiser Annie Bennett said the market is a not-for-profit that supports the community, with donations going directly towards preserving the hall and giving back to the community.

The Loch Public Hall Committee encouraged new stallholders to take part this year, and from Mother's Day, the vast range of vendors includes cakes, plants, Bric a Brac clothing, artwork, macrame gifts, jams and chutneys, sourdough bread, and fresh produce.

"There is even a special section for the dogs of the family with honey dog treats and jackets to keep them cosy in the cooler months and don't forget the doughnuts and coffee. This year, the committee carefully selected the vendors to ensure each stall offers something different from the next. This provides them with the best opportunity for their small business ventures."

"We'll have four stalls outside and the rest indoors, with the Loch CWA generously donating their time to provide patrons with tea, coffee and sandwiches throughout the day," said Annie. "Our committee of volunteers look forward to showcasing the market to the community until September."

Located at 16 Smith Street, Loch, browse the stalls and support local.



# To mum with love this Mother's Day



**Jan Quigley, a mum of three, will be spending this Mother's Day volunteering at Coal Creek.** ob09\_1825

## Being a Mum was a given for Jan Quigley

JAN Quigley had always wanted to have kids and be a mother.

"It was a given. The best thing I ever did," she said.

Although her three children are now adults, Jan said they have always remained close-knit and she sees her two youngest regularly.

"Every Saturday, we have a family day. So, we're together for lunch and dinner and watch movies, play games and laugh and play around."

Jan believes the key to keeping children close, even into adulthood, is to listen to them.

"Listen to your kids, in that they can say anything to you. They can tell you anything, and you're not shocked and you don't react badly, you just listen and talk it through with them."

"That's, I think, why I'm so close to my kids because they can tell me anything and they do! So, there's no expectation. They're doing what they want to do and being themselves, and that's what you want for your children."

While Jan is close to her kids, this Mother's Day, she won't be able to see any of them!

Her eldest son Simon is 43 and lives permanently in Canada, her daughter Emma is 40 and is holidaying in Europe for six months, while her youngest son, Rowan is 28 and he is also travelling around Europe.

"They're doing all the things I probably wanted to do. I have had a lot of trouble with agoraphobia over the years, so I don't go anywhere very much," explained Jan.

Although the great thing about it, added Jan, is that she gets to travel vicariously through her children – and reels off a list of the places Rowan has travelled to this year... Lithuania, Latvia, Spain, Gibraltar, Germany, Italy, Finland's Arctic Circle and soon, Switzerland for the Eurovision Song Contest.

While vicarious travel has its benefits, one of Jan's greatest challenges as a mum is having her eldest son live so far away from her.

And while it will be a bit of a different Mother's Day for Jan this year, she will be in her "other happy place."

"I'm going to be at Coal Creek because I'm a volunteer here. So, I'll be in the village doing stuff."

## Bass Coast Health midwives empowering families

INTERNATIONAL Day of the Midwife on Monday, May 5 celebrate the vital role midwives play in being by families' sides before, during and after their babies are born.

The Midwives at Bass Coast Health (BCH) care for families during the ante-natal, birth, post-natal and early years stages – both in the Maternity Ward at Wonthaggi Hospital and in the community as Maternal and Child Health Nurses.

The theme for International Day of the Midwife is: 'Midwives: Critical in Every Crisis', reflecting the role midwives play as trusted first responders within their communities, not only when births go well but also when challenges arise.

Midwives respect the vulnerability and trust women place in them to guide women through the birthing process, to keep mothers-to-be safe and to support them.

The uniqueness of the role is not lost on midwives Eden Roney and Hayley Furmage.

"It's a privilege to be involved in such a valuable and special time in people's lives," Eden said.

Hayley, in her first year as a midwife, added, "It's an honour to support families throughout their journey."

Student midwife Amber Turner has been awestruck while helping with births.

"It's one of the best days of the parents' lives, and we get to be there. We get to see women while they're pregnant, during labour and after they give birth, so as a



**Bass Coast Health student midwife Amber Turner, and midwives Hayley Furmage and Eden Roney, admire baby Kira Phillip at Wonthaggi Hospital.**

midwife I'm able to provide continuity of care," she said.

Wonthaggi Hospital has three modern birthing suites and four post-natal beds. Midwives also provide ante-natal, post-natal and early years care across the Bass Coast.

Acting Midwifery Unit Manager Amy Cameron said BCH's maternity team is cohesive, united by the shared goal of providing personal and woman-centred care.

"Each staff member, from student midwife to clinical director, is valued in their skill set and what they bring to the team. Staff are also supported to upskill so they can work in a broad range of scenarios," she said.

BCH's Maternal and Child Health Nurses are registered nurses and midwives with maternal and child health nurse qualifications. They care for families with children from birth to school age.

Kathryn Anderson, Maternal

and Child Health Nurse/Team Leader, said children receive key age and stage-specific assessments of growth and development.

"We ensure children are meeting their developmental milestones and that families feel supported and help them through the journey of raising a young child," she said.

"This includes helping women with their post-natal recovery, adjusting to parenthood, and offering breastfeeding and maternal wellbeing support."

To further provide social, educational and parenting help, mothers are connected to new mothers' groups, young mothers' groups and sleep settling groups.

The Maternal and Child Health team has offices in Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Bass Valley, Grantville, San Remo and Cowes, where they see clients by appointment. Home visits are offered for parents of newborn children.

"I love my job because it allows me to make a real difference in people's lives by providing family-centred care and support," MCH Nurse Danielle Thomas said.

"I love working with and empowering the families in our community, and I am lucky enough to work with a team of passionate professionals."

MCH client Emma Ton, who brings her one-year-old son Mason Fleming for check-ups and to receive advice, said the service she has received has been invaluable.

"It's been quite reassuring to have the maternal and child health nurses guide me through motherhood for the first time," she said.

To learn about Midwifery services at BCH, go to [basscoasthealth.org.au/maternity-services](http://basscoasthealth.org.au/maternity-services), and for Maternal and Child Health services, go to [basscoasthealth.org.au/maternal-and-child-health](http://basscoasthealth.org.au/maternal-and-child-health).

## It's in the family at Woorayl for mother and son duo

WOORAYL Lodge Co-CEO Andrew Ross and his mother Lois chatted to the Sentinel-Times in the lead up to Mother's Day, the pair seeing each other often as Lois is a resident of the Lodge.

She explained that being at her son's workplace is a reversal of roles from Andrew's childhood when she was an emergency teacher and would take him and his sister Vikki to school while she worked.

Now he can look forward to her knocking on the office door.

"Mum comes and visits me, not just on Mother's Day; I'll be sitting in my office trying to work," Andrew said.

Lois responded that she is careful not to interrupt him too much.

"I'm just one of the residents; I haven't got any special influence," she said, joking that she has to be careful what she tells the staff to make sure she doesn't get



**Lois and Andrew Ross chat at Woorayl Lodge about Mother's Day.** A15\_1825

Andrew into trouble.

Lois said Mother's Day is an occasion when she reflects on memories of her mum who was one of 11 children and grew up on a Silvan farm in the days when the girls did the

housework and the boys handled the farm work.

While Andrew has to travel this Mother's Day and is unsure what time he'll get back, he'd normally take his mum out for lunch or afternoon tea.

Lois is looking forward to a visit from her grandkids on the special day, with daughter Vikki unable to make it this year.

Lois remains active and loves getting out on her mobility scooter enjoying nature on the rail trail, having ventured within a couple of kilometres of Koonwarra.

Andrew said Mother's Day is a chance to think of all the female role models in your life.

During the Friday afternoon chat about Mother's Day, Lois and Andrew enjoyed the comfort of a couch recently purchased by the Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary along with other furniture that is now in the Lodge's foyer and sunroom.

This scribe was so settled in his new chair he could have stayed there until Mother's Day, but duty intervened.

Happy Mother's Day to all mums.



# To mum with love this Mother's Day

## A hidden gem in The Gurdies

TAKE in the breathtaking views in the autumn sunshine this Mother's Day at The Gurdies Winery.

From this unique knoll in the Bass Hills, you can see it all and that's before you park and experience the rustic charm of the cellar door building, and patio, its breathtaking views and the wine.

Locally made, and locally owned, the cellar door is open Friday, Saturday and Sundays from 11am to 5pm. Enjoy a wine tasting, a glass of your favourite drop or share a cheese board with beer, cider, coffee and tea also available.

Looking for something a little more hearty then pack your own picnic or hire the BBQs for an unforgettable lunch.

If Morning Tea is more your style join the Waterline Community Playgroup on Friday,

May 9 at The Gurdies Winery and hear from Bass Coast Maternal Health keynote speaker Katheryn Anderson. For details or to book head to the waterline community playgroup or The Gurdies Winery socials.

The Winery produces a range of varietal and blended wines made from eight varieties of Estate-grown grapes, using traditional wine-making processes. The wines are typically cool climate in style, the most popular being riesling, verdelho-chardonnay, chardonnay, rose, pinot noir, merlot, cabernet sauvignon, shiraz and sparkling red.

Exploring the idea of a private function, then call the team to discuss all the offerings at the superb venue.

So, do yourself a favour this Mother's Day and take a drive to 215 Gurdies-St Helier Road, The Gurdies.



Relax and unwind this Mother's Day with stunning views over Western Port and a drop of delicious wine.



## Easy cupcakes

for young and mature

By Chloe Kent

THERE'S many things I love about my mum and plenty of memories shared over the years; one of them is cooking together. This recipe has been around longer than me, and utilised for cupcakes and large cakes. The following is a base recipe you can add your own flavours, or colours, sprinkle in cocoa for chocolate, separate the mixture and add a multitude of colours for rainbow explosions. The list is endless. Have fun and enjoy!

### Ingredients:

- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 250g butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- ¾ cup milk
- Pinch salt
- Dash of vanilla bean paste

### Method:

Preheat oven to 180 degrees fan forced.

Mix all the ingredients together. If adding colours/flavours add once mixture is smooth.

Separate into cupcake patties and cook for approximately 15 minutes or until skewer is clean.

For a larger cake, cook for 35 minutes or until skewer is clean.

Move to a cooling rack and decorate once cooled, or throw on some icing whilst warm and enjoy the melt in your mouth!

## Great Mother's Day range at Elsie's Florist

ELSIE'S Florist in Leongatha is ready to help you add a special touch for your mum on Mother's Day, this Sunday, May 11, with a wide selection of flowers and gifts.

"We've got a heap of new stock in," co-owner Steve Webber said.

That includes a larger range of chocolates, along with cosmetics, soaps, candles, pots and plants, and hampers featuring a mix of sweet and savoury items.

There are also separate baby hampers for boys and girls and other baby giftware for new mums to pamper their special little ones.

Those wanting to show mum their love and appreciation can select from traditional Mother's Day flowers such as chrysanthemums, roses and oriental

lilies, as well as local native blooms from Allambee Flower Farm and leucadendrons and proteas from Leongatha.

The store continues to offer deliveries to the local area and has just become a member of Interflora Australia, with Steve or partner Sonia happy to take your floral order for those in other parts of Australia or overseas.

Elsie's Florist has been looking after Leongatha locals and those from other localities in the region since 2017 and while always offering a pleasant setting in which to shop, is looking even more vibrant after being recently repainted.

Pop into the store at 11 McCartin Street, visit [elsiesfloristleongatha.com.au](http://elsiesfloristleongatha.com.au) or call 5662 0463 to find out what's available and order.



Steve Webber looks forward to helping make Mother's Day special. A11\_1825



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# To mum with love this Mother's Day

## Building memories at Santa's Little Helper & Collectables

THIS Mother's Day, one local store is turning treasured family memories into heartfelt, hand-made gifts, one brick at a time.

At Santa's Little Helper & Collectables in Wonthaggi, a new custom service called Photobrick is giving people the chance to transform their favourite photos of Mum into vibrant mosaic posters made entirely out of small bricks.

"Photobrick is a new system we've brought in where we can take any photo, whether it's your mum, your parents or your favourite character, and convert it into a buildable brick poster," explained store manager Allan Russell.

"You walk away with everything you need to make it a poster on your wall."

With multiple size options available – ranging from a modest 1x1 (40cm x 40cm) to a much larger 5x5 (130cm x 130cm) – it's a personalised gift that turns memories into something you can cherish, display, or show off with pride.

For Allan, it's a way to give people something far more meaningful than the usual last-minute flowers or box of chocolates.

"For Mother's Day, you're turning memories into magic. It's something she can make, something she can treasure, and something that hangs proudly on the wall," he said.

Photobrick has had no shortage of popularity in the community already, with customers of all ages embracing the opportunity to create personalised keepsakes. "We've had a whole bunch of people of all ages come in and be enamoured with something to build, either for their hobbies or as a gift. We've had everyone from family members to young couples, even people taking vacation photos and putting it through the system."

The process is quite quick. Staff help customers by editing and brightening their chosen image before it's converted into bricks.

"It usually takes about 30 minutes to an hour maximum," Allan said.

The service itself was inspired by store owner Paradee, who first discovered Photobrick elsewhere and



**Cheerful manager, Allan Russell couldn't be more excited to help customers find the perfect Mother's Day gift. Pictured next to various display Photobricks. W01\_1825**

brought the idea home.

"She loved it and wanted to give locals the opportunity to use it for their family members," Allan said.

What began as a small kiosk at the Wonthaggi Hotel in 2020 has grown into a bustling gift and collectables destination on Graham Street. Since opening its doors in November 2022, Santa's Little Helper & Collectables has been offering a mix of heartfelt gifts, unique treasures, and beautiful decorations.

For those looking to spoil Mum this year, the store also stocks a range of popular Mother's Day gifts – from scented candles and Loungefly bags to Jim Shore Disney figurines, such as Stitch from the popular cartoon, Lilo & Stitch.

Even outside of Mother's Day, the store brings together the spirit of

Christmas and collectables all under one roof – offering everything from festive ornaments and lanterns to anime merchandise, trading cards and plush toys.

"What makes us special is we're a mix you don't see often – a Christmas store and a collectables haven," Allan said.

"It's a store unlike any other, where all types of people can come together and marvel at the things that they love."

Allan reflected on what Mother's Day means to him personally.

"My mum is someone full of love and care – and that's the kind of person Mother's Day is all about. It's a chance to say thank you in a way that lasts."

You can find Santa's Little Helper & Collectables at 144 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.



**This Mother's Day do something a little different and head to Maru Koala and Animal Park.**

## There's always something new to discover at Maru

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We've had some exciting new arrivals recently. A group of Quokkas has joined the Maru family, and they're already winning hearts with their photogenic smiles and curious personalities. Now that they've settled in, we've launched a brand-new animal experience where guests can step into their habitat for a keeper-led encounter. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn about these much-loved marsupials in a safe and respectful environment.

Fan of the small and spiky? Don't miss our new echidna experience. Snorkles the echidna has quickly become a guest favourite, and visitors can now take part in a limited daily feeding session. It's an experience as educational as it is endearing.

No visit to Maru is complete without a stop at the Homestead Bistro. Whether you're after a warming lunch, a great coffee, or a homemade sweet treat, the bistro is a great place to relax and refuel before heading back out into the park. We often host special events, and this month we're celebrating Mother's Day with a buffet-style carvery – we'd love to see you there!

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"With years of clinical experience behind me, my goal has always been to provide a space where you can feel safe, supported, and truly cared for – whether you're refreshing your skin, addressing concerns, or simply taking time to relax and rejuvenate," Emilie said.

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# Support for teen first responders at health session

A TEEN first aid education session in Korumburra in May will better equip young South Gippsland residents to deal with health emergencies.

Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS), in partnership with Ambulance Victoria and Headspace, is presenting the free practical conversation starter to help young people make the most of the first five critical minutes after an emergency.

GSHS Transformation Lead Kate Ginnivan said the education session at the Korumburra Showgrounds amenities complex on Tuesday, May 20 would build real-world, age-relevant first aid confidence in local teenagers.

The first aid session from 7pm-8.30pm will focus on common situations where young people may be first on the scene – including parties, skateparks, farms, or social gatherings – and aims to empower them to call for help, stay calm, and provide basic support until professionals arrive.

Presenters will include paramedics, doctors, youth mental health professionals, Urgent Care Centre staff and nurses who will discuss what to do when the unexpected happens.

Ms Ginnivan said the session would help teenagers to gain real-life first response confidence for the moments that matter most.

“It’s not certified or formal training but a conversation starter for families and a skills boost for teens so they can respond in places they’re most likely to encounter emergencies when adults aren’t around,” she said.

“Whether it’s a broken wrist, a bad fall, a party gone wrong, or a mate having a panic attack – this session shows teens what to do next.

“Most incidents happen when you’re just hanging out so it helps to know what to do if a friend is injured at the skate park or gets too intoxicated at a party.”

Skills to be covered include when and how to call Triple Zero, using the recovery position, managing bleeding, and providing reassurance.

It will reinforce mental health literacy and encourage teens to support peers experiencing distress or overdose.

The session will aim to dispel any fear that teens will get into trouble if they call for help.

“You don’t have to be a hero; you just need to be there, be calm, and call for help,” Ms Ginnivan said.

“There is a real gap in giving young people the knowledge to respond instead of freezing.”

The session will also support parents and carers to feel more confident about their teen’s ability to respond in an emergency.

“We want parents to come along and bring their kids so they can start communication about how to respond to emergencies.”

The session is part of a series of life-saving first aid and healthcare support education sessions being hosted by GSHS this year.

Seating is capped and bookings are essential. People can save a seat at [trybooking.com/DBGZX](https://trybooking.com/DBGZX).



Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale MP alongside teachers, parents and students at the grand opening of the North Wonthaggi uniting Kindergarten.

# Wonthaggi welcomes new early learning facility with grand opening

WONTHAGGI families gathered in celebration on Wednesday, April 30, for the grand opening of the brand-new Wonthaggi North Uniting Kindergarten.

Co-located at Wonthaggi North Primary School, the purpose-built facility marks a major milestone for the local community, delivering expanded early learning opportunities for children in the growing Bass Coast region.

The state-funded facility shares in the \$283 million provided in the 2019-20 State Budget for Three-Year-Old Kindergarten capital funding. It features two modern kindergarten rooms and outdoor learning areas, with space to support up to 66 children.

The kindergarten is operated by Uniting Victoria Tasmania, with support from Bass Coast Shire Council, and was officially opened by Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale MP. Local children and families kicked off the celebrations with an

Acknowledgement of Country performed in song.

Ms Crugnale praised the centre’s integration with the nearby primary school.

“This beautiful new light-filled kindergarten, set in such verdant surrounds at Wonthaggi North PS, gives local children the very best start to their learning journey, right here in their own community,” she said.

“It’s also about supporting a smooth transition into school and making pick-up and drop-off more convenient for families too.”

Construction on the facility began in late 2023, with architectural firm Baldasso Cortese designing the building and Grove completing the build in time for Term 1 this year.

Uniting Victoria Tasmania’s Acting General Manager for Early Learning, Justin Flynn, said the organisation was proud to deliver a high-quality space for young children.

“We are pleased to open this new purpose-built kindergarten providing high-quality early learning opportunities for families in Wonthaggi and surrounding areas,” Mr Flynn said.

Senior Manager for South Bass Early Learning Services at Uniting, Kristen Kenwell, said it was wonderful to see so many families attending the event.

“Many parents and families have made the time to come along today, which is great,” she said.

Early Childhood Teacher Jane Miles said the day marked an exciting chapter for both educators and local families.

“It’s really exciting,” she said. “It’s especially exciting to see the community that we have built since the start of the year.”

Ms Miles said the location offered a seamless link to the local primary school and reflected

he town’s recent growth.

“It’s really nice to be at this brand-new facility. Wonthaggi has grown a lot recently, and this location ties in nicely with the primary school next door, creating a great sense of community.”

She added that the opening of the facility is only the beginning.

“Our goal has always been about building community, and now that we are open, we can start building community not only within the kindergarten but around the town as well.”

Feedback from families has already been positive, particularly around the strong connections between children and staff.

“Parents are very impressed with the resources, but most of all we have had great feedback on the partnerships with the children,” Ms Miles said.

Families interested in enrolling for 2025 are encouraged to contact Uniting directly. Centralised enrolments for 2026 across the Bass Coast Shire opened on Thursday, May 1.

# Volunteer mentors needed to drive safer futures



L2P program learner Charley behind the wheel with mentor Annette.

MORE volunteer mentor drivers are urgently needed to contribute two-three hours a week to support eligible Bass Coast learners to gain the experience they need to get a licence through the community-based Transport Accident Commission (TAC) L2P program.

The Bass Coast road safety program has been operating for over 10 years with eligible learners matched with a fully licensed volunteer mentor to complete supervised driving in a program vehicle.

The program is currently experiencing high demand with over 30 learners driving with mentors and many more on a wait list.

Mentors play a vital role in supporting young people to drive safely and reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities among young drivers, contributing to

safer roads for us all.

In addition, through the gaining of a probationary licence mentors support young people to better access employment and education, gain confidence and social independence.

“The program enables me to do what I love (drive) and at the same time support young adults offering driving guidance and advice to those who may not have as much opportunity as others,” Program mentor Lino said.

“So you do make a big difference, It’s a great initiative.”

Training for new mentors will be held in Wonthaggi in May. To learn more or apply as a volunteer mentor please visit [transport.vic.gov.au/l2p](https://transport.vic.gov.au/l2p). Alternatively, you can contact L2P program coordinator Melanie Mumford at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre on 0467 590 679.



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## Creating a culture of care

AT ST PAUL'S Anglican Grammar School, Education Week is more than a calendar event – it's a reminder of what truly matters in schools: creating spaces where every child feels safe, welcome, included and known, no matter their background. From the youngest learners in kindergarten to students preparing for life beyond Year 12, the school's campuses are a friendly sanctuary where students from a variety of backgrounds are enabled not just to learn, but to grow with confidence and care.

This year marks a special milestone with the opening of St Paul's newest campus in Drouin to students from kindergarten to Year 3. Designed with young learners in mind, this nurturing environment supports children as they begin their school journey, ensuring their first steps into education are filled with curiosity, connection and calm. Here, relationships are key; educators, support staff and families work together to build strong foundations – socially, emotionally and academically.

Across the school's campuses, the focus remains clear – wellbeing is central to learning. At St Paul's, students are considered unique individuals. Through a "Being Known" approach, educators make it a priority to understand the 'whole' child – not just their



At St Paul's, students of all ages are encouraged to grow with confidence in an inclusive and caring school community.

academic strengths, but their emotional and social needs too. With access to wellbeing professionals, including counsellors and chaplaincy staff, students have trusted adults to turn to when they need support or simply someone to listen. St Paul's believes that children thrive when they feel safe and seen, and day-to-day teaching practices reflect that purpose.

In the primary schools, learning extends beyond the classroom. Alongside the rich curriculum, students enjoy a wide range of co-curricular activities in sport, music, creative arts and outdoor learning. It's about giving every

child the chance to find their spark and discover more about who they are and what they love to do.

As students move into secondary school, the sense of care and community remains just as strong. Students' interests are encouraged to flourish through a wide range of co-curricular opportunities such as theatre productions, debating and public speaking, performing arts ensembles, service programs and a variety of sports that connect them with others in meaningful ways. Opportunities like Team Timor and Peer Support programs empower students not only to pursue their

potential but also to lead with empathy and consider others. Behind it all are dedicated educators who continue to prioritise wellbeing by checking in, encouraging participation and fostering a culture of respect and kindness.

At every stage of learning, St Paul's is committed to more than academic success. Educators are committed to ensuring that every student feels safe, known and inspired to be their best.

St Paul's is now enrolling for 2027, with limited places for 2026. Book a tour online today to see what makes St Paul's a place where every child belongs.

## National walk safely to school day

PRIMARY school-aged children across Australia will make those important steps towards a healthier future by participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday, May 16.

This year marks the 26th anniversary of National Walk Safely to School Day. Championed by the Pedestrian Council Australia, the initiative aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking, or alternative active transport (especially to and from school) can provide for the long-term wellbeing of our children, not just on May 16, but every day.

Apart from the physical benefits, regular walking also has a favourable impact on children's cognitive and academic performance.

Walk Safely to School Day also encourages positive environmental action, better use of public transport with reduced car dependency and encourages parents and carers to walk more, reducing dangerous traffic congestion around schools.

Harold Scruby, CEO of the Pedestrian Council of Australia, said that "until they are 10, children must always hold the hand of an adult when crossing the road".

The national initiative also promotes healthy eating and encourages schools and P&Cs to host a healthy breakfast on the day.

"The extremely disturbing childhood obesity epidemic continues to affect one in four children at critical levels across Australia.

"The best exercise for all Australians is walking regularly. Children need at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day. We should encourage them to take a walk before school, during and at the end of their day," Harold Scruby said.

Being active every day, including walking to school, can help make a difference for many Australians. Whether you're a parent, teacher, or carer, everyone has a role to play in helping children and young people to lead active, healthy lives.



## Pursuing Potential

Discover a place of learning that is committed to the growth, development and potential of all students, whatever their academic level and wherever their futures may take them.

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Corner Inlet College at Foster is expanding in 2026 and will offer Years 7, 8 and 9.

Real world learning and global thinking

EQUALITY, respect for others and a love of the natural environment are all part of the innovative student-centred learning approach for Corner Inlet College in Foster.
The new kid on the block for 2025, Corner Inlet College has worked hard to ensure every student is given equal opportunity and access to the school's innovative learning program.
According to founding Director Jennifer Young, the college has successfully delivered a progressive evidence-based learning and teaching program within the Victorian curriculum while generating a love for learning and creativity.
'We have worked hard to understand each student's unique learning style and accommodation requirements, reducing barriers to understanding.'
Key to the college's student-centred learning approach are opportunities for real world learning and global thinking with an understanding of cultural interconnectedness.
Core to the college is an understanding and respect for the natural environment.
'We aim to develop a life-long love of learning for our students where care, uniqueness and wellbeing are valued,' said Ms Young.
Expanding from an initial offering of Year 7 and Year 8 in 2025, Corner Inlet College will grow with its students in 2026 to offer three levels including Year 9.
'We have endeavoured to provide equal

opportunity and access to an exceptional learning program that meets the needs of all students while maintaining high academic standards through the delivery of an individualised education program,' said Ms Young.
Although starting a new school has been a challenge, according to Ms Young it is all about the end result, ensuring each student reaches their full potential.
'It has been incredibly rewarding, working and growing the school with staff that support each other. In the end, it's all about the students.'
Set amongst farmlands and native forest overlooking the vast tidal wetlands and islands of Corner Inlet Marine National Park and Wilson's Promontory National Park students at Corner Inlet College discover their passions and engage in learning experiences that extend well out into the local environment and local community.
Families considering enrolment at Corner Inlet College are invited to participate in campus tours and information sessions on Tuesday, June 10 and Saturday, June 21.
To book a tour go to the home page of Corner Inlet College at cornerinletcollege.org.
For more information on the college search Instagram for corner.inlet.college, Corner Inlet College on Facebook, or email admin@cornerinletcollege.org.
Enrolment applications for Year 7, 2026 close on August 1, 2025.



The whole school had an opportunity to look at the family suitcases.

San Remo, a great place to be

SAN Remo Primary School continues to shine as a vibrant hub of learning, offering a strong evidence-based curriculum, a safe environment, and, most importantly, happy and engaged children.
This term, the senior students have been actively involved in division sports, competing with neighbouring schools in a range of athletic events. These activities not only promote physical fitness but also teamwork and school spirit.
A standout project this term was the Grade 5/6 'Suitcase Project,' where students presented the history of their families through fascinating artefacts, detailed family trees, and touching stories. The display was a rich celebration of heritage and personal identity.
Meanwhile, the Prep/1/2 students are diving into a unit on farm animals, which will culminate in an exciting excursion to a working farm at the end of the term. This hands-on experience will bring their learning to life in the most engaging way.
Following the overwhelming success of last year's bush dance, San Remo Primary is thrilled to announce its return this term. Students and parents alike are looking forward to another fun-filled evening of music, dancing, and community celebration.
With such a dynamic and supportive environment, it's no wonder San Remo Primary School is a great place to be!



Ari was very proud of her suitcase on her family history.



Chaze showing off his suitcase to students.

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Small school... big opportunities

SITUATED in the lovely hamlet of Kongwak is Kongwak Primary School. The school is surrounded by stunning green native and deciduous trees. The oak trees are as old as the school itself and provide hours of opportunities for fun, games, learning, and a shady space.

Kongwak Primary School provides small class sizes with personal learning opportunities. The school is currently operating with two classrooms: Prep to Grade 2 and Grades 3 to 6. The staff use evidence-based research when planning and implementing lessons in Literacy and Numeracy. The surrounding natural environment inspires and provides many learning opportunities.

Onsite, Fiona and Sally are the classroom teachers, but we are lucky enough to be supported by a wide variety of extra adults to support learning throughout the week. Pearl and Kelly, our education support staff, work with kids one-on-one and in small groups. Cass takes students for tutoring, also one-to-one or in small groups to support individual learning. Damian, zoologist and our Sustainable Kongwak teacher, regularly brings animals for the students to care for and learn about, as well as providing cooking, environmental and caring for country learning opportunities. Jane, who is with us on a Friday, brings a wealth of knowledge as an ornithologist and environmental scientist.



Friendly magpies and gardening skills under the old oak tree are just some of the experiences for students at Kongwak Primary School.

The traveling MARC Library Van stops by on a Thursday afternoon for stories and regular book borrowing. Dot and Gypsy volunteer as part of the Story Dogs program, reading with our junior students on Wednesday morning. Sam from Green Room Concept Studios runs guitar lessons for interested students.

The school is an annexe to Inverloch Primary School, which enables us to participate in activities, such as sporting events, school camps and incursions that would not typically be available in a small school setting. Kongwak's specialist programs include visual art, performing arts, physical education, Auslan and STEM with teachers visiting from the Inverloch campus each week to deliver these subjects.

Our parents and wider Kongwak community create a welcoming and community orientated focus for the school. We utilise

the expertise and resources within our community to support both our students' experience at school and the ongoing development of our buildings and grounds. At our last Working Bee, the community came together to complete major groundworks with a new deck, creative art wall, stunning edging and gravel around garden beds. As a community in 2024, we raised money to add junior monkey bars to our playground. This year's goal is a new junior basketball system.

We have an Prep information night coming up on Tuesday, May 13 at 5.30pm (this will be at the Inverloch school). We also have tours on Friday, May 16 at 9.30am, Tuesday, May 20 at 2.30pm and Thursday, May 22 at 2.30pm. If you would like more information please ring Sally, our junior teacher, on 0408 743 446 or email sally.dunn@education.vic.gov.au.

Inverloch Primary champions community



DEVELOPING strong relationships and connecting with the local community is a key priority at Inverloch Primary School. Whilst maintaining high academic performance, the school aims to create opportunities for students, their families and staff to connect with each other and experience all that our community has to offer.

"The school continues to focus on ways to improve how we interact and work alongside local community groups, clubs and businesses to ensure that we make the most of everything on offer in our broader community," Principal Ben Soumilas said. "We want our students immersed in and engaged with their community and we hope it strengthens their appreciation for the land on which they live and learn".

Behind the scenes, the teachers and education support staff have focused on strengthening their team approach to catering for the needs of the children in their care.

"Our staff understand that many students require adjustments to be made to cater for their individual needs. A wonderful benefit of our staff working in strong and supportive teams is that every staff member is able to add their own expertise to the program delivered to the students in each cohort."

In the classroom, the students focus on their core subjects, as well as branching out into specialist areas including sport, performing arts, visual arts and Auslan. Many students also take time out of class to engage in their singing, instrumental or big band practice as part of the private music lessons offered onsite. With 465 students to care for, Inverloch Primary School recognises the importance of providing a supportive working environment for the children in their care and the teaching staff.

"We have a fabulous wellbeing team led by Natasha Bird and assistant principal Mel McRae, which has created great opportunities for teachers to develop their practice with an extra layer of support there for them," Mr Soumilas said. "Our staff is also committed to building their relationships with parents. We have listened to this feedback from the community and want to take these steps to make the school journey easier for our students."

With a Prep Information evening on Tuesday, May 13 and school tours booked in, anyone interested in enrolling are encouraged to contact the school on 5674 1253 to book in a visit.



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Kongwak Prep Information Session  
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Principal: Ben Soumilas | Assistant Principal: Mel McRae





Year 3 students at Bass Valley Primary School Madison, Aidan, Taylah, Marlee and Chris love their reading time in the school's library and resource centre.

New 'Phonics Plus program' old news for Bass Valley

LAST month the State Government released details of new English Lesson plans, mandated for all students from Prep to Grade 2 including Phonics Plus lessons designed to help deliver lifelong reading success.

Fortunately, according to Principal of the Bass Valley Primary School Ben Hallas, it's been a super-easy transition for the school because they've had a complimentary phonics program called 'Sounds Right' in place for the best part of four years.

"Everyone gets their information from so many sources now, with audio an especially popular method of delivery but we're aware of how important reading skills are and it's a key part of everything we do," said Mr Hallas.

"We get involved in Book Week every year and we participated in National Simultaneous Storytime last year with this book, Bowerbird Blues by Australian author Aura Parker. I think that was a popular one," said Ben.

This picture book tells the story of a bowerbird on a quest to find and collect all things blue, ultimately leading to a more fulfilling life.

The State Government has mandated that all students from Prep to Grade 2 will be taught using a systematic synthetic phonics approach as part of their reading programs, with a minimum of 25 minutes daily explicit teaching of phonics and phonemic awareness.

According to the government, their English lesson plans will help primary and secondary students build their vocabulary, read increasingly complex fiction and non-fiction texts, and strengthen their spelling, grammar, punctuation and syntax.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll praised the work of teachers in preparing the new English lessons plan.

"The new evidence-based, ready-to-use Phonics Plus lesson plans will reduce teacher workloads so they can spend more time engaging with students and setting them up for lifelong success," Minister Carroll said.

"With more English lesson plans on the way, and the excellent work of teachers who are implementing Phonics Plus, we are ensuring Victorian students get the best start to their education."

A coastal gem making big waves

NESTLED in the heart of Gippsland's stunning coastline, Bass Valley Primary School offers a unique educational experience enriched by its natural surroundings. With Western Port Bay just a short drive away and a close-knit rural community at its core, students benefit from both a nurturing learning environment and the natural beauty that surrounds them.

Our school is proud to offer outstanding facilities that rival many larger schools. These include a 25-metre heated swimming pool, a full-size gymnasium, a well-stocked library, rich and biodiverse wetlands used for outdoor learning, and spacious grounds that allow children to play, explore, and grow. These resources not only support academic learning but also nurture creativity, health, and wellbeing.

At Bass Valley Primary, we pride ourselves on our personalised approach to learning. Our small class sizes allow for tailored instruction, and every classroom benefits from dedicated Education Support staff who work alongside teachers to ensure all students receive the guidance they need. Over the past four years, we've implemented the 'Sounds Write' phonics program, a government-endorsed systematic synthetic phonics approach that will be mandatory in all Victorian schools for Prep to Grade 2



Prep teacher at Bass Valley Primary School Jessica Turner takes a morning break with her students at school last week.

students from Term 1, 2025. We're proud to be ahead of the curve.

In Mathematics, our students are engaged in an Explicit Instruction approach using Daily Review – a practice that reinforces prior learning and builds confidence. This research-aligned strategy reflects the Department of Education's direction and is helping our students thrive in numeracy.

Wellbeing is a cornerstone of our school culture. With both teaching and dedicated wellbeing

staff, we ensure students feel supported emotionally as well as academically. Our on-site 'Ready Room' offers a calming space equipped with sensory resources that help students regulate emotions and return to learning focused and ready.

Sport at Bass Valley is second to none. Our Physical Education program, led by 2024 Victorian PE Teacher of the Year Jon McCormick, offers students outstanding opportunities for growth and achievement. With a track record of success,

including our girls' teams being crowned 2025 State Champions in T-Ball, Softball, and Cricket, we are incredibly proud of our athletes. We also have dedicated staff who train and support our students to reach their sporting potential at local and state levels.

Bass Valley Primary School is a small school making big waves. With exceptional staff, facilities, and programs, we are the beating heart of our community – providing every student with the opportunity to thrive, belong, and succeed.

Jumping into learning at Bass Valley Primary

SPORT isn't everything at the Bass Valley Primary School but when you've got people on your staff like former Carlton midfielder Jon McCormick, local cricket legend Daniel Mock, Wonthaggi Power defender Fergus O'Connor and netball guru Kylie Lansdown; it's a matter of playing to your strengths as a way to engage the kids.

And it's certainly working, not only on the sporting field but also in the classroom and as a way to combat the key issue of absenteeism which has been exacerbated in many locations by COVID.

At Bass Valley Primary School they're getting the runs on the board in the classroom and out on the playing field as well.

It's common knowledge that the school punches well above its weight in local and state competitions, annually bringing home state titles in cricket, tee-ball and softball, among other disciplines and making it through to state finals in other sports.

"A couple of years ago our senior boys relay team made it through to the state final and it was quite something to see the likes of Scotch College, Caulfield Grammar and the others lined up against Bass Valley Primary School," said BVPS principal Ben Hallas.

"We didn't win that one but it was a great experience."

In March this year, the school again punched above its weight in the sporting space when one of their own, PE teacher Jon McCormick took out one of only two



PE teacher at Bass Valley Primary School, Jon McCormick was honoured earlier in the year for his contribution to the school over the past decade or more, but it's just a further indication of how the school punches above its weight in sports and student engagement.

'Outstanding Teacher Contribution Awards' at the Victorian School Sports Awards Presentation Ceremony in the Members' Dining Room at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Wednesday, March 2025.

It wasn't an unfamiliar place for the former Carlton player.

"Jon is a pretty unassuming guy, but together with a team of other leaders on the staff, he's had a great impact on the school and the kids," said Mr Hallas.

Here's what School Sport Victoria had to say:

"Jon McCormick's contribution to sport at Bass Valley Primary School has been extraordinary.

A tireless coach and organiser, he dedicates his time to helping students succeed both on and off the field. Jon's commitment to sport is evident in his work with five-time state tee-ball champions, athletics representatives, and state champions in cricket, AFL, and softball. However, his impact extends well beyond competitive sports, leading initiatives such as surf competitions, partnering with Softball Victoria for training days, and introducing bike education in collaboration with local groups. These innovative programs have helped students build their skills, confidence, and community

connections. Known for his inclusive approach, Jon's passion for sport and commitment to student growth has fostered a culture where every student feels valued to step out of their comfort zone to try something new."

The enthusiasm and engagement Jon and his team generate at BVPS sees the kids racing out at lunch and recess times to pick up sports equipment to play and train and there's healthy banter between the students and teachers around each activity.

"There's no doubt the level of interest flows over into other areas of their day at school," said Mr Hallas.





Back in the classroom students are excelling in leaps and bounds thanks to strong foundations in reading and maths.



Getting their hands dirty and their minds buzzing Powlett River students dive into learning under open skies through the new OUTSIDE program.



From building cubbies to making music in the breeze, outdoor learning days are fast becoming a favourite part of the week at Powlett River PS.

# Learning has no walls at Powlett River Primary School

AT POWLETT River Primary School, we're proud of the academic growth our students continue to achieve. With a strong foundation in evidence-based teaching – including structured synthetic phonics, the Science of Reading, and explicit instruction in mathematics – we're now expanding learning opportunities beyond the classroom.

Introducing OUTSIDE. OUTSIDE (Outdoors, Understanding, Teamwork, Skills, Immersion, Discovery, Exploration) is our new outdoor learning program. Developed by staff and tailored to our students' needs, OUTSIDE brings together

environmental science, social and emotional learning, child-led play, and hands-on curriculum-based experiences. In 2025, students will take part in two full days of outdoor learning each term, with plans to expand the program to one day per week in 2026. This initiative is supported by a \$298,909 Capital Works grant, which is funding the creation of a purpose-built outdoor learning space. Designed in partnership with Four Sight Architects, the area will include multiple learning zones to support outdoor education and benefit the wider school community.

The exciting new space includes loose parts play, a music and performance area, calm and sensory zones, and a gathering space! Learning outdoors is not the only benefit of Powlett River with a commitment to evidence-based literacy and numeracy. We welcome the state-wide rollout of the Science of Reading, especially the emphasis on phonics-based instruction. Our school has already been implementing these practices and is part of the Rural Roads to Reading research project with La Trobe University – an international leader in education and

evidence-based teaching. In mathematics, we have introduced the Facts on Fire program to build students' automatic recall of number facts. Alongside explicit teaching methods, students engage in real-world problem-solving tasks to deepen their understanding. Our students enjoy a wide range of specialist subjects including Auslan, maths, science, sport, and library. We ensure our students can participate in district sports events, with the strong support of district sports coordinator Jess Moed. Last year, one of our students progressed all the way to state-level

competition in triple jump. Our music program continues to thrive under the expert guidance of Ian Chambers, a skilled musician and passionate teacher. Students gain genuine musical skills and experience. In Term 4, Ian collaborates with volunteer drama teacher Gerry Petersen to deliver our much-loved end-of-year concert, a highlight for the whole school community. Enrolments are now open. Contact us today to arrange a tour. Come and discover a school where every child feels they belong and every day is a chance to explore, learn and grow.

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- Wonderful wellbeing programs + staff 😊
- Explicit teaching of literacy + numeracy daily routines and practice.
- Principal team on yard duty every day!
- OSHC - before and after school + vacation care program (DS sports)
- Ready-Set-Go prep orientation program weekly in term 4 + Saturday School transition end of August.

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Newhaven College's Prep-Year 12 campus encourages interactions between students of all ages. Mentorship and cross-age tutoring are embraced by everyone.



Embraced as part of the Newhaven College community from day one. Lauren and Mathew Barker, with 2025 Prep Lillian and future 2027 Prep Estelle, were warmly welcomed on Lillian's first day at school.

# Newhaven College – the heart of our community



Fun in the playground and expansive grounds are all part of the average day for Junior School students. Xiao Wei Tong, Cooper Mol and Alexander Pendlebury enjoy break time.

NESTLED on 33 hectares of untouched coastal landscape on Phillip Island, Newhaven College is an independent, co-educational school catering to over 900 students from Prep to Year 12. Families are drawn to the strong sense of community, and Principal Tony Corr is proud to lead a school where students truly thrive. "When you set foot on Newhaven College grounds, you know you've arrived somewhere special," Mr Corr said. "Our stunning natural environment – rich in flora, fauna, wetlands and wildlife – offers a magnificent setting for students to think, learn and grow. Our size ensures that we know each student personally, allowing us to nurture their strengths and help them reach their full potential."

### A culture of learning

At Newhaven College, students are encouraged to approach learning with curiosity, creativity and a commitment to personal excellence. An inclusive and supportive environment ensures that wellbeing and collaboration are at the heart of the academic journey. The College is dedicated to providing meaningful learning experiences that recognise individual needs and prepare students for an ever-changing world.

### Visual and performing arts

Newhaven College is a vibrant hub for creativity, boasting a state-of-the-art Performing Arts Wing and expansive creative studios. Students are guided by a talented team of educators who not only teach technique but also inspire artistic exploration and individuality. School musical productions and exhibitions provide opportunities for students to build confidence and share their talents with the wider community.

The College also offers a comprehensive instrumental music program led by professional tutors. Students can take individual or shared lessons in strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, piano, guitar, electric bass, drum kit and voice. Director of Music, Matthew Goss, believes passionately in the program's strength. "We believe Newhaven College offers the very best environment for musicians to flourish. Whether joining choirs, ensembles or bands, students are nurtured in a vibrant and supportive musical community."

### Sport and outdoor adventures

Physical activity plays a key role at Newhaven College. Students enjoy a wide range of sporting opportunities, including class sports lessons, House competitions, carnivals, and inter-school tournaments – all set against the backdrop of beautifully maintained grounds.

Specialised programs include a nationally recognised Equestrian Team, a Surf Academy, a Tennis Academy, and the recently launched Mountain Biking Academy. A well-equipped gym, outstanding sports facilities, and dedicated staff help ensure every student can achieve their best.

Included in the College's tuition fees are camps, catering to every age group. While the Year 2s enjoy a sleepover on campus, with a demonstration from the local CFA, senior students enjoy adventurous outdoor experiences such as hiking and kayaking in remote regions across Victoria. Principal Tony Corr appreciates the benefits of camps provided by the College.

"Camps remain a central part of the school experience. Whilst other educational sectors have had to compromise or remove camp programs, Newhaven continues to offer valuable overnight and camp experiences tailored for each year level," he said.

### House mentoring and wellbeing

The College's House system fosters a strong, supportive community where every student is known and valued. Through a range of strategies promoting physical, social and emotional wellbeing, students build authentic relationships, develop critical thinking skills, and grow into thoughtful, caring and courageous individuals.

### Scholarships

Newhaven College offers Scholarships to students who demonstrate exceptional aptitude across a range of abilities. Scholarships currently available include General Excellence, Music, and the Peter Reith Scholarship. Applications are open via the College website: newhavencol.vic.edu.au.

Applications close Monday, May 26, 2025. Contact the College Admissions Team at admissions@newhavencol.vic.edu.au or 5956 7505 for any enquiries.



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# Balanced education at Leongatha Primary School

AS TERM 2 begins, Leongatha Primary School is continuing its commitment to fostering a nurturing, inclusive, and engaging learning environment, with a clear focus on student wellbeing, academic growth, and community connection.

With the winter months approaching, staff and students are turning inward – both in the classroom and within themselves – to build strong foundations that support both learning and emotional resilience.

This term, wellbeing remains front and centre.

Leongatha Primary has implemented a range of targeted initiatives under the banner of the Department of Education's Berry Street Education Model.

Each week, students will engage in structured lessons focusing on emotional regulation, empathy, mindfulness, and problem-solving.

"We know that when students feel safe, valued and understood, their capacity to learn increases dramatically," principal Warwick Ford said.

"Our goal this term is to give every child the tools they need to thrive, not just academically, but socially and emotionally."

Mindfulness breaks and student voice forums are just a couple of the ongoing activities being integrated across all year



Leongatha Primary students take their learning outside through a range of excursions and activities.

levels.

In parallel with wellbeing initiatives, the school is deepening its focus on core academic skills, particularly in literacy and numeracy.

Through small group learning, tailored support, and consistent assessment, educators ensure every student receives instruction at their point of need.

The school's daily, structured literacy block will allow for targeted interventions, high-impact teaching strategies, and peer learning opportunities.

In numeracy, the focus will be on problem-solving,

mathematical language, and applying skills in real-life contexts.

"Our teachers are incredibly committed to making learning visible and accessible for every student," Mr Ford said, noting there's a strong emphasis this term on goal-setting, feedback, and celebrating progress.

Strengthening School-Community Connections

Recognising that a strong partnership between school and families supports student success, Leongatha Primary is also expanding its community engagement efforts in term two.

This includes regular parent communication, open

classroom mornings, and the relaunch of the school's step into prep program for 2026 prospective prep families.

The school will also host a range of events including Education Week open afternoon at which community members will see the school in full swing.

These occasions offer families the chance to reconnect with one another and celebrate the rich life of the school.

As term two unfolds, Leongatha Primary School remains dedicated to delivering an exceptional education, one that balances academic rigour with care, connection, and creativity.



## LPS Vision

To foster kindness, curiosity, confidence, and inclusion.  
Our students are lifelong learners who set high expectations, accept challenges and contribute to a global community.

### Education Week at LPS

#### Open Afternoon

Thursday 22nd May, 2-3pm

Enter the school through the LPS Office, Parking on Nerrena Road.

Make your way to yo 's class and spend time with them. For prospective families the Principal Team will be at the Office to welcome you and show your around our school.

#### School Tours - Book Now

Leongatha Primary School will be holding group tours for families that have a child starting Prep in 2026. We invite all families to book in and see what our school has to offer.

Scan the QR code to book your tour via a Google Form. If the times don't suit, please call the LPS Office and book a tour at a time/date that works for you: 03) 5667 4600

#### Enrolments - Now Open!

Enrolment packs are available at the school office.



### Leongatha Primary School provides a wide variety of experiences for all students.

- A caring team approach to student's wellbeing.
- A rigorous and consistent literacy and maths curriculum across the school.
- Dedicated Learning Specialists and tutors.
- Engaging stimulating Specialist Programs: PE, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Auslan and STEM.

*We look forward to welcoming you to our school.*



## Leongatha Primary School

For further information contact Principal, Warwick Ford or Paris Buckley & Peter Slidders.  
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# Distinctly Christian education at Chairo

ESTABLISHING positive and productive partnerships with each family, and therefore creating a strong spirit of community, is a high priority at Chairo Christian School's campus in Leongatha. Each member of the school community is valued as a uniquely created individual, with specific gifts, talents, challenges, interests and personalities.

With the Australian Curriculum being delivered from a biblical worldview perspective, Chairo provides a distinctly Christian education for boys and girls from kindergarten through to VCE and is constantly expanding its educational programs and increasing enrolment numbers.

The Principal, Amy Stork, commented: "Chairo Leongatha encompasses what I deeply value about learning: fostering a supportive and inclusive environment where students can grow in their capability, character and commitment".

Chairo Kinder is an integral part of the campus. In addition to enjoying excellent facilities, the children have access to some of the specialist school facilities. The educators seek to prepare kindergarten students for a smooth progression into school and equip them to apply themselves in responsible and capable ways throughout life.

In a welcome development for

South Gippsland families, students no longer need to travel to Chairo's Drouin campus for their final years of secondary school, with Years 11 and 12 having now commenced at the Leongatha campus and purpose-built senior secondary facilities currently being constructed.

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

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

"We have been blessed with some wonderful, committed and experienced senior secondary teachers, some of whom have transferred from other Chairo campuses to be part of this exciting new program."

Parents interested in finding out more about Chairo Leongatha are encouraged to follow the campus on Facebook, visit the school website, complete an online enquiry or call on 5662 4355.

By visiting the enrolment page on the school's website, families are also able to book personal tours on school days or during the next scheduled Discover Chairo Day on Saturday, June 14.



Students at Chairo Leongatha are learning in a place where they're truly known, supported and encouraged to shine.



Chairo families, staff and students come together to build something more than just a school; a place to belong.



Chairo Leongatha is growing alongside its students.



## Discover Chairo Leongatha

Individual family tours by appointment

- Kindergarten through to Year 12 on the campus
- Education from a Christian worldview perspective
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## Empowering student learning at WPS

AT WONTHAGGI Primary School, we are unlocking every student's literacy learning potential through the Sounds Write phonic program. The engaging style of the program builds essential skills in decoding, spelling, and comprehension. By connecting sounds to letters, students gain confidence and fluency in their reading and writing, setting a strong foundation for lifelong literacy success.

At Wonthaggi Primary School, we believe that building teacher understanding to best implement our phonics curriculum is vital. Every staff member has participated in formal training and, with the support of key staff, receive valuable feedback to ensure that every child thrives.

Students from Foundation to Grade 6 engage in the Sounds Write systematic phonics program where they focus on understanding the building blocks of words, enabling them to read with greater fluency and accuracy.

One of the primary benefits of Sounds Write is its emphasis on phonemic awareness, which is crucial for early literacy development. Students learn to identify, blend, and segment sounds, fostering a strong foundation for reading. As they progress, they gain confidence in their ability to tackle unfamiliar



Students at Wonthaggi connect sounds to letters as they grow into confident, capable readers.

words, which boosts their overall reading comprehension.

Additionally, the program supports writing skills by teaching students to apply their phonics knowledge in spelling. This integration of reading and writing reinforces learning and allows for a more holistic approach to literacy.

Moreover, Sounds Write caters to diverse learning needs, making it effective for students of varying abilities. Its structured, yet flexible, framework empowers educators to tailor instruction to individual learning paces, ensuring that all students can achieve mastery. Overall, Sounds Write is a valuable tool in nurturing proficient readers and writers, ultimately enhancing their comprehension and communication skills.

For school tours and more information, reach out to Wonthaggi Primary School on 5672 1600.



Open classrooms, tours and more at Korumburra

THERE are plenty of options to check out Korumburra Primary School this season kicking off on May 19 at 5.30pm with the school tour and information evening for 2026 prep families. Sit back and hear all about the incredible learning program and extra curriculum activities on offer from school camps to interschool sport, harmony day to leading educational programs. Is camp high on your child's list? Korumburra's year 5 students have just returned from Urban Camp in the city, whilst year 4 are currently on an Adventure Camp in Allambee. Year 6 travelled to the Prom earlier this year, whilst year 3 students will head to Phillip Island later in the year. For the youngest students, year 2's enjoy a sleepover at school, whilst year 1's have an evening of tabloid sports and preps enjoy a teddy bear picnic during the day. The fun doesn't stop at camp with incursions and excursions including animal parks, tree planting and science-filled adventures. Back in the classroom junior students' English classes utilise the leading phonetics programme Sounds-Write. Sounds-Write draws upon well-established theories of learning



One of the year five highlights is Urban camp where students are immersed in activities in Melbourne including the zoo and MCG.



and teaching that have shown improved reading and spelling, as well as accelerated learning in students. The senior school utilise Spelling Mastery techniques using a combination of phonemic, morphemic and whole-word approaches, and that's just the tip of the iceberg. Reading, writing, spelling and

mathematics are further supported by dedicated teachers and world-leading approaches that ensure students have access to a high-quality curriculum that sees then introduced to new topics and concepts and practice application. Specialist subjects include Arts - Arts and Media Arts, PE, Italian, STEM and Music.

With open classrooms on May 29 and August 7, and school tours taking place on June 17 at 9.30am, August 18 at 9.30am and September 8 at 4.30pm, there is a time and date to suit all. And what's great about the school tours is that on June 17 and August 18 leave the kids in interactive PE and art sessions (respectively) and tour the

school uninterrupted. Tour dates and open classrooms don't work for your diary, don't stress, no matter your schedule, there's a way to explore Korumburra Primary School and discover the incredible learning opportunities on offer. Don't miss out - book a tour and see firsthand what makes this school so special!

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Celebrating Education Week at KPS May 19-23
We will be celebrating Education Week at KPS by sharing some of the wonderful work our students do online through our Facebook page.
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Students exploring during Bush School at Scenic Estate Conservation Reserve

Nurturing curious, capable humans

AS EDUCATION Week highlights innovative approaches to learning across Victoria, Phillip Island Village School (PIVS) is celebrating its deeply child-centred model – one that sees students not just as future members of society, but as people already living their lives with agency, curiosity and insight.

Set on the peaceful edges of Phillip Island, PIVS offers a small-scale, relationship-rich learning environment where children are trusted to follow their interests, explore their identity and learn in ways that feel purposeful and real.

“Our philosophy is grounded in the belief that children are capable, curious and deeply thoughtful,” said Principal Kate Eastcott.

“We offer them trust, time and meaningful choices. In return, they show us just how much they can achieve when their learning is relevant and their voices are heard.”

At PIVS, teaching and learning unfold through structures designed to support both autonomy and community:

- Inquiry- and project-based learning gives students the chance to pursue self-directed projects based on their interests.
• Out ‘n’ Abouts take students into the local



Early years students engaged in play-based inquiry around retro-technologies

community and natural environment, encouraging learning that is rooted in real life.

- Bush School provides time for unstructured play and exploration in the island’s bushland, nurturing confidence and connection to Country.

- Presos and Focus Sessions offer targeted instruction in literacy, numeracy and specialist areas like science and design.

With mixed-age groupings, co-created rules and decision-making structures that include children, the school intentionally cultivates autonomy, community connection and emotional intelligence.

“Children are naturally curious and driven to

learn,” Kate added.

“When we create the right environment – where they feel safe, seen and have space to express who they are – they show us what they’re truly capable of.”

The school’s approach draws from current research and is inspired by both progressive and democratic education models but shaped by the local community’s values and the rhythms of island life. Learning is meaningful, relational, and woven into the world around it – from chickens in the garden to discussions about sustainability, equity and culture.

For more information or to arrange a visit, go to pivillageschool.org.au or follow @pivillageschool on Instagram.



Learning, wellbeing, and fun come together at Loch Primary School, where students thrive through structured literacy and numeracy programs, hands-on electives and the soon-to-open Wellbeing Centre offering art and canine therapy – all set against the school’s beautiful rural backdrop.

A thriving rural school putting wellbeing and learning first

LOCH Primary School continues to provide engaging, inclusive learning experiences, host exciting events and are preparing to launch a dedicated Wellbeing Centre on site as they proudly showcase a vibrant school where students grow and thrive.

Due to open soon, the Wellbeing Centre will offer a calm, supportive space for small group activities led by the school’s expert wellbeing team. The centre will host programs including canine therapy and art therapy, aimed at supporting students’ social and emotional development. The project has been made possible through the dedication and support from community groups, to which the school extends their heartfelt thanks.

In the classroom, Loch Primary’s teaching and learning programs are built around strong foundations in literacy and numeracy. Students benefit from highly structured instruction, balanced with open-ended mathematical tasks each Friday that allow them to apply their conceptual understanding in creative and practical ways.

The school’s French program continues to flourish, with senior students preparing to take part in a poetry competition – an opportunity to showcase their growing confidence in language learning.

Another highlight of the curriculum is the school’s weekly elective afternoon, where students choose from a range of engaging activities. One popular option recently was Scouting Skills, where

students got hands-on and learnt how to tie a bowline and a reef knot.

Outside the classroom each year the school comes together for the annual cross-country event at Loch Memorial Reserve. Students show terrific spirit and perseverance as they are cheered on by their peers and families.

This is just one of a handful of extra circular activities that have included athletics day, whole school fun runs and even a visit late last year for grade six students to Gumbuya World.

Did we mention that 2024’s grade six’s unveiled a brand new triple jump and long jump pit in December?

Two open days held on May 1 and April 29, were well attended, with visiting families enjoying guided tours and seeing first-hand the achievements of current Prep students – many proudly reading simple sentences and spelling early words. School tours will continue throughout the term for families interested in joining the Loch community.

Beautiful views and tranquil rural school grounds are complemented by chickens and therapy dogs Koa and Klover. With outside school hour care available both am and pm and daily activities before and after school there is plenty of fun and learning to be had at Loch Primary School. So what are you waiting for, let your curiosity lead you to 2 Victoria Road, Loch – where every student can thrive.

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Creative minds, students are encouraged through various teaching means to engage and learn at Wonthaggi North.



Actively engaging with the environment students pitch in to keep their environment clear now and into the future.

Celebrating culture, community and connection

IT HAS been a busy start to the year at Wonthaggi North Primary School, and we are really proud of our students for being respectful, showing resilience and being engaged learners during Term 1. As we move into Education Week, it has provided our teachers, students, and families with the opportunity to reflect on the positive learning environment that has been created at our school.

By Toby Mahoney, Assistant Principal
extremely hard on is developing our ability to be restorative through the use of affective language. Across our partnership with Real Schools and expert facilitator, Daniel Vella, we have been building our understanding of school culture and implementing different language techniques to enhance positive engagement and build strong

relationships across our school. When I think about how the Wonthaggi North Primary School community connects to the Education Week focus of 'Celebration of Cultures,' I am pleased with how our teachers, students, and families have created and continue to develop the positive and inclusive learning environment that we see every day at our school. This was highlighted during our Term 1 Harmony Day parade. This

event connected our community by inviting families to come into our school to celebrate our diverse cultures with a whole-school parade. Students either dressed in orange or wore traditional clothing. All students (and teachers) looked amazing and further strengthen our school value of community. Term 2 is now well underway, with many events already scheduled that also promote the celebration of cultures and positively

reflect our school values. This term we have students exploring Urban Melbourne during the Year 5/6 camp, participating in Yarning Circles, and enjoying the opportunity to participate in different lunchtime clubs, every day of the week. We are also excited to open our school for tours at your convenience, please contact the general office to arrange a time to see our wonderful school in action.

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English as an Additional Language students and volunteer, from left, Tuk, Gib, Gita and Margaret.

Celebrating diversity through language at BCAL

THIS year's Education Week theme, Celebration of Cultures, resonates deeply with the work at Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL), particularly within its English as an Additional Language (EAL) Program.
With students hailing from China, Myanmar, Thailand, Nepal, Syria, and Malaysia, the program plays a vital role in helping newcomers settle into Australian life and society.
'There is a great diversity of people who come to visit us to learn, and all the staff at BCAL are committed. It's a great environment to work in,' shared Anny, a teacher at the centre.
BCAL's EAL Program goes far beyond traditional language instruction. It fosters work and study skills, builds connections to local social networks, and creates a vibrant learning culture where communication, knowledge-sharing, and mutual respect thrive.
'I am happy to come here, there are good teachers and tutors,' said Sunee, a student, reflecting on the supportive environment cultivated at BCAL.
Students are encouraged to share their experiences in an atmosphere where they feel valued, not just by their teachers, but also by a dedicated team of volunteer tutors.
These volunteers are an essential part of the program's success. Their commitment has reinforced students' sense of belonging and helped deepen the educational experience.
'We laugh all the time,' shared volunteer Vicki.
Language learning at BCAL is immersive and wide-ranging. Students develop their English skills - listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Lessons are enriched through discussions on a variety of topics, including current affairs, Australian and Indigenous cultures, colonisation, citizenship, conservation, and health and wellbeing.
For student Tuk, mastering English means more than classroom learning.
'I want to communicate well with other people in the community,' she said, expressing a goal shared by many at BCAL.
BCAL also integrates eco-arts projects into its curriculum. Students have participated in art events and gallery exhibitions at the Berninnet Cultural Centre in Cowes and created art inspired by visits to natural sites such as Screw Creek Inverloch, Grantville Nature Reserve, and Rhyl Wetlands.
Throughout the year, students applied their language skills during visits from guest speakers who introduced them to key government services, such as Medicare. These sessions provided invaluable practice in real-world communication.
Harmony Day was another highlight, bringing the BCAL community together in a joyful celebration of diversity. Students prepared traditional dishes, wore national dress or orange in recognition of the day, and wrote and shared heart-felt poetry, showcasing the vibrant cultural tapestry of the group.
Adding another creative dimension to their learning, students and staff also launched a newsletter. This regular publication showcases student writing, tracks their progress, and highlights the dynamic activities happening across the program.
For more information on all BCAL's courses, please visit bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.



The CUC Bass Coast team have doubled the number of students under the age of 25 registered this year so far.

CUC Bass Coast celebrates highest-ever enrolment

THE Country Universities Centre (CUC) Bass Coast has celebrated a significant milestone with its highest-ever enrolment in Semester 1, 2025, of 190 students.
Located in Wonthaggi and supported by the Commonwealth Government's Regional University Study Hub program, CUC Bass Coast offers a free study and learning space for individuals pursuing degrees, diplomas or Certificate IV qualifications through any Australian university or higher education institution.
The government recently announced another ten centres across Australia, making higher education more accessible for regional students. Research shows people living in regional and rural parts of Australia are 50 per cent less likely to engage in higher education.
The Regional Partnerships Program Pool (RPPP) funding bridges this gap by enabling CUC to widen its reach in the community. As part of this, CUC run participation programs for current secondary school students in the region, to build aspirations while they're still in school.
CUC Bass Coast Centre Manager, Sarah Bourke, emphasised the importance of these efforts. 'We've had double the number of students under the age of 25 register so far this year, which demonstrates the response from our widening participation programs in schools.'
'Not only have we had the highest ever registrations since the Centre opened in March 2021, but we've also seen the difference it makes having a connected and supportive environment, where students feel comfortable to approach us for localised support in their studies,' said Sarah.
'We've seen a vast increase in the number of requests in Learning Skills Advisor sessions, and higher than ever usage of the facilities, up 50 per cent from this time last year.'
Learning Skills Advisor (LSA) sessions provide academic support to assist students in building essential study skills such as academic writing, time management, critical thinking, referencing, exam preparation, and research strategies. These sessions are delivered by the CUC team and align with the student's coursework or assessment schedule to help students develop and strengthen the core skills needed for successful independent learning at university.
CUC is a dedicated local learning hub that collaborates with schools, tertiary partners, and other educational organisations to expand opportunities for students throughout the region.
Students have access to the Centre seven days a week, providing high-speed technology, academic mentoring and a network of like-minded students to create a community learning environment.
For more information, please give the team a call on 0472 741 451 or visit cucbasscoast.edu.au.

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Small school, big heart and vision

NESTLED in the heart of our beautiful coastal town, Tarwin Lower Primary School offers a truly unique learning environment surrounded by towering gum-trees and a rich array of local wildlife. Our students come from across the region, with many travelling by bus from areas like Walkerville and Venus Bay to be part of our close-knit school community.

One of the things we're most proud of is our small class sizes. This allows us to really focus on each individual student, tailoring learning to their specific needs and helping them thrive. Our staff use evidence-based programs across the curriculum, and it shows - our students regularly achieve strong results in both literacy and numeracy, often exceeding state averages.

We follow the Gradual Release Model in teaching, which means we build independence step by step, helping students grow into confident, capable learners. Our teachers work collaboratively to ensure consistency across grades, and we also maintain a dedicated Tutor Program. Led by an experienced teacher, this program provides small group support, especially in literacy and numeracy, to students who benefit from extra help.

We know learning isn't just about books and take a whole-child approach, placing a strong emphasis on student wellbeing. With support from our Wellbeing Leader, School Chaplain, caring teachers and Lindy in the office, we create a safe, supportive environment where students can truly thrive. Programs like, School



Wide Positive Behaviour, and Respectful Relationships are part of daily life here. We live by our core values of Co-operation, Kindness, Resilience, and Respect - and you can see that in the way our students carry themselves both in and out of school.

We also value student voice and leadership, giving students real opportunities to contribute to school life and feel a sense of ownership over their learning and environment. It's no surprise that our wellbeing data consistently shows lower rates of bullying and higher levels of confidence, safety, and belonging compared to similar schools.

Our motto, "Small School, Big Opportunities," really sums us up. We may be a small rural school, but we offer programs and experiences to rival any larger school. These include:

- 1:1 ICT program, with strong digital citizenship practices through partnership with eSmart Schools.
- AUSLAN classes for all Prep-Year 6 students, building language skills in a fun and engaging way.

- Expansive school grounds with excellent sporting facilities and an energetic PE program, utilising Sporting Schools Program grants, that builds lifelong skills and a love of being active.
- A rich Visual Arts program, including involvement in the ArtCube South Gippsland initiative - connecting our students to the broader arts community.
- Kitchen Garden program, building hands-on skills and community partnerships with Landcare, Bunnings, and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation.
- Weekly Music sessions where students explore instruments, vocals, and small group activities to build their confidence and creativity.

But the best way to really understand what makes our school so special is to come and see it for yourself. We'd love to show you around, answer your questions, and introduce you to the vibrant, caring community we're so proud to be part of. Call us on 5663 5263 to book a tour - we can't wait to meet you!

Creating a positive and lasting change

NESTLED in the heart of South Gippsland, Koonwarra Village School (KVS) has been quietly transforming education since it first opened its doors in 2012. With a commitment to nurturing lifelong learners, this independent primary school offers a rich and meaningful education for children from Foundation to Grade 6.

At KVS, education is more than just curriculum - it's a way of life. The school blends the rigour of the Victorian Curriculum with its own Village School Curriculum, creating a vibrant and holistic learning environment. Grounded in the school's philosophy and guiding principles, every aspect of daily life at KVS is designed to inspire curiosity, agency, and joy in learning.

The Village School Curriculum adds depth and diversity to the academic program, weaving in elements that bring learning to life - from the expansive Outdoor Education Program, which includes camps and day trips, to the hands-on, integrated kitchen/garden program that connects students with nature, sustainability, and seasonal living.

What truly sets KVS apart is its dedication to student voice and choice. Children are given the opportunity to shape their own learning experiences, and adventure is encouraged - whether it's physical, social, or academic. Excursions, camps, and a wide array of extra-curricular activities are all part of a school culture that



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values exploration and engagement.

With a flexible, individualised approach to learning, mentors at KVS work alongside students to develop not just academic skills, but the confidence and capabilities needed to thrive throughout life. This personalised model is made possible by the school's intentional cap on enrolment - around 65 students - which ensures strong relationships and a warm, connected community.

In keeping with its innovative spirit, KVS also runs on a different rhythm than most schools. The

academic year is divided into six-week cycles - five weeks of learning followed by a one-week break. This pattern keeps both students and staff fresh, energised, and fully present for each learning cycle.

Koonwarra Village School continues to grow as a beacon of educational possibility - a place where children are known, their voices are heard, and their potential is celebrated. By blending academic excellence with creativity, connection, and care, KVS is indeed creating positive and lasting change in the world - one child at a time.

TARWIN LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL
Co-operation
Kindness
Resilience
Respect
Tarwin Lower Primary School proudly celebrating 100 years of quality education in our community.

Small school, big opportunities
Our school features:
Small class sizes, providing individual attention, laying strong foundations in literacy and numeracy & enabling our children to learn in a supportive environment.
Strong connections with the local and broader community
Thursday playgroup
Stephanie Alexander - Kitchen Garden Program
Strong music program across all year levels
Visiting specialists for Art, Library and Auslan
Part of Sporting Schools program providing a wide selection of sporting activities
Dedicated, professional teachers committed to supporting your child to succeed at school and for life.
Spacious, modern facilities with plenty of open spaces for children to play, grow and learn.
WE WELCOME ALL ENQUIRIES AND SCHOOL VISITS

Koonwarra Village School
Creating positive and lasting change in the world.
A nurturing, hands-on learning environment where curiosity thrives, adventures inspire, and every child is known. Small classes, big ideas, and a lifelong love of learning.
To express your interest please email: admin@koonwarravillageschool.org
Visit www.koonwarravillageschool.org/enrolment to register your attendance for our next Public Information Session.



Shaping young minds through community care

LEONGATHA Community Pre-School is more than just a place for early learning - it's a welcoming and supportive community where young children take their first steps on a life-long journey of discovery.
With two kindergartens, Hassett Street and Allora, the preschool proudly offers free three-year-old and four-year-old kindergarten programs to local families. Children attend five six-hour sessions across a fortnight in consistent groups, creating a stable and nurturing environment where lasting friendships and meaningful routines are developed.
What truly sets this preschool apart is its team of qualified and highly experienced teachers and educators. With a strong foundation in early childhood pedagogy, these professionals carefully plan and implement play-based programs tailored to each group's developmental needs. These programs do more than prepare children for school - they foster creativity, independence, confidence, and a lifelong love of learning.
Play is at the heart of how children learn, and at Leongatha Community Pre-School, it is given the respect and structure it deserves. Whether it's imaginative storytelling, problem-solving through construction, or learning about nature in outdoor play spaces, the children are always engaged in experiences that spark curiosity and build foundational skills.



With passionate educators and a supportive committee of local parents, Leongatha Community Pre-School provides high-quality play-based programs tailored to each child's developmental journey.

Importantly, Leongatha Community Pre-School is run by a dedicated Committee of Management made up of local parents and community members. This ensures the service remains family-focused and reflective of the values and aspirations of the wider Leongatha community. The committee's commitment to high-quality education and care ensures that the needs of children and families are always the priority.

In a time when many families are searching for trustworthy, meaningful early education, Leongatha Community Pre-School stands as a shining example of what's possible when passion, professionalism, and community come together. For families considering their Kindergarten options, this pre-school represents not just a service, but a community - a place where children are known, valued, and nurtured.



LEONGATHA COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL CENTRES



PROPOSED PROGRAMS FOR 2026

Table with 2 columns: Three-year-old programs and Four-year-old programs. Rows include Allora Kindergarten and Hassett Street Kindergarten with their respective schedules.

KINDER ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN
Register at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/kinder
To organise a tour of our kindergartens please phone 5662 2547

The next generation at Korumburra

NOTHING could be more relevant as we consider Education Week as this year's NAIDOC theme: The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy. Our work in education is all about future generations and equipping our students with the dispositions and skills to step into a future which cannot yet be fully imagined.
At Korumburra Secondary College we have been working hard to weave the voice of students into the fabric of our work, engaging students in creating a vision for our school and the values to which we aspire. Our teaching and learning programs are collaboratively designed and well resourced.
It was clear at our recent Information Night that staff and students are so proud to work and learn at KSC. We seek to ensure that all of our community can come to our school and feel safe and supported in order to thrive both while at school and in the journey beyond.



Korumburra Secondary College's signature programs provide every student with a well-designed pathway to success.



Set sail with Korumburra Secondary College's varied outdoor education program.

We are fortunate to have state-of-the-art facilities and buildings for optimum learning. We pride ourselves on knowing our students and catering for their individual needs through our range of signature programs. These include: Like Minds, Activate, Yarning Circle, VCE/VCE VM and our Mentoring Program through which every student their own advocate for learning.
We provide a range of extracurricular activities such as lunchtime clubs, camps, excursions, incursions, partnerships with community organisations, school production and talent night, an outstanding Music Program, Interschool Sports and Homework Club. This year, we have been fortunate to receive substantial support from the Martin Carlson Foundation, enabling two teams of students to participate in the H2GP (Hydrogen Powered Grand Prix) in which the students design, construct and then race their vehicles against others from all over Australia.
Each year at our Presentation Evening students are recognised for academic and

community achievements through the generous support of our sponsors.
Korumburra Secondary College maintains strong community ties, with students contributing to local initiatives like the Burra Flyer and Meals on Wheels. Our re-established Student Run Council is actively increasing student voice, including a project to design new Cross Fit stations. They also presented a range of ideas to School Council members who are excited to support their vision.
Enquiries about enrolment are welcome, please visit our website or call 5655 1566.



Nyora Primary School has worked hard over the years to create a positive learning environment for their students and it has earned them a Gold Award.

Nyora Primary School earns Gold Award

NYORA Primary School has officially been recognised with a School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) Gold Award.
A SWPBS Gold Award is a framework designed by the Education Department that helps schools build a positive learning environment for all students.
It focuses on teaching and celebrating positive behaviours, being consistent with expectations, and creating a school culture where students feel safe, supported, and ready to learn.
It ties in closely with the class lessons on respectful relationships and reaching the gold level means the school has maintained strong systems over time and consistently use these strategies across all classrooms.
There are clear expectations for

behaviour, support for students to meet them, and celebrate their successes.
Only a small number of schools across the state reach this level and it reflects years of commitment from the whole Nyora Primary School community.
The school got their first SWPBS bronze award back in 2019, and in 2020 and 2022 they earned their silver award and worked consistently to achieve the gold award in both 2023 and in 2024 - announced this year.
"A huge thank you to all our amazing staff, students and families for helping us create such a supportive and inclusive school," said Principal, Karen Farbus.
"Together, we've built something truly special. We can't wait to celebrate this achievement with our community - we are Nyora Champions!"





# Growth, wellbeing and academic excellence

BASS COAST COLLEGE is the heart of public secondary education in the Bass Coast and we are very proud of our students, staff and community. Student numbers continue to grow with enrolments tipping over 1700 in 2025. We remain focused on fostering excellence in Learning and Wellbeing through a holistic approach to education.

At the heart of our efforts is the commitment to creating a positive, inclusive, and engaging environment where every student feels supported to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. To achieve this, we are implementing several key initiatives throughout 2025.

At the end of 2024, our dedicated staff began training in the Berry Street Education Model, a framework designed to enhance student engagement and wellbeing by addressing the complex needs of learners. This model equips our teachers with practical strategies to build stronger relationships, promote self-regulation, and create safe, predictable learning environments.

This work complements the School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports that we have been working on over the last 12 months. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this approach will have on our classrooms and

the broader school community.

In addition to these wellbeing-focused initiatives, our staff remain committed to delivering a dynamic and engaging curriculum that caters to the diverse needs of all learners. We are also continuing to build on the fantastic VCE results from last year and expand our VCE VM offerings and VET opportunities. This year we are supporting students in an extensive senior school program with 39 VCE subjects running and nine VET studies delivered on campus, with plumbing, health services and hospitality introduced this year due to the growing demand.

To support this work, we have strategically built strong leadership teams to work with students, staff and the community.

We are proud of the achievements of our College and the significant success achieved by staff and students in recent years. Growing student population, new campuses, and the addition of many high-quality staff has been rewarding, but throughout it all the key focus has been on BCC's academic and holistic support of its students. This remains our very clear focus and we are particularly well placed for this with a high-quality support team available for students and families.



## BASS COAST COLLEGE

“Achieving success in a caring and creative environment”

Bass Coast College proudly continuing the 100 year tradition as the area's government secondary school presence. We remain committed to providing outstanding support for the young people of the Bass Coast area.

**DUDLEY CAMPUS**  
Years 7-9  
03 5672 0900

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Years 7-9  
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Flexible Learning  
Options Years 7-10

**WONTHAGGI CAMPUS**  
Years 10-12  
03 5611 4000



**BASS COAST COLLEGE**  
www.basscoast.vic.edu.au  
Principal  
Leith Cummins



### Why Korumburra Secondary College?

- Small class sizes
- VCE, VET and VM Pathways
- Like Minds Program, Years 7 & 8
- Activate Learning Program, Years 8 & 9
- Weekly mentor sessions
- Extracurricular opportunities galore
- Modern new buildings and STEM facilities for optimum learning
- Close knit community of students, parents and staff



**We are Respectful  
We are Resilient  
We are Kind  
We Try our Best**

125 Jumbunna Road, Korumburra 3950 | Phone 5655 1566  
Acting Principal, Ms Naomi Coleman





Henry, Elora and Anna's favourite activity is drawing. C06\_1825



Eden, Heidi and Amelia spend lunchtime in the garden club planting broccoli seedlings. C04\_1825



August is all smiles at lunchtime. C02\_1825



Alayla and Octavia are busy working away in the garden, with plenty of activities on offer during lunchtime. C05\_1825



There is plenty on offer at St Joseph's Wonthaggi for students with Thomas building a Lego house in the library during lunchtime. C03\_1825



# 2026 SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Enrolments Now Open

At St Joseph's we strive to inspire **faith, compassion, courage** and a **love of learning**.

Contact the office to schedule an appointment for a tour or to obtain enrolment information.

Enrolment packs are available on our website or at the school office.

stjwonthaggi.catholic.edu.au 03 5672 1502

## Bright classrooms, big futures

AT ST JOSEPH'S, we are proud to be a warm, welcoming community where each student is valued for their unique personality, talents, and gifts. We hold high expectations for student achievement, with a strong emphasis on helping every child reach their full potential. Our curriculum is delivered in an engaging way that caters to the individual learning needs of each student.

Our classrooms are dynamic and innovative, designed to reflect the developmental stage and age of our students. We are fortunate to have well-resourced, inviting spaces, featuring comfortable and colourful furniture, teaching aids, an array of books, equipment, and the latest technological tools to enhance learning.

Students benefit from specialised facilities, including a Performing Arts area, dedicated STEAM and Italian

rooms, and a gymnasium that support the exploration of important subjects. Beginning in Grade 3, students have access to their own devices, while younger students in Prep to Grade 2 use iPads to aid their learning.

At St Joseph's, we place a high value on staff collaboration and the sharing of expertise. Our dedicated teaching team is supported by several Education Support Officers who provide additional learning assistance across all grade levels. Our expansive playgrounds offer students a variety of outdoor activities, including two basketball courts, an oval, soccer pitch, sand pits, and a fully equipped gymnasium.

We invite families interested in becoming part of our vibrant community to reach out to us with any questions or inquiries. Together, we create an environment where every student can thrive.



## ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW

Virtual Tour Online

Visit our website for all information or book a tour



[www.stlleongatha.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stlleongatha.catholic.edu.au) | 5662 2192 |





**Tully Smith, Isla Clark, Liam Cook and Gus Hemming on Daffodil Day.**

## Community spirit at St Laurence's

ST LAURENCE O'Toole prides itself on being a school with a strong sense of community. Being a smaller school, our teachers know every student and we value how important our student, teacher, parent partnership is. We understand children learn differently, so to ensure they have adequate support for all areas of need, we have teacher support staff in every classroom. Our teachers are highly experienced and thrive to have learning environments that promote expert teacher practice where differentiated learning is key.

Our motto 'Love In Action' promotes positive relationships, respectful behaviours and caring for others. We strive for our students to become responsible learners, where student voice is promoted to increase both independence and confidence. This also forms the basis for our Religious Education where children talk about what makes them unique, share about our families, and we look at God's creation and how we take care of our world.

Our ABC's – Acting Responsibly, Being Respectful and Caring for Others and supporting 100 per cent of the students, 100 per cent of the time – are values embedded by all, in our everyday actions.

We have a lot of opportunities at St Laurence's where all students are supported and encouraged

to do their best. We offer music, dance and drama with students exploring sound, and movement both individually and collaboratively, fostering creativity, confidence, cooperation and critical thinking.

French language is taught through art and also in the classrooms and during art, students are always encouraged to be creative and colourful.

Our diverse physical education program has a focus on participation of all students in major games, athletics, swimming, gymnastics, dance, bike education and outdoor education. Students are given many opportunities to enjoy trying different sports during our senior winter sports program, and are provided with extra coaching for District, Division, Regional and State carnivals by our dedicated phys ed teacher. Our grade 3-6 children enjoy our camps which run annually.

Our grade 6 children all have a leadership role, and their favourite responsibility is being a buddy for our Foundation students. We are extremely proud of our school and the students, and value every student for their individual strengths and talents.

We have a warm welcoming community at St Laurence O'Toole, so if you would like to see this in action, please come and book a tour!



**Learning, faith, and community unite students across the Diocese of Sale as they are inspired to grow into compassionate future leaders.**

## 'Hope' is alive in our Catholic Schools

CATHOLIC primary and secondary schools across the Diocese of Sale will be opening their doors to the community with Open Days and activities to celebrate Catholic Education Week from May 16 to 23, 2025.

This year's theme is 'Pilgrims of Hope,' to align with the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope proclaimed by Pope Francis, inviting communities to reflect on the significance of hope and faith in their lives.

Mr Paul Velten, Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Sale, said schools will be helping to spread the message of 'hope' in their communities as part of Catholic Education Week.

"Some schools have created 'Hope Walls' adorned with messages and artwork that reflect what Hope means in their school communities, while others are undertaking social justice and fundraising projects to support those in need."

"The 'Pilgrims of Hope' theme highlights the importance of faith, compassion, and community, and the transformative power of education in shaping students into tomorrow's leaders."



Catholic Education Week will be celebrated with a Diocesan Mass led by Bishop of Sale, Most Reverend Greg Bennet on Wednesday, May 21 at St Francis Xavier College, Beaconsfield. A celebration of student learning in primary and secondary schools will take place at the conclusion of Mass.

There are 39 Catholic primary schools and seven Catholic secondary schools in the Diocese of Sale educating more than 20,000 students. A new school, St Josephine

Bakhita Catholic Primary School opened its doors in Clyde North this year.

Catholic schools empower students to develop their capabilities academically, spiritually, and socially, preparing them to be compassionate and capable leaders in the communities of the future.

Catholic schools invite families to attend an Open Day or contact a school for an individual tour and enrolment information. Visit a school and see the Catholic education difference!



*"Pilgrims of Hope"*  
Join us in embracing hope, unity and faith

*Celebrating*  
**Catholic Education Week**  
16 May to 23 May 2025

Visit a Catholic school  
Open Day and discover the difference!







“We are so proud of our school and always look forward to welcoming new families into our community.” – Sharon Anderson, principal.



Hands-on learning helps students build problem-solving skills, confidence, and a love for numbers at St Joseph's.

# Shaping confident, caring learners in a nurturing community

WE HAVE made a wonderful start to 2025 at St Joseph's! Our new Foundation Class have settled beautifully into the routine of school under the care of their teacher, Natalie Kratz and Learning Support Officer, Belinda Whiteside. We are delighted with the progress they are already making!

Our approach to teaching is all about ensuring that each child's learning needs are recognised, supported and extended. As a smaller school, we know every child; we know where they are up to and where they need to go next and most

importantly, we know how to get them there.

With a focus on individualised learning, we continue to provide intensive programs for those students who are identified as requiring additional support, or who need to be extended into more challenging learning opportunities.

At our school, the voice of the students is vital as we ensure that what we provide meets their needs. Every student has the opportunity to lead and every day they live out our school wide expectations of Respect, Care and Responsibility. We

want the children to be independent, resilient members of our community who contribute to, and care about our world.

Our students are invited into a broad range of experiences at St Joseph's, including specialist STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), art and physical education classes. This year we are also excited to add Auslan to our learning. We offer an intense swimming program at SPLASH in Leongatha, bike education as well as opportunities to participate in inter school sport, up to the State level. Each year, our

students join in excursions and incursions which enhance their learning beyond the classroom. Our senior students (Years 3-6) attend camp each year, alternating between a city and an adventure experience.

With a focus on our environment, we have installed bright new play equipment and continue to develop our beautiful grounds, including a vegetable garden which is tended by the students under the guidance of our Leader of Learning and Teaching, Carole Livesey.

We currently have limited places available across the

school and enrolments for 2026 are now open.

Our Principal, Sharon Anderson offers you and your child a warm invitation to visit St Joseph's. For further information, please visit our website at [www.sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au), take a look at our Facebook page (St Joseph's, Korumburra) or to arrange a personal tour, contact Lynn or Kathleen in our office on 5655 2040. Everyone is welcome at St Joseph's!

“We are so proud of our school and always look forward to welcoming new families into our community”.



## Everyday is Open Day at St Joseph's!

We nurture our children as curious, creative learners and as active, caring members of our community.

*We invite you to experience the St Joseph's difference.*



**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL • 1-3 Bridge Street, Korumburra**  
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Students Bella and Wynter love the library at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School in Cowes. B07\_1825



Teacher Maddy Taylor with education support staff Kerry Marshall and Lyn Kelly at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School. B06\_1825

# More than books and pencils at Our Lady Star of the Sea

GLISTENING in the warm winter sunshine of Phillip Island the quality of education at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School in Cowes is firmly anchored in the strong, nurturing tradition of the Catholic community.

Opened to students in 2018 Our Lady Star of the Sea may be one of the newest primary schools in Bass Coast, but nothing has been overlooked on this impressive campus.

A teacher for over 40 years Principal Catherine Blackford is passionate about education.

“The care, safety and wellbeing

of children is fundamental to everything we do at Our Lady Star of the Sea,” said Ms Blackford.

“Education is so much more than books and pencils, homework and study.

“Every child is provided with a quality and holistic education in an inclusive, safe and respectful environment.”

According to Ms Blackford education is life, the experiences we share, the hurdles we overcome, the relationships we build and the lessons that are sometimes hard-won.

“How we interact with the world, our peers and our

parents is governed by what we learn in school, as well as from the world around us,” said Ms Blackford.

“Shared experiences, community and family are fundamental in shaping our children into positive, self-aware and intelligent people and communication is the key to keeping a community together.

“We believe education should be an opportunity to develop the whole person.

“Creative, inspirational and inclusive.”

The whole-of-school positive behaviour approach includes

prevention, explicit teaching and use of evidence based practices for informed decision making, supporting the teaching and learning environment so that the academic outcomes for students can be maximised.

The buddy program at Our Lady Star of the Sea is of significant importance both for new students to the school, and for the development of leadership skills in senior students.

The school is actively involved in inter-school sports on the Bass Coast including soccer, cross country and aerobics.

“Our Lady Star of the Sea is a

partnership with parents,” said Ms Blackford.

“We know every child and their strengths and challenges.”

A private school tour with the principal is a great opportunity to see the school in action.

“We take the time to have a comprehensive discussion about your child’s individual educational needs and answer any specific questions you may have.”

Phone the school on 5951 1700 to arrange a suitable time for a school tour or alternatively drop in and pick up an enrolment pack up at 6 Cowes-Rhyll Road, Cowes.



## Our Lady Star of the Sea

### Catholic Primary School – Cowes



## Courage, Compassion & Creativity

We believe in providing a welcoming, friendly and safe environment where everyone is respected and treated fairly and justly. Taking pride in environmental sustainability, the surrounding wetlands and “green areas” on the school site will engage students in authentic studies within a natural environment.

**OPEN DAY IS EVERYDAY**



Offering Before and After School Care Everyday

6 Cowes-Rhyll Road, Cowes

Ph: **5951 1700**

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# Mary MacKillop College welcomes the next generation

MARY MacKillop Catholic Regional College offers co-educational classes from Year 7 to Year 12 and has provided education to the South Gippsland and Bass Coast communities for more than 39 years.

The college offers students many pathways to success and opportunities for personal growth.

Rather than creating exclusive classes, students are invited to represent the college in a wide range of fields suited to their talents and interests.

These include sporting competitions, music, participation in extension programs, entering academic contests, debating, applying for leadership opportunities and numerous other activities that expand pupils' learning horizons.

As students move through the various year levels, they choose programs which best suit their needs and ambitions.

The college offers a range of subjects based on student aspirations with the pathways through the senior years including VCE and VCE Vocational Major.

College programs focus on development of the whole person, providing the opportunity for students to grow

in faith, learning and self-esteem.

During their time at Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College, the college supports students with career counselling, pastoral care and personal counselling.

Parents are involved in the life of the college, particularly through the online Parent Access Module, as well as being encouraged to discuss matters with staff directly.

Throughout students' six-year journey at Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College, the school works in partnership with families to assist graduates to mature into intelligent and responsible adults who can make wise choices and provide valuable contributions to society.

What are you waiting for head along to a College Tour and Meet the Principal this morning (Tuesday, May 6) or on Tuesday, May 20 at 9.15am.

Grade Six Activity days also kick off this week with St John's Koo Wee Rup and government schools on May 7, whilst St Joseph's Wonthaggi and Korumburra follow on May 12 and Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Laurence Leongatha on May 14.

For more information or to register contact 5662 4255.



Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College students are shining in inter-school sports, showcasing their talent both on the track and in the pool.

## Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College



## Faith in their future

For further information or to register please visit our website or contact the college:  
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Newhaven College's production of Xanadu, with stars Archie Robson and Cecily de Gooyer, supported by a few of the many ensemble Scarlett Hill, Georgia Sanders, Madison King, Holly Martelli and Charlee Pedersen.

# Newhaven College's Xanadu rolls into town

LAST weekend, family, friends and community members were entertained by the singing and dancing (and roller skating!) spectacle of Newhaven College's Senior School production of Xanadu.

The glittering, tongue-in-cheek celebration of dreams, destiny, and disco-drenched romance captivated audiences with its outrageous charm and infectious energy. Inspired by the cult 1980 film, Xanadu was transformed into a dazzling Broadway musical in 2007. It lovingly parodies both Greek mythology and roller-skating '80s excess. The amazingly talented performers and professional production standards provided a dazzling show for musical enthusiasts.

Director, Karen Milkins-Hendry and Musical Director, Matt Goss led and inspired a high-quality performance that was truly a celebration for the school community.

Through the fantastical tale of Kira (played by Cecily de Gooyer), a muse from Mount Olympus who descends to Earth to inspire a struggling artist, Sonny (played by Archie Robson), Xanadu explores themes of creative passion, the courage to follow one's heart, and the magic that can arise when we dare to embrace the ridiculous.

Equal parts satire and sincere celebration, the musical roller-coaster reminded the audience that sometimes, the wildest dreams are the ones worth chasing.

Every student on stage gave it their all, from the featured cast to the dancers to the ensemble cast. The energy and enthusiasm burst off the stage, providing a dynamic and infectious toe-tapping fun time for the audience.

Along with the leading cast, Cecily de Gooyer (Kira/Clio), Archie Robson (Sonny) and Felix Fothergill (Danny) were the Muses played by Nissa Campbell Walker (who was stunning as the menacing Melpomene), Indigo Aurora (Calliope), Jude Fisher (Terpsichore), Aoife O'Connell (Thalia), Meyanna Christensen

(Euterpe), Tilly Russell (Erato), Finn Campbell Walker (Urania) and Elleah Rodgers (Polymnia). Other critical roles were performed beautifully by Shae Foster, Yao Yu, Finn McLean, Tilly Stecher, Finn Farley, Aisha Glass, Bede Prideaux, Sequoia Patterson, Harper Stephens and Angelina Mumby. With the support of a highly energetic dance ensemble (the Sirens) and ensemble cast, the show was rich in talent from the youngest student up.

The choreography by Leasal Liddle-Pirouet, design by Tad Hendry and wig specialisation by Rafal Pyka were backed by magnificent costumes created by Steph Thornborrow and volunteer Robyn Rumbelow, along with many staff, parents and students who assisted with the creation of the costumes and sets.

Principal Tony Corr was thrilled with the final performance.

"The cast and crew's journey to bring Xanadu to life has been an extraordinary collaborative effort," Mr Corr said.

"Our students and staff have shown incredible dedication, passion and resilience. The final result is more than just a showcase of talent; it is a celebration of the performing arts as a vital and dynamic part of our school.

"The arts provide our students with opportunities to refine their skills, explore their creativity, develop their self-confidence, and express themselves in ways that are both meaningful and transformative. Through their involvement in theatre, music, dance, and visual arts, our students learn the value of discipline, teamwork and perseverance. They discover their voices, their strengths, and their potential."

Newhaven College would like to thank all the staff, students, parents and community members who assisted with the production this year, plus everyone who came along to the show. Also, the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre for providing the venue and ticket sale support.



Nissa Campbell Walker played a very evil Melpomene, supported by Indigo Aurora and Jude Fisher.



The Newhaven College production of Xanadu had very impressive costumes, designed and created by volunteer parents, staff and friends. From left, Aisha Glass as Aphrodite, Yu Yao as Zeus, Finn Farley as Thetis and Tilly Stecher as Hera.



Newhaven College's production of Xanadu was supported throughout by the dance troupe, Olivia Helps, Ruby King, Mia Bowtell, Phoebe Helps and Abbie Wines.

## Photos and ideas needed for the Loch and District 150 year book

PREPARATIONS for the Loch and District 150-year celebrations – since the first settlement – are beginning.

Celebrations are planned for the March long weekend in 2026, from Friday, March 6 to Monday, March 9 at various Loch venues and clubs.

Everyone who has a connection with Loch is invited to attend, especially past and present Loch families, groups and businesses.

A dedicated group of locals has been meeting regularly to coordinate this event and are calling out for contributions to include in the production of an updated edition of the book, 'Loch and District 1876 – 2001', which celebrated 125 years since settlement.

In particular, organisers are seeking photos from people relating to Loch, both past and present, that can be scanned, as well as any ideas to help contribute to the book which will follow on from the previous edition.

Photos and ideas can be brought to the Loch Hall on Saturday, May 10 from 12pm – 2pm and on Thursday, May 15 from 12 – 2 pm.

### • FAITH FACTOR

## Warts and all

By Father Darren Howie, Parish Priest, St Joseph's Parish, Wonthaggi

CHRISTIANS celebrate the hope and joy the resurrection of Christ brings. In summation, God invites everyone to be part of his family, in which they are loved and valued and in an eternal home which can never be taken away.

From my personal experience, this love makes a huge difference. Sadly, this message is lost on many because of Christians who hide and deny scandals.

God in the Old and New Testament did not hide scandals, he put them all in, warts and all. Jesus, who predicted scandals would continue, had himself an 8.33 per cent failure rate in Judas, who betrayed him. In order to deal with a problem, you have to acknowledge it and call it out.

Jesus, to deal with those who believed in their moral superiority, was incredibly blunt at times! The Pharisees and Scribes were told that they were whitened tombs and corrupt. Peter was told, 'Get behind me, Satan' when he tried to dissuade Jesus from the Cross, which would 'draw all people to himself'. Could it be that he had to be blunt to try and shock people to see what pride and elitism can do, and leave a lasting message for us about its dangers.

At the Last Supper Jesus told Judas that he knew that he was going to betray him, and that Peter would deny him three times. Jesus' strong words to Peter were balanced by love and compassion after he failed.

He tried to reach out to Judas as well. Jesus could reach Peter because he wasn't proud and was capable of true repentance. One of the great legacies of Pope Francis was that he was a true shepherd who taught, like Jesus, that each and every person has inherent value and is loved and valued by God as if they were an only son or daughter. My personal realisation and experience of that enduring love of Jesus changes everything for the better for me.



### A magical afternoon of music at Fish Creek

PROM Recitals is delighted to present Trio Arapiles for an inspiring afternoon of classical music at the Fish Creek Memorial Hall on Sunday, May 25, 2025, at 2.30 pm.

Join acclaimed wind virtuosos Niels Bijl and Matthew Kneale, alongside superstar Adelaide pianist Yundi Yuan, as they reimagine the works of classic composers with stunning artistry. Experience the beautiful sounds of the Fish Creek Memorial Hall's grand piano, once again brought to life in this intimate and unforgettable performance.

Program highlights include Mendelssohn's Concert Piece No. 2, selections from Bach's Two-Part Inventions, Beethoven's Piano Trio No. 4 "Gassenhauer" and Ian Whitney's Postcards (2020)

Postcards feature four vivid musical scenes, written during the COVID period. Composer Ian Whitney describes each movement as follows:

- Postcard 1 (soprano saxophone solo) – "The art deco gothic Birds Motors Tower, the sun setting in the background, illuminating the line of cars and commuters on the sidewalk below."
  - Postcard 2 (piano solo) – "The ornate glasshouse of the Botanic Gardens, its tropical flowers and exotic shrubs bathed in sunlight, creating a riot of colours, yet eerily empty. Circa 1984."
  - Postcard 3 (bassoon solo) – "The path winding up Parsley Peak, the city stretched below, with a dog, a couple holding hands, and a family running ahead. Circa 2003."
  - Postcard 4 (soprano saxophone, bassoon, and piano) – "Looking north to Paradise Pier, the old rollercoaster and ferris wheel outlined against a cloudless sky, a ferry passing in the foreground. Circa 1996."
- The talented Trio consists of:
- Niels Bijl – Dutch-Australian saxophonist, chamber music specialist, and inspiring mentor to the next generation of musicians.
  - Matthew Kneale – Award-winning bassoonist, known for his virtuosity and charismatic stage presence.
  - Yundi Yuan – Celebrated Adelaide-based pianist, widely recognised for her artistry and a recent guest artist at the Sydney Opera House's Freedman Classical Awards.

Music lovers are invited to experience the magic of a Prom Recitals concert, where creativity, passion, and musical excellence come together. Whether you are a seasoned concertgoer or new to the classical scene, Prom Recitals promises an unforgettable afternoon.

Adult tickets are \$60, children \$20, and can be booked at [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com).

Prom Recitals is a group of local volunteers who came together to bring quality classical music to South Gippsland. The group's small profit from the concerts goes directly to support the music program in the local secondary schools.

The group invite interested persons to become a Friend of Prom Recitals and help them bring live music experiences to life in South Gippsland and support the school's program.

Friends receive priority ticketing, an invitation to an exclusive post-concert meet-and-greet with the artists, and a complimentary glass of wine. Membership is just \$55 per year.

Visit [promrecitals.org.au](http://promrecitals.org.au) for details.

Prom Recitals look forward to welcoming you for a magical afternoon of music at Fish Creek!

# An intimate evening of story and song at The Union

WHEN Mark Seymour walks onto the stage at The Union Theatre in Wonthaggi this Friday, audiences won't just be treated to a live concert, they'll be stepping into a time machine that travels through four decades of Australian songwriting.

"It's a big show," Seymour stated in conversation with the Sentinel-Times over the weekend.

"The songs cover a period of 40 years, but given it's in a theatre we can kind of go anywhere – it's a fairly intimate environment. I tend to design the show around the kind of room we're playing in."

Audiences can expect a steady build-up inside the walls of The Union by the frontman of Hunters and Collectors.

"Rather than go out hard and rock from the get-go – it's a whole different experience to playing in a pub. I also take the opportunity to talk a lot more now – I talk about the roots of the material, where it comes from, the characters involved, and the time and place where I was – a little bit of history. I think people appreciate that," Seymour continued, noting guests will be treated to a good story behind the Holy Grail.

With enduring hits including Last Ditch Cabaret, Throw Your Arms Around Me, When The River Runs Dry, True Tears of Joy, and the anthemic single Holy Grail, the discography is limitless for Friday evening, particularly with Mark Seymour and The Undertow releasing two albums in the last five years.

"I've always written in a sort of survival state of mind," he said.

"I'm always working on the next song. It's very much about the present – what books I'm reading, what's going on in the world. The songs are documents, so when they become famous over a long period, other questions feed into that connection – questions that don't necessarily have much to



Win tickets to see Mark Seymour and The Undertow perform this Friday.

do with me, and I find that really fascinating, it's a mysterious nature the connection with the structure of a song."

Fans can expect to hear Waiting On The Kid from the latest album The Boxer.

"There's a song on the new album which I really like playing. It's very reflective, it's valid, current and really documents quite recent events in my life in a really positive way. It's quite sad, but it's very strong."

A talented singer and later songwriter, Seymour found his calling in childhood.

"When I was very little, I wanted to sing. I had a really strong sense of identity, everything came into focus when I sang."

"The family was quite musical. We used to perform a lot, but I remember the distinct feeling when I was a little kid singing in front of my relatives, I just had a really strong sense of power and identity and it's never really gone away."

"The lyric, the songwriting, came a lot later, but that was also a switch. I remember making the decision to write a song, and it was my life depended on it. It was towards

the end of uni, and I thought this is what I want to do."

Performing the album Slow Dawn to an empty Forum Theatre in Melbourne during lockdown (with permission) when stages globally sat silent, Seymour felt encouraged to keep going.

"You had to learn to live with stillness," he said, and through the positive peacefulness came renewed creativity and productivity.

While the music industry has transformed – from record stores to streaming, from royalties to publicity – Seymour remains enthused.

"There's less pressure now. The format is gone. Pop music's more diverse, and that's good."

A highlight of his career was performing with Hunters and Collectors in front of 80,000 people at the MCG Sound Relief concert in 2009 surrounded by one of the most incredible line ups of Australian musical history.

"It was spine-tingling – the sheer scale of it to walk out. The band hadn't played for 10 years, and we played about

half a dozen songs. I didn't think Hunters and Collectors would ever play again."

Now backed by The Undertow—Cameron McKenzie, Peter Maslen, and John Favaro—Seymour is working on an anthology and writing a second book on songwriting.

"And I'm noodling on the guitar in the background. Those two things will emerge next year in 2026."

So dust off your dancing shoes and book your tickets to see Mark Seymour & The Undertow at The Union Theatre this Friday, May 9, at 7.30pm.

**EXCLUSIVE: Win a double pass to see Mark Seymour & The Undertow this Friday, along with a Union Theatre centenary prize pack. The winner will be drawn at random on Thursday afternoon (May 8) and contacted via phone and email. Their name will also be announced on social media. To enter, email your name and contact details to [news@sgst.com.au](mailto:news@sgst.com.au). If the winner cannot be reached, additional names will be drawn from 9am on Friday.**

## Artist Alison Lester's signing and talk at Berninnet

ON MAY 9, the Bass Coast Shire Council welcome the much-loved, award-winning author and illustrator, Alison Lester, to Berninnet. Join Alison Lester for a 20-minute artist talk in the Berninnet Art Gallery at noon, followed by a book signing at 12.30pm in the Phillip Island Library.

The public is welcome to visit the library for this free drop-in event and bring along their favourite book for an autograph. There will also be the opportunity for colouring in, in the library, and a competition to win gift packs.

Presented as part of Imagine Live by Jolyon James based on the book by Alison Lester, at Berninnet Theatre, on July 10, 2025.

Alison said the Imagine Live

performance is a beautiful thing.

"I couldn't be happier with the way Jolyon has transformed my book into a performance piece."

In speaking with Alison, she confirmed that she trained as a secondary art teacher, but only taught for a year and started illustrating books as a job that she could do from home after her first baby was born.

"After a few years of illustrating, I got the urge to start writing my own stories, and that's what I've been doing ever since, writing and illustrating," said Alison.

Many of Alison's books, like Imagine, beautifully blend the real with the imaginary, and when asked how she strikes the balance between fantasy

and relatable childhood experiences, Alison said she has a great imagination.

"This is not always a good thing when you're lying awake at night, but it has been very helpful when making books."

"When my children were little, I loved the way they were often in an imaginary world, turning the wheelbarrow into a spaceship or role-playing a family that they had seen somewhere."

Often drawing inspiration from the Australian landscape, Alison's connection to nature has influenced her storytelling and illustrations. She said nothing makes her happier than bushwalking or riding her horse.

"I've had wonderful opportunities to travel around many

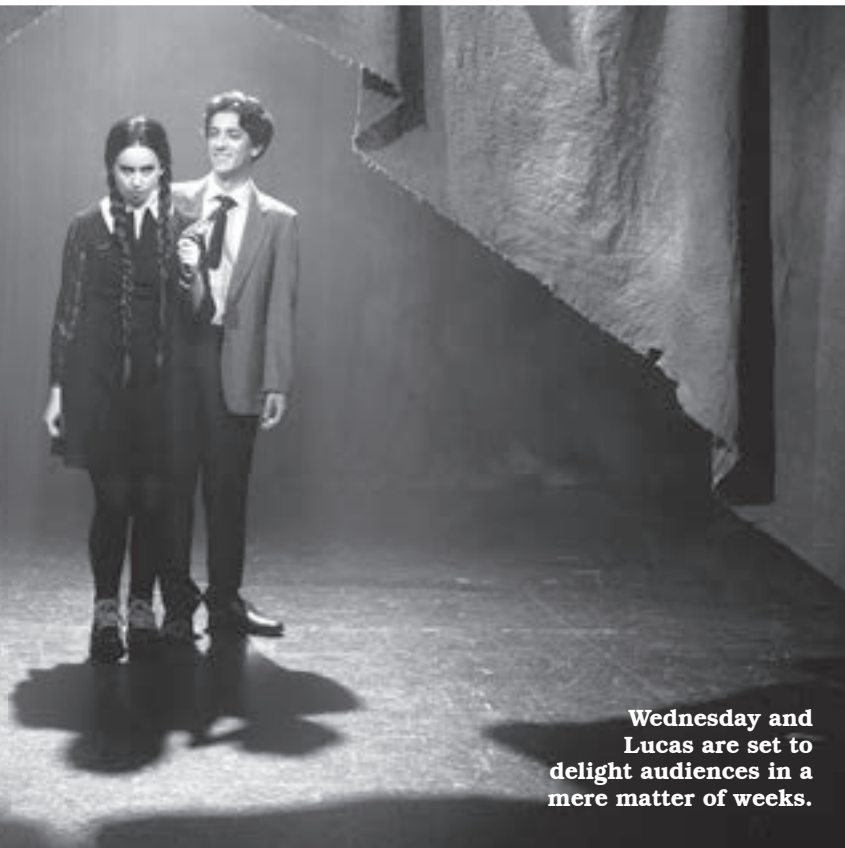
parts of Australia and feel very connected to the landscape. I think I've only ever made one of my books in portrait mode, everything is landscape because that's how I see the world."

"When I think of a book, I can easily see what it's going to look like, but before I have drawn anything, I usually start to work on the words, and then the two things develop alongside each other. My drawing style is often very rough sketches, and then I finesse them into something that is usually too tidy."

Imagine Live by Jolyon James, based on the book by artist Alison Lester, will be live at Berninnet on July 10 at 11am. To meet Alison Lester, visit Berninnet on May 9 from noon.



### Not long until The Union's spooky side comes to life



Wednesday and Lucas are set to delight audiences in a mere matter of weeks.

THE Wonthaggi Theatrical Group is preparing to bring spooky charm and hilarious chaos to the stage with its upcoming production of The Addams Family musical, opening on May 23.

This production, directed by Rafal Pyka, is a true community collaboration, with original design work and detailed craftsmanship.

"What has been truly incredible is the way my vision has

come to life thanks to the extraordinary people in the production team," Pyka shared.

"Every costume, wig, prop, and set piece has been custom-made for this show. The team has tackled every challenge with creativity, determination, and a can-do attitude."

His vision brings Charles Addams' beloved characters to life in a fresh and theatrical way.

The story follows Wednesday

Addams as she introduces her eccentric family to her "normal" boyfriend and his straight-laced parents, setting the stage for a dinner party full of secrets, surprises, and laugh-out-loud moments.

Andrew Newton, who plays Mal Beineke, shared his excitement: "This show has been so much fun to put together, everyone involved is having a ball, and it is coming across

on the stage with the energy

and effort being put in. I am always amazed by the talent in South Gippsland, but this show is absolutely stacked with an amazing cast, ensemble, and dancers."

Performances will run from May 23rd until June 8th at the Wonthaggi Union Theatre. Tickets are available now via the WTG website [wtg.org.au](http://wtg.org.au).

And stay tuned next week as we announce a spookily spectacular prize up for grabs.



### Sticky Date Pudding

with Caramel Sauce

By Meg Viney

YEARS ago I put this in the paper, and I am guessing lots of people didn't get it, so a repeat.

#### Ingredients

- 370 gm pitted dates
- 1 ½ tsp carb soda
- 1 tsp grated ginger
- 90 gm butter
- 1 cup castor sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 ½ cups S.R. flour
- ½ tsp mixed spice

#### Caramel sauce

- 150 gm butter
- 1 ¼ soft brown sugar
- 1/3 cup golden syrup
- ¾ cup cream

#### Method

Grease a 23cm cake tin.

Chop the dates and place in a pot with 1 ½ cups water. Bring to the boil, remove and add carb soda and ginger.

Leave to stand for 5 minutes.

Cream butter and sugar and add eggs, beating in, one at a time.

Fold in flour, spice and dates, stirring well.

Pour into tin and bake on 180 for about an hour, until the skewer comes out clean.

Stand 5-10 minutes then turn out onto a cake platter.

#### Method

Stir all the ingredients into a pan and heat over a low heat until all the sugar has dissolved and the sauce is thick.

Brush some over the pudding and serve the rest with the pudding and, of course, whipped cream.

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CROSSWORD

No. 68 (What a month is May!) - by ‘Johnno2’ of Cape Paterson

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 A month by a river, doing pilgrim craft (9)
- 6 Game, half a month after wine (5)
- 9 Regular tyro, just humbled to share platform (7)
- 10 It's stale and sour inside...Sure? (4,3)
- 11 'Super G' slalom run, with a measure of energy (4)
- 12 Poor sound stoppers in shacks (10)
- 15 Jazzy June - veil's green! (8)
- 16 Deepest, colourfully: one-off dahlia (5)
- 19 Joint deposit in bank ledger (5)
- 20 Oil and paths? Off to surgery! (8)
- 22 and 30-across Bucolic novel reading should occasionally befit - whimsically - a month? (3,7,4,2,3)
- 24 Cold, hot; the best brew! (4)
- 26 Knocking wine's release (7)
- 28 Praise a quarter-millennium plan (7)
- 29 A month to live, possibly? (5)
- 30 See 22-across

DOWN

- 1 A month on the edge leads to chaos (6)
- 2 15-across, upsetting Kurt: she's an agitator for change! (5,4)
- 3 Ruffian's influence, blackly heartless... (4)
- 4 ...means we start on this spot, with a roiling heart (11)
- 5 Spacecraft returned to outer space? (3)
- 6 Star in performing hedge: it's a blessing? (10)
- 7 Request for permission, a month before curfew rule ends (3,2)
- 8 Sign-off by Tolkien's Galadriel, perhaps? Anonymously, yet personally (8)

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- 13 Manages sheep, and kin are nomadic (5,2,4)
- 14 Make popular promotion for colonel? (10)
- 17 Spooner calls brother and mum for a contraceptive (9)
- 18 Servant's truth: starts off 'Tuesday until Monday' (8)
- 21 A month after dollar increase, scare leads to letdown (6)
- 23 Entry at odds with politician in purge (5)
- 25 *The Phonetic's* fifth come back (4)
- 27 Origins of 'Go on, big mouth!' (3)

STRAIGHT CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Pilgrim's ship (9)
- 6 A grape/wine variety (5)
- 9 Video share platform (7)
- 10 (Are you) sure? (4,3)
- 11 Measure of energy (4)
- 12 Shacks, holiday houses (10)
- 15 Childish, green (8)
- 16 Deepest ocean zone (5)
- 19 Leg joint (5)
- 20 Surgery, medical facility (8)
- 22 and 30-across Bucolic English novel by H.E. Bates (3,7,4,2,3)
- 24 Spiced tea brew (4)
- 26 Knocking; also, release of wine from cask (7)
- 28 Praise (7)
- 29 Possibly (5)
- 30 See 22-across

DOWN

- 1 Chaos (6)
- 2 Agitator for change (Ottoman origins) (5,4)
- 3 Ruffian (4)
- 4 Means, resources (11)
- 5 Outer space, edge (3)
- 6 Bless (you)! (10)
- 7 A request for permission (3,2)
- 8 Personally, by you (8)
- 13 Manages, controls (5,2,4)
- 14 Make popular, widespread (out of the particular) (10)
- 17 A form of contraceptive (9)
- 18 Servant, odd-jobber (8)
- 21 Letdown (by the unexpected) (6)
- 23 Purge (5)
- 25 Come back, as of a noise, say (4)
- 27 Mouth (colloq.) (3)

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CODEWORD

No. 269

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SUDOKU

No. 278

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.

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QUICK QUIZ

1. Which newspaper did Clark Kent work at?
2. If a ship is a collier, what does it carry?
3. Name the ghost in Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.
4. The kina is the national currency of which nation?
5. Who provides the voice for Smaug in *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*?
6. What does the Kelvin scale measure?
7. Which was the first Mr Men book: *Mr Happy*, *Mr Tickle* or *Mr Messy*?
8. True or false: bream is a species of bird?
9. What character did Alan Rickman (pictured) play in *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*?
10. Jørn Utzon designed which iconic Australian building?



ANSWERS: 1. The Daily Planet 2. Coal 3. Bannock 4. Papua New Guinea 5. Benedict Cumberbatch 6. Thermodynamic temperature 7. Mr Tickle 8. False (fish) 9. The Sheriff of Nottingham 10. Sydney Opera House

WORD SEARCH

No. 189

Can you find all the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.

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| CRAFT    | OFFICE     | VIEWING      |
| DANCE    | PICNIC     | WEDDING      |
| DINNER   | PIRATE     | WINE TASTING |

SECRET MESSAGE: Staying out until the sun comes up





Ed Thexton was at Wonthaggi's early voting centre off and on noting it hadn't rained and the punters had been great. C09\_1825



Ken Blackman was on hand with how-to-vote cards for the Greens. C08\_1825



Kate had been sporadically helping for the Greens, whilst Elly had been helping throughout the whole campaign for Legalise Cannabis party. C07\_1825



Among those who attended the midweek and local ladies' tennis reunion at Inverloch last Thursday were Roz Fox, Barb Walker, Gwen Jeffery and Carol Thorn.



Nikki Kelly and Julianne Spithill were on hand with how-to-vote cards for Deb Leonard last week at Wonthaggi. C10\_1825



Belinda Buckland was out and about last week handing out how-to-vote flyers for Russell Broadbent on election day at Fish Creek and earlier in the week at Wonthaggi. C11\_1825



Alan and Jimmy travelled from South Australia to assist Geoff last week at the Wonthaggi's early voting centre. C12\_1825



Parents Alan and Tess Jones with their son, Patrick, at the grand opening of the North Wonthaggi Uniting Kindergarten. W07\_1825



Macey, Eli and Rhen were cheering on their dad in his first march on Anzac Day. C36\_1725

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the midweek and ladies' tennis reunion, Voting and Anzac Day, Wonthaggi North Uniting Kindergarten Grand Opening and the Coal Creek Spin-in.



Enjoying the tennis reunion at Inverloch last Thursday were Tracee Brusamarello, Dianne Stewart, Marion Walker, Dot Garry, Patsy Britt and Barb Stewart.



Also attending the tennis reunion at the Esplanade Hotel last Thursday were from the left, back, Joan Scott, Judy Caughey and Marg Scott, front, Bev Page and Ivy Sheppard.



Attending the South Gippsland midweek and ladies tennis reunion last Thursday were Thelma Churchill, Anne Tschiderer and Marg McCulley.



Rose Carey and Ria Tesselaar joined in the Coal Creek Spin-in from the Grand Valley Spinners and Weavers from Montrose. ob03\_1825



Frances and Sally were having great fun and lots of laughs while spinning at the Coal Creek Spin-in last Friday. ob04\_1825



Wonthaggi Lion's Phillip Watt with Rotarians president Leah Montebello and former president Ray McCurry. C37\_1725



Louise was helping to knit a sock for her friend and Cindy was knitting a boomerang scarf for her special sheep shearer who sources the very best fleece for her, at the Coal Creek Spin-in. ob06\_1825



Barbara and Licia were catching up with Licia knitting a teddy for charity. ob05\_1825

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## Family home on spacious block

HERE is a fantastic opportunity for those searching for a spacious backyard, a blank canvas, one that provides side access with plenty of room for a shed, caravan and boat storage or garden to your hearts content all whilst enjoying this immaculate home on 900m2 (approx.)

This modern four-bedroom, two-bath-room home provides an ideal floorplan for families, in addition to the outdoor deck, overlooking the spacious backyard with views across the hills of South Gippsland.

Features of the home:

- Generous open plan living area comprising kitchen, dining and living with timber floors
- Modern bright kitchen with electric oven and cooktop, dishwasher, and plenty of storage
- Second separate lounge room
- Master bedroom complete with ensuite, including a double vanity and walk-in robe
- Bedrooms two, three and four all with built-in robes and easy access to the family bathroom with a separate toilet
- Neat laundry with direct access to the side yard
- Heating and cooling are taken care of with two reverse-cycle air conditioners
- Spacious double garage that allows direct access into the main home

This light and bright home, with a very functional floor plan, provides opportunities for you to put your touch on this family home, making for an ideal investment, in a picturesque part of town, walking distance to schools, parks and medical.

To arrange an inspection please contact the selling agent SEJ Real Estate's Irene Walker on 0429 045 632.



4 | 2 | 2 900m<sup>2</sup>

79 Parr Street, **Leongatha**  
**For Sale** POA  
**Agent** SEJ Real Estate  
Irene Walker 0429 045 632

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### DOLLAR



- 3.4 ac (approx.) with valley views
- 20 mins to Foster/Mirboo
- Northerly aspect, shelter trees
- Ideal for your dream home (STCA)
- Power connected and shedding

**\$340,000**

Contact Andrea Adams 0429 822 801

### MARDAN



- Highly productive undulating blue-gum grazing hill country
- 52ha/130acres (approx.) ideal for fattening cattle or turnout
- Absolute water security, start of Toomeys Creek
- Springs, dams, troughs, all set in high rainfall region
- 14 paddocks, stock yards, excellent shedding, and est. trees
- Beautifully presented, fully updated 2 bed, 1 bath W/B cottage

**\$1,640,000**

Contact Irene Walker 0429 045 632

### FOSTER



- 1.185 hectare / 2.9 acres (approx.)
- 10 mins to Foster or Fish Creek
- Established trees for shade
- Outlook to Inlet and Prom
- Building envelope top of a rise

**\$599,000**

Contact Andrea Adams 0429 822 801

### TOORA



- Vacant township zoned block
- (Approx. 616sqm) on sealed road
- Town water connected
- Views, farmland to Corner Inlet
- Close to shops, school & rail trail

**\$195,000**

Contact Andrea Adams 0429 822 801

### FOSTER



- Choice of two rural living blocks, both with stunning rural views
- Lot 2 is approx. 4.6 acres with pockets of established bush & winter creek
- Lot 3 is approx. 3.4 acres with established access track, dam and wetlands
- Gently undulating country, both fenced with power to boundary
- Quiet location just 10 minutes out of town, close to the coast

**Lot 2 \$685,000 Lot 3 \$665,000**

Contact Andrea Adams 0429 822 801

### NERRENA



- 1.4 ha / 3.4 acres approx.
- Beautiful tree/bush setting
- 4 bed, 2 bath, two storey living
- Colden Home, off the grid
- Solar/batteries, no power bills
- Exc. Shed, 18mx9m plus lean too
- Just 10 min. to Leongatha

**\$980,000**

Contact Irene Walker 0429 045 632



Real Estate

South Gippsland and Bass Coast

'Grand Ridge Stay' – Ideal getaway on 18 acres

WELCOME to Grand Ridge Stay, a breathtaking lifestyle property nestled on 18 acres of picturesque countryside. This gorgeous property has been used as a successful bed and breakfast and offers a rare opportunity to own a piece of paradise in one of the most sought-after locations in the region. This property boasts a range of features that will appeal to a wide range of buyers, including sprawling gardens, natural bush, and stunning views that stretch as far as the eye can see.

The home has two generous-sized bedrooms with the master room leading you to the deck where you can enjoy the stunning views. The kitchen is well-appointed and includes an electric cooktop, dishwasher and pantry. A central bathroom doubles up as a laundry and features a shower and vanity. Other notable features of the home are the beautiful cathedral ceilings in the open-plan living area and a cosy wood heater to warm the home in the cooler months.

Outside you will see the established garden with gorgeous native plants and English trees that line the driveway. There is a lovely outdoor entertaining area which includes a fire pit for you to enjoy. Scattered around the 18 acres is a Mountain Ash bush plantation.

Shedding for the property consists of a machinery shed plus a lockable shed. There are cattle yards and a loading race for stock handling. Water for the property is via numerous tanks and a spring fed dam.

Ideally located 15 minutes to Mirboo North, 17 minutes to Leongatha, 35 minutes to the beautiful beaches of Inverloch, one hour to Wilson's Prom and just under two hours to Melbourne's CBD.

If you're looking for a lifestyle property that offers the ultimate in peace, privacy, and tranquillity, look no further than Grand Ridge Stay. With its stunning location, exceptional amenities, and endless possibilities, this property is truly one of a kind.

For further information or to inspect this property please contact Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083 or Sharon Turton on 0447 604 796.

For a Due Diligence Checklist go to: [consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligence-checklist](http://consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligence-checklist).



2 1 4 18 acres

2625 Grand Ridge Road, **Hallston**  
**For Sale** \$1.25 - \$1.35 Million  
**Agent** Elders  
Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083  
Sharon Turton 0447 604 796

Over 40 years' experience

eldersrealestate.com.au

**Boolarra**2.5 Acres  
**Serenity at its Finest!!**

- 3-bed, 2-bath home
- 2-bed cottage for dual living
- 120,000 ltr water storage

Web ID: 300P175224\$890 - \$910k

**Mountain View**160 Acres  
**The Mountain View**

- 3-bed, 1-bath, 2 living home
- Cattle yards on concrete with vet crush
- 18 paddocks with trough or dams

Web ID: 300P151140\$1.3 Million

**Kernot**146 Acres  
**Classic Kernot Living**

- Quality grazing property
- 3-bed home with views
- Cattle & sheep yards with shearing shed

Web ID: 300P110513\$1.90 - \$1.95m

**Foster**170 Acres  
**Franklin River Frontage**

- Highly productive beef farming
- Stunning 4-bed, 3-bath home
- Machinery, hay shed, stockyards & crush

Web ID: 300P177953\$2.3 Million

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## Stylish home, lovely garden setting

A STUNNING modern residence located in a quiet and established garden setting. This beautifully presented home is approximately eight years old and offers a perfect blend of comfort and contemporary living.

The elevated home offers four bedrooms, including master with ensuite and walk-in robe, and a well-appointed main bathroom, making this property ideal for everyone from retirees to couples or young families seeking room to move.

Step inside to discover a range of features that enhance everyday living. Enjoy the convenience of a well-equipped kitchen complete with a gas cooktop, electric oven, dishwasher and pantry. The home boasts a gas-boosted solar hot water system, ducted gas heating throughout and reverse cycle heating and air conditioning, ensuring year-round comfort no matter the season. The open-plan layout seamlessly connects the living, dining and kitchen to the undercover alfresco area, ideal for that early-morning coffee or afternoon relaxer.

Outside, the fully fenced yard provides a safe space for children and/or pets to explore. The remote double garage offers secure parking for two vehicles and provides access to the rear yard, adding to the convenience of this lovely property. Don't miss the opportunity to make this property your own in the heart of Korumburra! Motivated vendor, priced right and ready to inspect by appointment only.

Call Scott McKenzie – 0427 552 898 to book an appointment today.



4 2 2 763m<sup>2</sup>

24 Massimo Way, **Korumburra**  
**For Sale \$575,000**  
**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff  
Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898

## Modern living in North Wonthaggi

WELCOME to 5 Ryan Way, a beautifully presented residential house set on a generous 573m<sup>2</sup> allotment in the heart of North Wonthaggi. This modern brick veneer home features four spacious bedrooms, including a master suite complete with a walk-in robe and ensuite, ensuring comfort and privacy for the whole family.

The heart of the home boasts three inviting living zones, perfect for entertaining or relaxing. The quality kitchen is equipped with 900mm appliances, a gas cooktop, electric oven, and a dishwasher, making cooking a delight. With ceiling fans throughout, ducted heating, and two split systems, you'll enjoy year-round comfort in every corner of this lovely home.

Step outside to discover a double garage with internal access and ample room alongside the house for your caravan or boat. The backyard presents a blank canvas, ready for you to design your ideal outdoor oasis. Don't miss your chance to secure this fantastic family home in a sought-after location!



4 2 2 573m<sup>2</sup>

5 Ryan Way, **Wonthaggi**  
**For Sale \$619,000**  
**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff  
Mick Chambers 0418 349 783



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| <div>LEONGATHA</div> <div></div> <div>17 Blair Crescent</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BV beauty with 3 bed, 1 bath, 1 car carport</li><li>• Large, covered deck with elevated views</li><li>• Solar power, close to schools and CBD</li></ul><div>\$530,000- \$575,000</div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div>     | <div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div><div>COMING SOON</div></div> <div>Townhouse</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 bedroom/ 2 bathroom brick</li><li>• Low Maintenance</li><li>• Great Investment</li></ul><div>\$469,000</div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div>       | <div>KILCUNDA</div> <div></div> <div>16-20 Gilbert Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On a clifftop offering unparalleled views</li><li>• Sunken lounge with fireplace, open plan</li><li>• 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 2 car</li></ul><div>EOI by Wednesday, May 28 at 2pm</div>Contact: Cowes Office</div> | <div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div></div> <div>20/109 Korumburra Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 bedroom unit</li><li>• Open plan living</li><li>• Great location</li></ul><div>\$329,000</div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div>                          |
| <div>BOOLARRA</div> <div></div> <div>45 Bunderra Drive</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.5ac bush setting plus 21.34ac common property</li><li>• 3 bed main residence plus 2 bed cottage</li></ul><div>\$890,000 - \$910,000</div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div>                                                | <div>POOWONG</div> <div><div>NEW PRICE</div></div> <div>13 Nyora Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 bedroom - Central location</li><li>• Breathtaking Views</li><li>• 988m² block</li></ul><div>\$650,000</div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div>        | <div>COWES</div> <div></div> <div>1/40 Chapel Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exceptional brick town house</li><li>• 2 living areas, fully fenced yard</li><li>• 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car</li></ul><div>\$849,000</div>Contact: Cowes Office</div>                                              | <div>WATTLE BANK</div> <div></div> <div>500 Lynnes Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4.8 acres</li><li>• 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms</li><li>• Self contained unit</li></ul><div>\$1,575,000</div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div>                     |
| <div>LANCE CREEK</div> <div></div> <div>1810 Korumburra Wonthaggi Rd</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Private sustainable living on 34 acres</li><li>• Rendered straw-bale home</li><li>• Shedding, 11 paddocks, ample water</li></ul><div>\$1,599,000</div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div>                      | <div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div><div>NEW PRICE</div></div> <div>23 Bridge Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grand period home</li><li>• Prime corner location</li><li>• 3 bedroom, 3 living</li></ul><div>\$675,000</div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div> | <div>RHYLL</div> <div></div> <div>67 Rhyll Newhaven Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fully renovated on spacious corner block</li><li>• Double glazed windows, solar hot water</li><li>• 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car</li></ul><div>\$970,000</div>Contact: Cowes Office</div>                        | <div>DALYSTON</div> <div></div> <div>10 Lilian Court</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms</li><li>• Open plan</li><li>• 1706m² block</li></ul><div>\$860,000</div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div>                                |
| <div>LEONGATHA NORTH</div> <div></div> <div>405 Leongatha North Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5,405sqm elevated block with town views</li><li>• Original brick home with ample shedding</li><li>• Mature garden and trees, tank water, bore</li></ul><div>\$980,000</div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div> | <div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div></div> <div>24 Massimo Way</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elevated Position</li><li>• Easy to manage 763m² block</li><li>• Modern 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom</li></ul><div>\$575,000</div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div>         | <div>VENTNOR</div> <div></div> <div>51-53 Harris Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two homes on approx. 1300m² allotment</li><li>• Wood fire, undercover deck, water views</li><li>• 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom, ample car parking</li></ul><div>\$1,125,000</div>Contact: Cowes Office</div>               | <div>NORTH WONTHAGGI</div> <div><div>PRICE REDUCED</div></div> <div>5 Ryan Way</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open plan living</li><li>• 4 bedrooms</li><li>• Parking for van or boat</li></ul><div>\$619,000</div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div> |





**Lardner Park Calf Market Report**  
**Monday, April 28, 2025**  
Jersey & Jersey x .....\$18 to \$30  
Friesian Bulls .....\$32 to \$75  
Beef Bulls .....\$32 to \$120  
Beef Heifers .....\$28 to \$120  
Friesian Heifers .....\$20 to \$50  
Number of Calves: **301**  
Number purchased to rear: **54**

WANTED

We are on the hunt for a new farm.  
Looking for a share farming, lease or  
lease to buy arrangement.  
Will relocate for the right opportunity  
Currently have 70 odd milking cows and  
50 odd young stock, acquiring  
more cows will not be an issue.  
  
Looking for a long term option, wishing to stay  
in the industry long term and eventually own  
our own farm. Recently started our own stud:  
"Camiko Jerseys"  
  
Have been share farming for the past 3 years  
(coming up July) and our contract has not  
been renewed unfortunately.  
  
I have grown up on dairy farms and my  
partner has been involved for the last 3 years.  
We are trustworthy, determined  
and dedicated.  
  
Please message me if you know of something  
or think you may be able to help in any way.  
Our main goal is having our girls with us.

Contact Carissa: 0437 333 517



GippsDairy Board members Ken Lawrence, Karen McLennan, Mick Hughes, Sarah O'Brien, Martin Fuller, Aaron Thomas, Raelene Hanratty, Peter Fort, and Tony Platt.

Exploring the future of dairy farming at the GippsDairy Muster

ALMOST 200 dairy farmers and industry professionals from across Gippsland, Tasmania and New Zealand gathered on Wednesday, April 30, for the fourth annual GippsDairy Muster.

This year's theme – Farming into the Future: Imagine | Inquire | Innovate – was an opportunity for farmers to be exposed to a diverse range of new and developing technologies and connect with the dairying community.

Emceed by Leongatha South dairy farmer Callum Moscript, attendees heard from a range of industry experts and dairy farmers on practical ways to utilise innovative processes on the farm, and how they can impact their long-term business goals.

The key topics discussed included: innovations in animal monitoring, utilising drones on the farm, an update on the PastureSmarts technology, Victorian legislation updates, and virtual herding.

Callum shared that two of the main talking points of the day, health monitoring (new ways to monitor health incidents in cattle) and virtual fencing, were interesting topics to discuss.

"Virtual fencing allows the cattle to graze, and with virtual herding, one of the speakers on the day said that he saved 400 hours of labour during



John Mulvany (ADIC Outstanding Service Award recipient), with Ben Bennett (Chair of the ADIC).

the busiest three months of the year," said Callum.

Implementing new technologies in farming presents challenges, with affordability being the most significant. However, Callum mentioned that on his property, they have invested in a new milking parlour (a 60-unit rotary), which features individual cow-feeding every milking.

"This system took a good milking from four and a half

hours to an hour and a half, with less labour," said Callum.

"An event like this one is introducing groundbreaking technologies, and they come with large investments, but there are groups of innovators and early adopters who relish this challenge and seize the opportunity to implement new technology, being at the forefront of making positive changes so that the greater industry can forge a path using their learnings."

The event also included the presentation of the 2024 Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC) Outstanding Service Award to renowned dairy consultant John Mulvany. John is recognised as one of the most passionate and skilled dairy farm consultants in the country. He has been a mentor to many farmers and other consultants for more than three decades and received a standing ovation from the crowd.

GippsDairy Regional Manager Karen McLennan closed the event by encouraging everyone in the audience to share an innovative idea they have with the person next to them.

"This day has been a great opportunity for farmers to think about the future of their businesses and be exposed to innovations that could help them achieve their goals," she said.

"It was valuable to hear experiences of farmers who are currently testing these technologies, and it gave the attendees a lot to consider."

Callum addressed the need for grant funding to help farmers implement more technology on their farms.

"I think what people forget is that places like Leongatha thrive off agriculture, and when producers are doing well, then so is the town."

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## Market remains firm thanks to northern buyers and feedlot demand

DRY conditions are becoming increasingly concerning, with Wonthaggi farmer Ian Hitchings saying at Thursday's Store Sale that the water situation is the worst he's seen since 1967, being thankful he has town water.

"We're so fortunate we've got northern buyers," he said of continued good prices at Leongatha VLE.

Ian sold 50 head of his beef cattle on Thursday as feed runs low, planning to sell more in coming weeks.

Rohan McRae of Elders Leongatha backed up Ian's comments on the crucial nature of the northern buyers.

"There was only very limited local competition," he said, noting that heavier cattle of 400 kilos and above were generally bought for feedlots, while light cattle between about 250 and 350 kilos were mostly heading North to where rain has fallen.

"You've got to get to the middle of New South Wales before the season improves, Dubbo up really," Rohan said.

Well-bred cattle continued to fetch strong prices on Thursday, the market remaining firm and defying the normal pattern when lots of people locally are needing to offload cattle.

"Most times when you've got to sell cattle for lack of feed or water, the market is generally pretty shaky," Rohan said, stressing this time it has remained resilient, and while people are having to sell cattle before they'd like to, they are getting a reasonable result.

Fingers remain crossed for an Autumn break soon with no certainty on how long northern demand will last, and many farmers locally running low on water and feed.



Wonthaggi farmer Ian Hitchings highlighted the tough conditions facing many farmers locally and the value of northern buyers. A20\_1825

## Eight Gippsland dairy farms pass the EPA

INSPECTIONS by EPA Victoria of 43 dairy farms across Gippsland have found just eight passed the test for appropriate management of dairy effluent.

EPA authorised officers inspected dairy facilities on farms in Wellington, South Gippsland and East Gippsland Shires for leaks, poorly managed effluent ponds, faulty pumps and pipes, and contamination of nearby waterways and neighbouring farms.

According to the EPA, some of the farms where dairy effluent was best managed achieved success with conventional maintenance of ponds and equipment, while two stood out with new approaches, one with a fully automated dairy system and the other with concrete pads and a porous wall that sent liquid to storage tanks and avoided the need for ponds altogether.

Poor management of dairy effluent, however is still far too common according to EPA Gippsland Regional Manager Jessica Bandiera.

"Dairy effluent is valuable fertiliser for your pasture if you manage it well, but it becomes a pollutant and a source of disease if it escapes to a waterway or neighbouring farm," said Ms Bandiera.

"This round of inspections identified risks to human health and the environment from bacteria, algae blooms from the increase in nutrient loads on waterways, and other hazards to the environment, livestock and people's health," she said.

The inspections through February and March this year comprised the region's fourth dairy operation over the past 18 months, with more than 100 farms inspected so far.

EPA officers running the latest operation issued six farms with Environmental Action Notices (EAN's) requiring the landholders to take specific actions by a set deadline, and written compliance advice notices to the operators of 19 more farms.

The main issues identified included too much vegetation growing in ponds, incorrect storage of farm chemicals, unregistered stockpiles of waste tyres for silage management, and effluent ponds in need of desludging to restore their effectiveness.

"We did not issue any fines this time, but mismanagement of dairy effluent is a regular problem right across the region and we have issued fines in past," said Ms Bandiera.

"Anyone running a dairy farm should take this issue seriously."

## Investing in tomorrow's dairy industry leaders

SAPUTO Dairy Australia (SDA) is committed to fostering a sustainable and prosperous future for the dairy industry within Australia. As part of these efforts, SDA offers an annual Supplier Scholarship Program aimed at investing in the development of future dairy industry leaders.

This year, nine farmer suppliers or their immediate family members from across Victoria, Tasmania, and South Australia were awarded financial support to advance their higher education commitments and career aspirations. SDA's scholarship program, which provides

each recipient with up to \$5000 in financial aid, is designed to help them achieve their educational and professional goals.

Jorja Hughes of Inverloch was one of the lucky recipients.

"I wish to open a health centre with a focus on mental health," Jorja explained.

"As farmers are isolated, I believe it is even more important for them to have access to help, whether that be someone coming to them or having a place that is closer to have a short period of time off the farm where they can focus on themselves and the things

they need to help themselves. I want help to be easier for rural communities to access especially when it comes to mental health."

Jorja is studying a Bachelor of Community and Human Services.

"We are proud to support the next generation of dairy industry leaders," added Kate Ryan, SDA's Director of Milk Supply.

"Their dedication and passion for the industry inspire us, and we look forward to witnessing their continued growth and positive impact contributing to a bright future for the dairy industry."



Jorja Hughes has been awarded a scholarship through Saputo.

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VFF calls for urgent drought  
support in Victorian Budget

WITH below-average rainfall forecast for May and June over large parts of Bass Coast and South Gippsland the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is calling on the Victorian Government to urgently ramp up drought support measures.

“Farmers across the state face worsening conditions and the real threat of business failure,” according to VFF/UDV President Bernie Free.

The VFF is calling for an increase and expansion of the Drought Support Package currently targeted at South West Victoria to include South Gippsland and West Gippsland where drought conditions have intensified.

Gippsland farmers are facing some of the driest conditions seen in decades.

Weather data shows 13.8mm of rain fell over April averaging 0.6mm per day with seven wet days or 23 per cent for the month, compared to an April average for Bass Coast of 60mm.

With the lack of decent follow-up rain for Autumn, a concern for farmers is falling temperatures which even after good rain can limit pasture growth.

The VFF says with the Victorian State Budget fast approaching the government must seize the opportunity to deliver immediate relief to drought-affected regions and invest in long-term preparedness and resilience.



With a lack of follow-up rain in Bass Coast stockfeed is becoming increasingly scarce. B09\_1825

Without immediate action Victoria risks falling behind according to the VFF and the impacts on regional communities and the state’s vital food and fibre supply chains could be devastating.

The VFF also wants increased and extended funding for the Farm Business Resilience Program to strengthen farm preparedness for future droughts, additional funding for rural financial counselling services to support farm businesses under stress, and joint State and Commonwealth investment in strategic water infrastructure projects such as pipelines to secure stock and domestic water supply, and investment in establishing and upgrading emergency water supply points.

“Feed is becoming increasingly scarce, water sources are drying up, and financial pressure is mounting,” said Bernie Free.

“We now have multiple dairy regions across the state affected and without further support from the State Government we risk long-term damage not just to farming families, but to entire rural communities.”

VFF Livestock Group President Scott Young said that both longer-term and short-term assistance is required.

“We need longer-term programs to help us prepare for the next drought.

“New troughs won’t help when there’s no water to put in them,” Mr Young said.

“We need serious investment in immediate financial relief, and programs that actually reflect the reality on the ground.”

The VFF continues to provide direct feedback to the Victorian Government and urges stronger, immediate action to support farmers and rural communities facing one of the most challenging seasons in decades.

Varroa Mite threatens future of Australian horticulture

POTENTIAL declines in bee populations due to varroa mite infestation could jeopardise Australian horticultural production, Rabobank says in a newly released report.

The agribusiness banking specialist says the parasitic varroa mite, which attacks European honey bees, was detected in Australia in 2022 in New South Wales and has since been deemed ineradicable.

“The Australian government considers the varroa mite one of the greatest threats to honeybee-pollinated horticulture in the country,” the report said.

In the report, How Varroa Mites Might Impact Australian Pollinators, the bank’s RaboResearch division says this threat comes at a time when demand growth for pollination is outpacing growth in beehive numbers.

Report author, RaboResearch general manager Australia and New Zealand, Stefan Vogel, said many horticultural crops depend on pollinators.

“While not all require European honey bees, several key industries already face

high demand for these pollinators, and this demand is expected to increase. For example, European honey bees are essential for the almond, mango and macadamia sectors,” he said.

Hive demand in Australia has tripled since 1990 to meet the strong growth in horticulture pollinator needs, especially for pollinating tree nuts, the report says. However, the number of commercially-managed hives has barely grown.

“Over the past three decades, the number of hives in Australia has remained relatively stagnant,” Mr Vogel said.

“And pollinator needs are forecast to continue to rise significantly due to the expanding horticultural areas in Australia.”

Some growth in the number of hives occurred in the years preceding the 2022 varroa mite outbreak, Mr Vogel said, primarily in recreational beekeeping.

“This slow growth falls short of the projected demand for pollinators in Australia, as we have modelled. We project a substantial increase in demand due to the expansion of

commercial crop acreage requiring pollinators, particularly for tree crops such as almonds,” he said.

Mr Vogel said the bank had modelled a number of scenarios to determine the impact of varroa mites on Australian hive numbers, based on insights gained in other countries.

“These insights show that after a varroa mite outbreak in other countries like New Zealand and Canada, the hive numbers typically experience a significant decline in the first five years, followed by a recovery usually starting after six or more years,” he said.

The RaboResearch report said for Australia, if the situation mirrors the Canadian and New Zealand scenarios (an approximate eight per cent decline in hive numbers within four to five years), the pollination needs for 2025 would still be met. However, under the US scenario (a 25 per cent decline in hive numbers within seven years), they would not.

Mr Vogel said tight beekeeper margins might pose future pollinator challenges.

MARKET REPORT

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Large yarding of stores

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded a larger offering of nearly 5000 head at Thursday’s VLE Leongatha store sale in another excellent yarding with plenty of weight in the feeder and grown steer, and heifer section and again some very nice lines of weaners.

The market was again very strong on the better quality lines with prices similar to previous sales with feedlots and orders for northern NSW customers again dominating with JBS, Wayne Reid, Campbell Ross and Anthony Hullick securing a large portion of the offering for their various orders with most sales for steers in the \$3.80 to \$4.20 range to a top of \$4.47 for feeders and \$4.56 for weaners and the best of the females making \$3.30 to \$3.90.

It was a mixed offering of Xbred and dairy type cattle with the heavier end selling well but eased a little on the lighter and plainer end.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, May 1, 2025

| Steers                        |       |        |        |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| R & K Cullen 12 Hereford      | 650kg | \$3.72 | \$2420 |
| Bawden P/L 32 Angus           | 610kg | \$4.16 | \$2540 |
| AV McRae 12 Angus             | 597kg | \$4.18 | \$2500 |
| B Humphris 13 Angus           | 592kg | \$4.17 | \$2470 |
| G & D Corbett 10 Angus        | 592kg | \$4.08 | \$2420 |
| PL & LJ Link 33 Angus         | 575kg | \$4.18 | \$2410 |
| MJ Payroll 11 Angus           | 547kg | \$4.10 | \$2250 |
| McCormack & Sons 22 Angus     | 547kg | \$4.11 | \$2250 |
| Eugenie Terrace P/L 17 Angus  | 545kg | \$4.05 | \$2210 |
| S Rand 12 Angus               | 515kg | \$4.17 | \$2150 |
| G & J Darby 22 Angus          | 515kg | \$4.17 | \$2150 |
| K Anderson 12 Angus           | 514kg | \$4.06 | \$2090 |
| C Rawson 11 Angus & BB        | 510kg | \$3.96 | \$2020 |
| T Knap 23 Angus               | 507kg | \$4.21 | \$2140 |
| DS & RE Jones 12 Angus        | 507kg | \$4.14 | \$2100 |
| Hockey P/L 22 Angus           | 492kg | \$4.20 | \$2070 |
| M Attenborough 17 Angus       | 491kg | \$4.32 | \$2120 |
| P & L Whitehead 17 Angus      | 459kg | \$4.11 | \$1890 |
| I & MJ Hitchings 16 Angus     | 458kg | \$4.08 | \$1870 |
| PV & TJ King 22 Angus         | 457kg | \$4.46 | \$2040 |
| B & L Taylor 23 Angus         | 449kg | \$3.66 | \$1650 |
| TA & AF Scanlon 27 Angus      | 446kg | \$4.08 | \$1820 |
| Stay Calm Farming 10 Hfd      | 442kg | \$3.57 | \$1580 |
| N Rees & N Savige 17 Angus    | 439kg | \$3.73 | \$1640 |
| Coolart Ag 13 Angus           | 434kg | \$3.68 | \$1600 |
| Eddington Holdings 20 Angus   | 432kg | \$3.95 | \$1710 |
| B Kistemaker 14 Angus         | 429kg | \$3.91 | \$1680 |
| RB & KM Fleming 17 Angus      | 419kg | \$4.12 | \$1730 |
| Parth Nominees 20 Hereford    | 417kg | \$3.71 | \$1550 |
| PA & MA Dwyer 11 Angus & BB   | 414kg | \$3.64 | \$1510 |
| Cowmore Farming 14 Angus      | 414kg | \$3.25 | \$1350 |
| L Morrison 16 Angus           | 411kg | \$3.81 | \$1570 |
| DB & TA Jeffery 22 Angus      | 408kg | \$4.03 | \$1650 |
| Bartrace Farm 25 Angus        | 402kg | \$4.07 | \$1640 |
| Jorgensen Holdings 19 Angus   | 400kg | \$4.09 | \$1640 |
| Allnutt Family 22 Angus       | 398kg | \$4.07 | \$1620 |
| JD & GM Christison 11 Angus   | 395kg | \$4.05 | \$1600 |
| M Brady 25 Angus 3            | 390kg | \$4.10 | \$1600 |
| Hooper Farms 15 Angus         | 389kg | \$3.93 | \$1530 |
| M Zalesiak 19 Angus           | 386kg | \$4.01 | \$1550 |
| DE & SR Ashdown 14 Angus      | 379kg | \$3.64 | \$1380 |
| S & L Contracting 11 Angus    | 366kg | \$3.98 | \$1460 |
| Malanda Pastoral 21 Angus     | 361kg | \$3.79 | \$1370 |
| I Francis 20 Angus            | 359kg | \$4.56 | \$1640 |
| TM Coster 21 Angus            | 359kg | \$4.17 | \$1500 |
| Bartrace Farm 19 Mg           | 359kg | \$3.76 | \$1350 |
| J Gell 12 Angus               | 354kg | \$4.18 | \$1480 |
| B & L Rayner 23 Angus & BB    | 353kg | \$4.01 | \$1420 |
| M Dunmore 18 Angus            | 350kg | \$4.28 | \$1500 |
| D Hempel 19 Hereford          | 348kg | \$4.02 | \$1400 |
| Parklea P/L 14 Angus          | 340kg | \$4.11 | \$1400 |
| Stay Calm Farming 18 Hereford | 335kg | \$3.28 | \$1100 |
| G Mobbs 13 Angus              | 323kg | \$3.86 | \$1250 |
| NG Ashlin 18 Angus            | 319kg | \$3.44 | \$1100 |
| Pulman Bay P/L 17 Red Angus   | 315kg | \$3.80 | \$1200 |
| B Geysen 10 Angus             | 313kg | \$3.89 | \$1220 |
| Bartrace Farm 12 MG           | 310kg | \$2.51 | \$780  |
| Heifers:                      |       |        |        |
| A Gordon 13 Angus             | 471kg | \$3.60 | \$1700 |
| PC & JT Sibly 12 Angus        | 451kg | \$3.76 | \$1700 |
| TA & AF Scanlon 13 Angus      | 426kg | \$3.70 | \$1580 |
| GS & J Tuckett 21 Angus       | 425kg | \$3.90 | \$1660 |
| C Ferguson 15 Angus           | 416kg | \$3.84 | \$1600 |
| GT Cummaudo 11 Char           | 404kg | \$3.53 | \$1430 |
| N Rees & N Savige 13 Angus    | 391kg | \$3.57 | \$1400 |
| IL & CM Nicholas 10 Angus     | 388kg | \$3.65 | \$1420 |
| RJ Mackenzie 10 Hereford      | 364kg | \$2.88 | \$1050 |
| Bartrace Farm 12 MG           | 361kg | \$3.43 | \$1240 |
| Hooper Farms 13 Angus         | 347kg | \$3.22 | \$1120 |
| Bartrace Farm 23 Angus        | 344kg | \$3.63 | \$1250 |
| Malanda Pastoral 20 Angus     | 344kg | \$3.63 | \$1250 |
| PJ & BJ Stammers 26 Angus     | 336kg | \$3.59 | \$1210 |
| Agridge P/L 14 Angus          | 332kg | \$3.45 | \$1150 |
| Cross Breeds:                 |       |        |        |
| I Ripper 11 AA/FF x           | 51kg  | \$3.28 | \$1650 |
| McCormack & Sons              |       |        |        |
| 21 Angus X steers             | 474kg | \$2.72 | \$1290 |
| Gisborne Park Farm P/L        |       |        |        |
| 11 Angus X                    | 419kg | \$2.83 | \$1190 |





Australian cattle prices have taken a hit, falling in line with South American markets while northern hemisphere prices surge past \$3700 per head. Photo: Claudio Schwarz, Unsplash.

# Global snapshots on pricing

## Global cattle pricing

By Matt Dalglish, episode3

A LOOK at global cattle prices, monthly average prices for a heavy steer equivalent converted into AU cents per kilogram on a live weight basis, for selected northern hemisphere and South American markets versus Australian prices demonstrates an interesting trend since 2019. During the recent herd rebuild phase in Australia our heavy steer prices were running at a premium to the US and on parity with the UK.

However, a spooked cattle market into the end of 2023 saw Australian prices revert back toward South American price levels. Currently the monthly average price basis (as at the end of March 2025) have Australian heavy steer pricing sitting at 370 c/kg lwt, versus Brazil on 298 AU cents, Argentina on 398 AU cents and the US/UK surging past 700 AU cents. On a 500kg steer this places the per head pricing at about \$1490 – \$1990 in South America, \$1850 in Australia and between \$3700 to \$4000 per head in the northern hemisphere markets.

In terms of percentage price spread trends, current price discounts to the northern hemisphere sits at about a 50 per cent discount, widening slightly from around a 40 per cent discount in the later months of 2024. Australian steers have moved from a premium of 20 per cent to a discount of about 10 per cent to Argentina over the last six months. Meanwhile the premium to Brazil has dropped from about 60 per cent to 20 per cent from September 2024 to March 2025.

## Global lamb pricing

By Matt Dalglish, episode3

PRICE differentials for the northern and southern hemisphere remain wide into 2025, with producers in the UK, EU and USA enjoying higher lamb values compared to their counterparts in Australia and New Zealand.

After converting the equivalent trade lamb type in each country to an AU cents per kilo price on a carcass weight basis (cwt) we can see that currently UK and EU lambs are fetching around 1500 cents, the US have climbed back from 900c/kg

in October 2024 to break through 1200 cents recently. Meanwhile Australian and Kiwi producers are sitting tightly together at around 765c/kg on a monthly average price basis (as at the end of March 2025).

In terms of percentage price spread trends, Australian lamb has been fluctuating between 20 per cent premium and parity to the Kiwi lamb price since the recovering in domestic lamb prices post the market crash seen in the final quarter of 2023. Meanwhile the Aussie price discount to the US price narrowed through the middle of 2024 and the US lamb market went through a mid-year lull, reaching a discount of around 12 per cent in Sept/Oct 2024 before widening again to a 36 per cent discount as at the end of March 2025. The Aussie lamb price discount to the EU/UK price sits at around 50 per cent, widening marginally from 35-45 per cent as at the end of 2024.

## Global diesel pricing

By Andrew Whitelaw, episode3

DIESEL in Australia has become much more expensive than it used to be, but how do we compare against the rest of the world? It is cheaper than I expected, which is a pleasant surprise.

The top five lowest countries: Japan, Korea, Turkey, Australia, Slovenia.

The top five highest countries: Switzerland, Finland, Norway, Estonia, Greece.

Australia sits in the middle when it comes to fuel prices and taxes. The average fuel price is 119¢/litre, with 67 of those being tax. That means more than half of what Australians pay at the bows-er is government tax.

Australia's fuel is more expensive compared to the United States and Canada. In the US, the fuel price is similar at 120¢, but the tax is just 25¢. Canada's fuel price is slightly higher at 124¢, but the tax is only 32¢. These countries keep fuel taxes low to support drivers and industry.

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**DELL, Phillip Gordon:**  
Born 09.09.1943 passed away peacefully 04.05.2025.  
Loved twin son of Gordon and Jean (both dec.), brother of Margaret and Kevin (twin dec.) and all their families.  
Dearly loved husband of Christine.  
Loved dad of Andrew and Jane, Peter, Alison and Rick.  
Devoted pop to Anthony (dec.), Adam, Hayley, and Alex, Sarah, Courtney and Jake.  
Adored grandpop to Adelyn, Claire, Zac, Ethan (dec.), Lewis and Charlotte.  
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**DELL, Phillip:**  
Loved brother of Margaret, twin brother of Kevin (dec.).  
Brother-in-law and mate of Albert.  
Respected uncle of Michele, Steven and Melissa and their families.  
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DEATHS

**EDEN, Gwynneth Anne:**  
04.09.1934 - 01.05.2025.  
Passed away peacefully at Calvary Strzelecki House Mirboo North, aged 90.  
Adored wife of Cec (dec.).  
Sister of Peter and Trevor (dec.).  
Beloved mother of Brett, Tracey and Kim.  
Loved grandmother of Caleb, Jaycel, Emma, Bronwyn, Rhys, James, Abigail.  
Great grandmother to Ruben, Alina, Rose and Oliver.  
She will be greatly missed by all that loved her.

**HAMILTON, Robert John (Bob):**  
12.11.1938 - 02.05.2025.  
Aged 86 years.  
Passed away peacefully at Rose Lodge, Wonthaggi.

Middle son of Nappa and Eleanor (both dec.).  
Brother and brother-in-law to Ron and Joy (dec.), Ted (dec.) and Anne.  
Dearly loved husband to Susan.  
Father and father-in-law to Gary and Jacqui, Darren and Ange, Kim and Paul.  
Stepfather to Melissa, Jason and Danielle.  
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Great pop to Nash and Jaia.  
My Bobby at rest now, love you always - Susan.  
Rest in Peace.  
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DEATHS

**HAMILTON, Robert John (Bob):**  
12.11.1938 - 02.05.2025.  
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Your time has come for that "little bit of peace and quiet" you so desired.  
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**HAMILTON, Bob:**  
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**HAMILTON, Robert (Bob):**  
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Little pop to Cari, Jayden and Tira,  
Great pop to Nash and Jaia.

DEATHS

**HUSBAND, Lorraine:**  
Passed away in Leongatha Hospital on Monday, April 21, 2025, due to illness aged 79 years, surrounded by immediate family.  
Widow of late husband Len (dec.).  
Loving mum of Cheryl, Brett and Janine.  
Former step mum to Vicki and Christopher.  
Mother-in-law of Timothy.  
Much loved nan of six grandchildren and a great nan of two.  
*Forever in our hearts.*

**KELLY, Christopher David (Kit):**  
03.06.1950 - 01.05.2025.  
Passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family.  
Much loved and adored dad of David and Felicity; Robert and Corinne; Erin and Mick.

Loved and cherished grandad to Hudson, Aston, Lylah, Cooper, Thomas, and Olivia.  
Much loved brother of Sue, Peter, Tony, Bill (dec.), Nick, Jenny and their partners.  
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**KELLY, Christopher David:**  
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**MAUD, Peter:**  
05.11.1948 - 01.05.2025.  
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Father of Colin (dec.), Ken, David (dec.), Linda, Kathleen and Nancy.  
Father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather.  
Friend to many, loved by all.  
In the arms of Jesus.  
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**SUCKLING (Fitzgerald), Fay Margaret:**  
03-04-1937 - 04-05-2025.  
Passed away peacefully at Kirrak House Wonthaggi. Aged 88.  
Dearly loved wife of Martin (dec.).

Muched loved mother and mother-in-law of Mark (dec.), Michael and Kathy, Fiona and Shaun.  
Cherished and treasured 'Nana' to Georgia, Weston, Hugh, Stevie, Sonny and Nias.  
Forever in our hearts, reunited with Martin, may you rest in peace.

**FUNERALS**  
**EDEN:**  
The Funeral Service and Committal for Cremation for Mrs. Gwynneth Eden will be held at Mirboo North Uniting Church, 32 Ridgway, Mirboo North on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, commencing at 2pm.  
  
**HAMILTON:**  
The Funeral Service for Mr. Robert (Bob) Hamilton will be held at Handley and Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Friday, May 9, 2025, commencing at 2pm.  
A Private Cremation will follow.  
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FUNERALS

**HUSBAND:**  
The Funeral of Mrs. Lorraine Husband will leave Christ Church, 36 Station Road, Foster after a service commencing at 11am on Thursday, May 15, 2025, for the Foster Cemetery.  
  
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**KELLY:**  
A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Christopher David (Kit) Kelly will take place at the Meeniyen Bowls Club on Friday, May 9, 2025 commencing at 11am.  
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**MAUD:**  
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Gold point event for Phillip Island Bridge Club

A GRAND National Open Teams (GNOT) regional event was held at the Newhaven Club rooms on the last Sunday of the month. Ten teams competed keenly at this Gold Point event.

Entrants were treated to barista coffees on arrival, accompanied by ever-popular Boston buns. Congratulations to the Traralgon Team of Helen McAdam, Don Tylee, Kevin Taylor and Marion Taylor, who won all nine of their rounds and placed first.

The day concluded with wine, nibbles, and a friendly gathering keen to share their highs and lows of the day.

Duplicate results for Monday, April 28 (6 ½ Tables) First places: North/South: Julie Perriam and Ann Gibson 55.86%. East/West: Deb Anglim and Shirley Stewart 57.868 per cent.

Wednesday, April 30 'Nationwide Pairs' (3 ½ Tables) First place: Moya Crowley and Karen Klym 64.58 per cent.

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Phillip Island Junior Footy players enjoy largely successful day

U10 Red

IT WAS a beautiful morning for footy in Korumburra as the U10 Reds took the field, led by captain Harvey E.

The team was tasked to work on shepherding, communication, and decision-making. There was strong tackling throughout the match, but the side will keep working on manning up and staying focused during play.

Awards went to:

- Leo – Strong marking and excellent pressure all game.
- Will – Attacking the ball hard in defence and sticking tight to his opponent.
- Ryden – Fantastic effort all around the ground.
- Harvey O – Great tackling, chased hard, and gave consistent effort.

Under 12 Red

Phillip Island Bulldogs under 12s red team took on Korumburra-Bena on a beautiful Autumn Sunday morning.

The pups started off strong in the first quarter, with Ethan Cleary scoring four goals back-to-back.

Phillip Island continued to play well, moving the ball smoothly and efficiently, using great skill and teamwork.

The Bulldogs did an exceptional job reading the play, and keeping ahead of the ball, throughout the game, holding the lead for the entire game and winning by 77 points.

Well-deserved best players were awarded to: Ethan Cleary, Billy Easton, Izaac Naarden, Archer Paxton, Jasper Goodall and Leith Cameron. Scores: Phillip Island Red 14.08.92 d Korumburra-Bena 02.03.15

Under 14 Red

The Under 14 reds travelled to Korumburra this week and



U16 Girls Jaylah Loughridge, Phoenix Stedman, Sadie Davies, Mia Ward and Ruby Kent-Ford.



Under 14 Blue players Ry Sheers, Miller Sund, Archie Robinson and Kolby Carton.

were greeted with perfect conditions. The ball was bounced and Bowie Edwards was straight back to getting in and under and winning the hard ball. The goals came quick and fast for the Reds as Xavier Holmes asserted dominance with two early goals.

Sonny Williams, Denver Preddice-Firth, Will Patton and Flynn Doig added a goal each to command a solid lead.

Phillip Island lost structure in the second quarter and took shots that probably should have been passed off to teammates in better positions, which coach Damien Holmes highlighted at halftime.

Roy and Harvey Patterson hit every contest hard, with Harvey

rewarded with a goal for his efforts. Zane Larsson continued his great form and was unstoppable around the ground.

Korumburra lifted its intensity in the third quarter, the Bulldogs' avenue to goal drying up somewhat, but goals from Jeddah Richards, Denver Preddice-Firth and Xavier Holmes got Phillip Island back on track.

The last quarter was a better team effort by the Bulldogs, with the handball receives well up and the boys running hard.

Xavier Holmes kicked another two to take his tally to five goals for the day. Will Patton joined the party, kicking his third for

the day and keeping goal umpire Joel Goodall busy. Bowie Edwards kicked a goal on the siren to end the game. Awards – Flynn Doig, Sonny Williams, Xavier Holmes, Will Patton

Under 16 Girls

The Phillip Island Under 16 girls were pumped this week after their strong win in round 1. They knew it was going to be a tough game as Warragul also started its season strongly.

The Island once again fielded strong numbers and welcomed back to the team this week Brinkley Niccolaci and Lily 'Elbow' Bow.

The first quarter saw Warragul getaway to a strong start with a couple of early goals. The Island girls seemed a little flat, with their defence tested numerous times.

Led by Tess Ricardo and well assisted by Mia Ward they repelled numerous attacks throughout the quarter.

The girls stepped up in the second quarter lifting their tackle rate and putting pressure on Warragul at every opportunity. Gemma Fischer and Lily O'Loughlin worked hard around the stoppages and Ruby Kent-Ford rucked solidly throughout the game.

Although the Island didn't score, it held Warragul to one goal in the quarter.

But as the game progressed the Island's pressure started to drop away, and Warragul hit the scoreboard numerous times. Sadie Davie presented well up forward, while Phoenix Stedman and Jayla Loughridge gave constant efforts. This was a tough game for the girls but set the standard for the Island girls to aim for next time they meet.

See more at [sgst.com.au](http://sgst.com.au)



Chris Aarts tussles with Harry Cecil. Photos: Napier Photography.



Brodie Ardley, Jay Miles, Brodie Robertson and Russell Hill battle it out across the track.



Brodie Ardley takes the lead in the Standard Saloon Opens.

Nyora Raceway springs into action

NYORA Raceway held its second-to-last meeting of the season on Saturday, May 3, with just over 60 competitors. The day had good attendance for each class.

The 50-lap Classic for Sports Sedans and the final round of Ladies Standard Saloons featured several supporting classes, including Standard Saloons, Junior 1500, and Junior VSC 1200cc Sedans.

In this event, each competitor participated in three heats and a final. The winners included Harry Cecil from Poowong, a local who secured the final

for Sports Sedans, and young Ella Sheedy, who claimed victory for the ladies in her first year moving up to seniors and hasn't looked back, earning a few wins.

Riley Taylor won in VSC 1200 Juniors, and Nathan Miles in Juniors is getting faster and better all the time, while Brodie Ardley triumphed in Standard Saloon Opens.

With our next event coming up on June 21 – The Bob Hickson Memorial, there will be supporting classes of VSC 1200 Juniors, Ladies, Juniors, Open Standard Saloons, and 1500 Juniors.





Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) wrap up the fifth and final Aggregate event at Cape Woolamai.

# PIBC final comp for the season

THE Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) brought their 2024/25 season to a triumphant close on Saturday, May 3, with the fifth and final Aggregate event.

Held in classic Cape Woolamai conditions, Agg 5 had over 100 entrants across multiple divisions. The event highlighted the depth and passion of the local surfing scene. From the groms to the veterans, competitors put on a display that reflected not only the skill on offer but also the strong grassroots culture that defines PIBC.

The event marked the end of a packed season for PIBC which also hosted longboard and Supergroms competitions throughout the year. Behind the scenes, the club's committee and an army of volunteers were key to the success of every event – a fact President Jake Eisen proudly acknowledged.

“What makes PIBC so special is the sense of community. Everyone pitches in, looks out for each other, and makes it happen” said Eisen.

“It’s about more than surfing. It’s about belonging.”

PIBC also extended its thanks to Phillip Island Nature Parks for their valued



Mal Gregson (Winner Masters 60+) Photo: PIBC Treasurer Jo O'Reilly Stubbs @joanna\_oreilly\_stubbs

support in permits for all PIBC comps and the Supergroms program. PIBC look forward to working together closely in the future.

Sponsors also played a pivotal role in supporting the club's efforts this season. Local businesses provided the financial and logistical backing that allows PIBC to deliver such high-quality events for the local surfing community.

The club is encouraging the public to return the favour by supporting those sponsors listed on their website: [pibc.com.au/sponsors](http://pibc.com.au/sponsors)

Looking ahead, the club has confirmed that its End of Year Presentation Night will be held on Saturday, October 11, with further details to be announced closer to the date.

For those keen to stay connected with the club during

the off-season, PIBC's popular yoga program continues year-round, while members will no doubt be spotted chasing waves around the island until the next season kicks off.

### AGG 5 Results:

- Cadet Females (U16): 1st: Scarlett Rennie, 2nd: Savannah Bennett and 3rd: Phoenix Stedman.
- Cadet Males (U16): 1st: Dusty James Rayner, 2nd: Eddie Maier and 3rd: Arch Rayner.
- Junior Females (U18): 1st: Lillian Bassed, 2nd: Abbey Clarke and 3rd: Evie Lutz.
- Junior Males (U18): 1st: Jarrah Cicero, 2nd: Rye Cicero and 3rd: Sunny Steiner.
- Senior Women's (35+): 1st: Zoe Adams, 2nd: Dannielle Baylis and 3rd: Emily Scott.
- Senior Men's (28-45): 1st: Adrian Maier, 2nd: Ash Easton and 3rd: Sam Fullarton.
- Masters (45-60): 1st: Adrian Maier, 2nd: Matthew Ware and 3rd: Peter Stephen.
- Legends (60+): 1st: Mal Gregson, 2nd: Boots and 3rd: Steve Turner.

### Awards:

- Best tubes - Sarah Sueren and Rye Cicero
- Best Wipeout - Eddie Maier

## Foster Cricket Club seeks new leadership

BIG changes are ahead for Foster Cricket Club as it prepares for an exciting 2025/26 season.

After successfully leading the A2 team for many years, captain-coach Josh Toner is stepping down from his role, paving the way for a new leader to take the reins.

The club is now actively seeking expressions of interest for a new captain-coach and is eager to explore all possibilities in finding the right fit.

Club president Mitch Allot shared his vision for the club's future.

“Foster Cricket Club has been thriving in recent years, with shared success across all grades. Off the field, we have plans to enhance our facilities, including covering our nets and upgrading drainage on the ground. We're in a strong position financially, and with Josh's outstanding leadership, the club has built a great culture and momentum. Now, we're looking for the right person to step into the role and continue driving us forward,” he said.

Foster Cricket Club has two senior men's teams and a promising junior program, with the U15s reaching the 2025 grand final.

The club's facilities are in top shape, and upcoming infrastructure projects will ensure year-round playability.

“Foster Cricket Club is a young, family-friendly club with a dedicated committee and solid player base. This is an exciting opportunity for an experienced captain-coach or someone ready to take the next step into a leadership role. We're open to all coaching styles and levels of experience – if you're interested, we'd love to chat,” Mitch said.

For more information or to express interest, contact Mitch Allot at 0459 022 755.

## South Gippsland Bridge Club

APRIL 29 at Wonthaggi RSL:

First: Alan Johnston and Lois Dwyer 61.11. Second: Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles 59.90. Third: Anne Somerville and Denise Allitt 57.81. Fourth: Phillip and Nev Chapman 54.69. Fifth: Sue Edwards and Ruth Harvey 49.48.

May 2 at Inverloch Angling Club:

North/South Master point winners:

First: John French and Deb Anglim 66.90 average board score. Second: Sean Munley and Bruce Higgs 58.80. Third: Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 58.56.

East West winners:

First: Faye Rowlands and John Currier 66.67. Second: Phillip and Nev Chapman 63.66.

Third: Moya and Mike Dooley 52.55.

Next Tuesday, May 6, the club will be competing against the Traralgon Bridge Club at the Leongatha RSL.

It will be a 1pm start.

Members are reminded to bring a plate with something on it to share at afternoon tea.

Traralgon will be keen to reverse some places after the visit to them a few months ago.

Always good fun.

# Grants for country football and netball now open

COUNTRY football and netball season has officially kicked off and South Gippsland clubs have a chance to apply for state government funding to improve their local facilities.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien is encouraging all football and netball clubs, associations and umpiring organisations across Gippsland South to apply for the latest round of grants under the Country Football and Netball Program.

Mr O'Brien said applications can be made for grants of up to \$250,000 to develop facilities which could include

a variety of projects including new change rooms, upgrading lighting, improving water efficiency and more.

“Grassroots football and netball is where it all begins and having great facilities encourages more participation and in turn provides great social and health benefits for the community,” Mr O'Brien said.

“There are a number of funding options available throughout the year to assist with improving sporting facilities and it has been fantastic to see some of our local clubs cash in on that.

“The netball courts at the home of Meeniyah Dumbalk

United Football Netball Club have been resurfaced this year and will be benefiting from a new electronic scoreboard thanks to a Tiny Towns grant from Regional Development Victoria and a community grant from South Gippsland Shire Council.”

Mr O'Brien said it was great to see our local clubs looking for and applying to a variety of funding streams to help better sporting facilities right across our region.

“There are still a number of clubs across Gippsland South that need upgrades, especially female change rooms and I encourage them to apply for funds.

“While these grants are targeted at football and netball clubs, the flow on impacts benefit the community as a whole,” Mr O'Brien said.

“When clubs are successful the local economy is stimulated with a creation of jobs to get the work done which is a win for the whole community.”

Applications for the current round of the Country Football and Netball program close on Monday, July 7, 2025. Clubs must register their interest to their local council.

For further information visit [sport.vic.gov.au/funding/country-football-and-netball-program](http://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/country-football-and-netball-program).

### 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<br>May 6   | WEDNESDAY<br>May 7 | THURSDAY<br>May 8 | FRIDAY<br>May 9   | SATURDAY<br>May 10 | SUNDAY<br>May 11   | MONDAY<br>May 12   |
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| ▼ 11.45am<br>0.52m | ▲ 6.52am<br>1.33m  | ▲ 8.15am<br>1.29m | ▲ 9.31am<br>1.30m | ▲ 10.41am<br>1.36m | ▲ 11.41am<br>1.45m | ▲ 12.30pm<br>1.55m |
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|                    | ▲ 7.53pm<br>1.45m  | ▲ 8.45pm<br>1.40m | ▲ 9.35pm<br>1.37m | ▲ 10.25pm<br>1.36m | ▲ 11.11pm<br>1.36m | ▲ 11.53pm<br>1.38m |

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Gippsland Soccer League

ROUND 2 Results – Sunday, May 4

Senior Mens: Leongatha Knights 2 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0, Phillip Island Breakers 2 d Inverloch Stars 0, Korumburra City 8 d Wonthaggi United 1

Senior Womens: Phillip Island Breakers 11 d Inverloch Stars 0, Drouin Dragons Maroon 4 d Leongatha Knights 1, Trafalgar Victory 2 d Mirboo North United 1, Wonthaggi United 4 d Korumburra City 0

Mens Reserves: Phillip Island Breakers 3 d Inverloch Stars 0, Drouin Dragons Maroon 8 d Leongatha Knights 1

Under 17 Mixed: Phillip Island Breakers 8 d Inverloch Stars 2, Drouin Dragons Maroon 4 d Leongatha Knights Blue 2, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 5 d Leongatha Knights White 0, Wonthaggi United 1 drew Korumburra City 1

Under 15 Girls: Drouin Dragons Maroon 7 d Leongatha Knights 1, Wonthaggi United 0 drew Korumburra City 0

Under 14 Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 6 d Lang Lang United 0, Mirboo North United 2 d Phillip Island Stingrays 1, Wonthaggi United 3 d Korumburra City 1, Phillip Island Penguins 6 d Inverloch Stars 0, Drouin Dragons Maroon 10 d Leongatha Knights 4

Under 12 Girls: Leongatha Knights 6 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 4, Wonthaggi United 8 d Korumburra City 3, Phillip Island Breakers 5 d Inverloch Stars 4

Under 12A Mixed: Mirboo North United 6 d Trafalgar Victory 0, Wonthaggi United 5 d Korumburra City 2, Phillip Island Breakers 5 d Inverloch Stars 2, Drouin Dragons Maroon 4 d Leongatha Knights Blue 0

Under 12B Mixed: Leongatha Knights White 8 d Drouin Dragons Yellow 2, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 3 d Drouin Dragons White 1, Phillip Island Penguins 6 d Inverloch Stars 0

GSL Round 3 Fixture – Sunday, May 11

Senior Mens: Wonthaggi United V Inverloch Stars, Trafalgar Victory V Lang Lang United, Korumburra City V Phillip Island Breakers

Senior Womens: Wonthaggi United V Inverloch Stars, Drouin Dragons Maroon V Mirboo North United, Trafalgar Victory V Lang Lang United, Korumburra City V Phillip Island Breakers

Mens Reserves: Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Trafalgar Victory V Inverloch Stars, Korumburra City V Phillip Island Breakers

Under 17 Mixed: Wonthaggi United V Inverloch Stars, Drouin Dragons Maroon V Mirboo North United, Leongatha Knights Blue V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow, Korumburra City V Phillip Island Breakers

Under 15 Girls: Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons Yellow, Korumburra City V Phillip Island Breakers

Under 14 Mixed: Wonthaggi United V Inverloch Stars, Drouin Dragons Maroon V Mirboo North United, Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow, Phillip Island Stingrays V Lang Lang United, Korumburra City V Phillip Island Penguins

Under 12 Girls: Wonthaggi United V Inverloch Stars, Korumburra City V Phillip Island Breakers

Under 12A Mixed: Wonthaggi United V Inverloch Stars, Drouin Dragons Maroon V Mirboo North United, Korumburra City V Phillip Island Breakers

Under 12B Mixed: Wonthaggi United V Inverloch Stars, Leongatha Knights White V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow, Phillip Island Stingrays V Drouin Dragons White

50 games for Hayden Purton in a huge weekend

WONTHAGGI hosted the Bass Coast mini-hub junior soccer tournament over the weekend with over 30 teams from Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Phillip Island and Lang Lang taking the field and enjoying the amazing sunshine.

On Sunday it was the first home game of the season for the junior and senior teams as they welcomed Korumburra to the competition.

Wonthaggi had some great results across the day, but it was the introduction of a new division that provided some great entertainment for the crowd.

The Wonthaggi Under 15 girls although still short of a few players were supported by some under 12's who were keen for more pitch time.

Amity, Ella and Hannah held their own in the older age group with Hannah taking the ball down the middle, time and time again.

Amity in the defence line took lots of opportunities for throw-ins and Tanna sent the ball flying whenever it came her way maintaining a strong defensive line.

Vivienne and Ella were strong



Hayden Purton playing his 50th junior competition game for Wonthaggi in the U14's.

in the midfield going in for the tackle and not backing out.

The girls worked well as a team but so did Korumburra with final result a 0-0 draw.

The Club is excited about the two new junior girls divisions but is still searching for players,

training is held on Thursdays at 4.30pm at the Wonthaggi Recreation #2 oval.

Any girls born from 2015 who are interested in playing are invited to come along and see how much fun soccer can be.

Wonthaggi also celebrated a very exciting milestone with Hayden Purton playing his 50th junior competition game for Wonthaggi, having been with the Club since he was a Mini Roo Hayden is a valued member of the U14 team.

Leongatha Knights defeat Drouin Dragons in opening round

LEONGATHA Knights Senior men triumphed 2-0 over last year's Grand Final winners Drouin Dragons.

In their first home game of the season, the Knights enjoyed strong local support as they battled for dominance over a well-structured Drouin side.

With the play relatively equal and some magnificent midfield play from the Knights, the game went into halftime nil all.

The Knights entered the second half with renewed determination and an elevated sense of urgency on the ball.

It was a brilliant strike from midfielder Sven Gebele that sent the ball tearing into the bottom left corner of the goal, just out of reach of the Drouin keeper, securing the lead for the Knights.

A tidy tap-in from an unmarked Noel O'Donnell added Leongatha's second goal.



LKFC's left winger Henry Mbutia holds space against his Drouin opponent.

Female Football Week: Junior Girls Representative Showcase

On Friday May 2, the Gippsland Soccer League hosted neighbouring association Latrobe Valley Soccer League for a two match friendly between their respective U14 and U16 Girls representative squads.

Both games were hosted under lights by Mirboo North SC at Walter J Tuck Reserve and though the night air was chilly, the atmosphere was magnificent.

Friday signified the start of Female Football Week, an annual celebration and showcase of the achievements of females in football, and what better way to celebrate than to

cheer on the local female talent rising through the ranks of our local soccer leagues.

The matchups also served as precursors to the Victorian Country Championships, which are set to take place across the King's Birthday weekend at Albury.

Both games were highly competitive and played in excellent spirits, that being appreciated by the watching crowd.

The Gippsland Soccer League would like to thank the LVSL U14 and U16 Girls squads for travelling to its venue and wish them all the best for the upcoming Country Championships campaign.



LVSL and GSL U16 representative squads played a competitive game in front of a cheering crowd.





Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners were Allan Ireland and Rob Westbrook.



The best one game winners for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group were Peter McWilliams (L), Marianne Scales (2), Tony Heppleston (S) and Raf Merante (3).



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's runner-up team consisted of Colin Scales (2), Margaret Hoy (3), Claire Sheers (S) and Elaine Williams (L).



Fish Creek Bowls Club congratulated its champions for the 2024/25 season. Pictured back from left, Norm Cooper, Bev Tyers, Sue Waugh, Ray Prain, front from left, Nancy Parry and Judy Prain.

BREAKAWAY

ANOTHER day at the office and another great day of bowling. The winners were Jan Murphy, Brian Newman and Elly Carter with a win of + 7 – well done, guys.

FISH CREEK

THE Thursday night before Easter was the presentation night at the club.

Everyone sat down and enjoyed a lovely meal followed by presentations to the club winners for the 2024/25 season.

Congratulations go to Judy Prain, the ladies' Club Champion.

Ian McLeod was the men's Club Champion.

Ladies' Club Pairs winners were Bev Tyers and Sue Waugh.

Men's Club Pairs winners Ian McLeod and Ray Prain.

The Club Mixed Pairs winners were Ian McLeod and Heather Ray.

The Ladies 100 Up winner was Nancy Parry and the men's 100 Up winner was Norm Cooper.

Open President's Handicap Singles winner was Ian McLeod.

The Club Open Minor Singles winner was Heather Ray.

Congratulations go to all of the winners and their opposition for reaching the finals of these events.

A couple of people were sadly absent to receive their prizes but were presented to them at the following happy hour.

The club had had a great Pennant season too.

Having two divisions from both Midweek and Saturday Pennant into the finals, with three going all the way to the grand finals but not quite grabbing the top prize – an excellent achievement all round.

Overall, it was a very impressive season for the club – well done to all members.

The club also had its president present two Super Veteran badges to club members Frank Raiti and Peter Stapleton.

Also, Malcolm Ellis, at the following happy hour.

Congratulations to the three of them.

The club looks forward to welcoming the start of another season in September and to seeing you all back for 2025/26.

INVERLOCH

THE Night Bowls competition resumed on Tuesday in ideal night-time conditions.

The competition was hot on Green

2 with several tied games and only one two game winner, being the team of Bev and Charlie Tyers.

On Green 1, there were three two game winners with Terry and Karen Orford taking home the prize money.

With four weeks to go in the competition, the ladder leaders on both greens have a number of other teams in hot pursuit for the top honours at the end of the eight-week season.

MIDWEEK

ANOTHER week, another great day.

It was beautiful weather for a late autumn day at San Remo for the family of bowlers.

There was an amazing turnout of 58 players, forcing the club to use all eight possible rinks on the green.

The bowlers were met once again by Pauline and John, who welcomed them to the club.

Peter prepared the teams with help from Claire, David and Rob.

Out on the green, many friendships were forgotten as the weekly challenge progressed, but this did not stop the laughter and good humour that prevailed among the players.

There were one or two wrong bias shots.

It will take a while to refill the Royal Children's Hospital tin for next year, but at least it is headed in the right direction.

The well-deserved winners on a score of 36 were Bill Sheriff (3), Jenny Smith (L) and Michael Dady (S).

Runners up on a score of 35 were Colin Scales (2), Margaret Hoy (3), Claire Sheers (S) and Elaine Williams (L).

Best one game winners were Peter McWilliams (L), Marianne Scales (2), Tony Heppleston (S) and Raf Merante (3).

A big thank you also to Peter behind the bar as well as Aggie and Claire for all the hard work in the kitchen.

The club thanked all those marvellous volunteers who keep the family of bowlers coming back week after week.

Next week, the bowlers will be playing at Loch and District Bowls Club.

Please, be on time as the numbers are getting very close to a full house and if you are in after the books are full then you may have to miss out.

Meanwhile till then, have fun and stay safe.

Apologies to Max Summers, who was named Max Williams in last week's report.

WONTHAGGI

THE club was blessed with perfect autumn weather for bowls this week.

Wednesday saw 32 bowlers play two games of two-bowl pairs over 10 ends.

There were six teams that were two-game winners, with the runners up being Rob Aitken and Ken Webb with a score of two wins and 34 points.

The winners were Allan Ireland and Rob Westbrook with a score of two wins and 36 points.

Friday night was an outstanding success, with 45 people at the club for a spit roast plus a bowl of soup.

Once again, the meal was perfect.

The raffles saw Karen, Allan, Rod, and Maggi as happy meat tray winners.

The members' draw didn't go off, so next week it will be \$90.

Saturday saw a good number of 33 bowlers grace the greens on a fine sunny day.

The runners-up were a team of three – Colin Ormerod, Peter McBain, and Stan Jackson – with a score of two wins and 32 points.

The winners were a team of four – Stan Noad, Rod Beech, Lyn Tagell, and John Hill – with a score of two wins and 34 points.

At 10am Saturday morning, the club saw two finals played in front of a good number of members and friends.

The first match was the final of the Men's Pairs between Rob Aitken and Ben Mattock playing Craig Fisher and Rod Shaw – a great match with four of the best bowlers at Wonthaggi.

As you would expect, it was a high-standard match with a little bit of luck to go with quality bowling.

At the end of the match, Rob and Ben were able to take the title.

The other match was the final of the B Grade 100 Up.

This match was between Norm Evans and Michael Raman.

Michael was looking for his fourth title, which is an amazing feat.

Once again, as you would expect with two very good bowlers, the match was of a high standard.

Both matches were played in good conditions with a slight breeze.

Michael was able to claim the title with a fine display of bowls by both bowlers.

Bowls this week:

Wednesday: Social bowls at 12:30 pm.

Friday: Coaching at 10am.

Saturday: Social bowls at 12:30 pm.

Don't forget Friday night with the members' draw plus the raffles.



Snow, Gareth, Paul, Shannon and Alby were the winners of Phillip Island and District Darts League's annual Joseph Rizza Memorial event.

Snow's squad strikes gold at emotional Rizza Memorial

A FANTASTIC turnout of 35 players filled the Phillip Island darts venue on Monday night, all united in remembrance for the annual Joseph Rizza Memorial event.

Eight spirited teams locked horns in a hard-fought round-robin tournament, battling through intense legs of 801 in a fitting tribute to a cherished member of the darts family.

The team comprised of the in-form Snow, the steady hand of Paul, the always-dangerous Gareth, the consistent Alby, and the sharp-shooting Shannon proved to be the dominant force of the evening.

Their synergy and skill shone brightly as they navigated the competition, racking up an impressive six victories while only succumbing to a single narrow defeat.

Their names will now be proudly inscribed on the Joseph Rizza Memorial Shield, a lasting testament to their performance on this special night.

The league extends a hearty congratulations to the winning team and to every player who participated, contributing to the event's heartwarming atmosphere and solidifying its place as a permanent

and significant date on the calendar.

Adding a touch of unexpected amusement to the evening's proceedings was the remarkable win of league stalwart Bones Cleeland in the San Remo Butchers meat tray raffle.

After what can only be described as a persistent campaign of ticket purchases over many weeks, Bones' luck finally turned. The image of Bones, still nursing a broken wrist and relying on his trusty bicycle for transportation around Cowes, attempting to navigate the journey home with a substantial meat tray sparked considerable amusement amongst his fellow players.

He did, however, emphatically assure everyone that the prize cuts made it safely through his front door, a testament to his determination.

The darting action continues next week with the highly anticipated round seven of the regular season.

Players are eagerly awaiting the return of league play.

The league looks forward to seeing all members back on the oche, ready for more thrilling matches and friendly rivalry.

Wonthaggi Table Tennis

NOW past the season's mid-point and all teams are jostling hard for finals action in June with their own unique styles.

Current top side Radak have rotations, using players off the bench to create depth, stay fresh and chance the Donohue brothers a shared trophy.

Butterfly are French revolutionaries, hunting the elite with decapitating weapons such as the Jolly Kimmins loaded loop and Warren's rapid slice, paying homage to France's favourite torture, the guillotine.

Donic has Justin and his amazing box of tricks. Alongside Michael, his trusty lieutenant, they can conjure up wins with hocus pocus or vanishing balls.

Double Fish are losing ground on the inside rail but cradling the whip, awaiting an opening for the final dash home.

Stiga are full of chilled

vibes, lulling opponents into a fog of bohemian befuddlement.

Nittaku can still make the top four despite running last. Youth has no ceiling on potential and shows glimpses of A-plus grade play.

Butterfly def Double Fish 4 to 1

Radak def Donic 3 to 2

Stiga def Nittaku 3 to 2

A grade ladder: Radak 20, Donic 16, Butterfly 16,

Double Fish 12, Stiga 8 and Nittaku 0.

Leading players Justin 12, David 9, Braden and Dirk 7.

Thursday Night B grade

Ball def Smash 4 to 1

Bat def Serve 3 to 2

After losing the first set 11 to 2, Bat's Yeti and Sam

bounced back to win the doubles and clinch the team win.

Ladder: Serve 11, Bat 6, Ball 6, Smash 4 and Edge 3.

Leading players: 6 Trish, 5 Shane, Vicki, Yeti.



# Golf history on the double



The Korumburra Golf Club broke a 59-year drought last Monday at Leongatha Golf Club and won the 2025 South Gippsland District Golf Association Division One Pennant. They are, from left, Johanna van den Heiligenberg, Heather Grist, Shelley Snooks, Kerry Besley, Trudy Mantell, Merrissa Cosson, Julie Hillberg and Lynn McIvor.



Winners of the South Gippsland District Golf Association Division Two Pennant was Woorayl, from left, Ash Turner (c), Geof Forrester, Josh Smith, Ashley Hickey, Ayden Walters, Ethan Smith and Troy Williams.



Winners of the South Gippsland District Golf Association Division Three Pennant was Woorayl, from left, Jim Newton, Anthony Cleeman, Paul McRae, Gary Young (c), Fletcher McLennan, Tom Ryan, Mark Carruthers and Craig Gourlay.



Korumburra's Matt Wrigley chips up onto the 16th green hoping to keep his match against Woorayl's Damien Symmons alive.



Woorayl's Michael Thomas sizes up an important putt during an absorbing match against John Mills of Korumburra.



Meeniyen was the Section 2 winner in the South Gippsland Golf Inc women's pennant final. Pictured from left, Irene Holm, Susan Straw, Faye LePage (captain), Tanya Thorson, Heather Poletti and Sue Hoskin.

## KORUMBURRA

TUESDAY, April 29:  
Stableford: 38 players.  
A Grade: Steve Rose (8) 38.  
B Grade: Joseph Salvatore (26) 35 C/B.  
NTPs: first Steve Rose, seventh Steve Duffield, 10th Brian Clasby and 13th Don Olden.

Thursday, May 1:  
Stableford: 21 players.  
A Grade: Peter Johnson (12) 35 points. B Grade: Brian Clasby (15) 36 points.  
NTPs: first Paul Hopkins, seventh Steve Rose and 13th Neil Spargo.  
Saturday, May 3:  
Sponsor: Rob Gallagher.  
Monthly Medal: 50 players.

Monthly Medal winner: Peter Hornibrook.  
A Grade: Brian Clasby (14) 72. B Grade: Peter Hornibrook (16) 70  
Gross winner: Shayne Harland 75 off the stick.  
NTPs: first Mick Bull, seventh Rob Gallagher, 10th Barry Kerr and 13th Tim Fowles.

## Ladies

IT WAS a special week for the women's Section 1 Pennant Team, winning the flag on Monday.  
Congratulations and well done to Merrissa Cosson (C), Kerri Besley, Johanna van den Heiligenberg, Shelley Snooks, Heather Grist, Lyn McIvor, Julie Hillberg and Trudi Mantell.  
Korumburra has not won a Section 1 flag since 1966, so there was lots to celebrate.

The club would also like to congratulate the Division 1 men's Pennant team who also won the flag on Sunday – well done fellas, a momentous time for the club.

On Wednesday, the club had its McLaren qualifying 4BBB Par event.

Well done to the four pairs who will now go on to play off in the semi-final later in the month – good luck to all players.

First Julie Hillberg / Trudy Olden +4, second Beryl Brown/Julie Brannaghan +2 c/b, third Kerri Besley/Colette Pearl +2 c/b and fourth Karen Sorrell/Sherin Solly with +2.

NTP on the first was Trudy Olden (Kelly's Bakery) and on the 13th green Kerri Besley.

On Saturday, the women played for the RB Monthly Medal sponsored by Luscious Cafe.

Congratulations to Jenny

Blackmore (23), winner of the award with 75 net.  
Runner-up was Maree Wittingslow with (31) 77 net.  
BDTL went to Johanna with 78 net and also had the best scratch score of 89.  
NTP on the first went to Gail Beer (Kellys Bakery).

## Moulton Bowl

THE 49th annual Moulton Bowl was held at Korumburra on Friday, with brilliant weather topping off a superb day.  
A huge thank you was extended to Margie Moulton-Ware who generously sponsored this day and provided a large number of magnificent trophies.

It was also fabulous to have Margie and her five teammates play in this special day, travelling all the way from Wodonga. Next year will be the final Moulton Bowl and there are plans for a wonderful 50th celebration.

Margie is one of the eight children of Ted and Sheila Moulton.

Ted and Sheila were both a major part of the club for many years, both loving golf and Ted earned life membership for his dedication to the club.

Korumburra welcomed players from Wodonga, Wonthaggi, Woorayl, Foster, Meeniyen, Leongatha, Waragul and Phillip Island.

Thank you to Kerri Besley, Korumburra's women's captain, who spent much time in the organisation of the day to ensure it all went smoothly.

As everyone knows, a lot is involved in planning these events and many assisted behind the scenes.

Shelley Snooks assisted Kerri with the preparation and Merrissa Cosson helped with results.

John Payne and Steve Osboldstone did a great job with organising carts and working behind the bar; Gail Beer too.

Thank you to Mitch, the curator and the large and dedicated band of volunteers for the outstanding task of presenting the course.

Much appreciation to all members who prepared food and the hard workers in the kitchen; Kath Welsh, Julie Hislop, Lyn Perks, Val van den Heiligenberg and Heather Grist.

A special mention to Beryl Brown who coordinated all the lunch requirements and presented all the beautiful

flower arrangements, from Beryl's garden too.

Now to the day's results.  
The drier conditions had some balls moving quickly to the sides and with slick greens there were some interesting outcomes.

Well done to Phillip Island, the 2025 Moulton Bowl winners; Ada Anglin, 36 points, Deb Orr, 32 points and Mary Taylor, 27 points; a total of 95 points.

Runner-up was Korumburra 4; Lyn Leppin, 33 points, Julie Hillberg, 31 points and Kim Enbom, 27 points; totalling 91 points.

To share the prizes, players who have been part of the Bowl winners, cannot be in the Grade winners.

A Grade: winner, Joy Marriott (Warragul) 29 points c/b; runner up, Johanna van den Heiligenberg, 29 points.

B Grade: winner, Jean Hayes (Woorayl), 31 points c/b; runner up, Trudy Olden, 31 points.

C Grade: winner, Maree Wittingslow, 32 points; runner-up, Julie Cole, 29 points.

BDTL: Louise Vuullermin (Meeniyen), Shelley Snooks, Julie Brannaghan, Judy Webb, and Kylie Collins (Foster), all with 28 points.

NTP: first Johanna van den Heiligenberg, 10th Mary Taylor (Phillip Island) and 13th Trudy Olden.

Straightest drive went to Vicki Walsh (Wodonga).

Longest drive:

A Grade: Kylie Collins (Foster). B Grade: Linda Forrester (Woorayl). C Grade: Maree Wittingslow.

## LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, April 29: Stableford. Tuesday's event was a Stableford event with 62 members/guests taking to the course.

Overall winner: Trevor Steer (16) with a high score of the day of 41 points.

A Grade winner: Peter Read (13) with a score of 37 points on a countback. A Grade runner-up: Doug Clemann (13) with a score of 37 points.

B Grade winner: Trevor Steer (16) with a score of 41 points. B Grade runner-up: Colin Martin (16) with a score of 39 points.

C Grade winner: Phil Strike (21) with a score of 35 points. C Grade runner-up: Doug Vorweg (22) with a score of 33 points on a countback.

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**From page 70**  
NTP fifth second shot: John Ryan at 2.27m. NTP 14th: Ray Matthews at 2.75m. NTP 16th: Rod MacKenzie at 1.05m.  
Thursday, May 1: Stableford.  
Thursday's event was a Stableford event with a field of 61 members/guests.  
It was another brilliant autumn day on the course.

Overall winner: Alan Starkey (10) with a high score of the day of 37 points.  
A Grade winner: Alan Starkey (10) with a score of 37 points. A Grade runner-up: Josh de Groot (9) with a score of 33 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Jeffrey Brewer (15) with a score of 34 points on a countback. B Grade runner-up: Donald Smith (17) with a score of 34 points.

C Grade winner: Colleen Touzel (21) with a score of 35 points. C Grade runner-up: David Vorwerg (22) with a score of 32 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Mark Lafferty. NTP 14th: Winton Knop. NTP 16th: Josh de Groot.  
Saturday, May 3: Monthly Medal Stroke.

Saturday was the usual Monthly Medal Stroke round for the new month, hitting off the black tees with an excellent field of 118 members/guests taking to the course.

Overall winner: Ross Walker (19) from the Camberwell Golf Club with a low net score of the day of 57.

A Grade winner: Rod MacKenzie (10) with a net score of 71. A Grade runner-up: Rebecca Thomas (7) with a net score of 73.

B Grade winner: Rod Hopcraft (12) with a net score of 70. B Grade runner-up: Daniel Jolley (14) with a net score of 72.

C Grade winner: Ross Walker (20) with a net score of 57. C Grade runner-up: Steve Fisher (17) with a net score of 70.

D Grade winner: Dot Stubbs (24) with a net score of 73. D Grade runner-up: Mark Blackburn (30) with a net score of 76.

NTP fifth second shot: Daniel Jolley. NTP 14th: Peter Clingin. NTP 16th: Martin Fuller.

**Ladies**

FORTY women competed in the popular 4BBB Stableford event, and a further 12 played in the nine-hole event.

The recent welcome rain, while good for the course, has, unfortunately for some, reduced the run on the fairway.

Lianne Adamson partnered well with Else Gedye and won the day with 42 points.

Colleen Touzel, once again amongst the top scorers, along with her partner, Jenny Teasdale, were runners up in the event with 41 points.

Balls down the line went to 40: Lynda Bassett and Trish Owen, Joc Howson and Glenyce McRobert, Sue Bowler and Jo McNaughton, and Fay Quilford and Karen Castledine Briggs.

The nearest the pin on the 16th was Fay Quilford, new member Fran Kearney on the 14th and Marianne Leaver was closest with her second shot on the fifth.

Karen Orford won the nine-hole competition with 19 points.

Robin Smith, Viv French and Paula Cross each won a ball down the line.

**MIRBOO NORTH**

TUESDAY, April 29: Stableford.

A Grade: B. Bradshaw (5) 38 points c/b. B Grade: C. Le Page (29) 38 points.

DTL: K. Wilburn, N. Whichello, Tom Traill 37 and P. Woodall 36 c/b.

NTP: fourth T. Bradshaw, sixth W. Edwards, 13th N. Whichello and 16th S. Duff.

Birdies: sixth Tom Traill, J. Gunn, W. Edwards and 16th S. Woodall.

Saturday, May 3: Stroke (Qualifier Capt. Trophy).

A Grade: P. Smart (8) 70 net. B Grade: G. Shandley (11) 71 net.

C Grade: J. Hughes (18) 69 net.

DTL: Tim Traill 70, S. Woodall, R. Jenkins, M. Woodall and J. Robbins 71.

NTP: fourth R. Scurlock, sixth J. Coleman, 13th J. Hughes and 16th S. McKenzie.

Birdies: sixth Tim Traill and J Coleman, and 16th S. Woodall.

Captain Trophy Play Off: J. Hughes vs P. Draper, P. Smart vs J. McFarlane, Tim Traill vs Tom Traill, and S. Woodall vs R. Scurlock.

**South Gippsland Golf Women's Pennant Final**

THE South Gippsland Women's Pennant Finals were held at Leongatha Golf Club on Monday, April 28, with ideal weather conditions greeting the golfers from the three sections.

The course was in great condition thanks to the ground staff.

Sue Wylie South Gippsland Golf Inc (SGGI) match committee welcomed and congratulated all clubs on their pennant season and thanked all the district clubs for the support given to each other and to South Gippsland Golf.

It was a privilege to have Anne Walker, South Gippsland women's life member, present the winners with their pennant and the appropriate cup whilst Sue Hoskin Chairperson of South Gippsland Match handed each member a pennant badge.

In Section 1, it was all tied on 18 points each going into the final round with singles being played.

It was a close contest all day with four out of the six matches going the distance to the 18th hole.

Korumburra came out the winner with 27 points over Phillip Island on 25 points.

This win to Korumburra was near 59 years in the making as the last time Korumburra had their name on the trophy was in 1966.

In Section 2, the winners were Meeniyen with a 4/1 win over Phillip Island – matches were again tight in this section. Meeniyen went through the season undefeated.

In Section 3, Phillip Island prevailed with a 41/2 to 1/2 win over Wonthaggi which makes it a back-to-back win for this team.

Thanks were expressed on behalf of all teams by their captains to Leongatha for the presentation of the course and the volunteers from the club who provided lunch and assistance in the running of the day.

The women's match committee was acknowledged for their work in organising the pennant season.

More importantly the caddies for their untiring help and to all spectators for their support.

Special thanks also to the spotters of Jean Hayes, Kath Davis (Woorayl), Jenny Alexander and Geraldine Sinclair (Foster) out on course – it certainly saved a lot of time in searching for the 'strays'.

Congratulations to all finalists and to all South Gippsland golfers for a great 2025 pennant season.

**WONTHAGGI**

RESULTS: May 1, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford 18-hole. Winner: Craig Charles 39. Runner up: Peter Ali 38.

BDTL to 36: Philip McCrimmon 37, Warwick Judkins 37 and Chris Wilkinson 36.

Results: May 1, SR. 36. Competition: Stableford nine-hole 10 to 18.

Winner: Willy Williams 19.

BDTL to 16: Rod Walker 18, Norm Burne 17 and Secondo Tiziani 16.

Results: May 3, S.R 72. Competition: Monthly Medal Stroke and putting.

Monthly Medal: Steve Terrill 68.

A Grade: Stephen Kane 69.

B Grade: John Walsh 68.

C Grade: Frank Huber 71.

BDTL to 73.

Ball sweep: Michael Scott 70, Phillip Dynes 71, Aaron Yann 72, Geoff Proud 72, Norm Burne 72, Mark Casey 72, Kevin Loughran 72, Allan McLean 73, Warwick Judkins 73 and Hamish Burns 73.

NTP: David Hynes second, Doug Putt fourth, Sam Dennis propin eighth, Simon O'Halloran 13th and Robbie Geyer money hole 17th.

Putting: John Walsh 27 putts.

**Ladies**

THERE was a great field of 29 players for 18 holes and some who were happy to test their legs with nine-holes.

There were still some great scores by the grade winners as the course is still in fabulous condition.

A Grade's winner Anne Tschiderer (19)35 points, B Grade was won by Irene Walsh (24)37 points and C Grade's winner was Pam Hanley (32)37 points as well.

NTP on second was Layla Robertson, eighth Shaz Patullo and 17th Catherine Bolding.

BDL went to Karen Sheerin 36, Lisa Brusamarello 35, Jan Beaumont 34, Bev Sloan 33, Robyn Wilkinson 33 and Anne Walker 32.

**WOORAYL**

THE autumn weather continues to provide great golfing days, as was the case on Wednesday, April 30, for the Stableford round sponsored by Pauline and Lance Lancaster whom were thanked for their continued support.

The greens were very sandy after the verti-draining on Monday so putting provided its own challenges.

It was a great day for the women's captain Janet Thompson (32), who played her first game for the season after her injury sustained last year in November.

Janet had the intention of playing nine and then just seeing how things went – not only did she play 18 but had the best score of the day with 36 points, winning B Grade.

The A Grade winner with 35 points was Elly Berryman (12).

Balls down the line went to 34 points Heather Sullivan (20) and Tracey Ryan (45) along with Inge Giliam (36) on 32 points on a count back.

Nearest the pins on the eighth were Janet Thompson, 11th Heather Sullivan and the 17th Elly Berryman.

Special mentions included gobblers to Jo Fennell sixth, Tracey Ryan ninth, Barb James 16th and birdies to Elly Berryman on fourth and 16th.

This Wednesday is Monthly Medal.



Irene Walsh, Anne Tschiderer and Pam Hanley were the grade winners at the Wonthaggi Golf Club.



Winners on Wednesday were Janet Thompson (B Grade) and Elly Berryman (A Grade) at the Woorayl Golf Club.



Jillian Chandler, Mary Whelan, Megan Elbaz, Liz O'Neil (captain), Patricia Jamieson and Mary Taylor made up the winning Phillip Island team in Section 3 of the South Gippsland Golf Inc women's pennant final.



Korumburra's McLaren Qualifiers were Julie Hillberg, Trudy Olden, Karen Sorrell, Sherrin Solly, Julie Brannaghan, Beryl Brown, Colette Pearl and Kerri Besley.



Korumburra's Moulton Bowl 2025 winner was Phillip Island. Pictured from left, Deb Orr, Ada Anglin and Mary Taylor with sponsor Margie Moulton-Ware.



Peter Johnson was the Thursday Stableford A Grade winner and Brian Clasby was the B Grade winner at the Korumburra Golf Club.





Wing attack Ellie Bates was one of the team's best in a challenging match against one of the league's best teams at Morwell on Saturday.



The Power's B Grade centre Jess Blair gets the ball moving Wonthaggi's way in the B Grade match at Morwell.



Wonthaggi Power goal attack Chloe Cengia comes up to meet the ball in a competitive performance for much of the day against a strong Morwell outfit.

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RESULTS

|                              |  |                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|
| <b>A GRADE</b>               |  | <b>17 &amp; UNDER</b>        |  |
| Warragul 74 d Bairnsdale 41  |  | Warragul 25 lt Bairnsdale 65 |  |
| Drouin 72 d Sale 20          |  | Drouin 39 lt Sale 44         |  |
| Leongatha 47 lt Moe 76       |  | Leongatha 30 lt Moe 34       |  |
| Morwell 72 d Wonthaggi 47    |  | Morwell 29 lt Wonthaggi 39   |  |
| Maffra 55 lt Traralgon 67    |  | Maffra 21 lt Traralgon 45    |  |
| <b>B GRADE</b>               |  | <b>15 &amp; UNDER</b>        |  |
| Warragul 63 d Bairnsdale 33  |  | Warragul 43 d Bairnsdale 35  |  |
| Drouin 49 d Sale 25          |  | Drouin 31 lt Sale 48         |  |
| Leongatha 56 d Moe 41        |  | Leongatha 25 lt Moe 35       |  |
| Morwell 35 lt Wonthaggi 55   |  | Morwell 34 d Wonthaggi 1     |  |
| Maffra 41 lt Traralgon 61    |  | Maffra 22 lt Traralgon 76    |  |
| <b>C GRADE</b>               |  | <b>13 &amp; UNDER</b>        |  |
| Warragul 24 lt Bairnsdale 60 |  | Warragul 4 lt Bairnsdale 52  |  |
| Drouin 39 d Sale 32          |  | Drouin 18 lt Sale 39         |  |
| Leongatha 39 d Moe 20        |  | Leongatha 33 d Moe 16        |  |
| Morwell 41 d Wonthaggi 35    |  | Morwell 27 d Wonthaggi 16    |  |
| Maffra 14 lt Traralgon 45    |  | Maffra 28 lt Traralgon 30    |  |

LADDERS

|                |        |    |     |                       |        |    |     |
|----------------|--------|----|-----|-----------------------|--------|----|-----|
| <b>A GRADE</b> |        | %  | pts | <b>17 &amp; UNDER</b> |        | %  | pts |
| Moe            | 221.66 | 16 |     | Traralgon             | 291.3  | 16 |     |
| Warragul       | 164.07 | 16 |     | Bairnsdale            | 245.45 | 16 |     |
| Morwell        | 114.14 | 12 |     | Sale                  | 124.44 | 16 |     |
| Leongatha      | 106.06 | 12 |     | Drouin                | 88.17  | 8  |     |
| Drouin         | 141.77 | 8  |     | Maffra                | 84.08  | 8  |     |
| Traralgon      | 81.15  | 4  |     | Warragul              | 77.11  | 8  |     |
| Wonthaggi      | 72.54  | 4  |     | Wonthaggi             | 93.15  | 4  |     |
| Bairnsdale     | 66.94  | 4  |     | Moe                   | 64.61  | 4  |     |
| Sale           | 54.66  | 4  |     | Leongatha             | 58.48  | 0  |     |
| Maffra         | 61.65  | 0  |     | Morwell               | 53.14  | 0  |     |
| <b>B GRADE</b> |        |    |     | <b>15 &amp; UNDER</b> |        |    |     |
| Leongatha      | 182.91 | 16 |     | Traralgon             | 274.16 | 16 |     |
| Wonthaggi      | 173.85 | 16 |     | Sale                  | 141.55 | 16 |     |
| Moe            | 140.13 | 12 |     | Drouin                | 163.54 | 12 |     |
| Drouin         | 107.34 | 12 |     | Warragul              | 159.68 | 12 |     |
| Warragul       | 114.71 | 8  |     | Moe                   | 100.00 | 8  |     |
| Traralgon      | 108.81 | 8  |     | Bairnsdale            | 90.08  | 4  |     |
| Morwell        | 80.75  | 4  |     | Maffra                | 84.09  | 4  |     |
| Maffra         | 63.77  | 4  |     | Morwell               | 63.70  | 4  |     |
| Sale           | 58.97  | 0  |     | Leongatha             | 61.90  | 0  |     |
| Bairnsdale     | 53.75  | 0  |     | Wonthaggi             | 10.22  | 0  |     |
| <b>C GRADE</b> |        |    |     | <b>13 &amp; UNDER</b> |        |    |     |
| Leongatha      | 149.44 | 16 |     | Leongatha             | 160.61 | 16 |     |
| Morwell        | 146.36 | 16 |     | Sale                  | 167.82 | 12 |     |
| Wonthaggi      | 177.57 | 12 |     | Morwell               | 149.33 | 12 |     |
| Bairnsdale     | 121.97 | 8  |     | Bairnsdale            | 191.38 | 8  |     |
| Sale           | 100.00 | 8  |     | Drouin                | 95.92  | 8  |     |
| Drouin         | 96.77  | 8  |     | Traralgon             | 95.51  | 8  |     |
| Moe            | 86.36  | 8  |     | Moe                   | 77.65  | 8  |     |
| Traralgon      | 115.38 | 4  |     | Maffra                | 137.11 | 4  |     |
| Maffra         | 48.54  | 0  |     | Wonthaggi             | 45.60  | 4  |     |
| Warragul       | 41.05  | 0  |     | Warragul              | 13.33  | 0  |     |



Ashlea Mawer of Moe outstretches Jayde Hall of Leongatha during the Lions' A grade win. A31\_1825



Laura Higgins of Leongatha and Moe's Macy Gardiner show their commitment during the second term of the Parrots' B grade win. A27\_1825

Help LDNA celebrate 60th year

By Pat Kuhne

LEONGATHA & District Netball Association marks its 60th year with celebrations on Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18.

On the Saturday normal games will be held, catering for over 600 players, the Association having recently welcomed new clubs Bass Coast Thunder, Kilcunda Bass, Phillip Island, and Stony Creek as its participation continues to increase.

The Celebration Dinner will be held at the Leongatha Grandstand Function Rooms on Saturday night, commencing at 6pm.

The evening will include a three-course meal, guest speaker, book launch, special achievements, and recollection of the Association's history over the last 60 years.

The meal is catered for by Food and Event, being \$80 per head and a few tickets are still available.

If you would like to join in, please contact Pat Kuhne as soon as possible on 0475 725 042.

The book being launched



LDNA presidents past and current, are delighted to celebrate the Association's 60th year. Back row: Anna Patterson, Emma Smith, Denise Bracecamp, Trish Berryman, Sue Ritchie, Anita Gourlay. Front row: Maria Evison, Jenny Draper, Pat Kuhne, and Shirleyann Wright.

covers the achievements of LDNA over the last 60 years and costs \$25 per copy.

You may place an order now or purchase on Saturday evening.

On Sunday morning from 10.30, there'll be a variety of netball games including all abilities, NetSetGo, and past players.

Everyone is welcome to attend, with Leongatha RSL sponsoring the barbecue lunch.

The Association is grateful to its sponsors.

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Poowong's Yvette O'Brien shoots for goal in C Grade.



Nyora's A Grade goal shooter Shannon Heylen controls the ball deep in attack.



Heidi Driscoll looks for a forward pass in A Grade.



Nicola Marriott has possession for Leongatha during its heavy A grade loss at the hands of Moe, being named the beaten team's second best. A29\_1825



Leongatha's Jade Cashin is pressured by her Moe opponent early in the sides' B Grade clash. A26\_1825



Leongatha's Mikaeli Hilliar has her eyes on the ball against Moe in A Grade. A32\_1825



Charli Milner chooses her target in Nyora's A Grade clash with Poowong.



Mikaeli Hilliar looks ahead for Leongatha during its A grade clash with tough opponent Moe. A30\_1825

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RESULTS

|                       |    |                  |
|-----------------------|----|------------------|
| <b>A GRADE</b>        |    |                  |
| Bunyip                | 32 | It Nil-Darn 70   |
| Ellinbank             | 33 | It Neerim Sth 38 |
| Nyora                 | 31 | It Poowong 49    |
| Lang Lang             | 55 | d Catani 34      |
| Longwarry             | 55 | d Yarragon 31    |
| Buln Buln             | 7  | It Trafalgar 10  |
| <b>B GRADE</b>        |    |                  |
| Bunyip                | 35 | d Nil-Darn 28    |
| Ellinbank             | 39 | d Neerim Sth 38  |
| Nyora                 | 17 | It Poowong 49    |
| Lang Lang             | 42 | d Catani 41      |
| Longwarry             | 40 | It Yarragon 42   |
| Buln Buln             | 53 | d Trafalgar 44   |
| <b>C GRADE</b>        |    |                  |
| Lang Lang             | 24 | It Catani 41     |
| Bunyip                | 22 | It Nil-Darn 45   |
| Buln Buln             | 41 | d Trafalgar 35   |
| Ellinbank             | 48 | d Neerim Sth 24  |
| Nyora                 | 5  | It Poowong 44    |
| Longwarry             | 30 | It Yarragon 37   |
| <b>17 &amp; UNDER</b> |    |                  |
| Lang Lang             | 36 | It Catani 40     |
| Buln Buln             | 29 | It Trafalgar 41  |
| Nyora                 | 9  | It Poowong 49    |
| Bunyip                | 23 | It Nil-Darn 43   |
| Longwarry             | 38 | d Yarragon 35    |
| Ellinbank             | 22 | It Neerim Sth 39 |
| <b>15 &amp; UNDER</b> |    |                  |
| Bunyip                | 25 | d Nil-Darn 24    |
| Longwarry             | 23 | d Yarragon 16    |
| Lang Lang             | 19 | It Catani 37     |
| Buln Buln             | 20 | d Trafalgar 18   |
| Ellinbank             | 13 | It Neerim Sth 30 |
| Nyora                 | 4  | It Poowong 55    |
| <b>13 &amp; UNDER</b> |    |                  |
| Bunyip                | 27 | d Nil-Darn 12    |
| Ellinbank             | 26 | d Neerim Sth 22  |
| Nyora                 | 4  | It Poowong 32    |
| Lang Lang             | 48 | d Catani 3       |
| Longwarry             | 22 | d Yarragon 20    |
| Buln Buln             | 16 | It Trafalgar 18  |

LADDERS

|                       |         |     |
|-----------------------|---------|-----|
| <b>A GRADE</b>        | %       | pts |
| Longwarry             | 227.45  | 16  |
| Neerim South          | 190.83  | 16  |
| Nilma Darnum          | 119.79  | 12  |
| Lang Lang             | 114.81  | 12  |
| Poowong               | 96.08   | 12  |
| Ellinbank             | 140.12  | 8   |
| Trafalgar             | 103.43  | 8   |
| Catani                | 93.83   | 4   |
| Yarragon              | 91.80   | 4   |
| Bunyip                | 63.03   | 4   |
| Nyora                 | 47.88   | 0   |
| Buln Buln             | 41.67   | 0   |
| <b>B GRADE</b>        |         |     |
| Lang Lang             | 193.33  | 16  |
| Ellinbank             | 165.06  | 16  |
| Poowong               | 117.53  | 16  |
| Bunyip                | 111.57  | 12  |
| Catani                | 182.14  | 8   |
| Neerim South          | 139.53  | 8   |
| Nilma Darnum          | 104.90  | 8   |
| Longwarry             | 112.50  | 4   |
| Buln Buln             | 68.35   | 4   |
| Yarragon              | 72.26   | 4   |
| Trafalgar             | 56.55   | 0   |
| Nyora                 | 27.50   | 0   |
| <b>C GRADE</b>        |         |     |
| Catani                | 206.45  | 14  |
| Yarragon              | 154.55  | 14  |
| Longwarry             | 251.72  | 12  |
| Ellinbank             | 119.79  | 12  |
| Buln Buln             | 125.51  | 12  |
| Trafalgar             | 143.24  | 12  |
| Neerim South          | 113.33  | 8   |
| Poowong               | 71.70   | 4   |
| Nilma Darnum          | 80.00   | 4   |
| Lang Lang             | 93.26   | 4   |
| Bunyip                | 48.85   | 0   |
| Nyora                 | 11.49   | 0   |
| <b>17 &amp; UNDER</b> |         |     |
| Nilma Darnum          | 186.14  | 16  |
| Longwarry             | 171.72  | 16  |
| Catani                | 146.94  | 12  |
| Trafalgar             | 125.58  | 12  |
| Neerim South          | 110.83  | 8   |
| Poowong               | 107.32  | 8   |
| Lang Lang             | 123.62  | 6   |
| Yarragon              | 106.99  | 6   |
| Ellinbank             | 60.43   | 6   |
| Buln Buln             | 73.95   | 4   |
| Bunyip                | 66.67   | 2   |
| Nyora                 | 13.54   | 0   |
| <b>15 &amp; UNDER</b> |         |     |
| Catani                | 314.58  | 16  |
| Neerim South          | 213.33  | 16  |
| Bunyip                | 156.76  | 16  |
| Poowong               | 261.70  | 12  |
| Lang Lang             | 396.30  | 12  |
| Longwarry             | 135.29  | 8   |
| Nilma Darnum          | 117.07  | 8   |
| Buln Buln             | 87.64   | 8   |
| Ellinbank             | 54.29   | 0   |
| Trafalgar             | 48.00   | 0   |
| Yarragon              | 43.18   | 0   |
| Nyora                 | 5.94    | 0   |
| <b>13 &amp; UNDER</b> |         |     |
| Lang Lang             | 1240.00 | 16  |
| Trafalgar             | 170.18  | 16  |
| Bunyip                | 174.55  | 12  |
| Catani                | 114.29  | 12  |
| Longwarry             | 110.81  | 12  |
| Buln Buln             | 212.00  | 8   |
| Poowong               | 130.00  | 8   |
| Nilma Darnum          | 91.67   | 8   |
| Ellinbank             | 41.80   | 4   |
| Yarragon              | 53.47   | 0   |
| Neerim South          | 48.70   | 0   |
| Nyora                 | 7.65    | 0   |

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>A GRADE</b>        |                         |
| P-Island              | 67 d Warragul-I 32      |
| IK                    | 57 d K-Bass 49          |
| Dalyston              | 35 It Cora Lynn 40      |
| KWR                   | 46 It Garfield 51       |
| NNG                   | 60 d Tooradin-Dal 44    |
| <b>B GRADE</b>        |                         |
| P-Island              | 74 d Warragul-I 23      |
| IK                    | 46 d K-Bass 28          |
| Dalyston              | 35 It Cora Lynn 40      |
| KWR                   | 48 d Garfield 47        |
| NNG                   | 53 drew Tooradin-Dal 53 |
| <b>C GRADE</b>        |                         |
| P-Island              | 19 It Warragul-I 41     |
| IK                    | 31 d K-Bass 23          |
| Dalyston              | 11 It Cora Lynn 36      |
| KWR                   | 22 It Garfield 48       |
| NNG                   | 38 It Tooradin-Dal 41   |
| <b>D GRADE</b>        |                         |
| P-Island              | 37 d Warragul-I 26      |
| IK                    | 20 It K-Bass 36         |
| Dalyston              | 14 It Cora Lynn 39      |
| NNG                   | 44 d Tooradin-Dal 33    |
| KWR                   | 25 It Garfield 28       |
| <b>17 &amp; UNDER</b> |                         |
| IK                    | 45 d K-Bass 19          |
| P-Island              | 37 d Warragul-I 32      |
| Dalyston              | 25 It Cora Lynn 31      |
| KWR                   | 38 d Garfield 18        |
| NNG                   | 42 d Tooradin-Dal 32    |
| <b>15 &amp; UNDER</b> |                         |
| P-Island              | 24 It Warragul-I 32     |
| IK                    | 21 It K-Bass 23         |
| Dalyston              | 14 It Cora Lynn 45      |
| NNG                   | 31 d Tooradin-Dal 30    |
| KWR                   | 28 d Garfield 14        |
| <b>13 &amp; UNDER</b> |                         |
| P-Island              | 35 d Warragul-I 20      |
| IK                    | 16 It K-Bass 27         |
| Dalyston              | 11 It Cora Lynn 55      |
| KWR                   | 38 d Garfield 33        |
| NNG                   | 18 drew Tooradin-Dal 18 |
| <b>11 &amp; UNDER</b> |                         |
| P-Island              | 19 d Warragul-I 2       |
| IK                    | 32 d K-Bass 3           |
| Dalyston              | 6 It Cora Lynn 26       |
| NNG                   | 9 It Tooradin-Dal 20    |

LADDERS

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| <b>A GRADE</b> | %      | pts | <b>C GRADE</b> | %      | pts | <b>17 &amp; UNDER</b> | %      | pts | <b>13 &amp; UNDER</b> | %      | pts |
| Nar Nar Goon   | 135.95 | 16  | Cora Lynn      | 150.00 | 16  | Cora Lynn             | 120.65 | 16  | Cora Lynn             | 425.81 | 16  |
| Garfield       | 115.83 | 14  | Nar Nar Goon   | 172.28 | 12  | Nar Nar Goon          | 128.03 | 16  | Kor-Bena              | 312.12 | 16  |
| Kor-Bena       | 121.05 | 12  | Warragul Ind.  | 135.04 | 12  | Phillip Island        | 165.69 | 12  | Nar Nar Goon          | 320.00 | 14  |
| Cora Lynn      | 105.36 | 12  | Garfield       | 134.78 | 12  | Inverloch-K           | 106.67 | 12  | Garfield              | 179.37 | 12  |
| Inverloch-K    | 105.00 | 12  | Tooradin-Dal.  | 134.78 | 12  | Warragul Ind.         | 161.32 | 8   | Tooradin-Dal.         | 132.93 | 10  |
| Phillip Island | 116.67 | 10  | Inverloch-K    | 133.33 | 12  | Koo Wee Rup           | 84.85  | 8   | Koo Wee Rup           | 99.03  | 8   |
| Tooradin-Dal.  | 106.42 | 8   | Kilcunda Bass  | 82.91  | 4   | Tooradin-Dal.         | 95.74  | 8   | Phillip Island        | 72.27  | 8   |
| Dalyston       | 102.67 | 8   | Phillip Island | 65.49  | 4   | Kor-Bena              | 101.18 | 8   | Kilcunda Bass         | 73.33  | 4   |
| Kilcunda Bass  | 97.96  | 4   | Dalyston       | 65.25  | 4   | Dalyston              | 88.80  | 4   | Warragul Ind.         | 50.77  | 4   |
| Koo Wee Rup    | 73.10  | 0   | Kor-Bena       | 60.68  | 4   | Garfield              | 45.80  | 4   | Inverloch-K           | 40.63  | 4   |
| Warragul Ind.  | 57.58  | 0   | Koo Wee Rup    | 52.38  | 4   | Kilcunda Bass         | 31.38  | 0   | Dalyston              | 9.47   | 0   |
| <b>B GRADE</b> |        |     | <b>D GRADE</b> |        |     | <b>15 &amp; UNDER</b> |        |     | <b>11 &amp; UNDER</b> |        |     |
| Inverloch-K    | 161.04 | 14  | Cora Lynn      | 201.82 | 12  | Nar Nar Goon          | 247.89 | 16  | Koo Wee Rup           | 283.87 | 16  |
| Tooradin-Dal.  | 182.48 | 14  | Nar Nar Goon   | 197.73 | 12  | Cora Lynn             | 226.79 | 16  | Cora Lynn             | 268.00 | 16  |
| Kilcunda Bass  | 147.29 | 12  | Garfield       | 189.06 | 12  | Tooradin-Dal.         | 164.04 | 8   | Garfield              | 372.22 | 12  |
| Dalyston       | 138.73 | 12  | Kilcunda Bass  | 139.18 | 12  | Kilcunda Bass         | 101.15 | 8   | Inverloch-K           | 262.50 | 12  |
| Nar Nar Goon   | 107.61 | 10  | Kor-Bena       | 118.99 | 4   | Phillip Island        | 94.06  | 8   | Kor-Bena              | 175.00 | 12  |
| Phillip Island | 94.92  | 10  | Koo Wee Rup    | 117.39 | 8   | Garfield Stars        | 83.33  | 8   | Phillip Island        | 182.86 | 10  |
| Garfield       | 116.94 | 8   | Phillip Island | 82.22  | 8   | Warragul Ind          | 79.67  | 8   | Tooradin-Dal.         | 118.18 | 8   |
| Koo Wee Rup    | 71.56  | 4   | Inverloch-K    | 70.37  | 8   | Inverloch-K           | 72.60  | 8   | Nar Nar Goon          | 85.71  | 6   |
| Kor-Bena       | 50.66  | 4   | Tooradin-Dal.  | 106.67 | 4   | Koo Wee Rup           | 69.57  | 8   | Warragul Ind.         | 23.96  | 4   |
| Warragul Ind.  | 28.62  | 0   | Warragul Ind   | 44.39  | 0   | Dalyston              | 39.37  | 4   | Kilcunda Bass         | 24.71  | 0   |
|                |        |     | Dalyston       | 25.64  | 0   | Kor-Bena              | 0.00   | 0   | Dalyston              | 17.65  | 0   |





Louise Patten goes in for the ball in the goal circle in A grade. Photo: Annie Holland.

MIRBOO NORTH

A WARM autumn day set the scene for a big round of netball as our Tigers took on Yinnar. The warm conditions tested everyone's fitness, and we saw tough, competitive matches right across the board.

A Grade: A high-intensity match between two quality sides. The girls pushed hard all game and showed real grit.

Best on Court: Marley Wallace  
Coaches Award: Jessie Holland

B Grade: A strong effort with great passages of play and determination throughout.

Best on Court: Aleisha Kerr  
Coaches Award: Emma Evans

C Grade: This group continues to build confidence and cohesion each week, full of potential still to be unlocked.

Best on Court: Amy Symmons  
Coaches Award: Tylah Wilkins

D Grade: A fantastic performance from start to finish, with composure under pressure securing the win.

Best on Court: Lexie Andrews  
Coaches Award: Bonnie Collins

17 & Under: A thriller that went down to the wire! A great display of teamwork and resilience.

Best on Court: Mia O'Brien  
Coaches Award: Marley Wallace

15 & Under: A tough contest against a strong opponent. The girls battled hard and never gave up.

Best on Court: Amy Conlan  
Coaches Award: Lucy Woodall

13 & Under: A very close match with huge effort across the court. Promising signs from this determined group.

Best on Court: Georgie Schaeche  
Coaches Award: Maddi Anthony

A round full of hard-fought games and strong team spirit, well done to all players and coaches.

Let's carry that energy into next week! Go Tigers!



A Grade celebrate Abby Forrester 50th senior game.



Morwell East's Claire Lovassy clears the ball from Tarwin's Alex Burke. B20\_1825



Imogen Law worked hard all day for Tarwin. B23\_1825



Alice Mills set to goal for Morwell East. B22\_1825



Boolarra's Aleeah Munnich looks for an opening. B24\_1825



Boolarra's Olivia Walsh intercepts a pass from MDU. B25\_1825



Tarwin's Hannah Keilly keeping the ball in play. B19\_1825

MID GIPPSLAND

| RESULTS                    |  |  |                            |     |              |                             |  |        |                            |              |  |                              |        |     |                            |  |  |                            |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |
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| A GRADE                    |  |  | B GRADE                    |     |              | C GRADE                     |  |        | D GRADE                    |              |  | 17 & UNDER                   |        |     | 15 & UNDER                 |  |  | 13 & UNDER                 |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |
| Fish Crk 51 d Stony Crk 35 |  |  | Fish Crk 47 d Stony Crk 27 |     |              | Fish Crk 31 It Stony Crk 35 |  |        | Fish Crk 45 d Stony Crk 17 |              |  | MDU 30 d Boolarra 6          |        |     | Fish Crk 30 d Stony Crk 29 |  |  | Foster 15 d Hill End 14    |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |
| Yinnar 56 d Mirboo Nth 50  |  |  | MDU 54 d Boolarra 22       |     |              | MDU 47 d Boolarra 35        |  |        | MDU 25 d Boolarra 21       |              |  | Fish Crk 35 d Stony Crk 24   |        |     | MDU 23 It Boolarra 35      |  |  | MDU 8 It Boolarra 52       |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |
| MDU 70 d Boolarra 28       |  |  | Tarwin 23 It Morwell-E 39  |     |              | Tarwin 38 d Morwell-E 26    |  |        | N-borough 67 d Thorpdale 8 |              |  | Tarwin 21 It Morwell-E 23    |        |     | Tarwin 30 d Morwell-E 16   |  |  | Yinnar 19 d Mirboo Nth 17  |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |
| N-borough 72 d T'dale 29   |  |  | N-borough 67 d T'dale 33   |     |              | N-borough 82 d T'dale 5     |  |        | Tarwin 27 d Morwell-E 23   |              |  | Yinnar 28 drew Mirboo Nth 28 |        |     | Foster 18 It Hill End 29   |  |  | Tarwin 52 d Morwell-E 3    |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |
| Tarwin 50 d Morwell-E 46   |  |  | Foster 65 d Hill End 37    |     |              | Foster 32 d Hill End 24     |  |        | Foster 11 It Hill End 33   |              |  | Foster 9 It Hill End 50      |        |     | Yinnar 41 d Mirboo Nth 22  |  |  | Fish Crk 28 d Stony Crk 20 |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |
| Foster 95 d Hill End 28    |  |  | Yinnar 47 d Mirboo Nth 40  |     |              | Yinnar 32 d Mirboo Nth 26   |  |        | Yinnar 28 It Mirboo Nth 32 |              |  |                              |        |     |                            |  |  |                            |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |
| LADDERS                    |  |  |                            |     |              |                             |  |        |                            |              |  |                              |        |     |                            |  |  |                            |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |              |  |  |        |     |
| A GRADE                    |  |  | %                          | pts | B GRADE      |                             |  | %      | pts                        | C GRADE      |  |                              | %      | pts | D GRADE                    |  |  | %                          | pts | 17 & UNDER   |  |  | %      | pts | 15 & UNDER   |  |  | %      | pts | 13 & UNDER   |  |  | %      | pts |
| Foster                     |  |  | 342.11                     | 16  | Foster       |                             |  | 157.76 | 16                         | Newborough   |  |                              | 265.52 | 16  | Newborough                 |  |  | 208.70                     | 16  | MDU          |  |  | 327.91 | 16  | Hill End     |  |  | 294.44 | 16  | Newborough   |  |  | 744.44 | 16  |
| MDU                        |  |  | 185.93                     | 16  | Mirboo North |                             |  | 160.14 | 12                         | Yinnar       |  |                              | 178.26 | 16  | Mirboo North               |  |  | 159.52                     | 16  | Yinnar       |  |  | 169.00 | 14  | Boolarra     |  |  | 275.00 | 16  | Yinnar       |  |  | 689.47 | 16  |
| Yinnar                     |  |  | 125.00                     | 16  | MDU          |                             |  | 136.30 | 12                         | Tarwin       |  |                              | 139.50 | 16  | Hill End                   |  |  | 147.50                     | 12  | Boolarra     |  |  | 194.32 | 12  | Yinnar       |  |  | 235.21 | 16  | Tarwin       |  |  | 254.05 | 16  |
| Morwell East               |  |  | 157.04                     | 12  | Yinnar       |                             |  | 129.37 | 12                         | Foster       |  |                              | 166.67 | 12  | Yinnar                     |  |  | 139.58                     | 12  | Toora        |  |  | 174.36 | 12  | Toora        |  |  | 218.18 | 12  | Boolarra     |  |  | 254.84 | 16  |
| Mirboo North               |  |  | 155.68                     | 12  | Morwell East |                             |  | 129.23 | 12                         | Boolarra     |  |                              | 119.55 | 12  | Tarwin                     |  |  | 98.10                      | 12  | Newborough   |  |  | 45.36  | 12  | Foster       |  |  | 100.00 | 12  | Fish Creek   |  |  | 82.14  | 12  |
| Fish Creek                 |  |  | 146.23                     | 12  | Newborough   |                             |  | 123.45 | 12                         | MDU          |  |                              | 160.95 | 10  | Morwell East               |  |  | 166.67                     | 8   | Mirboo North |  |  | 148.98 | 10  | Tarwin       |  |  | 96.63  | 8   | Foster       |  |  | 17.86  | 12  |
| Stony Creek                |  |  | 131.06                     | 8   | Fish Creek   |                             |  | 112.90 | 12                         | Hill End     |  |                              | 110.09 | 10  | Fish Creek                 |  |  | 126.67                     | 8   | Hill End     |  |  | 125.47 | 8   | MDU          |  |  | 83.33  | 8   | Hill End     |  |  | 163.16 | 8   |
| Newborough                 |  |  | 92.90                      | 8   | Toora        |                             |  | 110.38 | 12                         | Fish Creek   |  |                              | 78.15  | 8   | MDU                        |  |  | 122.86                     | 8   | Fish Creek   |  |  | 73.08  | 8   | Newborough   |  |  | 61.04  | 8   | Mirboo North |  |  | 98.33  | 4   |
| Toora                      |  |  | 64.71                      | 8   | Stony Creek  |                             |  | 112.26 | 8                          | Morwell East |  |                              | 104.10 | 4   | Foster                     |  |  | 119.44                     | 8   | Foster       |  |  | 44.74  | 8   | Fish Creek   |  |  | 39.82  | 8   | MDU          |  |  | 19.40  | 4   |
| Tarwin                     |  |  | 67.92                      | 4   | Hill End     |                             |  | 66.18  | 4                          | Stony Creek  |  |                              | 74.83  | 4   | Toora                      |  |  | 80.85                      | 8   | Morwell East |  |  | 43.55  | 8   | Mirboo North |  |  | 56.29  | 4   | Toora        |  |  | 13.95  | 4   |
| Boolarra                   |  |  | 55.51                      | 0   | Thorpdale    |                             |  | 63.94  | 0                          | Toora        |  |                              | 69.77  | 4   | Stony Creek                |  |  | 65.28                      | 4   | Stony Creek  |  |  | 53.70  | 4   | Morwell East |  |  | 32.79  | 4   | Morwell East |  |  | 19.35  | 4   |
| Hill End                   |  |  | 38.59                      | 0   | Tarwin       |                             |  | 58.01  | 0                          | Mirboo North |  |                              | 74.07  | 0   | Boolarra                   |  |  | 69.05                      | 0   | Tarwin       |  |  | 32.50  | 0   | Stony Creek  |  |  | 36.26  | 0   | Stony Creek  |  |  | 39.02  | 0   |
| Thorpdale                  |  |  | 36.06                      | 0   | Boolarra     |                             |  | 44.40  | 0                          | Thorpdale    |  |                              | 10.80  | 0   | Thorpdale                  |  |  | 9.01                       | 0   | Thorpdale    |  |  | 0.00   | 0   | Thorpdale    |  |  | 0.00   | 0   | Thorpdale    |  |  | 0.00   | 0   |





Breakers played at Dalyston on Saturday in perfect conditions.

# Breakers dominate with final-quarter surge

PLAYING in perfect conditions the Breakers had most of the play in the first quarter, however, it took until late in the term for their first major which came via Ella Cargill. A goal to Immy Bradford after the siren put the home team in a good position going into the second quarter.

Ellen Williams was dominant in the ruck with Molly

Conroy and Jenna Russo getting on the end of her taps and both very active around the ground.

A pinpoint pass from Ella Cargill to Immy Bradford gave the Breakers their only goal for the quarter.

Nico Randall and Jayde Lamb were solid in defence – not letting the ball get past them which allowed the half

backs to play an attacking style of footy.

This really showed in the last quarter with the Breakers adding four goals to their total.

A long goal from Gaby Hynes kicked off the Breakers big quarter with Immy Bradford adding her third, Ella Cargill her second and Jenna Russo sneaking one from the goal square in the dying seconds

of the match.

Final score: Breakers 7.5-47 def Warragul 1.3-9

Goals: Immy Bradford 3, Ella Cargill 2, Gaby Hynes, Jenna Russo

Best: Immy Bradford, Ellen Williams, Ella Cargill, Molly Conroy, Tess Angarane

This week the Breakers travel to Red Hill for a Saturday match at 12pm.



# Schofield heads to Hill End

THE picks are in for this year's edition of The Carlton Draft and Wil Schofield is heading to Hill End and Grove Rovers for a one-off match. The Sporting Globe, Richmond, hosted the live draft night on Wednesday, April 30. Fans, club representatives, players, and other footy personalities gathered to witness the event.

"I feel great. I'm the first backman to be ever involved in the Carton Draft. I'm actually a bit worried about some of the forwards and midfielders involved so I'm confident. Have I achieved as much as the others no, I haven't but I feel really good," Wil said ahead of the pick. However, it was a different story post-selection.

"I've considered playing the backline, and I've thought 'nup, not going to do that'. I'm going to play in the ruck, wing or high half-forward with no defensive accountability. Trying to get as many touches as I can and kick as many goals as I can. I love community footy, country footy. I spent a lot of time in country clubs."

As for whether Wil's excited.

"Bloody oath I'm excited. I think I'll actually offer something on and off the field; I think maybe I'm the package."

## Crucial clashes and season-defining moments

### MGFNL Round 5: Boolarra v Foster

Boolarra last week jumped out of the MDU "frying pan" and this week will land in the "fire" of Foster.

As good as the Demons have been in the first month, injuries and quality opposition certainly found them short in round three, but another week provides another challenge.

The Demons' side has certainly lifted a couple of levels from the season prior, but this weekend is expected to be another level again, with Foster performing unbelievably well, but at the same time not getting ahead of themselves as they prepare to travel.

Foster Coach, Sam Davies, said, it will be a big challenge away at Boolarra next weekend.

### Mirboo North v Fish Creek

Mirboo North, just seven days ago, pushed last year's grand finalists Yinnar for three quarters before an indiscretion left the Tigers with just seventeen men that allowed the Magpies to race away to a five-goal victory.

You cannot afford to give the very good sides any room to expose you, and this week they face yet another top-of-the-table team in Fish Creek.

The Kangaroos are aware of the "unique" nature of the Tigers' home ground but may not be aware of

### By Rob Popplestone

the rapid improvement they showed, which to Yinnar's credit, capitalised on early and put a huge amount of pressure on.

Confidence, control, composure and the Tigers are in the game, but a failure in any area and the Kangaroos will jump on that opportunity.

### Stony Creek v Toora

This looms as a match that could certainly go either way. The Lions have been good, but the heavy defeat at the hands of Fish Creek just a week ago may still be weighing on the minds of the players as they prepare for Toora. The Magpies, like the Lions, have shown signs that they can be capable of shaking the likes out of teams, but just need to kill games off when they get the opportunity. There is no better opportunity to do just that this week.

"Last week we played against a very well drilled, disciplined Fish Creek side, who moved the ball extremely well and defended exits well, they'll be a hard side to beat throughout the competition, now this week we have a Toora side who have been tracking well without reward, I expect it to be a very tight contest, looking forward to getting a few blokes back and getting back on our home deck," Troy Shepardson, Stony Creek coach said.

Jay Accardi, Toora's coach, said, Toora played really good high-pressure football for a half against the competition's best side and took it up to them. Unfortunately, we couldn't quite sustain this for the journey.

"To Fish Creek's credit, they just kept a better tempo for longer in the match. Whilst not pleased with the end result by a long way, we are seeing signs of the team starting to gel, which is positive. We now have another bye, which will give us a chance to tweak a few things before we take on Stony Creek at their home ground, where they are tough to beat."

### Tarwin v MDU

MDU had built themselves up for a massive "Demons Clash" last week against Boolarra, with many of the past players part of both the build-up and game day. The secret now is for them to continue that level of enthusiasm and excitement into round five.

"Tarwin, this week will be another big challenge for us, but I know that the guys are looking forward to it. We are striving to get better every week and looking forward to a solid hit out against Tarwin," Rhett Kelly, MDU coach, said.

The Sharks were very good when challenged in round four but realised that the secret is to start to string some wins together.

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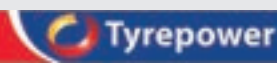
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| Phil Hardy      | 48 |
| Warren Stewart  | 48 |
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PHIL HARDY

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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 5



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DYLAN CLARK

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Hawthorn  
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 6



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Inverloch  
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DAVID ENGLAND

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Korumburra  
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AARON MCGREGOR

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Hawthorn  
Essendon  
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RND 4

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

|  | 107         |  | 29 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| FISH CREEK                                                                       | STONY CREEK |                                                                                   |    |

**Fish Creek** 5.6 7.7 13.7 16.11 (107)  
**Stony Creek** 1.1 2.4 3.4 4.5 (29)  
**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Darcy Berryman, Luke Williams 4, Timmothy Gavenlock, Matthew McGannon, Harrison Smith 2, Hudson Shaw, Jordan Shaw 1 each  
**BEST:** Lachlan Gale, Jacob Lamers, Brodie Shaw, Kairon Dorling, Tom Valenta, Matthew McGannon  
**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Tully Bernaldo, Hayden Bull 2 each  
**BEST:** Tully Bernaldo, Jason Riley, Mitchell J Rowe, Hayden Funnell, Ethan Busse, Hayden Bull

**RESERVES**  
**Fish Creek** 5.1 8.2 10.5 11.6 (72)  
**Stony Creek** 1.2 1.5 1.7 4.9 (33)  
**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Brady Mitchell 6, Josh Harry 2, Jonte Arestia, Oscar Bright, Colin Mcphee 1 each  
**BEST:** Thomas Sorrell, Luke Southwell, Colin Mcphee, Owen Straw, Owen Schnoor, Oscar Bright  
**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Samm Liddle, Ryan McKnight, Brad Renden, Nick Svanson 1 each  
**BEST:** Cade James, Charlie Batten, Rohan Baudinette, Nick Svenson, Samm Liddle, Andrew Logan

**THIRDS**  
**Fish Creek** 0.2 5.4 7.4 7.4 (46)  
**Tarwin** 3.3 8.5 11.11 15.15 (105)  
**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Oscar Bright 5, Lance Moon 2  
**BEST:** Joseph Rysko, Oscar Bright, Harper Cocksedge, Brad Cocksedge, Jackson Morgan, Aiden Bradley

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

|  | 148      |  | 32 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| FOSTER                                                                             | HILL END |                                                                                     |    |

**Foster** 5.3 13.4 18.8 22.16 (148)  
**Hill End** 1.0 2.3 2.6 4.8 (32)  
**GOALS, Foster:** Jake Best 6, Michael Cooke 5, Jack Flavelle 4, Shaun Chaseling 3, Flyn Materia 2, Harley Hoppner, Angus Norton 1 each  
**BEST:** Jack Flavelle, Mitchell Allott, Jake Best, Michael Cooke, Brock Cripps, Mitchell Green  
**GOALS, Hill End:** Darcy Paul 2, Liam Cumiskey, Dane Fawcett 1 each  
**BEST:** Harry Moore, Aaron Fawcett, Jesse Burns, Darcy Paul, Bayley Paul, Seth Calway  
**RESERVES**  
**Foster** 2.1 2.2 4.2 6.4 (40)  
**Hill End** 4.3 10.5 13.9 14.10 (94)  
**GOALS, Foster:** Jed Davy 3, Tai Daldy 2, Flynn Lomax 1  
**BEST:** Ben Smith, Flynn Lomax, Jedd Davy, Tai Daldy, Noah Daldy, Jhenises Sand  
**GOALS, Hill End:** Ethan Hubbard, Ariki Matwijkiw 3, Ehtan Calway, Brendan Clark, Luke Ravenhorst 2, Ned Bain, Shawn Sultana 1 each  
**BEST:** Brendan Clark, Oscar Robinson, Luke Ravenhorst, Kane Woolstencroft, Owen Jans, Matthew van Tilburg

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

|  | 121      |  | 51 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| MDU                                                                                | BOOLARRA |                                                                                     |    |

**MDU** 3.2 8.6 14.6 18.13 (121)  
**Boolarra** 2.1 2.1 6.3 8.3 (51)  
**GOALS, MDU:** Nick Nagel 6, Trent McRae 3, Wayne Stewart, Shaye Walsh, Lachie Wright 2 each, Thomas Corry, Steve Forrester, Jess Hickey 1 each  
**BEST:** Jess Hickey, Thomas Corry, Shaye Walsh, Steve Forrester, Wayne Stewart, Fraser Kelly  
**GOALS, Boolarra:** Aidyn Sheers 3, Bailey Glanighan, Nathan Giardina, Joel Mason, Marcus Twomey, Josh Wilson 1 each  
**BEST:** Tristan Salerno, Bailey Flanigan, Daniel Wilson, Luke Marriott, Joel Mason, Simon Noy  
**RESERVES**  
**MDU** 05.3 9.7 14.14 25.15 (165)  
**Boolarra** 0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 (6)  
**GOALS, MDU:** Brendan Tomada 7, Billy Trotman, Jacob Whiteside 3, Luke Harris, Rhys Weaver 2, alexander Battersby, Ben Cantwell, Tyson Harris, Angus Kemper, Blake Moscript, Michael Smith, Dean Thorson, Aaron Trease 1 each  
**BEST:** Brendan Tomada, Brenton Arnup, Alexander Battersby, Aaron Trease, Rhys Weaver, Jacob Whiteside  
**GOALS, Boolarra:** Eddy Stanton 1  
**BEST:** Jordan Gill, Angus Sauppe, Tyson Cameron, Cameron Dalrymple, Thomas Beamish, Jordy McDonald



Uncontested mark for Boolarra's Jedd Felmingham. B26\_1825

# Demons deliver reality check to Boolarra

ROUND four was always going to deliver some home truths to clubs that had spent some time in struggle town as they attempted to find the sort of form that they had trained so hard for in the preseason.

The usual suspects had been up and about since round one, but there remained plenty of room for others who also wanted to remain in touch with the top group.

The "Clash of the Demons" was a match that made the mouth water, as Boolarra, unbeaten in the first three rounds for the first time since 2008, came to the home ground of an in-form MDU with a sharp focus on keeping that winning momentum intact.

What actually occurred however was somewhat of a reality check for the visitors as they went down 8-3-51 to 18-13-121.

"After competing with MDU for the first quarter it was all the home side after the first change," Brendan

By Rob Popplestone

Mason, Boolarra coach stated.

"They move the ball to an elite level and really opened us up through the middle of the ground. Their front half is littered with goal kickers and exposed our inexperienced back six with four regulars unable to take the field in today's match.

"Bailey Flanigan was again in everything for us with Tristian Salerno thriving with his forced move into defence. This was undoubtedly his best game since returning to the club this year.

"After a confidence-boosting 3-0 start to the year, it is a good reality check to have taken on MDU on their home deck."

Boolarra, no doubt, will reset and reevaluate just where they are, because as good as they have been, even further improvement will need to be found, that might well be in the players

missing from the weekend, game style or positional changes, MDU on the other hand have found their mojo and are quite happy where they are at this early stage of the year.

"Great win yesterday against a team who has started the year off so well," Rhett Kelly, MDU coach said.

"We were a bit slow to start with a few skill errors in the first quarter, not allowing us to get our game going. We were able to correct that in the second and hit the scoreboard. Another great 21-player contribution with everyone playing their role. Was great to get around all the past players after the win and hear some great stories."

The weekend was yet another opportunity to add to the many stories told over the weekend, and the fact that players of today were able to share with those of days gone past are the sort of memories for which we play this great game.

# Premiers bounce as Roos cruise past Lions

By Rob Popplestone

THE Kangaroos had been the standout club for the past two seasons and as back-to-back premiers, they entered this round four clash as warm favourites against Stony Creek.

Fish Creek at home is regarded as about as tough as it gets and the Lions found that out firsthand on the weekend, going down by seventy eight points 4-5-29 to 16-11-107.

"Really good win in the end. Stony Creek played a solid game and made us defend for long periods of time which was difficult. We were able to capitalise on our opportunities and had contributors all over the ground. Still a bit to work on but positive signs," Jarrad Walker, Fish Creek said.

The fact that Fish Creek are playing as well as they are and still feel like there is a bit of work to do, probably sends an ominous warning to the rest of the league.

"We played against a very well drilled, disciplined Fish Creek side, who moved the ball extremely well and defended exits well, will be a hard side to beat throughout the competition," Troy Shepardson, Stony Creek coach said.

The Lions have improved, there is no doubt about that, but have now seen firsthand what is required to be at the very top of the MGFNL ladder.

The competition is very good, getting better and there is no room for passengers in any team, at any time against any opposition.

# Tigers roar to contender status

By Rob Popplestone

FOSTER have been fast becoming recognised as one of the early season premiership contenders, as their form against good sides, indicated some sharp improvement on seasons gone by, with some classy midfield, stoic defence and fine finishing, all syncing in team performances that left opposition sides equally impressed.

The weekend was no exception, the home side comfortably accounting for the Rovers 22-16-148 to 4-8-32.

"Our playing group are really buying and are connecting well in their roles – we just need to make sure we keep our team first values and keep rewarding the runners to ensure we have positive reinforcement. Hill End to their credit cracked in and really challenged us for periods of the game," Sam Davies, Foster coach.

The Tigers are raising eyebrows all across the competition, and although there is a long way to go, the signs are glowing brightly that Foster are amongst the better few in the competition.

"They are a good side, really good, I almost think they could be competitive in the Gippsland Latrobe," Adrian Burns, Hill End coach said.

"Our boys did their best, attacked the ball, I can't question their effort at all, we're just not quite good enough at the moment."

For Foster, greater challenges await, whilst for Hill End, every week remains a challenge, but coach Burns is an experienced and resilient campaigner, and with patience remains committed to going the journey, win, lose or draw.



Tarwin's Nate Jennings and Evan Bruning putting pressure on their opposition and managed to keep their opposition scoreless in the under 16's on Sunday. Photo: G. S. Bruning.



# Magpies hold strong in Kallady Memorial Shield

By Rover

UNBEATEN Yinnar retained the Vin Kallady Memorial Shield with its 30-point victory over Mirboo North, at Yinnar Recreation Reserve on Saturday.

It's 49 years since Kallady, 24, who represented both clubs at senior level, was killed in a car accident.

The mighty Tigers were on the scoreboard immediately, when Riley Gillian registered a goal, inside a minute of play commencing.

Yinnar's Kane Grinstead-Jones then booted two of his five majors of the afternoon, for the Magpies to take an eight-point lead into the first break.

It was goal for goal in the second term and when Mirboo North skipper Hudson Kerr's left-foot snap sailed through the big white sticks, the Tigers were two points in front at the long break.

Beau Peters, in his 50th club appearance for the Tigers, Clancy Snell, playing coach Damien Turner, Josh Taylor and Kerr were continually attacking the Sherrin with authority.



Beau Peters in his 50th game in seniors. Photo: Annie Holland

For the Magpies, Blake Van Der Meer, Thomas Robertson and Patrick Kearns provided lots of drive through the corridor and out wide, towards the waiting arms of Grinstead-Jones in the forward line.

A quick goal from Snell to start the third term pushed

Mirboo North's lead out to eight points.

Although Yinnar outscored Mirboo North for the remainder of the quarter, the Tigers only trailed by five points at the beginning of the final term.

Spectators were pondering which team would find a

sustainable formula of flexibility and balance, to break the game open in the closing stanza and win the game.

Both sides had eight scoring shots in the last quarter, with Yinnar adding 6.2 and the Tigers 1.7 to their scorecards.

The centre piece of Yinnar's game plan was to open up its forward line with only two of its players inside its 50-metre line.

Mirboo North lost momentum and was a player down when ruckman, Patrick Lewis, was reported for an undisciplined act and sent to the sin bin.

Although Mirboo North's kicking for goal was astray, a highlight for the Tigers was Beau Peters' towering intercept mark over two opponents at half forward – where the tips of his fingers almost touched the clouds.

Late in the contest, Snell booted his fourth goal for the Tigers, before Grinstead-Jones secured his fifth major for Yinnar, just as the final siren sounded.

This Saturday, Mirboo North hosts reigning premier, Fish Creek, at Tigerland.

## Sharks sink struggling Hawks

THE form of these two sides had been really hard to gauge in the weeks leading into Round four. Tarwin coming off multiple losses and Morwell East struggling to find anywhere near the sort of form they had shown in 2024.

The question was who would take the opportunity?

The answer was the Sharks, and easy!

"We had a great response from all of our players today and even contributions across the board," Lachie Jones, Tarwin coach said.

"We took our chances with our ball movement and it showed on the scoreboard. Morwell East had some quality players and we stuck to our structures and didn't allow them to roam free."

It has no doubt been a frustrating start to the year for Hawks coach Paul Henry and his team, as they struggle to find the form they displayed

By Rob Popplestone

just months ago.

The personnel are there but getting it to gel is proving to be a bigger challenge than anticipated.

"Another tough (one), it has no doubt been a frustrating start to 2025 for day at the office for us. Again, we were in it until halftime. We didn't have a bench after half time but the boys busted their arse but just couldn't hang in there," Paul Henry, Morwell East coach stated.

The Hawks have time to regroup of course, but the doors will quickly close as they will soon face some of the in-form teams in the competition.

The league wants a strong Morwell East, the local community wants a strong Morwell East, but right now there remains a question mark as to whether the Hawks players want it as well.



Callum McLeod sends the ball into the forward line for Tarwin. B14\_1825

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 4

| SENIORS            | W | L | %      | pts |
|--------------------|---|---|--------|-----|
| Foster .....       | 3 | 0 | 313.79 | 16  |
| Yinnar .....       | 4 | 0 | 171.76 | 16  |
| MDU .....          | 3 | 1 | 173.02 | 12  |
| Fish Creek .....   | 2 | 1 | 164.78 | 12  |
| Boolarra .....     | 3 | 1 | 100.00 | 12  |
| Tarwin .....       | 2 | 2 | 112.02 | 8   |
| Mirboo North ..... | 2 | 2 | 91.18  | 8   |
| Thorpdale .....    | 2 | 2 | 82.69  | 8   |
| Newborough .....   | 1 | 2 | 76.83  | 8   |
| Morwell East ..... | 1 | 3 | 71.34  | 4   |
| Stony Creek .....  | 1 | 3 | 66.00  | 4   |
| Toora .....        | 0 | 3 | 56.86  | 4   |
| Hill End .....     | 0 | 4 | 41.35  | 0   |

| RESERVES           | W | L | %      | pts |
|--------------------|---|---|--------|-----|
| MDU .....          | 4 | 0 | 542.68 | 16  |
| Morwell East ..... | 4 | 0 | 493.42 | 16  |
| Yinnar .....       | 4 | 0 | 300.00 | 16  |
| Newborough .....   | 2 | 1 | 171.43 | 12  |
| Tarwin .....       | 3 | 1 | 140.24 | 12  |
| Toora .....        | 1 | 2 | 134.48 | 8   |
| Hill End .....     | 2 | 2 | 87.02  | 8   |
| Foster .....       | 1 | 2 | 65.78  | 8   |
| Fish Creek .....   | 1 | 2 | 43.40  | 8   |
| Stony Creek .....  | 1 | 3 | 87.84  | 4   |
| Mirboo North ..... | 1 | 3 | 51.77  | 4   |
| Boolarra .....     | 0 | 4 | 23.04  | 0   |
| Thorpdale .....    | 0 | 4 | 18.30  | 0   |

| THIRDS             | W | L | %      | pts |
|--------------------|---|---|--------|-----|
| Yinnar .....       | 3 | 0 | 340.20 | 16  |
| Newborough .....   | 3 | 0 | 157.23 | 16  |
| MDU .....          | 2 | 1 | 256.86 | 12  |
| Tarwin .....       | 1 | 2 | 79.53  | 8   |
| Hill End .....     | 1 | 2 | 57.85  | 8   |
| Mirboo North ..... | 1 | 3 | 60.07  | 4   |
| Fish Creek .....   | 0 | 3 | 33.42  | 4   |
| Stony Creek .....  | 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   |

| LEADING GOAL KICKERS          |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Nick Nagel (MDU)              | 22 |
| Kane Grinstead-Jones (Yinnar) | 19 |
| Chris Wangman (Morwell East)  | 13 |

| LEADING GOAL KICKERS        |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Jarryd Garlick (Yinnar)     | 19 |
| Brendan Tomada (MDU)        | 16 |
| Hayden Dwyer (Morwell East) | 10 |

| LEADING GOAL KICKERS           |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Tobias McDuffie (Mirboo North) | 15 |
| Billy Durea (Yinnar)           | 11 |
| Angus Mcinnes (MDU)            | 11 |

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 4

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

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| YINNAR                                                                                                                                                                          | MIRBOO NORTH                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Yinnar 2.4 5.6 9.8 15.10 (100)                                                                                                                                                  | Mirboo North 1.2 6.2 9.3 10.10 (70) |
| GOALS, Yinnar: Kane Grinstead-Jones 5, Josh Bugeja, William Robertson 3, Ben Burrows, Michael Geary, Dean Linton, Harvey McKay 1 each                                           |                                     |
| BEST: Blake Van Der Meer, Thomas Robertson, Patrick Kearns, Kane Grinstead-Jones, Tige Renwick, Oliver McColl                                                                   |                                     |
| GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Clancy Snell 4, Riley Gillian, Damien Turner 2 each, Hudson Kerr, Beau Peters 1 each                                                                         |                                     |
| BEST: Beau Peters, Clancy Snell, Riley Gillian, Damien Turner, Joshua Taylor, Hudson Kerr                                                                                       |                                     |
| RESERVES                                                                                                                                                                        |                                     |
| Yinnar 6.3 7.8 8.13 11.15 (81)                                                                                                                                                  | Mirboo North 0.0 0.3 0.3 1.6 (12)   |
| GOALS, Yinnar: Jarryd Garlick 5, Jaxon Notman 4, Reece Malcolmson, Matt Nelson 1 each                                                                                           |                                     |
| BEST: Jaxon Notman, Damian Yates, Gabe Olver, Jarryd Garlick, Mathew O'Toole, Lachlan Pollard                                                                                   |                                     |
| GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Jack Jagusch 1                                                                                                                                               |                                     |
| BEST: Jonathan Conlan, Tim McAllister, Jack Jagusch, Michael Daly, William Jacka, Mitchell Richardson                                                                           |                                     |
| THIRDS                                                                                                                                                                          |                                     |
| Yinnar 5.3 10.6 14.10 18.13 (121)                                                                                                                                               | Mirboo North 1.0 1.1 1.3 3.6 (24)   |
| GOALS, Yinnar: Dylan Hobbs 4, Harry Bugeja 3, Billy Durea, Charlie Griffin, Patrick Mills 2, Xavier McCafferty, Hudson McCulloch, Blaze Ransom, Jay Rogalsky, Grady Ryan 1 each |                                     |
| BEST: Harry Bugeja, Jay Rogalsky, Blaze Ransom, Dylan Hobbs, Grady Ryan, Billy Durea                                                                                            |                                     |
| GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Tobias McDuffie 2, Jackson Unwin 1                                                                                                                           |                                     |
| BEST: Tom McGrath, Lachlan Poljak, Zane Fleming, Jonathan Conlan, Harry Ludlow, Charles Crutchfield                                                                             |                                     |

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

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| TARWIN                                                                                                                                      | MORWELL EAST                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tarwin 2.3 4.3 9.7 12.10 (82)                                                                                                               | Morwell East 1.1 4.2 7.2 7.6 (48) |
| GOALS, Tarwin: Darcy Brosnan 3, Jamie Cann, Ben Ellen 2, Daniel Houston, Lachie Jones, Nathan Jones, Jacob Proctor, Matthew Williams 1 each |                                   |
| BEST: Nathan McRae, Flynn Brosnan, Ricky O'Loughlin, Matthew Williams, Ben Chalmers, Lachie Jones                                           |                                   |
| GOALS, Morwell East: Chris Wangman 4, Jay Francis, Ben Marks, Izayah Terrick 1 each                                                         |                                   |
| BEST: Max Jacobsen, Dylan Field, Jackson Mackenzie, Kyle Hearn, Bradley Kimberley, Jake Birchall                                            |                                   |
| RESERVES                                                                                                                                    |                                   |
| Tarwin 2.1 3.2 4.3 7.7 (49)                                                                                                                 | Morwell East 2.3 6.3 7.4 9.5 (59) |
| GOALS, Tarwin: Mitchell Dennison, Eli Richards 2, Logan Anderson, Cooper Scott, Brodie Senior-Gibson 1 each                                 |                                   |
| BEST: Eli Richards, Tom Giroud, George Bountris, Mitchell Dennison, Daniel Cardy, Darcy O'Halloran                                          |                                   |
| GOALS, Morwell East: Paul Henry 5, Hayden Dwyer 2, Will Kennedy, Tim Wilson 1 each                                                          |                                   |
| BEST: Nathan-Lee Nikodemski, Aaron Dodd, Bradley Atkinson, Paul Henry, Jay Lansdown, Will Kennedy                                           |                                   |
| THIRDS                                                                                                                                      |                                   |
| Fish Creek 0.2 5.4 7.4 7.4 (46)                                                                                                             | Tarwin 3.3 8.5 11.11 15.15 (105)  |
| GOALS, Tarwin: Jake Andronaco, Chase De Grandi 4, Sam Hill, Lucas Jones 2, Lachlan Cann, Ky Gow, Bailey Trevena 1 each                      |                                   |
| BEST: Indie Cameron, Jake Kelly, Jake Andronaco, Chase De Grandi, Sam Hill, Jarrah Lowe                                                     |                                   |

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Thorpdale 14.11.95 d Newborough 10.9.69

RESERVES

Newborough 19.12.126 d Thorpdale 2.3.15

THIRDS

Newborough 13.13.91 d Hill End 8.12.60





Paul Delaroche was the Saints' leading light scoring six goals.

# Nyora claims Demon Cup against Poowong

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG and Nyora competed on Saturday for the Demon Cup in honour of the late Des Rogers, a stalwart of both clubs, with the Saints hosting the game and coming out on top by 45 points.

Poowong was forced to make three changes, all due to injuries, with Joel Norton, Blake Rout and Connor Ives replaced by Josh Chiavaroli, Mitch Cochrane and Josh Hall, the latter performing strongly in his Senior debut and promising a bright future.

The opening quarter proved decisive, with Poowong managing just three behinds to the Lang Lang end against a slight breeze, while Nyora kicked five goals and led by 29 points at the first break, the Magpies never overcoming that deficit.

Poowong was in the game during the second quarter but some poor decision making going forward put players under pressure.

Both sides added five goals for the term, Nyora again leading by 29 points at halftime, the game to that point lacking flow with both sides hard at it and numerous ball ups being required.

The third quarter was competitive, with Poowong's Jarvis Brown kicking two good goals, while Nyora added three majors through Dylan Heylen, Callum McNiff and Paul Delaroche.

Poowong had nobody left on the bench from halfway through the term and it was going to be tough in the last quarter with Nyora leading by six goals, scores at that stage being Nyora 13.7-85 to Poowong 7.7-49.

The fourth quarter was even until late in the piece when Poowong players ran out of legs, Nyora ultimately adding 3.1 to Poowong's 1.4 for the term, Heylen and Delaroche again booting majors for Nyora, along with one from Samuel Dixon, while Cochrane kicked the Magpies' only goal for the final stanza.

Nyora prevailed 16.8-104 to Poowong 8.11-59, the Saints worthy winners of the Demon Cup.

Zac Gray, Chiavaroli, Mitch Molloy, Brown, Alex Henshall and Aaron Damon did best for Poowong.

Nyora's best players were Jesse Heylen, McNiff, Jordan Anderson, Delaroche, Dylan Heylen and Dante Di Pietro.

Delaroche starred around the big sticks, booting six goals for the winning team, Dylan Heylen and O'Pili Paora managing three majors each.

Brown was the Magpies' only multiple-goal scorer, with a couple of majors to his name.

In the Reserves, there were some good patches of football, with Nyora winning 8.11-59 to Poowong 2.3-15.

This week Poowong welcomes Lang Lang, with hopes the weekend's injuries aren't too serious and a few others can return for the Magpies, while Nyora travels to Yarragon.



Lachlan Roberts rises high to compete in the ruck duel.



Tyler Hotchkin is at full stretch to pull in another mark.

## ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

### NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

### POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

|                                                                                    |     |                                                                                     |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
|  | 104 |  | 59 |
| NYORA                                                                              |     | POOWONG                                                                             |    |

|         |     |      |      |            |
|---------|-----|------|------|------------|
| Nyora   | 5.2 | 10.3 | 13.7 | 16.8 (104) |
| Poowong | 0.3 | 5.4  | 7.7  | 8.11 (59)  |

**GOALS, Nyora:** Paul Delaroche 6, Dylan Heylen, O'Pili Paora 3, Samuel Dixon, Marley Huet, Lewis Kennedy, Callum McNiff 1 each

**BEST:** Jesse Heylen, Callum McNiff, Jordan Anderson, Paul Delaroche, Dylan Heylen, Dante Di Pietro

**GOALS, Poowong:** Jarvis Brown 2, Joshua Chiavaroli, Mitchell Cochrane, Conor Cunningham, Alex Henshall, Calvin Langford, Mitch Molloy 1 each

**BEST:** Zac Gray, Joshua Chiavaroli, Mitch Molloy, Jarvis Brown, Alex Henshall, Aaron Damon

#### RESERVES

|         |     |     |     |           |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Nyora   | 4.1 | 6.4 | 7.9 | 8.11 (59) |
| Poowong | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2.3 (15)  |

**GOALS, Nyora:** Jono Hewitt 3, Tyler Campbell 2, Andrew Dike, Robert Moxon, Lachlan Roberts 1 each

**BEST:** Tyler Campbell, Luke Forscutt, Jono Hewitt, Tim Burns, Shannon Gallagher, Lachlan Roberts

**GOALS, Poowong:** Riley Lewis, Daniel McDonald 1 each

**BEST:** Jerome Cawcutt, Connor King, Troy Smethurst, Stephen Aschenbrenner, Rohan Verma, Toby Moyce

### IN OTHER GAMES...

#### SENIORS

|            |           |   |           |          |
|------------|-----------|---|-----------|----------|
| Trafalgar  | 8.7.55    | d | Buln Buln | 5.7.37   |
| Neerim Sth | 17.7.109  | d | Ellinbank | 8.12.60  |
| Nilma-Dar  | 20.12.132 | d | Bunyip    | 10.10.70 |
| Longwarry  | 20.15.135 | d | Yarragon  | 9.4.58   |
| Lang Lang  | 16.1.97   | d | Catani    | 12.12.84 |

#### RESERVES

|           |           |   |            |         |
|-----------|-----------|---|------------|---------|
| Trafalgar | 12.9.81   | d | Buln Buln  | 6.6.42  |
| Ellinbank | 9.8.62    | d | Neerim Sth | 3.10.28 |
| Bunyip    | 9.6.60    | d | Nilma-Dar  | 2.4.16  |
| Longwarry | 16.15.111 | d | Yarragon   | 1.1.7   |
| Lang Lang | 19.17.131 | d | Catani     | 1.2.8   |

#### THIRDS

|           |           |      |            |        |
|-----------|-----------|------|------------|--------|
| Buln Buln | 11.12.78  | d    | Trafalgar  | 3.1.19 |
| Ellinbank | 0.0.0     | drew | Neerim Sth | 0.0.0  |
| Nilma-Dar | 18.16.124 | d    | Bunyip     | 2.5.17 |
| Longwarry | 7.15.57   | d    | Yarragon   | 4.1.25 |

#### FOURTHS

|           |          |   |            |        |
|-----------|----------|---|------------|--------|
| Trafalgar | 6.21.57  | d | Buln Buln  | 6.8.44 |
| Ellinbank | 10.3.63  | d | Neerim Sth | 5.4.34 |
| Bunyip    | 7.20.62  | d | Nilma-Dar  | 1.0.6  |
| Yarragon  | 11.14.80 | d | Longwarry  | 2.3.15 |
| Lang Lang | 7.9.51   | d | Catani     | 6.6.42 |

## ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

### ROUND 4

| SENIORS                       | W | L | %      | pts | RESERVES                     | W | L | %       | pts | THIRDS                            | W | L | %      | MR    | FOURTHS                          | W | L | %      | MR    |
|-------------------------------|---|---|--------|-----|------------------------------|---|---|---------|-----|-----------------------------------|---|---|--------|-------|----------------------------------|---|---|--------|-------|
| Longwarry                     | 4 | 0 | 304.89 | 16  | Longwarry                    | 4 | 0 | 1037.78 | 16  | Lang Lang                         | 3 | 0 | 359.46 | 100.0 | Bunyip                           | 4 | 0 | 382.43 | 100.0 |
| Neerim South                  | 4 | 0 | 257.14 | 16  | Ellinbank                    | 4 | 0 | 614.29  | 16  | Ellinbank                         | 4 | 0 | 273.43 | 100.0 | Poowong                          | 3 | 0 | 206.78 | 100.0 |
| Trafalgar                     | 3 | 1 | 274.52 | 12  | Lang Lang                    | 3 | 1 | 564.00  | 12  | Nilma Darnum                      | 3 | 1 | 154.19 | 75.00 | Lang Lang                        | 3 | 0 | 137.38 | 100.0 |
| Ellinbank                     | 3 | 1 | 184.06 | 12  | Neerim South                 | 3 | 1 | 349.07  | 12  | Longwarry                         | 2 | 1 | 146.36 | 66.66 | Trafalgar                        | 3 | 1 | 309.73 | 75.00 |
| Lang Lang                     | 3 | 1 | 134.20 | 12  | Trafalgar                    | 3 | 1 | 179.62  | 12  | Buln Buln                         | 2 | 2 | 222.37 | 50.00 | Ellinbank                        | 3 | 1 | 118.67 | 75.00 |
| Catani                        | 2 | 2 | 141.70 | 8   | Catani                       | 3 | 1 | 157.00  | 12  | Neerim South                      | 2 | 2 | 155.88 | 50.00 | Yarragon                         | 2 | 2 | 129.11 | 50.00 |
| Yarragon                      | 2 | 2 | 97.03  | 8   | Bunyip                       | 1 | 2 | 83.50   | 6   | Poowong                           | 1 | 1 | 105.88 | 50.00 | Neerim South                     | 1 | 3 | 88.14  | 25.00 |
| Buln Buln                     | 1 | 3 | 88.84  | 4   | Yarragon                     | 1 | 3 | 87.08   | 4   | Trafalgar                         | 1 | 3 | 59.36  | 25.00 | Buln Buln                        | 1 | 3 | 67.56  | 25.00 |
| Nyora                         | 1 | 3 | 53.65  | 4   | Nyora                        | 1 | 3 | 21.31   | 4   | Yarragon                          | 0 | 4 | 31.32  | 0.00  | Catani                           | 0 | 3 | 64.42  | 0.00  |
| Nilma Darnum                  | 1 | 3 | 38.49  | 4   | Buln Buln                    | 0 | 3 | 30.47   | 2   | Bunyip                            | 0 | 4 | 11.28  | 0.00  | Longwarry                        | 0 | 3 | 38.39  | 0.00  |
| Bunyip                        | 0 | 4 | 36.24  | 0   | Nilma Darnum                 | 0 | 4 | 8.66    | 0   | Catani                            | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0.00  | Nilma Darnum                     | 0 | 4 | 9.88   | 0.00  |
| Poowong                       | 0 | 4 | 31.79  | 0   | Poowong                      | 0 | 4 | 7.58    | 0   | Nyora                             | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0.00  | Nyora                            | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0.00  |
| LEADING GOAL KICKERS          |   |   |        |     | LEADING GOAL KICKERS         |   |   |         |     | LEADING GOAL KICKERS              |   |   |        |       | LEADING GOAL KICKERS             |   |   |        |       |
| Jason Wells (Longwarry) 32    |   |   |        |     | Toby Bayne (Neerim South) 12 |   |   |         |     | Charlie Armour (Ellinbank) 13     |   |   |        |       | Dylan Strating (Neerim South) 15 |   |   |        |       |
| Braydon McHugh (Longwarry) 21 |   |   |        |     | Zack Brown (Trafalgar) 12    |   |   |         |     | James Patterson (Nilma Darnum) 12 |   |   |        |       | Hudson Grujic (Trafalgar) 15     |   |   |        |       |
| Marc Holt (Lang Lang) 19      |   |   |        |     | Kurt Batt (Lang Lang) 11     |   |   |         |     |                                   |   |   |        |       | Cruze Deal (Poowong) 14          |   |   |        |       |



# Dalyston stumbles against Cora Lynn

WASTED opportunities from Dalyston allowed Cora Lynn to run away with a 76-point win on Saturday.

Dalyston was shaken by a couple of late outs – taking the total of missing players up to four – but seemed to adjust quickly with a close first quarter.

Playing in front of a home crowd, the Magpies excited the Dalyston faithful when it kept within eight points of the Cobras in the first quarter.

With few mistakes made during the opening term, Dalyston just had to find a way to hit its targets once it entered the forward line.

However, it was Cora Lynn's time to shine through the second and third quarters.

Four goals were kicked by the Cobras in the second quarter, followed by six in the third.

Their goal-kicking efforts were once again led by Nathan Gardiner, who bagged seven for the day.

Regardless, Dalyston could not fault the game by Ben Lewis, who proved to be a quality player against a tough opponent.

Strong defensive work was also produced by Brady O'Toole in centre half-back.

O'Toole was moved into centre half back last week and used his height well throughout the match up with Cora Lynn.

Dalyston's first quarter energy returned for the last quarter, but by then it was too late to slow Cora Lynn.

Dino Karamoshos once again found himself in the best players list after playing a versatile game through the middle.

Karamoshos continues to showcase silky skills and the ability to deliver the ball well but now needs someone to lead out and finish off the work.

Kyle Hutchinson also played an exceptional game through the middle.

Hutchinson looks professional out on the ground and is always rock solid, earning the respect of his teammates and Dalyston supporters.

Dalyston is now gearing up to face Kilcunda-Bass next week.

The game between local rivals is shaping up to be an interesting one, with Dalyston expecting at least two of its key players to return.

Needing to regroup quickly Dalyston will be focusing on better connection between the arcs.

The Magpies will be aiming for consistency and will go into the game with confidence to ensure an exciting match up.



Dalyston's Brady O'Toole shows great judgement to control the marking contest. Photo: Amie Brinkman



Jess Orchard-Moore wraps up his Cobra opponent. Photo: Michelle Chisholm



Dalyston coach Mitch Hallahan explores his options. Photo: Michelle Chisholm

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 4

### DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

**48** **124**

DALYSTON CORA LYNN

Dalyston 1.2 2.4 4.6 7.6 (48)  
Cora Lynn 2.4 6.12 12.15 17.22 (124)

**GOALS, Dalyston:** Blake Carew, Flynn Peters 2, Mitchell Davey, Mitch Hallahan, Hayden Wallis 1 each

**BEST:** Dino Karamoshos, Kyle Hutchison, Brady O'Toole, Flynn Peters, Joe Alexander, Mitch Hallahan

**GOALS, Cora Lynn:** Nathan Gardiner 7, Luke Hartley, Matthew Ryan 3, Gus Da Costa, Christopher Inverno, James Munro, William Stephenson 1 each

**BEST:** Nicholas Pastras, Jaxon Briggs, Jordan Butera, Luke Hartley, Nathan Gardiner, Lachlan Coverdale

#### RESERVES

Dalyston 0.1 1.1 2.2 2.2 (14)  
Cora Lynn 2.0 4.4 7.8 11.9 (75)

**GOALS, Dalyston:** Trevor Douglas Braid 2

**BEST:** Declan Kelly, Ben McRae, Jacob Pedersen-Morris, Trevor Douglas Braid, Joe Ray-Angarane, Ryan Cargill

**GOALS, Cora Lynn:** Josh Wilson 3, Jake Boccari 2, Josh Black, Christopher Cotton, Jayden Frazer, Tahj Kensley, Kyle McBride, Dylan Ross 1 each

**BEST:** Jake Boccari, Josh Black, Dylan Ross, Liam Taylor, Josh Wilson, Logan Fox

#### THIRDS

Dalyston 6.5 7.5 10.13 14.13 (97)  
Cora Lynn 0.0 1.3 1.3 3.6 (24)

**GOALS, Dalyston:** Trent Cartmel 4, Angus Rosenow, Noah Shepherd 3, Joel Robinson 2, Jake Hughes, Max Toler 1 each

**BEST:** Angus Rosenow, Bailey Anderson, Tom Humphris, Darcy O'Toole, Joel Robinson, Harry Howell

**GOALS, Cora Lynn:** Arou Akoi, Adam Mainyal, Jordan Tobar 1 each

**BEST:** Darcy Edwards, Mandella Jaay, Gatluack Riek, Jordan Tobar, Zac Taylor, Adam Mainyal

### IN OTHER GAMES...

#### SENIORS

Nar Nar Goon 21.11.137 d Tooradin-Dal 15.9.99  
Koo Wee Rup 11.16.82 d Garfield 10.4.64

#### RESERVES

Tooradin-Dal 9.8.62 d Nar Nar Goon 5.8.38  
Koo Wee Rup 9.12.66 d Garfield 8.10.58

#### THIRDS

Nar Nar Goon 11.13.79 d Tooradin-Dal 4.4.28  
Koo Wee Rup 9.9.63 d Garfield 7.2.44

#### FOURTHS

Tooradin-Dal 8.4.52 d Nar Nar Goon 4.6.30  
Koo Wee Rup 3.8.26 d Garfield 3.4.22

## THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, MAY 10

### ELLINBANK

ROUND 5

Nilma Darnum v Buln Buln  
Trafalgar v Ellinbank  
Neerim South v Bunyip  
Catani v Longwarry  
Poowong v Lang Lang  
Yarragon v Nyora

### GIPPSLAND

ROUND 5

Sale v Wonthaggi  
Traralgon v Warragul  
Bairnsdale v Maffra  
Moe v Drouin  
Morwell v Leongatha

### MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 5

Boolarra v Foster  
Hill End v Newborough  
Mirboo North v Fish Creek  
Morwell East v Yinnar  
Stony Creek v Toora  
Tarwin v MDU  
Thorpdale - BYE

### WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 5

Garfield v Nar Nar Goon  
Cora Lynn v Koo Wee Rup  
Tooradin-Dalmore v Inverloch-Kongwak  
Kilcunda Bass v Dalyston  
Warragul Industrials v Korumburra-Bena  
Phillip Island - BYE

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

ROUND 4

| SENIORS        | W | L | %      | pts |
|----------------|---|---|--------|-----|
| Nar Nar Goon   | 4 | 0 | 244.74 | 16  |
| Tooradin-Dal   | 3 | 1 | 107.98 | 12  |
| Warragul Ind   | 3 | 1 | 97.76  | 12  |
| Cora Lynn      | 2 | 1 | 139.06 | 8   |
| Kilcunda Bass  | 2 | 2 | 134.24 | 8   |
| Phillip Island | 2 | 2 | 107.99 | 8   |
| Koo Wee Rup    | 2 | 2 | 90.54  | 8   |
| Inverloch-K    | 1 | 2 | 87.61  | 4   |
| Dalyston       | 1 | 3 | 50.66  | 4   |
| Garfield       | 0 | 3 | 64.40  | 0   |
| Kor-Bena       | 0 | 3 | 48.56  | 0   |

| LEADING GOAL KICKERS           |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Billy Taylor (Phillip Island)  | 15 |
| Nathan Gardiner (Cora Lynn)    | 14 |
| Brody Connelly (Kilcunda Bass) | 13 |

| RESERVES       | W | L | %       | pts |
|----------------|---|---|---------|-----|
| Inverloch-K    | 3 | 0 | 1330.43 | 12  |
| Tooradin-Dal   | 3 | 1 | 380.00  | 12  |
| Nar Nar Goon   | 3 | 1 | 259.12  | 12  |
| Phillip Island | 3 | 1 | 242.31  | 12  |
| Cora Lynn      | 2 | 1 | 146.59  | 8   |
| Koo Wee Rup    | 2 | 2 | 78.90   | 8   |
| Garfield       | 1 | 2 | 80.61   | 4   |
| Kor-Bena       | 1 | 2 | 45.24   | 4   |
| Kilcunda Bass  | 1 | 3 | 39.67   | 4   |
| Warragul Ind   | 1 | 3 | 34.11   | 4   |
| Dalyston       | 0 | 4 | 15.89   | 0   |

| LEADING GOAL KICKERS            |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Lauchlan Gregson (Tooradin-Dal) | 14 |
| Brady Ross (Phillip Island)     | 11 |

| THIRDS         | W | L | %        | pts av |
|----------------|---|---|----------|--------|
| Inverloch-K    | 2 | 0 | 01280.95 | 4.00   |
| Nar Nar Goon   | 4 | 0 | 253.49   | 4.00   |
| Phillip Island | 2 | 1 | 197.22   | 2.66   |
| Warragul Ind   | 2 | 1 | 127.34   | 2.66   |
| Koo Wee Rup    | 2 | 2 | 105.08   | 2.00   |
| Tooradin-Dal   | 2 | 2 | 77.43    | 2.00   |
| Dalyston       | 2 | 2 | 75.00    | 2.00   |
| Garfield       | 0 | 3 | 53.76    | 0.00   |
| Kor-Bena       | 0 | 2 | 29.67    | 0.00   |
| Cora Lynn      | 0 | 3 | 17.43    | 0.00   |
| Kilcunda-Bass  | 0 | 0 | 0.00     | 0.00   |

| LEADING GOAL KICKERS             |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Augustus Finsterer (Inverloch-K) | 14 |
| Archer Shorey (Nar Nar Goon)     | 10 |
| Chayse Campbell (Tooradin-Dal)   | 9  |

| FOURTHS        | W | L | %      | pts av |
|----------------|---|---|--------|--------|
| Warragul Ind   | 4 | 0 | 552.17 | 4.00   |
| Nar Nar Goon   | 3 | 1 | 221.70 | 3.00   |
| Tooradin-Dal   | 2 | 1 | 121.57 | 2.66   |
| Phillip Island | 2 | 2 | 213.48 | 2.00   |
| Inverloch-K    | 1 | 1 | 157.58 | 2.00   |
| Koo Wee Rup    | 2 | 2 | 48.26  | 2.00   |
| Kilcunda Bass  | 2 | 2 | 43.02  | 2.00   |
| Kor-Bena       | 1 | 2 | 61.54  | 1.33   |
| Dalyston       | 0 | 3 | 26.47  | 0.00   |
| Garfield       | 0 | 3 | 7.29   | 0.00   |
| Cora Lynn      | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0.00   |

| LEADING GOAL KICKERS         |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Ky Bannister (Warragul Ind)  | 18 |
| Sam O'Garey (Phillip Island) | 13 |





Caught by winning Morwell onballer Anthony Rosato only moments earlier to give up a free kick near the Tigers' goal, Wonthaggi Power dynamo Isaac Chugg redoubled his efforts and returned the favour at a crucial stage in the last quarter.



Isaac Chugg was in everything for Wonthaggi Power, front and back on Saturday, taking this mark in front of an ambush of Tigers.



Wonthaggi coach Jarryd Blair has time to settle and kick the sealer on a red-letter day for the Power at Morwell.



Tom Macmillan of Wonthaggi impedes the progress of Morwell playmaker Brandon Macauliffe at a crucial stage in the last quarter of a thrilling match at Morwell on Saturday.

## Four Wonthaggi wins on the road

NO ONE can remember the last time Wonthaggi Power won all four football matches on the one day as they did at Morwell on Saturday.

The Under 16s got the club off to a good start winning 10.12.72 to 7.7.49 and the Under 18s continued the theme winning convincingly 14.8.92 to Morwell's 6.3.39.

The Reserves held off a competitive Tiger outfit in a low-scoring affair 7.6.46 to 4.6.30 and the Wonthaggi Power Seniors brought it home with a gutsy two-goal win after their early lead had been whittled down to just three points halfway through the last quarter; Wonthaggi 10.8.68 to Morwell's 8.8.56.

"Four wins in the day. You can't underestimate how good that is for the club today and you're setting the standard," said Power coach Jarryd Blair in the rooms after the game.

"That's probably going to be one of our biggest challenges on the road this year. They're good opposition and to get down to three points and come again says a lot. They're the games you win with preparation and attitude," said Blair.

As well as highlighting all four wins, Blair also welcomed back key forward/onballer Brodie Mabilia after a long-term injury. Mabilia kicked two of the team's first three goals in a defining opening quarter by the Power before taking a turn on the ball in a gruelling game at the stoppages.

Wonthaggi set up the victory by being fast out of the blocks, quickly responding to the first goal by Tiger spearhead Brandon McDonald, and a crazy miss from 10 metres out by Charlie Burr with goals to Mabilia (2) and Hunter Tizani.

Sparkes was leading the push away from the stoppages with Patterson, Bates and Thomas also engaged but 203cm Tiger ruckman Isaac Abas was a force to be reckoned with and the club was well served by Rosato, Caile, Macfarlane and others who got better the further the game went.

A classy running goal by Noah Anderson, the result of a shuddering tackle by Connor Macmillan, was great to watch and when Jarryd Blair capped off a five-goal-to-one opening with a late strike, the Power were looking good at the first huddle.

But Morwell had missed three they might easily have got, and with talented journeyman defender Stephen Mills heading up much better effort in defence and Morwell's on-ball division getting on top, they kicked three goals to one in the second quarter to get back on terms.

The third quarter was an enthralling arm-wrestle with both defences tightening the screws, Wonthaggi's back six in particular, including Kyle Reid, Jye Gilmour, Jarvis Harvey, Fergus O'Connor, Isaac Chugg and co, doing well with Morwell winning 10 to six around

the ground clearances and getting silver service from big Abas.

When Morwell playmaker Brandon Mcauliffe combined with McDonald for a goal midway through after a disastrous Power turnover, the cheers went up from the big Tiger turnout in front of the social club, and it was game on!

In the run to the line, Morwell's Brandon McDonald kicked two more goals in the opening minutes of the last quarter to cut Wonthaggi's lead to just three points, so when Jarryd Blair stuck a great tackle on the dangerous Morwell onballer Anthony Rosato in the teeth of the Power goal, his kick from 15 metres out looked set to restore a buffer.

Inexplicably, he missed it. You don't often get a chance to redeem yourself in such a tight match however after Ryan Sparkes kicked a crucial one from 50 metres out to stretch the lead to 11 points at the 22-minute mark, Blair got that chance after a great tackle by Noah Anderson produced a turnover.

The captain Josh Bates found Blair in space and this time he snapped truly to make it a neat three goals at 27 minutes.

Morwell got a late one after a free kick to Josh Galea but the Power had withstood a Morwell fightback in front of the Tiger faithful to record a memorable win, taking a crucial 'four points' in the context of the season.



# Lions roar against Parrots in second half

WHILE Moe eventually broke clear for a 47-point win at the Parrots' nest, it was an enthralling contest for much of the game, the first term being a highlight for neutral fans, while the final stanza was full of happy memories for Lions supporters.

The game was still up for grabs at the last change, Moe leading by 21 points.

Moe was right on top early in the first quarter before Leongatha worked its way back to trail by just a couple of points at the first break, the Lions able to move the ball quickly and efficiently for much of the term while the Parrots had to work hard to gain territory.

Leongatha coach Trent McMicking offered his players encouragement at the first break, stressing what they did well after working their way into the quarter.

"You won it at the source; you got back to it, you started tackling, working together," he said, praising the efforts of Tim Sauvarin during the term, with Kim Drew another who helped spark the Parrots into life, prepared to take the game on and snapping a composed major, Drew ultimately the beaten side's best on the day.

With the likes of Riley Baldi and former Adelaide Crow Myles Pohlke starring during the opening term, Moe at one stage led the inside 50s 16 to four before the Parrots kicked into gear with the last five forward 50 entries of the term.

Leongatha started brightly with the opening goal moments after the match began, that coming through Jenson Garnham, who later in the term again marked on the lead and goaled to cut Moe's by then concerning advantage to 15 points.

Garnham proved the most viable forward target for the Parrots throughout the day, finishing with four majors, half of Leongatha's goals, its other majors all singles.

Moe's Harrison Pepper and Ben Crocker booted three goals each for the day including a couple in quick succession for Crocker leading into halftime to give the Lions a handy 14-point lead at the long break.

Declan Keilty and Jacob Balfour both managed a couple of majors for the day for the winning team, Leongatha's defence being under pressure all match.

While Leongatha managed



This contest reflects the close battle for much of the day before Moe pulled away to beat Leongatha by 47 points. A33\_1825

the first goal of the second half through Garnham after a measured pass from captain Tom Marriott and closed to within eight points of Moe, the remaining goals for the third term came through Crocker and Keilty, helping the Lions to a handy advantage at the final change.

When Keilty added another early in the last term, the assignment was getting tough for the Parrots, by then facing a 28-point deficit, Moe adding three more majors before a consolation goal to Garnham.

The Baldis are an onball force for Moe, Trent named the winner's best ahead of ruckman Chris Prowse.

Garnham was listed as the Parrots next best behind Drew, the defensive efforts of Mitch Bentvelzen and Sauvarin also earning recognition.

The third-placed Parrots now face a challenging assignment on the road against Morwell, the Tigers sitting one rung below them and looking to bounce back from a loss to Wonthaggi.

Top-of-the-table Moe seems set for further success as it hosts winless Drouin.



Leongatha and Moe battle it out during an intriguing first quarter. A35\_1825

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND4

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

|                                                                                     |    |                                                                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
|  | 56 |  | 103 |
| LEONGATHA                                                                           |    | MOE                                                                                 |     |

|           |     |     |       |             |
|-----------|-----|-----|-------|-------------|
| Leongatha | 4.1 | 6.4 | 7.7   | 8.8 (56)    |
| Moe       | 4.3 | 8.6 | 10.10 | 15.13 (103) |

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Jenson Garnham 4, Kim Drew, Cade Maskell, Justin Pellicano, Jacob Warne 1 each

**BEST:** Kim Drew, Jenson Garnham, Mitchell Bentvelzen, Timothy Sauvarin, Nicholas Argento, Tallin Brill

**GOALS, Moe:** Ben Crocker, Harrison Pepper 3, Jacob Balfour, Delclan Keilty 2, Trent Baldi, Luke Cheffers, Kurt Holt, Myles Pohlke, Harrison Sim 1 each

**BEST:** Trent Baldi, Chris Prowse, Luke Cheffers, Harrison Pepper, Alex Dijkstra, Nathan Scagliarini

|           |     |     |     |          |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Leongatha | 2.2 | 4.2 | 6.2 | 7.3 (45) |
| Moe       | 4.2 | 7.2 | 8.5 | 9.6 (60) |

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Ben Fort 2, Xavier Bolge, Tadgh Gannon, Deau Grabham Andrews, Jarrod Stewart, Connor Watson 1 each

**BEST:** M De Kleuver, B Fort, L Hickey, T Richards, X Bolge, B Grabham Andrews

**GOALS, Moe:** Jaryn Makepeace 4, Callum Nash, Jayden Van Dyk 2, Will Robinson 1

**BEST:** W Hester, J Morrow, C Nash, J Makepeace, W Luke, B Daniher

|           |     |     |     |          |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Leongatha | 1.1 | 3.1 | 4.4 | 5.4 (34) |
| Moe       | 2.3 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.9 (33) |

**BEST, Leongatha:** H Gill, M Sheahan, A Fixter, A Logan, A Williams, H Bowler

**BEST, Moe:** A Battista, J Ryan, K Budnik, B Higgins, M Snowden, W Mills

|           |     |     |     |            |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| Leongatha | 0.1 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.5 (11)   |
| Moe       | 4.3 | 6.4 | 9.9 | 12.12 (84) |

**BEST, Leongatha:** S Kreutzberger, M Patton, M Richards, N Bradley, H Malady

**BEST, Moe:** E Romano, B Raymond, R Bechaz, S Jennings, B Powell, J Polik

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|  | 56 |  | 68 |
| MORWELL                                                                               |    | WONTHAGGI                                                                             |    |

|           |     |     |     |           |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Morwell   | 1.3 | 4.5 | 5.6 | 8.8 (56)  |
| Wonthaggi | 5.1 | 6.3 | 8.3 | 10.8 (68) |

**GOALS, Morwell:** Brandon McDonald 4, Joshua Galea 2, Aidan Quigley, Anthony Abas 1 each.

**BEST:** Stephen Mills, Max Linton, Harrison McColl, Anthony Rosato, Boyd Bailey, Joshua Galea.

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Noah Anderson, Jarryd Blair, Bordie Mabilia 2, Jasper Shone, Ryan Sparkes, Hunder Tiziani, Jaxon Williams 1 each.

**BEST:** Jye Gilmour, Ryan Sparkes, Noah Anderson, Jarvis Harvey, Ethan Dickison, Jakeb Thomas.

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|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Morwell   | 1.1 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 4.6 (30) |
| Wonthaggi | 0.2 | 2.5 | 7.6 | 7.6 (48) |

**GOALS, Morwell:** Jack Caile 2, Riley Loprese, Ethan Smith 1 each

**BEST:** Dan Musil, Zac Cheffers, Campbell Blewett, Ethan Smith, Connor Seymour, Jack Caile

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Tom Davey 2, Adam Busana, Blake Cornelis, Chase Krause, Thomas Murray, Beau Ransom 1 each

**BEST:** Andrew McNeel, Jai Williamson, Ryan Cornell, Luke Legione, Beau Ransom

|           |     |     |      |           |
|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|
| Morwell   | 0.1 | 4.1 | 6.1  | 6.3 (39)  |
| Wonthaggi | 2.2 | 6.3 | 11.4 | 14.8 (92) |

**BEST, Morwell:** J Mooney, R O'Neill, O Kalan, M Blewett, H Pettie, L Carpino

**BEST, Wonthaggi:** J Burns, J Brouwers, L Lidstone, J Kelly, A Finsterer, M Car

|           |     |     |      |            |
|-----------|-----|-----|------|------------|
| Morwell   | 3.1 | 3.5 | 6.5  | 7.7 (49)   |
| Wonthaggi | 5.3 | 7.6 | 8.10 | 10.12 (72) |

**BEST, Morwell:** H Gaunt, K Riseley, J Roscoe, A Poole, F Granger, B McGee

**BEST, Wonthaggi:** B Wyhoon, A Jobe, B Eden, W Simmons, R Tack, J Tack

IN OTHER GAMES...

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| <b>SENIORS</b> |          |   |           |          |
| Bairnsdale     | 12.13.85 | d | Warragul  | 10.8.68  |
| Sale           | 16.7.103 | d | Drouin    | 10.13.73 |
| Maffra         | 8.10.58  | d | Traralgon | 5.9.39   |

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|-----------------|-----------|---|----------|--------|
| <b>RESERVES</b> |           |   |          |        |
| Bairnsdale      | 9.8.62    | d | Warragul | 5.6.36 |
| Sale            | 24.16.160 | d | Drouin   | 1.1.7  |
| Traralgon       | 9.9.63    | d | Maffra   | 7.5.47 |

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| <b>THIRDS</b> |         |      |            |        |
| Warragul      | 7.9.51  | drew | Bairnsdale | 7.9.51 |
| Sale          | 7.13.55 | d    | Drouin     | 4.7.31 |
| Maffra        | 6.9.45  | drew | Traralgon  | 6.9.45 |

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| <b>FOURTHS</b> |          |   |            |        |
| Warragul       | 12.6.78  | d | Bairnsdale | 4.5.29 |
| Sale           | 8.9.57   | d | Drouin     | 7.8.50 |
| Traralgon      | 14.11.95 | d | Maffra     | 3.3.21 |

| GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS   |   |   |        |    |                           |   |   |        |    | ROUND 4                |   |   |        |    |                           |   |   |         |    |
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| SENIORS                    |   |   |        |    | RESERVES                  |   |   |        |    | THIRDS                 |   |   |        |    | FOURTHS                   |   |   |         |    |
| W                          | L | % | pts    |    | W                         | L | % | pts    |    | W                      | L | % | pts    |    | W                         | L | % | pts     |    |
| Moe                        | 3 | 1 | 181.86 | 12 | Leongatha                 | 3 | 1 | 252.59 | 12 | Warragul               | 3 | 0 | 372.73 | 14 | Traralgon                 | 4 | 0 | 1028.57 | 16 |
| Wonthaggi                  | 3 | 1 | 151.22 | 12 | Wonthaggi                 | 3 | 1 | 198.40 | 12 | Leongatha              | 3 | 1 | 154.31 | 12 | Warragul                  | 4 | 0 | 199.39  | 16 |
| Leongatha                  | 3 | 1 | 130.21 | 12 | Traralgon                 | 3 | 1 | 169.71 | 12 | Traralgon              | 2 | 1 | 222.95 | 10 | Maffra                    | 3 | 1 | 110.10  | 12 |
| Morwell                    | 2 | 2 | 155.02 | 8  | Moe                       | 3 | 1 | 112.50 | 12 | Maffra                 | 2 | 1 | 202.10 | 10 | Bairnsdale                | 3 | 1 | 91.20   | 12 |
| Bairnsdale                 | 2 | 2 | 101.05 | 8  | Sale                      | 2 | 2 | 141.54 | 8  | Bairnsdale             | 2 | 1 | 100.47 | 10 | Sale                      | 2 | 2 | 87.29   | 8  |
| Warragul                   | 2 | 2 | 100.30 | 8  | Maffra                    | 2 | 2 | 138.24 | 8  | Moe                    | 2 | 2 | 143.15 | 8  | Wonthaggi                 | 1 | 2 | 76.87   | 6  |
| Traralgon                  | 2 | 2 | 89.16  | 8  | Bairnsdale                | 2 | 2 | 102.35 | 8  | Drouin                 | 2 | 2 | 131.55 | 8  | Moe                       | 1 | 3 | 88.02   | 4  |
| Maffra                     | 2 | 2 | 72.70  | 8  | Morwell                   | 1 | 3 | 119.02 | 4  | Wonthaggi              | 1 | 3 | 48.52  | 4  | Morwell                   | 1 | 3 | 32.80   | 4  |
| Sale                       | 1 | 3 | 68.40  | 4  | Warragul                  | 1 | 3 | 64.80  | 4  | Sale                   | 1 | 3 | 43.13  | 4  | Drouin                    | 0 | 3 | 80.28   | 2  |
| Drouin                     | 0 | 4 | 49.30  | 0  | Drouin                    | 0 | 4 | 6.74   | 0  | Morwell                | 0 | 4 | 10.86  | 0  | Leongatha                 | 0 | 4 | 35.37   | 0  |
| LEADING GOAL KICKERS       |   |   |        |    | LEADING GOAL KICKERS      |   |   |        |    | LEADING GOAL KICKERS   |   |   |        |    | LEADING GOAL KICKERS      |   |   |         |    |
| Ben Crocker (Moe)          |   |   |        | 19 | Caleb Crofts (Bairnsdale) |   |   |        | 10 | Rylie Baker (Drouin)   |   |   |        | 16 | Bill De Araugo (Warragul) |   |   |         | 20 |
| Brandon McDonald (Morwell) |   |   |        | 12 | Tom Davey (Wonthaggi)     |   |   |        | 9  | Wil Ruthberg (Maffra)  |   |   |        | 10 | Fraser Aubrey (Warragul)  |   |   |         | 13 |
| Jenson Garnham (Leongatha) |   |   |        | 10 | Zane Waixel (Sale)        |   |   |        | 9  | Rory Nettle (Warragul) |   |   |        | 10 | Ford Gore (Traralgon)     |   |   |         | 13 |





The Korumburra Golf Club broke a 58-year drought last Sunday at Meeniyan Golf Club and won the 2025 South Gippsland District Golf Association Division One Pennant. They are, from left, Gary Sosenko, Billy Wrigley, Jake Wrigley (manager), Shayne Harland, John Mills, Steve Bromby (c), Matt Wrigley and Wayne Kennedy.

# Golf history on the double

## - Historic pennant breakthrough for Korumburra Golf Club

IT'S been almost 60 years in the making but when the Korumburra Golf Club finally broke through to take a Division One Pennant in the past week, they doubled up for good measure.

The club's ladies set the historic victory rolling by taking their first Division One Pennant in 59 years last Monday, April 28 against Phillip Island at the Leongatha Golf Course 7-5 and the men followed up on Sunday, May 5, by taking out their first Division One Pennant in 58 years with a score of 5-2 against Woorayl at a superbly turned out Meeniyan Golf Club.

There was plenty of tension as the matches rolled through the

greens closest to the Meeniyan clubhouse in front of a building public gallery. Korumburra's Shayne Harland brought home the club's first win after a "fabulous match" against Woorayl's Pat Flynn during which the pair only halved three holes, going win for win on the others before Harland finished 1up on the 18th.

Korumburra's Wayne Kennedy and Woorayl's Terry Lund squared the 16th hole and went to the 17th with Wayne leading 2up before ultimately winning it 2&1.

Korumburra's Gary Sosenko got out to a lead of four after 10 holes before Luke Gilliam mounted a fightback and produced a great up and down on the 16th

to force Sosenko to make a tricky putt to protect his lead, winning 3&2 in the best result of the day.

Korumburra had three wins in the book, but Woorayl wasn't done with, Trent Walters turning around a two-hole lead by young Billy Wrigley, to secure a 1up win on the 18th hole after a high-quality match.

Damien Symmons did likewise against Matt Wrigley, going to the 17th tee 2up and squaring the hole for win 2&1.

Michael Thomas of Woorayl and John Mills of Korumburra were the next to arrive at the 18th with Thomas needing to at least halve the hole to stay alive and keep Woorayl in the contest. Both players reach the edge of the

green for two, Thomas over the back and facing a tough up and down with the green rolling away past a pin placed near the front.

He made a decent fist of the chip but had a difficult putt coming back.

Mills played a nice chip close and when Thomas' putt didn't drop, it was all over, Mills winning 2up and Korumburra had their first Division One pennant in almost 60 years.

The team captain and club champion Steve Bromby rounded out a 5-2 victory 2up after another close match against Marcus Luscombe.

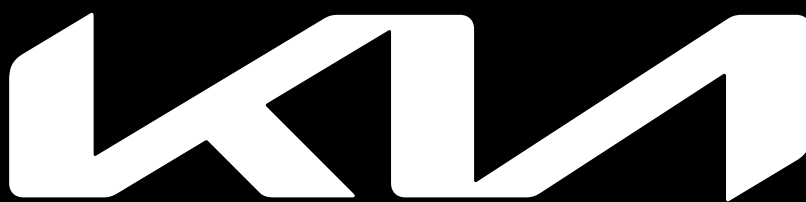
Woorayl's consultation prize, after getting teams to each of the three division finals, was wins

against Leongatha 5/2 in Division Two and Welshpool in Division Three, with four wins, two halved matches and a loss.

Speaking at the trophy presentations afterwards, Korumburra's captain Steve Bromby said Woorayl and Korumburra had played many great matches over the years, usually placed three and four on the ladder, but after almost 60 years he hoped their opposition wouldn't begrudge them a win in the top division.

The representatives of all teams praised the Meeniyan Golf Club for the quality of the greens and the way they'd presented the course on the day.

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Movement that inspires

Coming soon to Wonthaggi and Leongatha