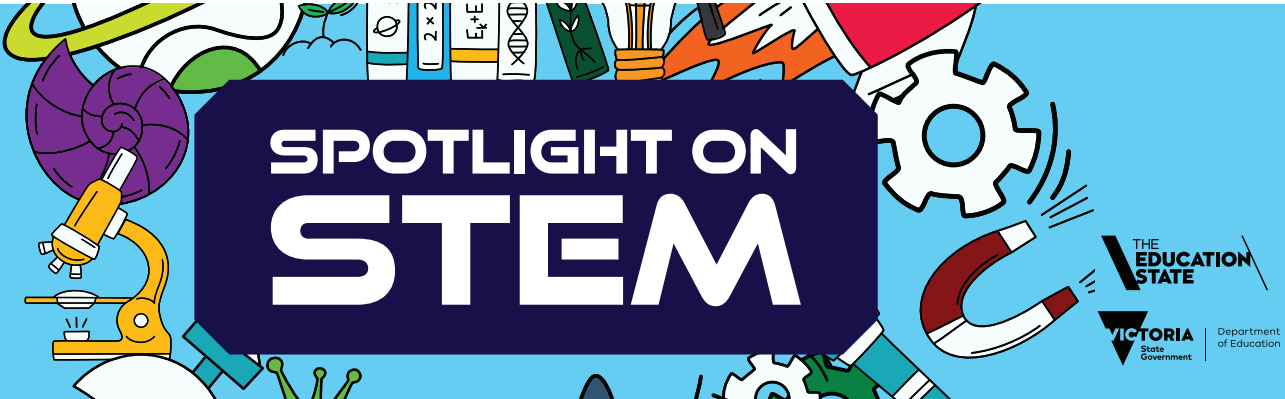


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BUILDING STANDSTILL

THIS is the human face of the Wonthaggi planning disaster.

Young Wonthaggi couple, Alliza Miel and Corey Green, bought a block of land in the town's developing North-East Precinct growth area in 2020.

But now, just as they're finally ready to escape the rent trap and go ahead and build their first home, something incredibly unfair has happened.

Their block, and more than 500 like it, in the four impacted housing estates; Northern Views, Parklands, Powlett Ridge and Summerfields; some with houses already built, others vacant building blocks titled and sold, and open land still to be subdivided; have all been hit retrospectively with a highly restrictive Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO).

"We bought the block off the plans in 2020 but COVID came along, and we basically lost two years," said Corey this week.

"Now we're ready to go. We have the finance, a fixed price contract with our builder, and they were supposed to go ahead and pour the slab when all this happened."

"It's a crazy situation. We had hoped all this could be sorted out quickly but now I read, according to the shire, that it could take 18 months."

He's referring to a statement by Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Greg Box last Friday:

"Under the planning rules, Council is unable to alter the requirements of an Environmental Audit Overlay, despite our opposition to it. Our only option to resolve the issue, without the support of the other agencies involved, is through a planning scheme amendment, which would take up to 18 months."

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Well-known local couple, Alliza Miel and Corey Green, are at a loss about what to do now with their building block in Wonthaggi's North East Precinct residential development area after the retrospective imposition of an Environmental Audit Overlay.

No apology from the Bass Coast Council

MORE than 500 affected homeowners and building block owners in Wonthaggi's North East Precinct growth area, impacted by the retrospective imposition of a highly-restrictive planning overlay on their land, will not be getting even an apology from the Bass Coast Shire Council anytime soon.

And the likelihood of the shire covering any of the costs of the environmental assessments and audits, needed to clear titles of the conditions associated with the overlays, seems further away as a result.

Speaking on Gippsland ABC Radio on Monday morning this week, Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Greg Box passed up the opportunity presented to him by morning host Mim Hook to apologise for any involvement the shire has had in the planning mess that has stopped new home building in its tracks, impacted the sale of houses and building blocks, and engulfed hundreds of unsuspecting people in a bureaucratic bungle of the highest order.

"Have you got an apology for these people from Bass Coast Shire?" asked Mim Hook at the end of a lengthy interview with the CEO which laid bare the predicament and the costs being faced by those involved.

"I don't think that's what I'm here to do. I'm here to solve the problem," Mr Box said.

"I think I need to be... I mean it's certainly incredibly distressing, as I've said, for people to be in this place."

"Bass Coast led this process back, you know, sort of five or six years ago, and Victorian Planning Authority in the last few years with the involvement of multiple agencies."

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Erin Patterson back in court on May 7

ACCUSED Leongatha mushroom killer, Erin Patterson, will be back in court today, Tuesday, May 7.

Appearing by video link before Magistrate Tim Walsh, one of the first orders of business will be deciding where and when the committal hearing should be held, the procedural forerunner to a trial, if the courts decide there is enough evidence against Ms Patterson to go to trial.

At her most recent court appearance, on Monday, April 22, Ms Patterson petitioned the court, through her lawyer, Colin Mandy SC, to hold the committal in the local area, at Morwell, even if it took until next year to find a suitable date for the pre-trial hearing that could last four weeks.

Mr Walsh said the busy Latrobe regional magistrates' court wouldn't be able to accommodate a lengthy committal, but he agreed to consider the request prior to reconvening on May 7.

Today's hearing will be another committal mention, at which arrangements are put in place

for the committal hearing at which evidence will be put and witnesses appear to establish if there is enough evidence to have a trial.

Ms Patterson who has been charged with the murders of three former Korumburra residents; her ex-mother and father-in-law, Don and Gail Patterson both aged 70 and Gail's sister Heather Wilkinson 66, has maintained her innocence throughout.

According to an ABC report, Ms Patterson said earlier: "I am devastated to think that these mushrooms may have contributed to the illness suffered by my loved ones".

She has also been charged with five counts of attempted murder, one relating to Mrs Wilkinson's husband Ian, who also fell seriously ill after attending the lunch on Saturday, July 29, and was only released from hospital two months later. Four of the charges relate to Erin Patterson's ex-husband Simon Patterson in relation to historic incidents of alleged poisoning.



Leongatha's Erin Patterson has not been seen in public since she was arrested at her home and taken into custody at the Wonthaggi Police Station on Thursday, November 2, 2023.

Building standstill

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Corey's partner Alliza wasted no time writing to her local MP, Jordan Crugnale, expressing her dismay about the lack of consultation and apparent mishandling of the alleged contamination issue which she said the shire knew about as far back as 2016.

"The challenges posed by this new requirement are significant, especially for first-time homeowners like myself, and families seeking a fresh start," said Alliza.

"The high costs and lengthy timeframes involved are simply unmanageable for many."

"Given the current rental crisis and inflation, this issue with the environmental overlay audit, is particularly devastating, impacting the 'Great Australian Dream' of home ownership."

Unfortunately, they're not on their own.

The locally based volume builder they have signed up with, who asked not to be named, said they had 10 new homes, Corey and Alliza's among them, with all the trades lined up, that should have started last week.

"There are still plenty of houses on the go at the moment, but the whole thing is starting to grind to a halt. This needs to be sorted out and fast," said a spokesperson for the builder.

There are dozens more new homes being held up by the current impasse.

Parklea Sales and Marketing manager Jarod Mills told the Sentinel-Times last week that block owners who were ready to start building were the company's priority at the moment.

"Our project team will have advice in the next few days on how to best address the 20 jobs in Stage 5 which have building permits outstanding, this has been our priority," he told clients by email this week, in the absence of any information from authorities.

"All of Stage 7 will have reports and certificates available by mid-year when the land is ready for title registration and settlements."

Meanwhile it has been revealed that the retrospective imposition of EAOs, and the failure to notify the property and building sector has opened up a legal minefield where completed houses, some as much as five years old, have been sold with defective Section 32 vendor statements, failing to list the Environmental Audit Overlay, and building surveyors continuing to issue building permits on affected blocks after January 18 this year when the overlay conditions were introduced.

The Bass Coast Shire could not tell the Sentinel-Times how many building permits have been illegally issued since January 18 nor exactly how many private home and building block owners have been impacted except to agree it is "more than 500".

In the absence of any announcements by the authorities that they made a mistake introducing the overlays, especially on established homes, or failed to consult with the community, impacted homeowners and building block owners have called a public meeting for 2pm this Saturday, May 11 in Wishart Reserve opposite the Bass Coast Council Chambers.

No apology from the Bass Coast Council

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"We can get to all of that in time. At the moment, our aim is to try and solve this problem not to have people out there, not to have agencies out there sort of battling with one another over it."

"I think people want us to work together to solve the problem."

"Is there a potential that you will cover some of the cost?" asked the ABC interviewer.

"There's all sorts of possibilities, all sorts of solutions to it that we are working through, but I won't, I don't want to be drawn on that at the moment," said Mr Box.

"What we want to do is be able to make sure that we get to the right result at the end of it. I'm still, you know, optimistic about that. I think we can get to a satisfactory outcome."

"We've certainly hurt people. I know there's con-



Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Greg Box says he's here to solve the problem not to apologise for it.

cern out there and we as a council have certainly heard that."

Asked if he thought the owners of houses and building blocks, many of subdivided, titled and sold, some as far back as 2013, would ultimately have to pay for the assessments and audits themselves, Mr Box couldn't offer any certainty.

"I mean, at the moment, the costs and the delays and the distress has an impact, and we recognise that. What we need to do is be able to work out an efficient way to be able to solve this problem. So how that happens, who pays and how that happens is still up for discussion at the moment."

Earlier the listeners heard from Darren Martin whose son Liam is one of those with a building block that's had an Environmental Audit Overlay slapped on it retrospectively by the Victorian Planning Authority.

He said the first environmental assessment required by the overlay could cost an individual property owner up to \$20,000 and then \$40,000 for a full environmental audit to be done, if one was needed.

He described it as "like rolling the dice" to have an audit done, not knowing if the piece of land you owned

had been characterised as having a low, medium or high risk of contamination.

"So, it's sort of like a lot what's going to happen when you do this site assessment and then there's the people who wouldn't have the \$20,000 to start with, young people who've borrowed and they're ready to go and wouldn't have another \$20,000 to put in."

Mr Martin said almost all of the land in question was previously farm land subject to the normal use of herbicides, pesticides and fertilisers which Mr Box had earlier said were now subject to a "lower threshold" by the EPA since new, stricter environmental laws came into effect on July 1, 2021 partway through the development of Amendment C152, incorporating 444 hectares of residential in the Wonthaggi North East Structure Plan into the Bass Coast Planning Scheme.

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Boating access
to improve

APPLICATIONS are now open for the State Government's Recreational Boating Access and Dredging Grants, made possible through the Better Boating Fund.

Grants of up to \$150,000 will support organisations that manage public boats ramps across Victoria to upgrade existing facilities so that boat ramps are more accessible at a range of tides and plan for future dredging works.

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The grants will be overseen by Better Boating Victoria, which is progressing the state's biggest ever boat ramp construction program and continuing to ensure launching and parking is free at all of Victoria's public ramps.

Local and state government departments and agencies, committees of management and local waterway authorities are eligible to apply for the grants.

An eligible organisation may submit multiple applications for consideration.

For more information and to apply, head to betterboating.vic.gov.au.

\$7.8 million investment
into Bass Highway,
Kilcunda to commence

PRE-CONSTRUCTION works are now complete and works are set to commence this month on the Bass Highway, Kilcunda. Works are anticipated to be completed later this year before the summer holiday period.

Traffic management will be in place with a reduced speed of 40km/h to allow you to safely navigate the area whilst works are being undertaken.

Delays of up to five minutes are expected so please plan ahead and drive to the

conditions for the safety of our workers, other drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

The upgrades will include:

Pedestrian operated traffic lights opposite Kilcunda General Store to improve pedestrian safety and access to and from the Bass Coast Rail Trail and main retail area in Kilcunda.

Increased car parking with 39 new car parks being created (including two disabled car parks).

Dedicated right-turn lane into Kilcunda Foreshore Reserve and Bass Highway Service Road to improve safety and access for road users.

Dedicated left and right-turn lanes into the caravan park/holiday retreat entrance, Kilcunda Ridge Road, Peppermint Road and Carew Street.

New concrete footpath connecting the pedestrian operated traffic signals facility with the Bass Coast Rail Trail.

Pedestrian refuge on Bass Highway at Bass Coast Rail Trail crossing point.

New bus stop facilities each side of Bass Highway.

New streetlighting to improve pedestrian safety and visibility for both pedestrians and road users.

Painted median/separation of opposing traffic from west of Kilcunda Ridge Road to west of Ridgeway Road, to reduce the risk of crashes.

Grantville to enjoy
upgraded toilets
on the foreshore

BASS Coast Shire Council has awarded a contract to Loizuo Design & Construction Engineering to carry out construction at the Grantville Foreshore Public Toilet.

The total project cost is in the order of \$111,000 which is fully funded by Council as part of Building and Open Space renewal program. Construction onsite is anticipated to start early in May 2024 and is expected to be completed at the end of June 2024, subject to favourable weather, contractor, and

supplier availability.

Council recognises that it can be a challenge to deliver the necessary works and not affect the residents and public users of these toilet facilities, especially when much of our work is determined by weather conditions.

Whilst the works are being undertaken the site will be fenced off with no access to the toilets.

The Grantville foreshore toilet block will be renovated with upgrades providing universal access, public safety and, importantly, meeting current Australia Standards.

The current site hosts one male cubicle and one urinal and two female cubicles. The new site will host two compliant unisex accessible toilet cubicles.

Signage will be displayed for nearest accessible toilet locations. For further information on these accessible toilet locations, please visit basscoast.vic.gov.au/community-support-services/accessibility

Visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/projects-2 to get the latest updates and layout plan.

Music fun with
South Dudley Tom

SOUTH Dudley Tom will be bringing his free and fun concerts for all ages to Wonthaggi Library this Saturday May 11 from 10.30am - 11am.

Designed to engage children with music and creativity, most of Tom's equipment and instruments are homemade - dancing wooden dolls, box bass, tap dancing platform, as well as vintage harmonicas and other instruments.

Music will range from traditional old-time tunes, Cajun and the Blues, with an emphasis on upbeat happy fun.

No bookings necessary.

Kilcunda man charged
for Woolworths theft

POLICE have charged a man after he allegedly stole items and threatened staff at a supermarket in Wonthaggi on Friday, May 3.

Officers were called to reports a man had stolen a hammer and several knives from the store on Murray Street about 3.10pm.

Police responded swiftly and located a man nearby who was subsequently arrested.

The 23-year-old Kilcunda man has since been charged with threat to inflict serious injury, unlawful assault and theft.

He was bailed to face Korumburra Magistrates on August 22.

New festival to give a
voice to regional writers

STORYTELLERS from across Gippsland and regional Victoria are invited to participate in the inaugural Regional Writers Rise Festival. The festival is set to give voice to a diverse range of stories.

Spearheaded by Federation University Australia students, the festival will feature the 'Rise Up' short story competition, which aims to break down barriers to writing and publishing for regional communities.

Organisers are encouraging people of all backgrounds and abilities to enter, including First Nations people, people with a disability and those facing geographic isolation.

The competition seeks to amplify voices that challenge the norm, offering fresh perspectives and enriching the literary world with their untold stories.

The festival will be held on June 22 and 23, and will feature visiting authors, writing and researching workshops, and readings from local authors.

Short stories of 1000 words or under can be fiction or autobiographical fiction and should explore the theme of 'new beginnings'.

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Overlays a 'legal minefield' that requires quick action

PRIVATE building practitioners were still issuing building permits, up until a few weeks ago, for homes to be built on blocks of land affected by Wonthaggi's Environmental Audit Overlay disaster.

And existing homes, in the affected estates, have been bought and sold, with defective Section 32 vendor statements that did not include an Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO) in the list of overlays applicable to the property.

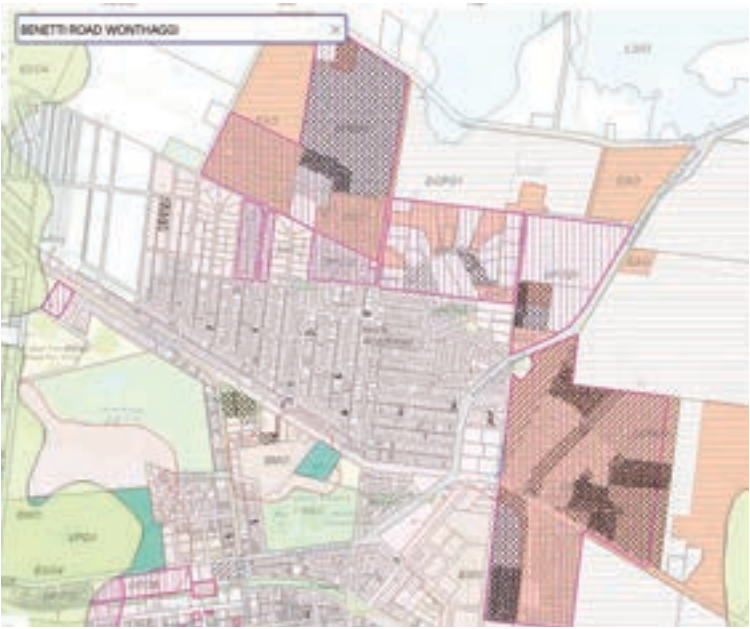
That's despite the fact that on January 18, this year, the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) retrospectively introduced highly-restrictive planning overlays on hundreds of titled and sold blocks of land and completed homes in the town's North East growth precinct.

"It's opened up a legal minefield," said a representative of one of the main conveyancing firms servicing Wonthaggi.

These overlays, once introduced, must be quoted on titles when the properties are sold, while they also prohibit building of any kind from going ahead on affected blocks of land until (a.) A preliminary risk screen assessment statement is issued, and/or (b.) An environmental audit statement is issued, stating that the land is suitable for the proposed use, in this case, residential.

However, despite the statutory requirements of the new overlays being in effect from January 18 this year onwards, private building surveyors continued issuing permits to build on the affected land, for the next three months, right up until a couple of weeks ago.

Not even the Bass Coast Shire Council could say when private building surveyors stopped issuing building permits for land where building was prohibited on January 18 this year, without the new EAO restrictions



being addressed.

We asked the council the following question on Friday:

- Question: When did the shire notice that private building surveyors were still issuing building permits (between January 18 and the present) for homes to be built on land affected by the new EAO? How many building permits have been issued in error by private building practitioners since January 18?

- Response: This first part of this question will need to be taken on notice. Council does not regulate Building Surveyors this is a function of the Victorian Building Authority, Building Practitioners Board.

Some of those building projects are now going ahead on land that has not been cleared of contamination risk.

While the Bass Coast Shire Council claims it is not responsible for the building permits, they certainly receive advice about new building.

These building permits, which also needed to be lodged with the Bass Coast Shire Council,

were reportedly not queried by the shire, nor was any advice fed back to the private building practitioners about the imposition of the new overlays.

The shire has been asked for comment.

At least one of the land developers is now working with 20 of these would-be homeowners trying to organise for environmental assessments to be completed as quickly as possible so that construction can go ahead.

It's not the only problem for the developers.

They say that a number of recent purchasers of building blocks, anxious about the situation, including the possible cost of environmental assessment and building delays, are now trying to back out of the contracts they've signed, some of them months ago.

"Our problem is, what if this gets sorted out in a few weeks. We've got to be given some certainty on this," said the developer's representative.

A spokesperson for a local conveyancing firm said the industry would usually be

advised by the authorities when the imposition of a new overlay was imminent and that letter of advice, ahead of the actual introduction of a new overlay, would be included with the Section 32 vendor's statement.

But she said no one could say when the new property advice was searchable on the government website.

"A Section 32 is prepared by the vendor, with the up-to-date information, but isn't usually updated for three to six months, while the property is on the market.

"We're not sitting on the shire or Victorian Planning Authority website waiting for these things to come out. We're usually advised about it ahead of time."

But she confirmed that she was aware of some properties that had been sold without their Section 32s being updated to include the new Environmental Audit Overlays.

"We don't have much to do with the new estates, but speaking to others in the industry, no one seems to know when the property advice actually went live on the government website.

"It's opened up a legal minefield which needs to be sorted out quickly."

Building grinding to a halt

One volume builder impacted by the sudden imposition of Environmental Audit Overlays on titled and sold building blocks in the Wonthaggi North East Precinct growth area says building on the estates is already grinding to a halt.

"We were supposed to start another 10 houses there this week that haven't been able to go ahead," said the spokesperson for one of the volume builders.

"It's going to impact a lot of people unless something is done, and quickly."

Wonthaggi meeting for overlay victims

IN THE absence of any effective action by the authorities, the victims of Wonthaggi's environmental audit overlay disaster have taken action into their own hands.

They have called a public meeting for 2pm Saturday, May 11 at Wishart Reserve, opposite the Bass Coast Shire Council offices at which a resolution will be put and a representative group formed.

Notice of the meeting was posted on the 'Wonthaggi Residents Affected by the Environmental Audit Overlay' Facebook page by Wonthaggi property owner, Sam Brotheridge, and endorsed by members of the group.

"Hi all, our public meeting will be held at 2pm on Saturday May 11," Mr Brotheridge said, initially setting the venue off Inverloch Road, but at the urging of contributors to the page, the site for the meeting will now be Wishart Reserve, for better access and more parking.

It wasn't lost on the group that the meeting will be outside the Bass Coast Shire Council offices, providing the ideal backdrop, they say, for the media coverage they are hoping to secure.

"The goal of the meeting is to agree every resident and landowner in the whole of the North East Precinct has joined the group and we are one voice.

"If approved at this meeting, we are now all standing together as one group," Mr Brotheridge suggested.

"We will then vote through a show of hands to elect a local as the face of our group.

"Our group mission statement, to be approved by our group through a show of hands, will be as follows: "Remove the Environmental Audit Overlays on each individual title of land in the North East Precinct at no cost to the title owner, in a timely manner.

"Once the group is formed, we will write a letter and it will be sent to the Shire, VPA, Planning Panels, media and the Victorian Planning Minister."

The group is inviting media representatives to attend.

It is not known whether a representative of the Bass Coast Shire Council will address the meeting.

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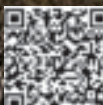
Native timber harvesting has ended in Victoria but support is still available.

Native timber businesses, workers and communities can continue to access a range of support including:

- **The Victorian Forestry Worker Support Program** –including payments and training, 1:1 case management, employment services, health and wellbeing support.
- **Business support** – including exit packages and funding to help diversify.
- **Community support** – health and wellbeing services and community development planning and funding.

For more information:

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



Mayor's Message



Cr Clare
Le Serve



THIS week Cowes turned purple for the Change for Sam event where hundreds of people gathered in an effort to recognise and reduce gender-based violence.

This event was organised by a range of organisations and volunteers who are part of what is the backbone of what makes up a community.

In coming weeks we will be shining a spotlight on volunteers in our community as we gear up for our upcoming community events including our community awards program. The community spirit of Bass Coast is strong and something I see every day wherever I am – from arts events, community houses, sporting clubs and so much more. I am always so grateful to be a part of such incredible groups of people who bring ideas and projects to life to better our region. More than 3,000 people are expected to come and celebrate the football double-header on Sunday May 12 at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve.

The Mother's Day event celebrates the second year of Bass Coast's partnership with the Hawthorn Football Club and gender equality.

Entry is free and gates open at 10.30. For the kids, there will be inflatables and a half time Auskick game. Kids are welcome to join in on the day if they are not part of a local club. Wonthaggi Power Canteen will be open for refreshments.

Our next Council meeting is Wednesday 15th May. All our Council Meetings are recorded and are hosted on our YouTube channel – Bass Coast Shire Council. I'd encourage you to hit the subscribe button and tune in so you can see what goes on at our monthly meetings.

With the arrival of Autumn and the cooler months, leaves are starting to fall. Our dedicated staff work hard to keep our streets and places clean and safe. Leaf litter is collected on a street by street basis but if you notice something you need help with, please always contact our friendly staff who are highly efficient in solving issues. You can find a range of details on various queries on our website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/contact.

A reminder that our Sustainable Living Series webinars are still running, in partnership with South Gippsland Shire Council and energy efficiency experts from Renew. Our first set of four webinars covering solar, batteries, all-electric homes and electric vehicles have been recorded and are available to watch online.

The next webinar is Winter Comfort for Renters, and will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 6.00-7.30pm. The session will cover many of the small changes you can make to ensure your rental home is more comfortable and cheaper to heat this winter. There is always lots of time for questions.

Registrations are essential, so please book now: <https://thecap.com.au/sustainable-living-series>

Sharing the knowledge and pain on social media

IT'S not a town hall meeting but it's the next best thing for sharing the community's collective wisdom and knowledge about what happens next with Wonthaggi's environmental audit overlays.

Here's a selection of the feedback posted on the 'Wonthaggi Residents Affected by the Environmental Audit Overlay' Facebook page, starting with concerns about the mental health of those impacted.

If you feel stressed or anxious, please contact your local GP or these agencies:

- Lifeline 11 13 14 (24/7)
- Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636 (24/7)

Overlays taking their toll

• Please, if you are struggling to cope with this mess and I have heard from a few who have said it is getting to much for them, please, please, please, speak to you GP or a professional. You are not alone in this debacle, and we are all here to help each other. If you need a chat, reach out to someone even if it's to vent, yell, scream or whatever.

• I am hanging in their just, but a few I have spoken too are not.

• It's certainly a grey cloud over us all. Thank you for checking in on the community.

• Thanks for this. I've only just been able to read the latest Sentinel Times and have registered for updates with the council. This afternoon I'll write to the recommended people. Feels like a lot and it helps knowing you're not alone.

• That's lovely. Thanks for reaching out to us, we're all suffering but unfortunately some more than others. I'd like to think that we are being heard and that common sense will



There are streets in the affected estates where the blocks on one site of the road have the overlay on their title and the ones opposite don't. Even blocks next door to each other aren't consistent.

prevail with a satisfactory outcome for one and all.

• Hope everyone is doing ok. I own two properties in Summerfield. I think it will have to get resolved for the owner's benefit – otherwise – how does this not end up with the mother of all class action lawsuits. Retrospective laws cannot stand.

• I think I need to take a break from it today actually on social media as I felt stressed about it last night and I also have to stick my head into the books today and tap out some study. As this is becoming all so time and mind consuming.

Jordan Crugnale is 'with us'

• I heard from the MPs office this morning including Jordan. She is going higher with this and I believe on our side. Please call her and give your views.

• OMG... How can they do this to ppl. I will be ringing the ombudsman. Have you spoken with our MP in Bass???

• Send her an email to: Jordan Crugnale, Member for Bass, email: Jordan.Crugnale@parliament.vic.gov.au

Is there a public meeting?

• Is there a public meeting happening this Thursday? Anyone know?

* The next Council meeting will be held on the 15th of May. Seating is limited so email if you want to attend: governance.media@basscoast.vic.gov.au

• I feel a meeting fit for purpose is in order, not their council meeting with very limited time and scope. Perhaps that's what needs to be requested? You'll never get the answers any other way. Even then, they will bring their lawyers with them.

• They're too scared they will be named and shamed. Class action anyone?

• Just putting this here for future reference. It outlines the process of a class action and has an inquiry form: maurice-blackburn.com.au/class-actions/

General Wonthaggi EAO comment

• It's absolutely bewildering amongst many other words I could use to describe this ridiculous and schmozzle of a situation! Someone absolutely needs to sort this out and ASAP as

many of us are sitting on plans to build and now just at a complete stand still. The one thing paramount to this situation – is who to hold accountable for this bungle and it CERTAINLY is not the landowner. Neither should we be accountable for any costs incurred due to this stupidity of planning. It's ethically and morally unfair and I would hope the law would see it the same way.

• Neighbours on either side of us have no overlay but we do. How does that work??

• Everyone should continue to contact the Shire, Jordan Crugnale and anyone else who will listen. I've emailed Raf Epstein from the ABC today as this sort of thing is right up his alley. Keep being noisy about this until this gets sorted and the EAO lifted from our titles.

• Noise is the only reason they are "pretending" to do something, keep it up!

About the Shire EAO updates

• "We expect to receive initial EPA advice in about three weeks."

* Funny that they're now giving a resolution some urgency, would've been nice if they had done this in April 2016.

• Yes, they've only known for 7.5 years... golly what's another three weeks for them?!

• When I read that email I was like this isn't even an update – it's just more waffling.

• Oh, it should take three glorious weeks! Just to keep us shooshed up in the month of May I'd say.

• Perhaps we should inform the Bass Coast Shire that we will all be withholding our rate payments until this gets sorted.

What do you want to know about the council's budget?

IT'S a very important document, the Bass Coast Shire Council's budget, especially when you consider the shire is proposing to spend a total of \$105.9 million on up to 100 Council Services (\$78.8 million) with capital works of \$24.8 million, compared to \$47.6 million this financial year and \$38.8 million the following year.

And that's even with "new loans" of almost \$6 million.

It might be easily explained by the fact that while "property" costs have gone down from \$31 million this financial year to just \$6.8 million in 2024-25, plant and equipment

investment was relatively stable, up from \$2.7m this year to \$3.4m, and infrastructure expenditure up from \$13.8m to \$14.5m.

But the reality is that the lions' share of the shire's revenue is already spoken for.

For example, the council has already allocated \$38.5 million to "total permanent employee expenditure".

Last week, the shire staged several drop-in sessions, at Grantville, Cowes and Wonthaggi and there's a final info session on today, Tuesday, May 7 at the Inverloch Hub between 10am and 12.30pm.

At Cowes and Wonthaggi,

council watcher Graham Jolly was interested in cash reserves, where the garbage charge income of \$17.3 million would be spent and why the shire needed a "capital advancement" allocation of \$892,000 when it already applied contingency allowances on its capital projects.

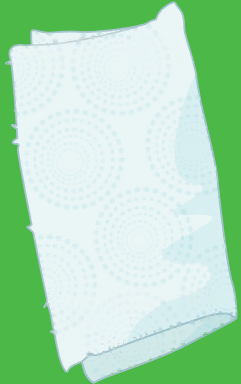
"They say their 'cash and investments' will be \$46.5 million at June 30, 2025, so why do they need to be collecting more in rates," Mr Jolly said.

The council explained in its budget report that those cash and investments are expected to reduce from 2025-26 onwards to \$32.5 million

by June 30 2028 "due to the planned utilisation of discretionary reserves as a capital works funding source".

Some might also have been interested in the expected cost of operating the two cultural centres, WUCAC at Wonthaggi and Berninnet in Cowes. Two figures have been quoted in the budget, \$2.3 million within the \$11.5 million for Leisure and Recreational facilities, and \$2.4 million (net cost \$1.578 million) to provide the activities and entertainment.


The Wonthaggi to Inverloch Shared Pathway is to go ahead in the 2024-25 financial year at a cost of \$3.7m.



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THE NATIONALS for Regional Victoria



Victoria empowers local financial business literacy

THE power of financial literacy inspired women in local business on Tuesday night.

Bass Coast Shire Council and Inverloch's RACV Resort hosted She's on the Money for Business with Victoria Devine, which was a sold-out event.

Victoria is a former financial advisor, business owner, pod-caster, educator and author empowering people in business – with an emphasis on women – to reach their potential.

“There's so much overwhelming information online about having to be super motivated, needing to do certain things and being a “boss girl”, when in reality there's just a lot of systems and processes you could implement to be really successful,” Victoria said.

Victoria's presentation included tips and tricks for small business owners, highlighting things that can be done for free before starting out and how to engage an audience to put the business in the best possible position to succeed.

Her advice begins with encouraging people to get out of their comfort zone.

“It's just about really believing in yourself as opposed to assuming someone else is going to swoop in and give you the magic keys to the kingdom. Those don't exist – we've got to create them ourselves,” she said.



Bass Coast Shire Council's Julia Munro, Kirsty Crooks, Hayley Koster, mayor Cr Clare Le Serve and Lauren van Strijp at the She's on the Money for Business event presented by Victoria Devine (centre) at Inverloch's RACV Resort on Tuesday night.

Victoria speaks from experience, having launched She's on the Money from humble beginnings.

“I was making my logos on Microsoft PowerPoint, and cutting and pasting them as images because I didn't know how to do those things,” she said.

“I've gone from that to having a full-time graphic designer, but we all start somewhere,

and I think it's really important to share that journey.”

Victoria said the mentoring aspect of what she does is an important part of her journey.

“I've gone to a lot of different cities and states – I go where the demand is. I'm from Tasmania, so I love visiting small towns and I'm very excited to be here,” she said.

“It still gets overwhelming, but I feel so supported by the

women who attend.”

Victoria said it was the power of being financially literate that led her to her choice of field, and loves providing others with the tools and resources needed to succeed.

Victoria believes financial freedom helps entire communities and has been active in helping to navigate ways to insert financial literacy into the school curriculum.

Still no decision on Bass Coast boundaries

SIX months out from the next Bass Coast Shire Council election, in October 2024, there's still no decision about what the ward boundaries will look like.

In answer to a question from the Sentinel-Times this week, Local Government Victoria confirmed no final decision had been made following a review of internal ward boundaries in March.

“The Minister is considering the final report for the ward boundary review of Bass Coast Shire Council. Further information will be available on the Local Government Victoria website in due course.”

However, the review came up with two options, both of which have the Wonthaggi-Inverloch ‘Bunurong Ward’ at an estimated 13,115 voters, while swapping numbers between the ‘Island Ward’ and ‘Western Port Ward’.

Model 1 has all of Phillip Island's 15,839 voters in the Island Ward and only 12,291 in the Western Port Ward, however while the Island Ward covers 100km2, the Western Port Ward councillors have an area of 550km2 to cover.

A second option, Model 2, adds 560 voters from Newhaven to San Remo and the rest of the Western Port Ward, bringing the number of voters up to 12,851 but doing nothing for the community of interest among Phillip Island residents.

If Phillip Island voters want to be all in together, they get only three councillors, like the other two, when they almost have enough of a quota for four.

Of course, the Minister could arrive at a decision out of left field, and give the Island Ward four councillors, Bunurong three and a bit more area and Western Port only two.

Only time will tell.

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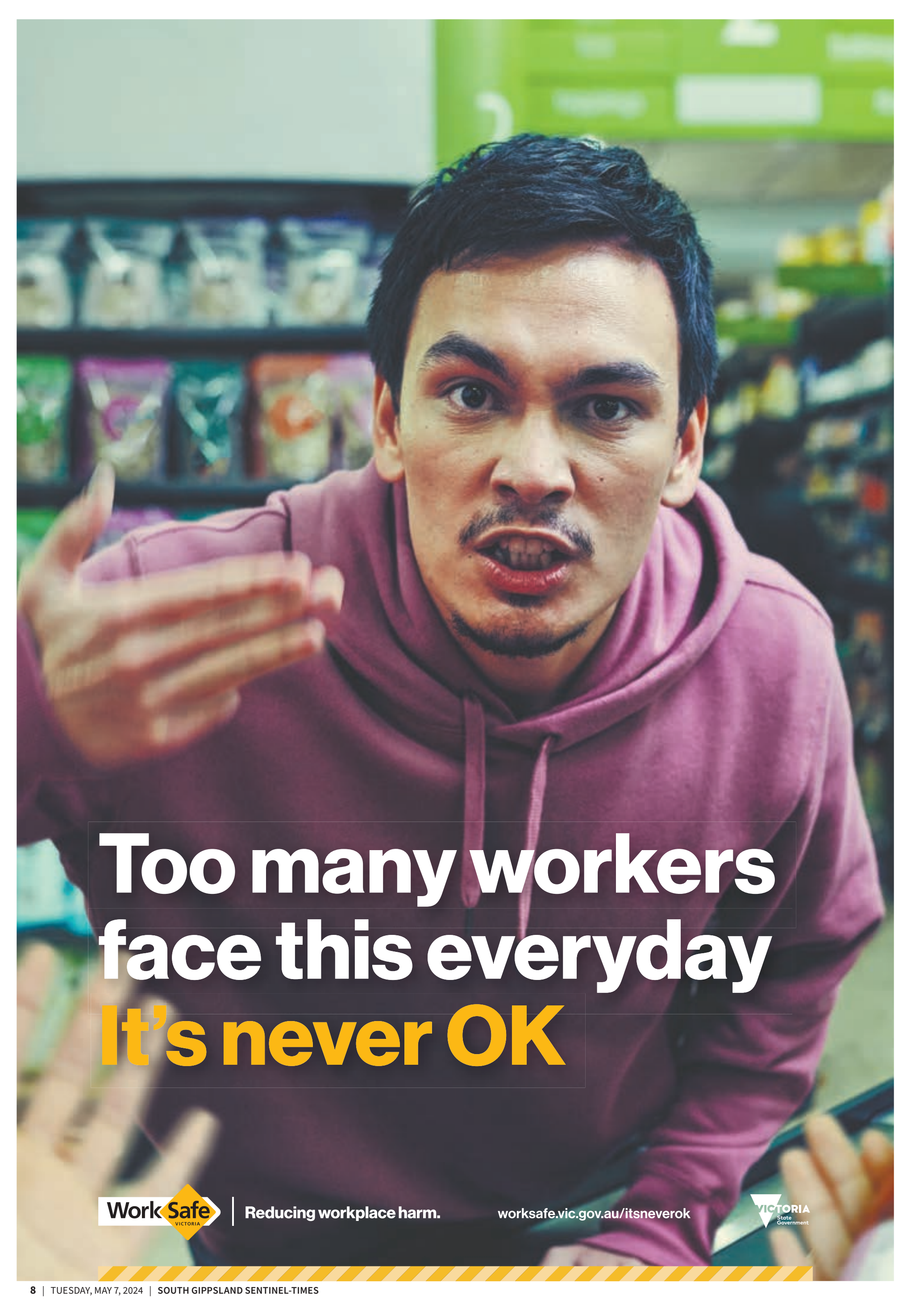
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Take a stand against domestic violence

WEDNESDAY May 1 was a day of remembrance; an evening to light a candle and remember those who have lost their lives as a result of domestic and family violence.

Lija Matthews of Change for Sam and Bass Coast Shire (BCSC) community wellbeing social planner Amy Bennett co-ordinated the annual candlelight vigil held on the Jetty Triangle in Cowes.

The community gathered in light of those lost; to raise awareness, show support and keep the message at the forefront that action is vital. The community have pledged that it's already too late, too many lives have been lost to domestic violence, and there isn't enough funding to support women and children living in hostile environments.

Lija addressed the community to say thank you for their support, with special mention to Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary for volunteering their time with a free sausage sizzle – of which the community made generous donations towards Change for Sam.

While the women came together on the foreshore; more men were also present this year with husbands, brothers, fathers, and sons taking a stand and hearing the plea to lift the veil of silence and help stop gendered based violence.



Jacq Parker, Anne McKnight, Mikah Evans, Ann-Marie Sims, Bron Doolan, Nathan Vishniakov, and Jasmine McCallum gathered in Cowes to remember those who lost their lives to domestic violence. Z19_1924

The Change for Sam initiative led by Lija Matthews is in remembrance of her friend Samantha Fraser who lost her life as a result of domestic violence. Lija will continue to advocate for the safety of women and children and help empower them to take control of their wellbeing.

The BCSC was proud to work with Change for Sam on

organising this year's candlelight vigil at the Jetty Triangle in Cowes and Lija will continue working collectively with Ms Bennett of BCSC to educate the community on taking action against domestic or family violence with the shire taking expressions of interest for the community to attend a free Bystander Awareness training session which will

help people to understand how to call out, report and diffuse inappropriate and harassing behaviour.

If you are interested in attending a training session, please email communitysupport@basscoast.vic.gov.au or if you are experiencing violence at home and are in need of a personal alert alarm visit changeforsam.com.au

Korumburra Southern Lights Festival cancelled

AGAINST a background of rising costs and reduced funding, low ticket sales sparked the cancellation of this year's Korumburra Southern Lights Festival scheduled for Saturday June 8, the volunteer-run event deemed too great a financial risk.

Less than 300 tickets had sold in two weeks, with most of those purchased by people from Geelong and Melbourne.

The festival's founder and member of the volunteer team that runs it, Shirley Arestia explained why the decision not to proceed this year was taken when it was.

"We've made the decision now so that the vendors weren't compromised, people weren't compromised, we didn't lose a whole heap of money in non-refundable deposits," Shirley said, with those deposits related to expenses organisers would have to pay.

"Ticket sales were a lot stronger at the start last time but we still sold a huge chunk at the very end," Shirley said.

She noted that costs have all risen this year and organisers were looking at substantial losses, potentially in the many thousands of dollars, if insufficient tickets sold.

"If we'd got to the same scenario as last year and people waited until the last 72 hours and the weather was terrible, that kick in sales wouldn't have come through at the end," Shirley said.

While there were some online complaints about increased ticket prices this year, organisers were able to set prices lower last time due to having more funding and less costs. It was hoped that after last year's sellout and resultant disappointment from those who missed out, that tickets would be bought in strong numbers early.

Shirley said that people have suggested that costs could have been cut by measures such as dropping the fireworks but explained that would not have sufficiently reduced expenses.

"It's security, insurance, traffic management, toilet hire," she said of some of the unavoidable costs.

There is determination to run the Korumburra Southern Lights Festival next year.



Disruption extended on the Gippsland Line until mid June

As part of Victoria's Big Build, we're upgrading the Gippsland Line to deliver more trains more often. We're also adding two dedicated tracks in East Pakenham to allow V/Line trains to bypass metropolitan trains, making travel more reliable.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

New Ways for Volunteer Recruitment and Retention

This month South Gippsland Shire Council is hosting a suite of FREE community workshops on Volunteer Recruitment and Retention.

This two part workshop series will focus on helpful tips and innovative strategies for community groups to attract and keep volunteers. Part 1 of the workshop will focus on Volunteer Recruitment and Part 2 will focus on Volunteer Retention. Volunteers are the backbone of the community and as we know, they are a vital part of keeping the cogs turning in non-profit organisations and groups.

Whether you're involved in a non-profit organisation, community group or simply a passionate individual looking for fresh ideas, this event is designed to help you make a difference.

Workshop details:

New Ways for Volunteer Recruitment and Retention – Part 1

- Tuesday 14 May – Korumburra Hub from 12.30pm to 2.30pm.
- Wednesday 15 May – Online from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

New Ways for Volunteer Recruitment and Retention – Part 2

- Tuesday 21 May – Council Chambers, Leongatha from 12.30pm to 2.30pm.
- Wednesday 23 May – Online from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

We recommend you attend both Part 1 and 2 for the most comprehensive learning opportunity.

For more information and to register, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining

Detox Your Home



Drop off your household chemicals for FREE at the Wonthaggi Transfer Station.

The Detox Your Home event is taking place Saturday 8 June from 9.00am to 12.00pm – bookings are essential.

Accepted items include weed killers, herbicides, pool chemicals, fuels, cooking oil and lots more!

To register, please visit: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/detox-your-home-wonthaggi-registration-768784303547

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 15 May 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Check out our current vacant positions here:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/vacantpositions

MIRBOO NORTH AND DISTRICT STORM RECOVERY SESSION

This is a free evening including refreshments and the opportunity for all residents of our storm-affected communities to gather and catch up. Guest speaker Dr Rob Gordon will share his insights into practical and emotional responses after events such as those experienced during the February storm.

Dr Rob Gordon PhD is a clinical psychologist who has over 30 years of experience working with people and communities after traumatic events such as storms, bushfires and floods.

Session details:

Date: Wednesday 22 May

Time: 5.30pm to 7.45pm

Place: Mirboo North and District Community Foundation

Please register your attendance for catering purposes at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/stormeventupdate

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

RFT/414 – Provision of Tree and Vegetation Maintenance Services

Tender closes 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 14 May 2024.

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

Tender closes 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 21 May 2024.

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

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Vigil attendees in Leongatha contemplate the loss of lives resulting from family violence and call for positive change. A11_1924



Peta Speight of Anglicare Victoria at Leongatha's family violence vigil. A10_1924

Reflection and call for change in Leongatha

A CRISP Autumn evening failed to discourage people from attending Leongatha's candlelight vigil on Wednesday evening to commemorate victims of family violence and call for change, with such gatherings occurring around Australia.

South Gippsland Shire Council mayor Clare Williams delivered a stark and emotional message on the need for change.

"Over the past 10 years, one woman has been killed nearly every week," she said of the terrible scourge of family violence throughout the nation.

She reflected on the loss of children's lives and the harrowing impact on those young people who witness violence.

"The candlelight vigil is a call to speak up, lifting the veil of silence that surrounds domestic and family violence, and providing a place of support for those who need it," Clare said.

Council CEO Kerryn Ellis stressed that family abuse is not always physical and can be controlling behaviour, psychological or financial.

"It's important we come together as a community to raise awareness, understand

others' experiences, and also to challenge attitudes towards family violence," she said.

After the brief formalities, Sentinel-Times spoke to program manager family violence at Anglicare Victoria Peta Speight, gaining her insights into the extent of the problem, the fact help exists and that positive outcomes are achievable.

She stressed that family violence affects one in five women in Gippsland, which has three of the worst impacted Local Government Areas for family violence per capita.

Those statistics encompass all forms of domestic abuse, including coercive control, and financial abuse and control, as well as sexual and other physical violence.

Peta explained the importance of community events such as Wednesday's vigil.

"I think for our community, it makes it easier to acknowledge and more acceptable to reach out for support; to see your community rallying at an event like this where they can see there is help and support out there is important for women who may feel afraid or uncomfortable coming forward and speaking about their

experiences," she said.

Peta noted family violence stems from an unhealthy attitude to women including gender bias, power and control and the attitude of "boys will be boys".

"It is learnt behaviour and can be undone," she said, adding that everyone she works with believes in the power of change.

"I have seen so many good outcomes for women and children that continue to motivate and inspire me," Peta said.

She urged those in immediate danger to contact triple zero, while outlining various help services that are available.

Peta explained that there is a "no wrong door" policy, meaning that those in need of support will be guided to the right service by those at whichever service they contact.

Orange Door, which in Gippsland is based in Leongatha, Morwell and Warragul, supports women and children experiencing family violence as well as assisting men who have identified the need to change their behaviour.

Peta said some men come to that realisation themselves while others are

referred due to the intervention of authorities.

1800 Respect (1800 737 732) is staffed by trained family violence professionals who can make referrals for women and children who have experienced family violence.

"They can access counseling referrals, they can access other supports if there is an emergency and they need to leave, and access emergency accommodation," Peta said.

Safe Steps provides emergency after hours response, referring to a local provider in the morning to continue required support.

Peta said that Anglicare Victoria has therapeutic recovery programs for women who have experienced family violence, helping with long term recovery.

Support service contact details

Orange Door: phone 1800 319 354 (Leongatha office), or visit vic.gov.au/about-the-orange-door for other locations and details.

1800 Respect (1800 737 732)

Safe Steps family violence response centre: phone 1800 015 188.

Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams



HELLO South Gippsland.

I want to start this week's message with a thank you to those who came out Wednesday night and stood with us as we remembered those we have lost due to family and domestic violence. This issue is something we are hearing a lot about at the moment, with reports of a woman being killed, on average, every four days by a current or former intimate partner. All the Gippsland local government areas are in the top 30 of Victorian Councils in regards to prevalence of family violence. We all need to continue to stand up against this behaviour, because even one life lost is one life too many.

Thank you also to those who attended the Jobs Expo on Thursday – it was great to see so many people speaking with potential employers and exploring the opportunities on offer – and to those who submitted feedback on the Proposed 2024/25 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan. It is always terrific to see our community support events and provide their thoughts on what we are doing here at Council.

Container Deposit Scheme

This week, Council announced that the Container Deposit Scheme collection points at the Foster, Korumburra, Mirboo North, Walkerville and Venus Bay Transfer Stations closed on 30 April. The Scheme was undertaken as a trial by the Transfer Station operator, who were happy to support the Scheme as long as it was manageable. Due to a number of reasons such as ongoing difficulties with the collection of deposited containers, this decision had to be made by the operator. The Koonwarra Transfer Station will continue to operate on a trial basis until at least the end of May.

There are still five collection points across South Gippsland that remain open. To see the collection points, please visit: www.returnit.com.au/vic

ArtCubes

Our beautiful ArtCubes have recently moved from Meenyan to Tarwin Lower for the next few months. We are excited to see the program of magnificent, talented local artists that fill these Cubes with colour and life soon. For more details, please visit: www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au/artcubes

Fire Restrictions

On Wednesday 1 May, fire restrictions were lifted in South Gippsland and some other Gippsland regions. Thank you to the CFA volunteers who have kept our region safe this fire season.

Did You Know...

Have something you want to bring up with all Councillors? Did you know that you can book in to present to Councillors on our Community Days? The Community Day is held on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Or, you can contact any of the Councillors with the contact details on Council's website: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Candidate Information Sessions

With an election to be held later this year, there are a number of Candidate Information Sessions planned by multiple organisations. A session will be held in Sale on Thursday 9 May by Women for Election.

Keep an eye out for more sessions as they are announced.

Exciting News

I am so excited to announce that I have been voted in as the Australian Local Government Women's Association – Victoria (ALGWA) President. I look forward to using this opportunity to continue to show South Gippsland is a leader in local government and how we can work together with other Councils to achieve collective goals.



South Gippsland Shire Council's Christian Stefani, Pauleen Boulton and Ken Fraser at the South Gippsland Jobs Expo. A07_1924



Milli Mackay and Maddie Dowel of Leongatha Children's Centre provide Jobs Expo attendees with information on a childcare career. A08_1924

Diverse opportunities at South Gippsland Jobs Expo

THURSDAY'S South Gippsland Jobs Expo at Leongatha Memorial Hall catered to a broad range of jobseekers, from those looking to make their first foray into the workforce to experienced workers seeking a change of direction.

South Gippsland Shire Council teamed with organisations including South Gippsland Bass Coast LLEN (Local Learning Employment Network) and Workforce Australia's Local Jobs Program to run the event.

Attendees learned about job opportunities, available training and strategies to enter their chosen industry, while Job Skills Victoria assisted people with CV advice.

Coordinator of Leongatha Children's Centre Maddie Dowel chatted to those considering a childcare career, advising them that the business offers

all sorts of ways to enter the profession.

"We offer traineeships, school based and mature aged (opportunities)," she said, explaining those starting out learn on the job with support from experienced early learning educators.

Maddie had enquiries during the expo from school students interested in taking a different path to the traditional VCE, and chatted to them about options such as the VCE Vocational Major that allows them to gain industry experience while completing Year 12.

Trainee Milli Mackay was also on hand, having done work experience at Leongatha Children's Centre when at school and now establishing a career there, and had many wanting to learn about pursuing a traineeship and what it offers.

She spoke about the

guidance from other educators and her positive experience studying through Chisolm TAFE.

Chris Richardson, a trainer with Workforce Plus, which has offices throughout Gippsland, said job fairs and expos are a great way for people to get more knowledge about job opportunities.

"It's been very well organised and hopefully opens the eyes of people that are looking to enter or re-enter the workforce, with regards to the different types of roles that are available, be they anything from entry level through to management," she said of Thursday's Expo.

Christian Stefani of South Gippsland Shire Council said the success of last year's Expo in terms of business and industry participation, jobs available and public attendance provided

the motivation to run the event again.

He noted the wide variety of organisations taking part this year.

"You've got employment providers, apprenticeship groups, some of our big industries like dairy production, retailers, school camps right through to McDonald's and hospitals, the health industry, so yeah it's a big mix," Christian said.

Council also had a presence at the expo, promoting its own employment opportunities.

Its business development officer Pauleen Boulton was instrumental in organising the Expo and highlighted the fact it brought jobseekers from other areas to explore opportunities in South Gippsland.

Job Expos run throughout Gippsland, hosted by various municipalities.

'Reckless' driver gets 4 years, victim has life sentence

A 22-YEAR-OLD Wonthaggi man, who pleaded guilty to three counts of negligent and reckless driving, causing serious injury and endangering life, was sentenced to four years and eight months jail, with a non-parole period of two years and four months, in the Latrobe County Court last Friday.

The charges follow a high-speed crash on Cape Paterson Road, south of Wonthaggi, on Good Friday, April 15, 2022, when the driver of a "lowered" V8 Commodore, Taj Maloney, who was 20 years old at the time, lost control of his car, allegedly at speeds in excess of 176km/h, while passing a line of cars, one towing a trailer.

Managing to avoid on-coming traffic, the car spun fearfully down the road for 124 metres, then travelled a further 20 metres off the road before colliding with a tree, flipping on to its roof and careering 35 metres more before coming to a stop.

Three of the four youngsters in the car, the front seat passenger Jack Haag, the rear passenger, sitting behind him, Kyle Valentine, and the driver all managed to extricate themselves with minor injuries but Kyle's younger brother, 18-year-old apprentice carpenter, Kane Valentine, was nowhere near as fortunate.

The extent of the serious injuries suffered by Kane Valentine, the rear driver side passenger, after he was partially ejected from the rear window of the vehicle and his face and elbow made contact with the road surface as the Commodore rotated on its roof for 35 metres were summarised by the prosecution.

Kane was near death, in a coma for two weeks, and ultimately survived 20 reconstruction surgeries to his scalp, face and arm during a three-month stay in hospital.

He has been left with a ceramic eye, permanent damage to his arm and face and visible scarring. In a victim statement Kane told the court that his life had changed drastically as a result of the crash and "will never be what it was".

"I will always carry what you have done to me for the rest of my life. Every day when I wake up, I look in the mirror and all I can see is the reminder of how you ruined my life. No punishment you receive today will be as bad as what you have left me with."

What happened

The following factors and circumstances were included in the sentencing summary to describe the degree of risk and potential harm involved in the manner of driving by the offender and the foreseeability of the risk involved:

"The offender was initially driving his Holden Commodore in a northerly direction towards Wonthaggi along the Cape Paterson Road at a speed of 170kph even around corners as his passengers told him to slow down. He was thus warned by his peers and passengers at this early stage of the potential harm involved in the manner and speed of his driving and the foreseeability of the risk created to them.

"The offender then turned around and drove on the road in the opposite direction towards



The victim of a high-speed crash at Cape Paterson in April 2022, Kane Valentine of Wonthaggi, spent three months in hospital after the accident and underwent 20 surgeries. (Photo from www.9news.com.au supplied by Louise Valentine).

Cape Paterson.

"Before the collision, the other passengers observed the speedometer at speeds of 150 and 160kph on a straight stretch of road where the speed limit was 100kph.

"The offender accelerated as he overtook a number of vehicles where there was a solid white line dividing the single north and south bound lanes. The last southbound car that was being overtaken was towing a trailer and was just before the crest of a hill.

"The three passengers shouted at the offender to slow down and not to overtake the vehicles. Again, the offender was warned by his peers and passengers of the imminent danger and potential harm involved in the manner

and speed of his driving and the foreseeability of the risk created to them of his driving.

"The offender was 19 at the time and an inexperienced probationary licensed driver who was prohibited from driving the Commodore with a V8 petrol engine.

"The V8 Commodore (with registration "LOWGM") was altered to sit lower to the road, but because the recommended shock absorbers had not been fitted the risk of the vehicle becoming unsettled was increased, which increased the risk of collision.

"As the Commodore was in the northbound lane adjacent to the last vehicle being overtaken, another vehicle appeared over the crest of the hill in the same northbound lane."

Maloney took evasive action, however due to the excessive speed, estimated to be in excess of 176kph at the time, he lost control after reaching the southbound lane again, causing the car to skid and rotate 124 metres down the road, before hitting a tree, rolling on to its roof and continuing to spin.

At the time, about 11.40am, the bitumen road surface was in good condition, the road was dry, and the weather was fine.

Neither drugs, alcohol nor prescription medication were contributing factors in the crash.

"The combination of factors of the extreme speed of the offender's driving (at least 76km over the speed limit), his overtaking of other vehicles as he approached the crest of a hill, his inexperience as a 19-year-old probationary licenced driver driving a powerful, modified and

potentially unsettled car, and his being warned by his passengers and peers of the risk to their safety of the speed and manner of his driving represented a great departure from the standard of care of a reasonable driver."

The prosecution accepted some mitigating factors including the offender's early plea and the delay between the offending and sentence, but argued that other factors including the offender's good character, youth and prospects of rehabilitation should be discounted by the "high degree of departure from the standard of care an ordinary driver" and "the significant nature of the serious injury caused to Kane Valentine".

They argued that a sentence of imprisonment was required for general deterrence and denunciation.

Judge Kevin Doyle agreed that a jail sentence was warranted.

- On Charge 1, of negligently driving a motor vehicle that caused serious injury to Kane Valentine, he sentenced Maloney to four years in jail.
- On Charge 2, of recklessly conduct endangering the life of that placed Kyle Valentine, namely driving at a speed of 176km/h in a 100km/h zone: two years.
- On Charge 3, of recklessly conduct endangering the life of Jack Haag, namely driving at a speed of 176km/h in a 100km/h zone: two years.

Mr Maloney was also disqualified from obtaining a licence for not less than 24 months.

The cumulative sentence is four years and eight months of imprisonment with a non-parole period of two years and four months.



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We can't turnout if we burnout

AMBULANCE Victoria paramedic's industrial action for better working conditions is still no closer to being solved on Thursday, according to Advanced Life Support Paramedic, and Wonthaggi's delegate to the Victorian Ambulance Union, Samantha Nicholls.

"There's been 91 meetings so far, and no agreement has been reached," Ms Nicholls said referencing the period since March 18 when the Sentinel-Times broke the story locally.

"One of our main issues is end of shift management. This is about protection towards the end of shifts with the aim of finishing on time. We want to finish within the realm of our current 10 to 14-hour shifts. But Ambulance Victoria hasn't even come close to considering that."

Amongst end of shift guarantees, the major clauses for local Gippsland paramedics focus on fatigue management and overtime.

"It's not just about better pay, it's about significant holes in care and under resourcing that are fueling overtime and fatigue," local paramedics added.

Paramedics are seeking greater work life balance, for their families, and for their own wellbeing. "We're doing 800 hours a day in overtime. That's ridiculous," Samantha lamented noting that significant amount of overtime is due to lower-acuity cases.

"There are nearly 800 proposed items (put forward for the Enterprise Agreement), and a lot of them are just little things to make the job better."

There's no denying increasing



Industrial action continues for paramedics with no agreements yet reached after 91 meetings.
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morale will extend longevity and help keep experienced workers in the industry.

"We've also had a huge issue with MICA (Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance) paramedics, particularly around pay – there's no significant pay uplift," Ms Nicholls explained.

"When you become a MICA paramedic from ALS you take a small down step in pay when undertaking the training. MICA paramedics take on more skills and more responsibility. But there's still no significant financial incentive to do so. Especially in rural Victoria there are a lot of MICA shifts going unfilled, which

is terrifying, especially as an ALS paramedic, when you need a lot of help and everything is going wrong, your closest MICA paramedic is Cranbourne or Latrobe Valley – it's a very long time to be without support.

"There's also rostering. In metro, they have a staggered rostering system because they have so many branches, shifts are staggered, and you'll have some overlap. This helps reduce excessive overtime."

Locally the issue was not just about finishing on time, or near to. It was about the quality of life, about parents being able to pick up their kids from daycare

and paramedics being able to rest and recuperate before the next shift.

"Paramedics are turning over quicker, people are not wanting to stay in the job longer, there's a huge cohort ready to leave – there's so many little things that need to change," Ms Nicholls continued.

The industrial action has also highlighted the need for better resourcing. Paramedics constantly complete transfers due to the lack of non-emergency ambulances; meaning communities are often left without an ambulance for prolonged periods. Paramedics understand there

will always be some overtime involved in ambulance work, but this campaign is about reducing excessive overtime.

"We're severely under resourced," one local paramedic stated. "The region is particularly vulnerable overnight, and non-emergency transport funding ceases at the end of the financial year. It's a health wide dilemma."

The wait times to offload a stretcher at the hospital is also a significant problem with paramedics often tied up for low-acuity cases or non-urgent transport.

"There is no way to hand over a patient or leave hospital at a certain time – we might be waiting at a hospital for three or four hours. Even though the patient is in a hospital with doctors, we cannot leave."

The paramedics were also advocating for reform to the dispatch grid, which allocates jobs, particularly in handling low acuity jobs and correct triaging.

Despite the challenges, paramedics remain hopeful that one day they won't have to choose between their wellbeing, career or family.

In the meantime, their message is simple – "keep emergency ambulances for emergencies."

"Patients are still triaged in the same manner whether they walk-in or are transported by ambulance. Virtual ED is a great resource for non-emergency medical care – with highly skilled doctors and nurses, and also the Urgent Care Centre in Cowes."

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Take control of your energy bills



Myli engagement officer Kearny Hull, with Jessica Harrison and Werner Theinert of Bass Coast Climate Action Network (BCCAN) invite the community to the Save Energy, Save Money session at the Wonthaggi Library on Wednesday, May 8 at 11am. Z01_1924

ARE you struggling to understand your energy bills, or looking for advice on bringing costs down?

Anglicare Victoria and Bass Coast Climate Change Action Network are holding a free session at the Wonthaggi Library on Wednesday, May 8 at 11am to discuss ways to help low-income households save money on their electricity bills through efficiency measures.

Jessica Harrison is co-hosting the meeting on behalf of the Bass Coast Climate Action Network (BCCAN) in collaboration with Anglicare Victoria and encourages the community to come along to the session and bring your electricity bills with you.

"By bringing your bills with you, we can help you better understand what plan you're on," said Jessica.

"We know the community are thirsty

for knowledge on how to save energy and save money, and that is what this session is about."

Jessica will attend the session and is willing to share the research from her recent Cosy Homes project.

"We conducted energy assessments and retrofits on 30 houses in Bass Coast, and by doing so proved that you can actually save energy and money by making a lot of small changes in your home," Jessica explained.

"In this session we'll discuss these changes so you can take control of your energy bills."

"Draft proofing, installing energy-efficient globes and improving household appliances are effective ways to keep the cold air out and warm air in, whilst reducing energy emissions."

During the session, the speakers can also discuss grants and low-interest loans for appliance upgrades. Jenny Temple, Library Programs Manager said Myli is pleased to host the event.

"As the temperature declines our energy bills go up and this is a real stress for many people," she said.

"We know that some of our patrons come to the library because it's warm and they can't afford to heat their home all day. This workshop will offer practical, affordable solutions to help with this issue."

Werner Theinert will also be in attendance on behalf of BCCAN to provide his expert knowledge on energy saving initiatives. Everyone is welcome and bookings are not required.

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Jessica Harrison organised the sixth annual May Day rally at Apex Park on Wednesday, May 1. Z02_1924

Standing for better rights and conditions in the workplace

THE Wonthaggi community gathered at Apex Park last Wednesday, May 1 for their annual May Day Rally – a day to stand for better rights and conditions in the workplace, and organiser Jessica Harrison stood her ground on ‘People over Profit’.

Brian Strating ‘Strat’ and Lyndal performed live for the community to sing-along in harmony, with activists joining in on singing ‘solidarity forever’.

May Day is a reflection on history – a day to stand for unions and their protection over workers rights. Jessica stood at the rally and shared that this day is a hope for the future. Speaking of hierarchical structures that neglect the labor and safety of their workers, noting “them that has the gold make the rules”, said Jessica. “We need to speak up for our rights and stand together.”

Cr Geoff Ellis joined in the rally sharing he is proud to keep the day alive. “As dark as it can feel, don’t give up on the future.”

Whilst Philip Bool stood to speak of unions and the communities’ part in keeping them active.

“If you’re joining a union, don’t just rely on the leadership above but take action – there is no benefit without sacrifice,” said Philip.



Brian Strating ‘Strat’ and Lyndal performing ‘solidarity forever’ for May Day at Apex Park. Z06_1924

“A union is only as good as their members.”

Those in attendance were fighting for their human rights, not only in the workforce but as a society, speaking of socialism and the importance of standing up against all levels of government – where money should be spent on the best interest of the community, ‘not on war!’

As Wonthaggi is a former coal mining town with a strong union history; long-term resident Frank Coldabella attended the rally in support of addressing the importance of standing together.

Former Greens candidate Mat Morgan also addressed

the concern of large corporations and their “hierarchy on millions whilst employing on minimal wage.”

“Let’s stand up to the leaders and keep fighting; let’s fight for unfair rental evictions, and fight for the workers being ripped off.”

The peaceful rally was an annual recognition of the public standing in solidarity. To have a voice in matters that mean something to them and to the wider community and have politicians lead and listen.

Kevin Walsh said, “we rest on thousands of years of tradition, we need to talk to theses issues to resolve conflict and solve disputes.”

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The development of offshore wind farms in Gippsland is a step closer after last week's announcement.

Six wind farms with six to follow

THE first feasibility study licences have been announced for six potential offshore wind farms in Gippsland and three of them around 10km off the beach at Woodside, Seaspray and Golden Beach near Yarram.

And despite the assurances of the Federal Government that no wind farms would be located west of Wilsons Promontory, two feasibility studies have been approved for Gippsland Skies Pty Ltd and Kut-Wut Brataualung Pty Ltd in an area south-west of the Prom but well out to sea in Bass Strait.

The Federal Government, which announced the successful tenderers last Wednesday, May 1 characterised the announcement as "Australia's offshore wind industry being a step closer to reality".

If feasibility is proven, developers can then apply for a commercial licence to build an offshore wind project to generate electricity commercially. The successful tenderers include: High Sea Wind Pty Ltd, Gippsland Skies Pty Ltd, Blue Mackerel North Pty Ltd, Kut-Wut Brataualung Pty Ltd, Ørsted Offshore Australia 1 Pty Ltd (Gippsland 01) and the most advanced of the contenders, Star of the South Wind Farm Pty Ltd

The Government intends to grant another six licences, subject to First Nations consultation.

Earthquake north of Meeniyah again

THE Tarwin Fault Line, north of Meeniyah, has produced another tremor, this time it was a 2.9 magnitude quake at a depth of 9km north west of the town.

It follows another more serious quake on Friday, February 9, at 12.49am, this year which shook the same area more violently.

This time, while dozens of people reported feeling the shake, it wasn't as widely felt as the last one.

The shake happened at 29 seconds after 8pm on Saturday night May 4, interestingly enough there was another tremor three hours later, at 10.55pm also on Saturday night, off the coast of Woodside Beach (Jack Smiths Lake) of 2.8 magnitude.

Geoscience Australia listed the earthquake as happening at 'Leon-gatha' but only a few people in Leon-gatha reported any disturbance.

Feedback on the Sentinel-Times Facebook page confirmed the shake and the noise:

- Vicki Poxon: Yes, heard the noise and felt a rumble in Nerrena
- Rachel Norton: Yes, felt it in Leon-gatha. Just a little shake
- Alison Taylor: Felt it in town Leon-gatha but it was pretty small
- Angie Ford: Yes, felt it in Leon-gatha. Sofa shook a bit and a few ornaments rattled, nothing much though....cat never even woke up beside me!
- Linda Brown: Yes heard a noise and felt a rumble just out of Meeniyah
- Frank Flynn: Yes, a noise and a slight rumble in Cape Paterson.



Tarwin District Auto and Machinery Club's committee and members Steve, Lisa, Mel, Cheryl, Lorraine, and Shane at their Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea held at the Tarwin Lower Hall. Z50_1924

Classics and coffee for the Cancer Council

THE Tarwin District Auto and Machinery Club held their second Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea at the Tarwin Lower Hall on Sunday morning from 10am-12pm in an effort to raise \$1000 towards those impacted by cancer.

The treasurer of the club Mel Holland shared that the club was formed in 2020 as a way for motor enthusiasts to connect and raise awareness for numerous local charities. Since the club originated four years ago, the members have raised over \$20,000.

These donations have come from the generous community around South Gippsland and Bass Coast, with the Tarwin District Auto and Machinery Club now having over 100 members.

"You don't have to own a classic car to be a part of the club," said Mel.

"I don't have a motor vehicle or motorcycle on display, I'm associated with the club purely based on my interest in cars," she said. "Anyone is welcome to join."

The classic, muscle and vintage cars lined the streets of Tarwin

Lower showcasing an EH, a WB Panel Van, a Blue FX and a Ford XYGT to name a few; whilst the committee members inside the local hall were serving coffee, tea, and home-made treats, and listening to local musician Corie Blackley performing live on stage. Karyn Calvert was also in attendance ready to entertain the children with glitter stencils and balloon animals.

Mel said that the club is so grateful for the generosity of the community. "We know that everyone is touched by cancer in some way, whether they are personally facing their own diagnosis or know of someone going through treatment."

The club's goal was to raise \$1000 for the Cancer Council this year, with all funds going towards cancer research, prevention, and patient support.

The Tarwin District Auto and Machinery Club meets at 10am on the third Sunday of every month at the Tarwin Lower Hall, or to follow their show n' shines, swap meets or charity days visit the club committee on their Facebook page.



Tarwin District Auto and Machinery Club members Wayne Stevenson with his EH, Dean White with his WB panel van, and Leo Breen with his wife Lisa's Blue FX. Z51_1924



Laura Barker, Melissa Ferrie and Jodie Anderson helped the Tarwin District Auto and Machinery Club committee support the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea at the Tarwin Lower Hall. z53_1924

Don't call us, unless it's a life threatening emergency

GIPPSLAND paramedics are urging Victorians to access alternative care options and get their flu and COVID-19 vaccinations now before winter, as new data shows demand for emergency ambulances remains high.

Ambulance Victoria (AV) Gippsland Regional Director Ross Salathiel said paramedics across Victoria were reaching the sickest patients on average 31 seconds faster than a year earlier despite demand increasing 4.4 per cent.

"Our hardworking paramedics and first responders in the Gippsland Region deliver world-class care every day in the face of ongoing high demand – and we can all do our part to help," Mr Salathiel said.

"Winter is a particularly bad time for the spread of illness. The good news is getting your flu shot and staying up to date with your COVID-19 vaccinations will help you and the people around you stay well. Book in now with your pharmacist or doctor."

January to March 2024 was the busiest quarter three on record for emergency ambulances with 150,048 Code 1 and Code 2 cases combined. This includes 96,484 Code 1 cases and 53,564 Code 2 cases.

Paramedics across Victoria

responded to 67.7 per cent of Code 1 cases within the state-wide target of 15 minutes – up from 65.2 per cent a year ago.

In the Gippsland Region, the biggest improvements were in the Baw Baw, Wellington, Latrobe and Bass Coast LGAs.

Compared with the previous year, response times to Code 1 patients were one minute and 55 seconds faster in the Bass Coast LGA.

In the Wellington LGA, the average response time to Code 1 patients was 18 minutes and 31 seconds, an improvement from 20 minutes and three seconds a year ago.

One of the biggest factors, as highlighted by local paramedics, was simply having ambulances available to serve those most at need in the community.

"The answer is not to call an ambulance because you don't want to wait in emergency," Gippsland paramedics explained.

"The triage process doesn't change – you still have to wait, and if a bed is not available then we also have to wait, therefore it is crucial that individuals only call for an ambulance when they medically require one.

"There is an array of alternative services available that can

be accessed for timely medical care and health advice when it is not an emergency."

One of these services is the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department, which can be accessed from anywhere in Victoria, 24 hours, seven days a week.

Acting Executive Director Clinical Operations Andrew Keenan emphasised the many medical options people can access.

"By using these services, it helps keep our ambulances ready and available for the sickest patients, particularly those with life-threatening conditions," Mr Keenan said.

"If it's not life-threatening, you can connect directly with emergency doctors and nurses at the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED) from anywhere in Victoria, 24-hours, seven days a week.

"This convenient, free service can assess non-life-threatening emergencies virtually in the comfort of home with no need to attend an emergency department.

"Other options also include your local Priority Primary Care Centre (PPCC), your GP or pharmacist, or Nurse-On-Call on 1300 60 60 24.

"PPCCs provide free care for

people with conditions that require urgent attention but not an emergency response, including conditions like mild infections and burns and suspected fractures or broken bones.

"Doing this will help keep you and your friends, family and community well, and protect a health system which always faces extra pressure during winter."

Mr Keenan said while ambulances are always provided to patients when required, about one in five calls to Triple Zero (000) do not need an emergency ambulance response.

"From January to March, 39,227 people who did not need an emergency ambulance were instead connected to more appropriate care by paramedics and nurses in AV's Secondary Triage team.

"We again remind everyone to save Triple Zero (000) for emergencies – this is to ensure the sickest Victorians receive life-saving care. If you do need an emergency ambulance, always call Triple Zero (000).

"We continue to work with hospitals to improve transfer times, relieve pressure in the system and ensure ambulances can become available to respond to emergency cases in the community."

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Alex's unlikely path from station life to Rabobank

A gap year working 'up north' has become a rite of passage for many young ones today, and for Leongatha Rural Officer Alex Bennett, working on a vast Queensland beef operation became the unlikely catalyst for his Rabobank career.

Insights on-farm, and off

Growing up on a family beef cattle property, agriculture was always part of Alex's plan, and after gaining a Bachelor of Agriculture at Melbourne University he ventured north for some practical experience.

However, Alex gained far more than just on-farm skills, with his employers – Richmond's Lord family – providing personal and professional development opportunities that set his career direction.

The opportunity to attend a Rabobank Financial Skills Workshop in Julia Creek was significant, and piqued his curiosity.

"I learnt a bit of the content at university, but those learnings were broad, whereas this workshop was uniquely tailored to agriculture, and managing a farm business – some farmers have millions of assets but no idea about budgeting or analysing data, which is what this course is all about."

He said the workshop facilitator, Tony Hudson, cleverly related content specifically to the region's commodity for additional engagement.

It was upon chatting with Tony, who had a similar degree and began his career in banking, that Alex's vision for his own future started to take shape.

All roads lead to Rabobank

With the Lord family Rabobank clients and proud advocates of the bank, more dots began to join.

Ardie Lord is the Deputy Chair of the Northern Queensland and Northern Territory Rabo Client Council, one of seven volunteer, client-led councils, working hand-in-hand with the bank to develop and deliver meaningful grassroots initiatives and prioritise where funding can make the greatest impact.

The Rabobank Financial Skills Workshops are one such Rabo Client Council initiative.

"It struck me how engaged Ardie was with his bank, his relationship with Rabobank was probably not something I would have expected a banking relationship to look like."

The Lords' also generously connected Alex with their own account manager, Lachlan Campbell, for further insights into what a career at Rabobank may look like.

Upon finishing his year up north, Alex returned to his hometown of Leongatha, where – in a further twist of fate – a Rabobank position was soon advertised.

Alex is now just over a year into his role, with the transition from working outdoors on a cattle station to banking was eased by Rabobank's sole focus on agriculture.

"I wouldn't say this is an office-bound job, the best part of the role is getting out on farm and visiting clients, which we're encouraged to do regularly."

Alex joins a strong and experienced team of seven, which boasts over 130 years of agri banking experience between them.

"The team is also so inclusive, everyone looks out for each other and the whole team has been so generous with their time teaching me the ropes."

Rabobank in the Community

Financial Skills Workshops

Thursday 16 May - Warragul

Friday 17 May - Leongatha

Both workshops are complimentary, organised by the Rabo Client Councils and supported by the Rabo Community Fund.

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"I also really enjoy the fact we are a bank dedicated to food and agri, so most of the staff has a rural background, which I appreciate and enjoy."

Contributing to a strong, and sustainable local industry

Considering the personal significance of the Rabobank Financial Skills Workshop, Alex is excited that the initiative will soon be delivered in the region.

Workshops are open to the whole community, and free of charge, and are being held in Warragul on May 16, and Leongatha on May 17.

The region has also benefited from Rabobank Carbon Training Workshops, available to staff and clients to learn together in an interactive format. The workshops offer producers the opportunity to learn the basics when it comes to lowering their emissions.

The Rabobank Carbon Training workshops are a valuable opportunity for staff and clients to learn together in an interactive format, and for producers to learn the basics when it comes to lowering their emissions.

"This is such an interesting and evolving space, and we've seen a number of local clients who have previously completed the workshop leverage their carbon calculations for a potential opportunity, and it's exciting to be on the journey together."

The initiative also exemplified the breadth of skills required of a modern banking specialist.

"This is such an exciting role, and I feel privileged to be part of my clients' conversation when it comes to reaching their business goals, as well as contributing to a strong Australian ag industry future."

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Little Shop of Horrors is riotous fun

LAST weekend, family, friends and community members were entertained by the singing and dancing spectacle of Newhaven College's Senior School production Little Shop of Horrors.

This dark, yet hilarious, show did not disappoint as the College's outstanding performing arts were showcased once again. The costumes moved from the drab 'skid row' vibe to vibrant colour as the story unfolded.

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.

Year 12 students Jemima Aitken and Dean Lyle played the lead roles of Audrey and Seymour who navigate their way to find love with the unlikely assistance of a man-eating plant, Audrey II. Dean is no stranger to Newhaven College productions, having played Shrek and King Triton in previous shows. This was Jemima's first time in a lead role for a Newhaven College production. Other superb performances came from Year 10 student Felix Fothergill as Mr Mushnik, the owner of the flower shop which suddenly attracts the attention of the community with the discovery of Audrey II, the bloodthirsty plant.

Audrey II was portrayed with

magnificent puppetry and voiced by Year 12 powerhouse singer Angeline Anthony. Audrey's very unpleasant, and ultimately doomed, boyfriend was flamboyantly played by Year 12 student Liam Fuery.

The street urchins sing and dance their way through the entire show, keeping the storyline going with unbridled enthusiasm. The urchins were performed by Indigo Aurora, Meyanna Christensen, Cecily de Gooyer, Isabel Goss, Eve Oakley and Aoife O'Connell.

Other pivotal roles were played by Matilda Abraham-Williams, Mackenzie Cameron, Archie Robson, Shae Foster and Giacinta Lyle. With the support of a highly energetic ensemble cast, the show was rich in talent from the youngest student up.

Talented students were also found in the music pit with Year 8 student Finn Campbell Walker (keyboards), Year 9 student Flynn Dengerink (guitar) and Year 11 student Gabriel Di Falco (bass) playing crucial roles in the orchestra, creating the mood for the whole show.

College VET students constructed the sets, which further set the dour mood of the skid row background to the story.

Principal Tony Corr was thrilled with the final show, "Little Shop of Horrors continues to raise the bar on the high quality of Newhaven College musicals. The performance is a change from recent Disney productions and

provides the cast and crew an opportunity to showcase their extraordinary skills in this exaggerated, darkly comical production. The acting, singing, dancing, music, costumes, and set were all truly captivating. I particularly want to commend our young performers who have taken on the challenge of this production and flourished. My thanks to our Director, Karen Milkins-Hendry, Musical Director, Matt Goss, and all the staff and parents involved for inspiring such an excellent performance."

Newhaven College sees the Arts as having a vital role in the development of students. The production of Little Shop of Horrors provided the perfect space for students to grow and express themselves freely. It provided an outlet for self-expression, a platform for exploration and experimentation and an opportunity to develop valuable skills such as teamwork, communication, and critical thinking.

Through their involvement in this production, students have not only honed their artistic abilities but also gained a deeper understanding of themselves and their place in the world.

Newhaven College would like to thank all the staff, students, parents, and community members who assisted with the production this year. Also, the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre for providing the venue and ticket sale support.



Dean Lyle playing Seymour alongside the magical puppetry of Audrey II, created by Linda Fenton and Rafal Pyka and brought to life by puppeteers Finn McLean, Georgia Sanders and Keira Rowe. Audrey II was voiced by Angeline Anthony. Photo: Leo Edwards.



Jemima Aitken as Audrey, sharing her woes with the Street Urchins, back, from left, Meyanna Christensen, Eve Oakley, Aoife O'Connell, Cecily de Gooyer, and front, Indigo Aurora and Isabel Goss. Photo: Leo Edwards.

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To mum with love this Mother's Day

CONVERSATION with Claire



Your special
person's day

By author Claire Chitty

WHETHER it's Mother's or Special Person's Day, the tradition of celebrating and honouring the exceptional women in our lives is, in my opinion, vital not from a commercial stance but to acknowledge the dedication, time and selfless service that these individuals offer.

My mum grew up during the depression without a mother, and did the best she knew how; successfully raising her family in a stable environment. To me, she represented the stereotypical maternal figure, who drove us back and forth to school, and attended to household duties. Now, as an adult, I wish I could have one more day with my mum to appreciate her as a woman with feelings and dreams of her own.

When we become parents ourselves, we start to understand raising children is a tough gig filled with challenges, highs and lows, and every emotion in between. Throw in sleepless nights, worrying about things beyond our control and a conglomeration of experiences without 'how to' manuals and we start to develop a greater appreciation for special people in our lives.

And how do we show gratitude towards them without being swept up in commercialism? There are a number of options; small businesses need our support, whether it be a personalised gift, a pampering massage or a shared meal at a café. Or how about catching the ferry to French Island from Cowes?

On the other end of the spectrum, with the economic climate, many people are reassessing fluffy slippers, perfumes and candles that beautify retail shelves, and prioritising where their dollars are spent.

Keeping the budget in line, there are countless free options; stunning places to explore in the Bass Coast from live music at a local pub, take a picnic to the Gurdies Winery, peruse local markets, or rug up in thick coats and take a windswept walk along a beach cliff top.

When my children were young, my fondest gifts were dried macaroni necklaces, decorated glass jars filled with rose petals, and hand-made cards filled with honest heartfelt words and hand drawn images of 'mummy'. Nowadays, we have a 'no gift' policy in preference for experiences shared with each other.

Life is a precious gift with an unknown expiry date and none of us know what the future holds. This Mother's Day, see it as an opportunity to acknowledge and hopefully spend time with significant individuals (or remember those who have passed), who have given us life. Enjoy the lopsided coiled pottery vases, home grown plants or burnt toast. It may not be perfect, but I bet it's made with love.



Marlo is looking forwards to celebrating her first Mother's Day with baby William and partner Jack.

Mum celebrates milestone after birthing drama

FIRSTTIME mum Marlo Barrie-Moore is celebrating her first Mother's Day but realises things could have been very different.

The Gippsland Southern Health Service executive assistant and her partner Jack are now enjoying raising their baby boy William, but the birth was anything but easy.

"When you start thinking about your birth plan you know to prepare for things possibly not going the way you hoped, but you don't consider things could go so horribly wrong, and they did," Marlo said.

Marlo, who has polycystic ovary syndrome, and Jack had taken about two years to conceive and had been told it might not be possible without medical assistance. "Becoming a mum was all I'd ever dreamed of," she said.

"Whenever I was asked as a child what I wanted to be I always said a mum, so seeing the two lines on the pregnancy test was amazing and I'd never been so excited to tell Jack something."

Her pregnancy was relatively smooth until 32 weeks.

"It was incredible to watch my body grow a tiny little human, from the first flutters to the massive kicks towards the end," she said.

On Wednesday, September 6, Marlo had just started maternity leave and was enjoying setting up the baby's room.

"It was a quiet day for the baby and I was starting to get concerned when I hadn't felt much movement, so I rang the GSHS maternity ward and they encouraged me to go in to be monitored. Like usual he started moving as soon as she placed the CTG monitor on my belly! He was moving lots and heart rate was steady and strong, so I was cleared to go home."

However, after the 42km trip home from Leongatha she was in awful pain.

"I was in agony. Jack was worried so rang the midwives who gave us some methods to reduce the pain, but they didn't work so we agreed it was best to drive back to the hospital," she said.

"I was swinging between sweating one minute to freezing the next. I felt dizzy, light-headed, my arms and legs were tingling and I felt weak. I realised something was really wrong."

Apart from Jack's support, their dog Calla never left her side. "She must have known something was wrong because she was determined to come with me and jumped on my lap in the car."

Marlo's memory gets hazy after she arrived at the GSHS maternity ward, but she collapsed and had to be supported to get to a bed.

Dr Sam Bell was on call and her obstetrician Dr Sewellyn Gale was called in.

Dr Bell did a bedside ultrasound and could see something was wrong. The baby's heart rate was down at 80 beats per minute, and he suspected that Marlo was having a placental abruption (where the placenta shears away from uterus).

He consulted with an obstetrician at Monash Clayton and it was agreed the baby needed to be delivered eight weeks early.

"I was rushed into surgery; the last thing I told Jack was 'I Love You'. I remember feeling pure panic as they were prepping me for surgery and I was so cold."

Marlo woke up the next day in ICU at Monash Clayton after being airlifted from GSHS. "My first thoughts were where am I, where's Jack and did the baby survive."

She had had an 8cm uterine rupture, placental abruption and a massive 3L post-partum haemorrhage and gone into haemorrhagic shock while in surgery.

William Blayne Ollier was born 9.43pm at GSHS. He weighed 2506grams and measured 47cm. He had to be resuscitated but was soon breathing on his own. Initially there were some weight gain issues, however once they were resolved he has kicked goals ever since.

Marlo was discharged on September 11 without their baby.

"Walking out was the hardest thing I have ever had to do. It goes against every maternal instinct in your body. I knew my baby was safe and in amazing hands but there is still that primal feeling of 'he isn't safe unless he's with me'. I cried every step of the way."

But there was soon reason to celebrate. "The day we were told he could come home was the best day. It was just in time for him to sit with Jack and watch Collingwood win the grand final."

Marlo thanks the medical teams for the successful outcome, including a total of eight doctors and countless nurses.

"The doctors and nurses at GSHS did a phenomenal job and fought tooth and nail to keep me alive. I came very close to not leaving the hospital alive, which is a scary thought and one I'm still trying to process."

"I will be forever grateful to all the doctors and nurses who were on the team that night who saved mine and my baby's life, without them this Mother's Day could have been very different! I look at my beautiful baby boy now and it's hard to imagine that eight months ago we were in that situation."

To mum with love this Mother's Day

Bass Coast backs Hawks and gender equality

MORE than 3000 people are expected to come and celebrate Mothers' Day and a football double-header on Sunday May 12 at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve.

It's the second year of the Bass Coast Shire Council's partnership with the Hawthorn Football Club and gender equality and both the VFLW and VFL men's teams will get equal billing on the day.

The VFLW match featuring Hawthorn affiliate the Box Hill Hawks versus St. Kilda affiliate the Southern Saints starts at 11.30am, featuring local players including Tamara Luke and Grace Matser.

In the VFL match, second on the ladder Box Hill Hawks will play St. Kilda affiliate the Sandringham Zebras starting at 2.05pm.

The AFL's Executive General Manager Football Laura Kane will also be attending the double header and involved in the Welcome to Country prior to the VFLW match before speaking at a luncheon on the day.

Entry is free and gates open at 10.30am. For the kids, there will be inflatables and a half time Auskick game. The kids are welcome to join in on the day even if they are not part of a local club.



Mothers' Day in Wonthaggi will highlight gender equality with two football matches featuring the Hawthorn VFLW women's and VFL men's teams.

The Wonthaggi Power canteen will be open for refreshments.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve said the event would inspire and encourage girls and boys to pursue excellence in sports right here in Bass Coast showcasing equal participation in footy.

"Bass Coast is committed to gender equality, inclusion and diversity," Cr Le Serve said.

"We recognise the importance of equal opportunities for all and strives to create a level playing field where individuals can engage in sports and active

recreation.

"Additionally, we are proud to have introduced our Draft Fair Access Policy and Draft Action Plan aimed at identifying and overcoming barriers associated with accessing and using our community sports facilities.

"Through our partnership with Hawthorn Football Club, we are also offering training opportunities around coaching women and girls and football specific coaching clinics for girls."

Last year's historic first games brought in a crowd of over 3000 people and were also the first games

for competition points at this level ever played in Bass Coast.

Box Hill Hawks General Manager, Pat Clancey said: "It's great to get back down to Wonthaggi to continue to support participation growth at grass roots level in Bass Coast and the wider Gippsland region."

"Both games will feature AFL and AFLW players, alongside strong VFL and VFLW talent, where fans can get up close to the action. There will be plenty of opportunity for kids to meet the players for photographs and signatures so bring your footy cards along.

"At the Hawks, we have a strong commitment to Community so being able to take these games for premiership points down to one of our heartland regions in particularly important to us. We hope to see some big crowds there on the day, no matter which team you support."

Program of Events:

- VFLW: Box Hill Hawks vs Southern Saints 11.30am
- Kids Mini-Match - VFLW Half time
- VFL: Box Hill Hawks vs Sandringham Zebras 2.05pm
- Kids Mini-Match - VFL Half time.



Lyn's Savoury Scones

By Lyn Balfour

AN old favourite that is much requested!

I've made this recipe a lot over the years and was always requested after the first bite!

Dry Mix:

- 2 cups SR Flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2-1 tsp mustard powder (optional)

Wet Mix:

- 1 onion, grated
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1/2 cup parsley, chopped
- 1 cup tasty cheese, grated
- 2 TB melted butter
- 1 egg, beaten
- 3/4-1 cup milk

Method:

1. Preheat your oven to 180°C.
2. Mix the dry ingredients.
3. Mix the wet ingredients.
4. Pour the wet ingredients onto the dry ingredients and mix lightly to combine. Don't over mix.
5. Drop dessert spoonfuls onto lined oven tray (like rock cakes).
6. Bake 180°C for 20 minutes or until golden.
8. Allow to cool.

Feel free to freeze any leftovers for a quick and tasty snack later on!

Wrapping our arms around daughters and families

Mother's Day is a day to celebrate all mothers, especially those who have died.

You don't have to be alone this Mother's Day, nor do you have to navigate life's journey without mum by yourself.

Motherless Daughters Australia (MDA) was co-founded by Inverloch's Danielle Snelling after losing her own mother Rosa when she was 23 years old.

"Our aim is to connect and support women, girls and families experiencing the distress and lifelong impact caused by mother loss," Danielle explained.

Mother Loss Awareness Week runs from May 4 to May 11 and is a time where MDA encourages all mums to be celebrated - whether they are earthside or have gained their wings.

"There are 3.9 million women in Australia who have lost their mothers and 1.2 million of those experienced loss before turning 44.

"Acknowledging women's lived experiences of mother loss is at the centre of our work. Mother loss can have a profound impact resulting in deep emotional scars and mental health challenges.

"Our mission is to connect and inform women and girls whose mothers have died, by supporting them through life's journey as they navigate the everyday, including life's milestones, without their mum."

Mother loss is extremely under acknowledged and unrecognised with MDA noting that the loss of a mother can have a significant impact on quality of life, and those impacts can be lifelong.

Feeling misunderstood and lonely, Danielle longed to connect with another woman who was in the same shoes, but there was no support specific to losing a mother.

"Our grief is misunderstood," said Danielle.

"This journey has allowed me the opportunity

to connect with other women; women who are my age who have also experienced early mother loss.

"It's been a way for me to channel my grief, and it's something that is the first of its kind."

While riding the waves of grief, Danielle decided to invest her time and channel her energy into creating the support network she would have liked available and to change the path for future motherless daughters. In 2013, she reached out on an American Mother Loss Facebook page with the hopes of finding a Victorian-based woman in the same shoes and who might share her vision to connect girls and women whose mothers have died.

Danielle explained that MDA has been an insight for so many, it's created change - the chance to adopt compassionate leave in workplaces, and to really acknowledge grief the way it should be, to have those uncomfortable

conversations and help support those who are channelling monumental loss.

"Through helping others, MDA has given me purpose and direction," Danielle explained. "It's a way that I can continue to honour my mother and her legacy."

This Mother's Day Danielle encourages those who have experienced early mother loss to 'Say her name'.

"Say her name this Mother's Day is a campaign that MDA has just launched to honour all mums," said Danielle.

Motherless Daughters have also united with Garden Express and Bunnings with 20c from the Mother's Halo Cyclamen going towards Motherless Daughters Australia to continue the incredible work they do.

"The Mother's Halo Cyclamen represents ever-lasting love, femininity and devotion. Gifting one to your mum, will help support someone missing theirs."

What do you have to thank your mum for?

My mum has raised me to be the strong independent woman I am. She is a wonderful mother and nana and does so much for myself and my son - De-Leigh

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Unconditional love, friendship and the best Nanny to my son. Always there when we need xx - Adrianna

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Jill Smith's brave, strong and caring. I'm in Darwin so friends are getting together with her so she won't be alone. Love, adore and cherish her. Her foster grandchildren love her madly. Youngest calls her Nana Jewel - Leanne

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Poowong school a sustainability finalist

POOWONG Consolidated School has been nominated as a finalist in two categories of the 2024 ResourceSmart Schools Awards.

Reflecting its commitment to sustainability, Poowong Consolidated School is a finalist in the Student Action Team of the Year (Primary) and Community Leadership School of the Year (Primary) categories.

The school's Green Team is active in supporting school events and fundraising for sustainability causes. The team leads the school's Harvest Festival, collecting surplus produce from homes, orchards, farms, and businesses and helping the community address food waste by sharing excess produce.

These dedicated students are inspiring positive change by sharing messages in their Green Talks, an initiative that sees the members of the group lead a presentation and run activities they think are important to the school community, as well as on social media.

There are 22 schools vying for an award in Victoria's largest celebration for primary and secondary school students, teachers and school volunteers taking sustainability action.

This year, Sustainability Victoria is marking 15 years of the ResourceSmart Schools Awards with the theme, 'Legendary Legacies – what will you leave behind?'.

Katie Pahlow, Director Regions and Community Action, Sustainability Victoria, says the theme is a celebration of the outstanding work achieved by the hundreds of Victorian schools that have been part of the ResourceSmart Schools program.

"These schools are not only making a difference now but they're leaving a legacy for the next generation through their sustainability endeavours.

"The ResourceSmart Schools Awards is an opportunity to recognise the tremendous achievements of the teachers, students, school staff and the wider community who are creating a sustainable future."

ResourceSmart Schools is a free Victorian Government program delivering sustainability education to help Victorian schools minimise waste, save energy and water, promote biodiversity and act on climate change.

This year's winners will be announced at a prestigious awards ceremony held at the MCG on June 4. For information about this year's finalists, please visit sustainability.vic.gov.au/resourcesmart-schools-awards-2024-finalists

A historical tribute to the blue wedding dress

THE light blue satin shone as the wedding dress was laid out on the table at the Wonthaggi & District Historical Society on Thursday, May 2.

The dress had successfully made the journey from Western Australia and survived 81 years traversing the country from when it was first worn by Barbara Rankine at her marriage to Lesley Cochrane at the Presbyterian Church in Wonthaggi.

Joan Tugwell (nee Cochrane) presented the dress to the society alongside her sister Joyce (with fellow sister Margaret absent due to illness) and a Cochrane/Rankine family reunion.

Alongside the wedding dress, which included shoes, veil, cape and various other accessories were two competition trophy cups and a photograph believed to be from Barbara's days of netball.

The inscription on one cup reading W. D. W. B. B. A., Kookaburra A Team, Premiers 1935 – presented to B. Rankine.

"Mum made her wedding dress from blue satin as white was unavailable during the war," Barbara explained.

"Mum's family including her parents John and Agnes



Sisters Joan (left) and Joyce (right) with flower girl Margaret (centre) presented her with a photo from the wedding day. C11_1924

and three brothers (Bill, Bob and John) immigrated from Bo'ness in Scotland when mum was about six months old. They settled in 55 Murray Street, Wonthaggi, and one more brother was born here."

Barbara's father gained employment in the mines and Agnes took care of the children.

"Mum and dad met at a fire brigade dance in Wonthaggi, then World War II intervened. Dad enlisted in the AIF in 1940..."

Embarking on the *Queen Mary* Lesley Cochrane served as a Rat of Tobruk and in Syria and El Alamein.

"After being shot in the left arm he was repatriated back to Melbourne for rehab and discharged from the army in 1943."

And the rest is history as they say.

Flower girl Margaret Walker (nee Cruikshank) was in attendance on Thursday, the



Barbara Rankine on her wedding day in the blue satin ensemble. C12_1924

only surviving member of the bridal party, and whilst she cannot recall the day, she remembered her dress and going to visit Uncle Les at Fairfield Hospital upon his return from the war.

"It's been building up for so long," Joan explained after the presentation.

"The dress had to go somewhere, ideally where it could be looked after. It's the icing on the cake."

Koorooman group spins its way to success

By Andrew Paloczi

KOOROOMAN Spinners and Weavers members triumphed in last month's International Back to Back Wool Challenge, held near Colac, raising valuable funds to tackle rare cancers through research and provide support for those impacted by them.

The team competed as 'Koorooman Sapphire Ewes'.

The competition took place at one of Victoria's oldest surviving homesteads, Tarndwarncoort, owned by the Dennis family since 1840 and located in Warncoort.

The wool used by the three competing teams came from Polwarth sheep, a breed that was established by the Dennis family in the late 1800s.

Team leader for the Koorooman group Linda Howie described how the competition works, with the clock running from the moment a shearer's blades touch the sheep, and the wool having to be spun, then knitted into a jumper, the entire process taking the winning team of seven 12 hours and 44 minutes. 'Polwarth Put the Kettle on' from Pascoe Vale was runner up in a time of 13 hours and 58 minutes, with 'Sisters in Stitches' of Lara taking three hours longer.

Each team had a shearer using traditional hand shears and everything was done the old-fashioned way, with no electrical equipment used throughout the competition.

"As soon as we had a handful of fleece from the sheep we were able to start spinning," Linda said, with the entire team initially involved in that process.



Members of the 'Koorooman Sapphire Ewes' team and a couple of support people celebrate success in the recent International Back to Back Wool Challenge. Colleen Harvey, Edyta Hoxley, Linda Howie (wearing the finished jumper), Teeny Talsma, Jenny Keitley, Belinda Smart, Sue Speer (support), Wendy Rutjens and Penny Duffield (support) enjoy the moment.

"After a couple of minutes we would stop spinning and we had to ply two of the strands together to make a yarn," she explained.

After the initial stage, three team members continued spinning while the remaining four knitted.

"One was doing the back, one the front, and two people doing a sleeve each," Linda said of the organised approach taken.

There were a couple of support people providing team members with tea, coffee and a bite to eat, but only brief breaks were taken.

Linda outlined the origins of the International Back to Back Wool Challenge.

"In 1811 two people made a

bet that you could not make a coat from a sheep's back to a person's back in a day, so at that stage they had to shear the sheep, spin the wool and then they wove the cloth to make the coat, and it was achieved," she said, with that bet taking place at Newbury in the UK.

The idea was seized on at the Scottish Wool Centre during the early 1990s as a way of raising funds for cancer research and promoting wool, leading to the establishment of a Back to Back Wool challenge.

Nine teams are competing internationally this year, with a presence in the USA, Canada, the UK and Australia.

The recent International

Back to Back Wool Challenge originally raised almost \$4000 for the cause, with that tally matched dollar for dollar by Lifestyle Communities of which Cranbourne based Linda is a resident, bringing the sum to just under \$8000.

"I thought they would just do it for the Koorooman group but they are also matching what the other two teams raised," Linda said.

One of the competing groups ran a stall selling items made by its members, with people also donating through the Rare Cancers Australia website.

Visit rarecancers.org.au/my-fundraising/110/back-to-back-wool-challenge-2024 to donate.

LIFE Moments

MEENIYAN girl Emily Wilson, (daughter of Tarnya and Don) was surprised by her partner, Matt Hutson, with a delightful proposal of marriage on Saturday April 27.

Under the guise of picking up Nan Flo for nephew, Mason's birthday party, Emily was taken to her Dad's favorite spot on the family farm where Matt proposed with a fire and hay bales. The family and friends then arrived for a champagne sunset and finished the day with tea at Trulli's Pizza. Congratulations.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING IN RECOGNISING & RESPONDING TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE

*1-Day FREE Intensive Course in conjunction with
Bass Coast Health*

Monash University Department of Forensic Medicine is proud to present its **FREE** CPD Unit 2 Training Responding to Sexual Violence in Adults.

COURSE STRUCTURE:

This unit focuses on a consultation with a patient who discloses that they have been subjected to sexual violence. It will equip practitioners with an understanding of the challenges to disclosure:

- risk identification, assessment, and management;
- informed consent and capacity to consent;
- privacy and confidentiality;
- medical care;
- forensic principles, documentation, reporting and referrals.

Core to this content is an exploration of key communication skills to support trauma-informed and patient-centered responses. This unit references the WHO’s LIVES Framework for responding to and caring for individuals subject to sexual violence and the RACGP’s Eight Steps to Intervention (The 8Rs).

This training is open to all AHPRA registered healthcare professionals.

DETAILS:

In-House training on **Monday 13th May** at
The Wonthaggi Club, 16 McBride Ave, Wonthaggi 3995

Registrations and Morning Tea from 8:30am.

Training will run from **9:00am - 5:00pm**
(Catering will be provided).

Pre-reading material and training booklet will be provided.

REGISTER FOR THE COURSE HERE:



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COMMENT

'Engagement' isn't about ticking a box

AS WE have seen in the past week, engagement and consultation isn't about putting the reports and strategy plans up on a website somewhere, and ticking the box... job done!

Both the Victorian Planning Authority and the Bass Coast Shire Council have tried to abrogate their responsibility to successfully engage with the Wonthaggi North East Precinct landowners, in relation to the Environmental Audit Overlay debacle, by saying the information was "in the public domain".

It was, but who knew?

As a local property conveyancer told the Sentinel-Times this week, we're not sitting on the shire's website or VPA's waiting for some report to be posted that we don't know is even coming. Dito for busy building surveyors, builders, homeowners and all the rest.

Like everyone else in this disgraceful mess, they needed direct advice about the threat of an EAO in August 2022, and ultimately its imposition from January 18 this year, and the authorities need to keep proper records of consultation, who was told, when, how and what percentage of the stakeholders responded.

If a low percentage acknowledge the advice, the consultation is a failure, pure and simple.

In its 'Draft Bass Coast Planning Scheme Amendment C152basc Final Report' August 22, 2022, the VPA acknowledged "Wentworth's submission (one of the Wonthaggi developers) and the scenario where individual landowners constructing dwellings on recently approved lots might be subject to a requirement to prepare a PRSA (Preliminary Risk Screen Assessment)... as potentially onerous for home builders and likely to increase costs and delays".

They went on to say that "the situation can be avoided if the EAO is not applied to land in the first instance" with the appropriate assessment response needing to be confirmed by the VPA in consultation with Council and affected landowners.

The VPA might have spoken to council, but there's absolutely no way the owners of established houses or titled blocks would have agreed to the retrospective imposition of a highly restrictive, potentially expensive overlay being placed on their title after the event because of changes to the Environment Protection Act 2017 on July 1, 2021 if they had been told.

Where does that even stop? Why didn't the VPA/EPA apply a new EAO on every home site in the state, going back 200 years,

where an environmental audit hadn't previously been carried out?

Come on! It's just a completely ridiculous situation that could have been addressed with effective consultation.

The same with the Bass Coast Shire Council's \$106 million budget.

Five members of the public turned up at the community consultation opportunity in Cowes last Tuesday, April 30 and any wonder with the session held between 11am and 2pm. That's not a success. And while a similar session in Wonthaggi was slightly better attended on the Thursday, the Cowes attendees did not have the benefit of finance officer Joseph Kay to answer their queries.

Not good enough.

Why for example is the shire cutting back on capital works spending from a forecast \$47.6 million this financial year to \$24.8 million in 2024-25?

Spending on capital works is then projected to go back up to \$39m the following year and \$41m the year after. So, what happened?

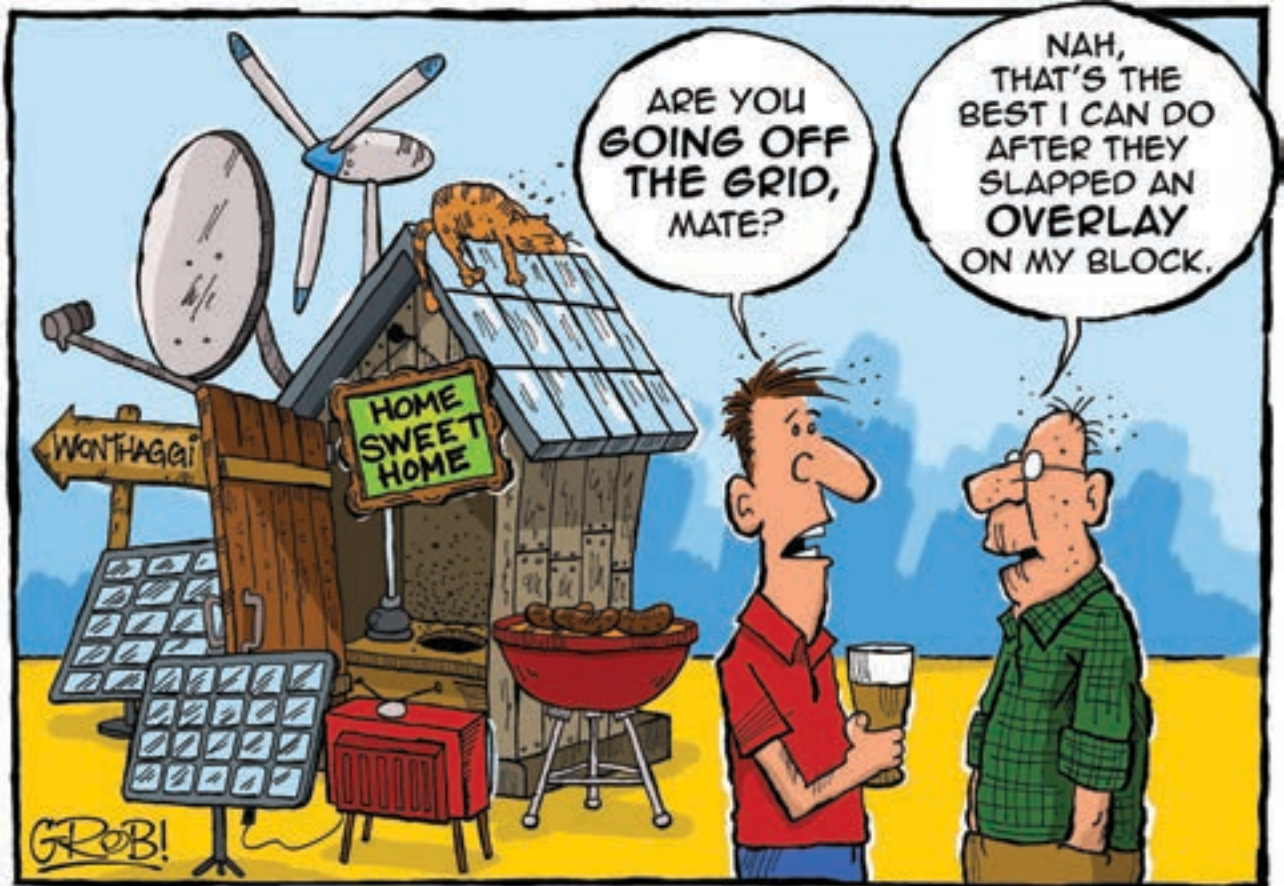
And why, if the state government has capped the rate rise to 2.75 per cent, is the garbage rate going up by 4.4 per cent from \$550.83 to \$575.21, with homeowners ratepayers also being sluggish with the cost of collecting the waste from the shire's own bins, at their offices, on foreshores and reserves, where the owners of vacant blocks, more than 2800 of them, don't have to contribute.

Those waste collection costs should come out of general revenue, not the garbage charge which isn't uniformly applied, and it's potentially illegal for the council to be taking that money from the garbage levy revenue.

Victorian Council Watch President Dean Hurlston said last week that all 10 councils which had responded to his FOI request for information on how they spend their garbage charge revenue were rorting the rate cap to some degree by opening up another source of funding, spent elsewhere, the City of Frankston he alleged, by \$10 million.

Bass Coast is yet to respond to their FOI request but let's see if they can explain where the expected \$17.3 million collected from our garbage charge, if that's even the figure, is going.

And finally, can we see a better effort to engage with the community, and more accountability on the success of that engagement, than simply putting stuff up on the shire website and hoping someone will find it and read it?



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grob' Robinson.

A land tax cash grab

THE State Government has just increased my land tax by over 800 per cent – holiday homes and second properties across the state are being hit with this cash grab under the pretence of a COVID recovery fee. My local MP has not responded to my questions regarding the longevity of this outrage. Is it a one off? Was any thought given to differentiating between commercial and non-commercial use? Was any consideration given to self-funded retirees? I have owned my holiday house for 25 years and it is only the last four that I have been levied land tax due to valuations going up – the same valuations that have led to huge rates increases. My property is on a dirt road, it has no mail service, no water connection, no gas connection – what exactly am I paying for?

Robert Taylor, Harmers Haven

Korumburra grateful to council

AT THE last council meeting, Cr Davies spoke to Council on how grateful the ratepayers of Korumburra should be as over the last five years the council had spent over \$20 million in Korumburra. Could I just ask Cr Davies to identify which Korumburra businesses received that \$20 million to install the infrastructure she refers to. How much of that money made its way into wages and the homes in Korumburra? From there, how much of that \$20 million made its way into the shops and businesses in Korumburra? Construction work was undertaken in Korumburra, but was the money spent elsewhere, Leongatha by chance. What Cr Davies should have said was, over \$20 million was spent in Leongatha for the people of Korumburra, and the people of Korumburra should be grateful.

The upcoming streetscape upgrade costing many millions of dollars will be performed by a well-known Leongatha company. I feel the pain of Leongatha as that money flows through the shops and businesses there. You just need only to walk the main shopping centres to see where the money is going. Cr Davies logic appears that it's the senior citizens who should pay the cost of council's generosity, they should be more grateful. They should also totally ignore their safety

concerns in regard to the extremely dangerous siting of the Hub on one of the steepest streets in Korumburra, despite recommendations to council from its own feasibility study identifying the very poor disability access. If the council had proceeded with locating the Hub on other flat land sites as they proposed to the senior citizens we would not be having this discussion. Yes Cr Davies, the ratepayers of Korumburra are grateful for every dollar spent in Leongatha on Korumburra.

Harry Prosser

Reconsider Grow Lightly

I UNDERSTAND that Grow Lightly have been told to vacate the shire building that they occupy on the land in front of Coal Creek. I find this tremendously concerning, and struggle to understand why Council would decide this, and I urge councillors to please reconsider.

Grow Lightly is a fantastic initiative, one that I expect will only grow with support from environmentally conscious residents in Korumburra and surrounds, with our population expanding. Shouldn't we be encouraging such an eco-friendly venture?

Volunteers provide much of the work involved, and again, shouldn't the Shire be encouraging their contribution to our community?

If made to vacate, it's unlikely that Grow Lightly will be able to find another suitably set up building. The current building suits their needs, and I understand a lot of the infrastructure has been provided by Grow Lightly themselves. I also understand they are also prepared to assist with the building's general maintenance.

What does the Shire intend to do with this building if empty? Leave it to fall into disrepair? Does it not make sense to show Council support to such an environmentally sustainable 'not for profit' organisation?

I ask Councillors to please reconsider the benefit of leaving the arrangement with Grow Lightly as is.

And also to consider the fall-out if an organisation such as Grow Lightly loses the facility they currently have – and the community loses Grow Lightly... no winners, just losers.

Please weigh up the benefit versus the loss.

A concerned ratepayer and resident of Korumburra

Student debts cut by \$3 billion

YOUNG people living in regional Victoria will be among the beneficiaries of the Albanese Labor Government move to cut student debt by \$3 billion in the upcoming budget.

The government will cap the HECS-HELP indexation rate and backdate this relief to June 1 last year.

Across Australia, and regional areas like Gippsland, this promises to ease cost of living pressures and pave the way for a brighter future for students and workers. For example, an individual with an average HELP debt of \$26,500 will see around \$1200 wiped from their debt.

Regional students have enough on their plate, trying to finish study, get a well-paid job and to stay in the region they love. Yallourn South local, 25-year-old Angela is one of 26,000 Gippsland students and workers who will feel immediate relief. With an undergraduate degree in Sports and Outdoor Education, Angela is currently pursuing a Masters in secondary education while working at a local school and as a casual at the local pool.

"In terms of my study fees coming out of my pay, I try not to look at it", she said.

Angela's experience is not unique. Many regional students find themselves in a similar predicament, juggling studies and work and cost of living pressures.

Last year HECS-HELP debt was hit by a 7.1 percent indexation spike, linked to historically high inflation. The Albanese Government will wipe that extra debt, and make sure it never happens again, by linking indexation to either the Consumer Price Index or the Wage Price index, whichever is lower.

This relief will be backdated for all HECS-HELP VET Student Loan, Australian Apprenticeship Support Loan and other student support loan accounts that existed on June 1 last year.

In a move that will provide further relief, the Government will also support teaching, nursing, and social work students with a means-test \$319 per week payment while they're undertaking vocational placements.

To find out how much this is estimated to benefit your HELP debt, use the HELP Indexation Credit Estimator: education.gov.au/helpcalculator

Senator Jess Walsh, Australian Labor Party

Vox Pop

What do you know about the Wonthaggi EAO problem? And does it affect you?



Gary Griffin
Wonthaggi

"It doesn't affect me; however, I have read a lot about it, and I can't understand how the shire let it happen. Normally soil testing is done when a property is purchased. It's a real shock."



Jade Ray-Angarane
Wonthaggi

"We've got a block in Northern Views Estate that is affected. The residential subdivision continued to be approved with knowledge of potential land contamination. It's negligence by local council and VPA."



Shirley Ould
Kilcunda

"Yes, I've heard about it and I think the council have known more than they've let out. I feel sorry for the people whose properties are affected."



David England
Wonthaggi

"I know my house is listed and has the overlay. I'm hoping common sense prevails and doesn't affect our young family in the long term."



Bass Coast CEO
Greg Box

Shire opposed to 'surprise' overlay, they say

Over the past week this newspaper has rightly reported on the issue of the Victorian Planning Authority's (VPA) decision to apply an Environmental Audit Overlay to some land within the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan.

The Wonthaggi North East precinct is critical for the region's future growth and ensuring we are building enough affordable homes for our growing population.

The VPA applied the overlay in January this year following the review process for the precinct, which came after the land had been sub-divided for residential use. We understand that the introduction of the overlay came as a surprise to some landowners.

The Authority determined that an overlay was required due to the history of farming on the land. The overlay requires developers or homeowners to complete a risk screening survey before Council can approve planning permits.

Under the planning rules, Council is unable to alter the requirements of an Environmental Audit Overlay, despite our opposition to it. Our only option to resolve the issue, without the support of the other agencies involved, is through a planning scheme amendment, which would take up to 18 months.

While the overlay does not prevent homes being built on the land, it is a distressing burden for those planning to build or add structures to their block.

All bodies involved – the VPA, the Council and the Environment Protection Authority – absolutely appreciate the decision to apply the overlay came as a surprise to landholders and has caused undue stress and uncertainty.

Council has called for an urgent review of the planning control, and we will continue to advocate to the Minister for Planning, VPA and EPA until this issue is adequately resolved, as quickly as possible.

We have spoken with many landholders and they all, rightly, want certainty and a solution and that is what all authorities and the Council are absolutely focussed on and urgently working on.

No one, least of all the landholders, want a bureaucratic blame game. Positive progress is being made.

Following a meeting on Monday this week involving all authorities and the Council, the VPA formally referred this matter to the EPA for review. We expect to receive initial EPA advice in about three weeks.

In the meantime, we will be in constant contact with all landholders, and have set up a page on the Council website for community members.

Our focus right now is on finding practical solutions and there will be time once that is done for a full review into the communications to landholders and the roles and responsibilities for that communication.

There will be lessons for all involved and we have already spoken with the VPA about ensuring the process and responsibilities for informing landholders is clarified and improved for the future.

Council will continue to provide regular updates while the EPA review is underway and if any readers have questions regarding the overlay and its requirements, our Duty Planner is available during business hours. Information on the amendment process can be found on the VPA website: Victorian Planning Authority – VPA.

There is information about the EAO on Council's website including a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and previous updates: Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO) | Bass Coast Shire.

Bass Coast Shire Council CEO, Greg Box. Friday, May 3, 2024.

Jordan Crugnale advised 'frustration' is rising

THE Sentinel-Times has been copied into this 'Letter to Jordan Crugnale MP', from a young Wonthaggi resident caught up in the planning overlay disaster:

I am writing to address the environmental audit overlay affecting my property and numerous others in Wonthaggi, within the Bass Coast Shire.

I am seeking clarification regarding the application of this overlay, as I am baffled by the lack of awareness among various involved parties.

It is evident that there were mishandlings during the early planning stages by the VPA, Bass Coast Shire Council, and the EPA. This is particularly concerning given that the investigation identifying potential contamination was conducted as far back as 2016!

The challenges posed by this new requirement are significant, especially for first-time homeowners like myself, and families seeking a fresh start.

The high costs and lengthy timeframes involved are simply unmanageable for many. Our building plans have been delayed since 2020, and I can only imagine the frustration of others in the same boat having to endure a three to four-year wait, only to encounter this mess!

The current situation would undoubtedly shock all Victorians and could potentially hinder the shire's development.

Furthermore, residents who have been residing in these areas for an extended period would understandably be distressed to learn of potential contamination on the land they call home, and in many cases, where they are raising their children.

Given the current rental crisis and inflation, this issue with the environmental overlay audit is particularly devastating, impacting the 'Great Australian Dream' of home ownership.

It raises questions about how this aligns with the path to a better life, success and security.

I look forward to your prompt response and I welcome further discussions regarding this matter.

Alliza Miel, Wonthaggi

Wonthaggi North East Precinct environmental fiasco

THE appalling mishandling of the Wonthaggi North East Precinct provides yet more evidence of a dysfunctional, unprofessional, inept, and uncaring culture of entitlement at Bass Coast Shire Council.

The secrecy and authoritarianism, the head-in-the-sand, nothing to see here attitude ingrained in too many supposed 'leaders' at Council has been known to

some council watchers for many years.

While the current CEO and Councilors might attempt to wash their hands of the problem and blame it on the VPA, that won't wash with thinking community members.

If this Council wishes to be honest and transparent (yeah I know, that's a very big 'if') then it must come clean and explain to the community why in 2016 it did not make the community and developers aware of the red flags outlined in GHD's report to Council.

This saga again shows that our elected representatives, past and present, are not so bright as they might like to presume and portray themselves to be.

For example, former Mayor Jordan Crugnale reportedly claims she never read the GHD report, and she doesn't recall receiving any briefing about potential contamination. What? You must be joking surely!

But fortunately, Jordan is also reported as saying that it is her view that "the property owners shouldn't foot the bill."

Well let's all hope that, while Jordan is enjoying a very well paid cruisy stint on a comfy padded bench as our local MP, she makes her view a reality rather than simply a throw away political platitude by ensuring that Jacinta and the rest of the bunch at Spring Street 'foot the bill' for any and all environmental assessment and remediation costs resulting from their governments retrospective action.

Kevin Griffin

Wonthaggi's contamination crisis and council

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael Giles on his commentary in last week's issue of The Sentinel Times (30/4/24). Just in case you missed it here is the last two paragraphs:

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

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

Bass Coast Council has become one of the most woke councils ever, previously headed up by the former Mayor Michael Whelan. It's time we removed him and his four other left wing councillor cronies. Let's get on with some real government and tackle the real issues.

The fiasco left by the contamination crisis in North Wonthaggi is an absolute disaster. All controlled by the secrets, cancel culture and non-advice by our previous mayors starting with Jordan Crugnale. Why she could not be bothered to read the 2016 contamination report is beyond me. That was her job. She also has to be held responsible for the cost of the clean-up and replaced as our State Member of Parliament. I find it interesting that Glenda Parks letter states that it could be "a cruel attempt to raise revenue" assumably by the State Government. I wouldn't put it past them. This State Government has been financially mismanaged and is totally broke. Come on Council – respond. Greg Box, a lot of this was before your time, but lift your game and show some responsibility and action. Let's have a debate and discussion on these issues because Council and some Councillors are sure not doing the job that they are paid to do!

Rob Parsons, The Gurdies

Notice of Local Government inquiry

HERE is the connection to the review of Local Government: parliament.vic.gov.au/news/economy/localgovlaunch

Have your say on local government in Victoria including service delivery, funding, cost shifting and revenue structures. Make a submission to this inquiry by June 28, 2024. Read more in the Victorian Parliament website news tab.

Taken from the parliament.vic website: Cost shifting, service delivery and funding are among the key issues being examined by an Upper House inquiry into local government. The Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee is accepting public submissions until June 28, 2024.

"This is a chance for all Victorians to have their say on local government funding and service delivery," Committee Chair Georgie Purcell said.

The inquiry is assessing local governments' ability to deliver core services and the effects of cost shifting from state and federal governments to local council. The sustainability of current revenue structures and alternative funding models for local governments are also being considered.

Public hearings will be held and a report to parliament is due by November 28, 2024.

Graham Jolly, Cape Woolamai

PICES in focus: Celebrating regional artists in video premiere



Carolayne O'Callaghan (PICES), Malcolm Russell (BCSC), Cr Michael Whelan (BCSC), with Sandra Peeters (PICES).



Joseph and Sharon La Pira, Robert Barron, and Peter Walker.

PHILLIP Island Contemporary Exhibition Space Inc (PICES) unveiled its latest endeavour, "PICES in Focus – A Gallery Talk and Studio visits with Regional Artists," during a captivating video premiere on Sunday, April 28, 2024.

Held at Berninnet, Cowes, the event drew notable guests and PICES members, along with family and friends, who eagerly gathered to witness the culmination of this exciting project.

Everyone enjoyed mingling with two of the acclaimed artists Mae Adams and Andrew Kasper over refreshments, before settling into the cinema for the main event.

Supported by a grant from Regional Arts Victoria, the video production, produced by filmmaker Patrick Troy and his crew, not only reinforces PICES' vision of bringing contemporary art to the community, but also shines a spotlight on successful arts practice in regional Victoria.

The two-part video captures the essence of three talented

artists — Mae Adams, a weaver; Andrew Kasper, a sculptor; and Mark Schaller, a painter — who featured in the highly acclaimed PICES in Focus Exhibition held in February.

Viewers are treated to a gallery talk moderated by local journalist Catherine Watson, followed by intimate visits to each artist's studio.

With the aim of exploring how artists can thrive in regional areas, the film showcases the experiences and insights of the featured artists, delivered with warmth, sincerity, and humour.

Thanks to the skilful production of the video, the audience on Sunday night was treated to an informative and engaging screening, leaving them inspired and enlightened.

PICES extends its heartfelt gratitude to Regional Arts Victoria for their generous support in funding the video, and to the Bass Coast Shire Council for their contribution towards the new PICES in Focus exhibition.



Trophy for Most Popular vehicle was awarded to Adam and Fiona for their 1971 Ford XY Tuscan Orange Ute.

Fish Creek's Show and Shine raise funds for clubrooms

TERRILL Park in Fish Creek played host to over 110 beautiful classic historic vehicles of all shapes, sizes and ages; some of them 100 years old, on Sunday April 14.

This was the Club's first time at organising a Show and Shine event and from all reports, won't be the last with car owners and visitors saying it was a huge success.

This event was greatly supported by the Gippsland Historical Automobile Club South Gippsland. Ray Poletti and John Denbrok were behind the idea to run the event and were integral to the organisation of it.

The event raised much needed funds for the Fish Creek Football Netball Club for the rebuild of their club rooms which were lost to an arson attack in November 2023.

FCFNC thank sponsors Evans, Shannon's, Autopro and Woolworths Leongatha and trophy donors Foster Service Centre.

The Trophy for Most Popular as voted by all who came along was awarded to Adam and Fiona for their 1971 Ford XY Tuscan Orange Ute, with the runner up going to Fish Creek locals, the Dorling family, with a 1963 Commer Truck lovingly restored by Tub and Mick Dorling.

All up, watching the cars, trucks and bikes come in to Fish Creek one after the other and down the drive to take their place around the oval was an amazing site.

The town was abuzz all weekend with football and netball back on with a home game first up, then with the car show the following day; many in Fish Creek happy to see so much activity on a beautiful wintry weekend.



Fish Creek's Show and Shine raised funds for the Fish Creek Football Netball Club for the rebuild of their club rooms.



The runner up trophy went to Fish Creek locals, Tub and Mick Dorling who lovingly restored their 1963 Commer Truck.



Leongatha Lions members help with Mirboo North cleanup, Steve Burge, Dave Thompson, Sue Kemp, David Murray, Les Byrne and Mike Touzel.

Leongatha Lions lend their support to Mirboo North



New members Sue Kemp and Mike Touzel were inducted by Leongatha Lions' Rod Jackson (left).

RECENTLY the Leongatha Lions welcomed Sue Kemp as a new member to the club. Sue has already shown her enthusiasm and willingness to roll her sleeves up. Following the devastating storm that impacted Mirboo North, there was a situation where a caravan that had cart wheeled is way across a farmers paddock leaving a trail aluminium, wood, glass and polystyrene strewn across where cattle would normally graze.

Sue and other members of the Leongatha Lions club were able to help out as the cleanup

did not require large equipment or power tools such as chain saws. Members spent a good part of a day crisscrossing the area, including a hilly tree lines section, picking up large and small items to help make the area safe for the cattle and help the caravan owner consolidate their personal items where possible. The owners of the farm and the caravan were very appreciative of the cleanup which not only allowed the cattle to return sooner than expected but also elevated the spirits of those in need.



Karen Graham presented Jennifer Walsh with her 10-year service award recently.

Recognising Jennifer's 10 years

COWES CWA were pleased to present a 10-year Service Award to Jennifer Walsh.

The current President Karen Graham presented the certificate and badge.

Jennifer is the current Social Issues, International and ACWW Officer.

ACWW is the Associated Country Women of the World. It is the world's largest organisation for rural women; we continue to work for the empowerment of rural women and the improvement of rural communities by amplifying their voices and working with grassroots partners to fund local projects.

Every year, around April 29, members worldwide enjoy a 'Women Walk the World' occasion.

This year Cowes members, along with two Wonthaggi Owl members, enjoyed a tranquil Heritage Walk, taking the Cowes East Walk.

The very informative pamphlets guiding us are available from the Information Centre.

Cowes CWA meets the 1st Thursday of the month from 1pm February to November at their shop 94 Thompson Avenue, Cowes.

For more information email: cwaofviccowes@gmail.com

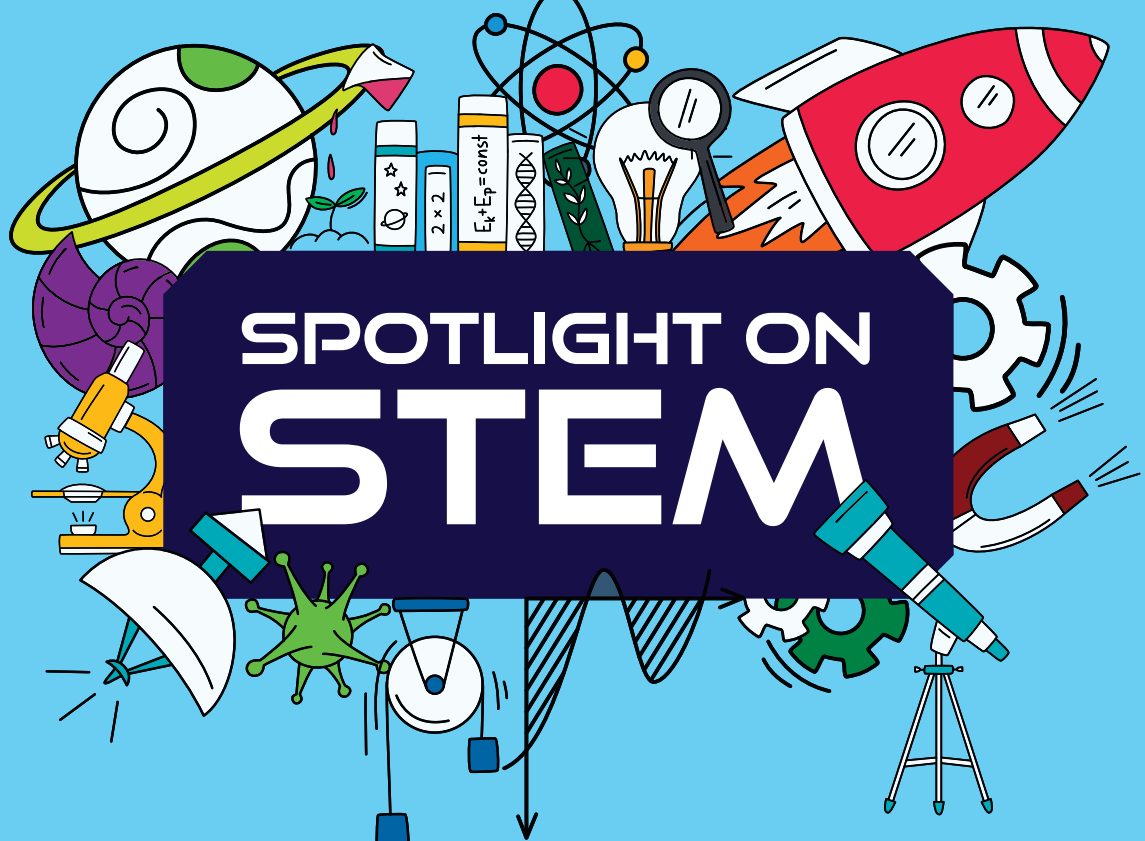
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everyone – why not try an activity or two in each of these areas to discover what fits you? Get active and dive into sports like surfing, gymnastics, basketball, swimming and even clay target shooting under the guidance of caring teachers. Let your imagination run wild in the annual drama production, or you might get a good laugh out of the Theatre Sports competition's improvisation antics. Express yourself in Art Club or

at the Visual Arts Festival and let your creativity shine. Unearth your musical style by joining a Soul Band, a classical String Orchestra, or a loud and upbeat Drum Battery. If you have high-level orchestral, choral and keyboard skills, then the Academy of Music may appeal to you. Open to students by audition, the Academy builds professional musical experience through live concert exposure and collaboration with professional

conductors, educators and performers, preparing you for the 'big' stage. Engage in meaningful service activities like Team Timor, where you can contribute to the community and make a difference through fundraising. Step up as a leader in roles like Peer Support Leader, Co-curricular Captain, or a member of the Student Representative Council. Or hone your public speaking skills through debating events

and build your confidence in speaking in front of others in the future. Secondary students have a world of opportunities at their fingertips, all it takes is having a go, and you may unearth hidden talents. Currently taking enrolments for 2026 with limited places for 2025, St Paul's welcomes you to book a tour with the Enrolments Officer. Tours can be booked online at stpaulsags.vic.edu.au

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The Corner Inlet College site is ready for construction.

Corner Inlet College preparing for 2025

SOUTH Gippsland will soon welcome the first independent secondary school to the Corner Inlet region.

Corner Inlet College is working towards school registration with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA).

The college's establishment and operation is subject to VRQA approval.

The new school is low-fee, co-educational, and secular and is founded by Jennifer Young and governed by the Corner Inlet College Board of Directors.

Construction of a new learning centre and classrooms will occur on the site located at 615 Fullers Road, Foster.

Corner Inlet College will commence with Year 7 and Year 8 students in 2025 and will accommodate all secondary year levels by 2029.

The college will deliver the Victorian Curriculum and VCE with a focus on evidence-based instruction to deliver excellent academic outcomes for every student.

Emphasising personalised education, the college will maintain small class sizes, a key feature in achieving its philosophy of understanding each student's unique learning style and learning needs, while reducing barriers to success.

Student voice and student agency will be facilitated through daily morning gatherings and student-led conferences.

A focus on social and emotional learning is embedded throughout the learning program.

Weekly shared lunches will be produced in the school's kitchen from the on-site agricultural program.

Corner Inlet College is set amongst farmlands and native forest, overlooking the vast tidal wetlands and islands of Corner Inlet Marine National Park and Wilsons Promontory National Park.

Through a strong Outdoor Education program, students will be immersed in the many opportunities provided by the region's natural environments.

A staff wellbeing policy has been endorsed by the school council in recognition of the importance of creating a supportive staff culture.

Corner Inlet College will grow to create 12 full-time-equivalent teaching and learning support roles.

These positions will be formally advertised pending the VRQA process, in approximately September 2024.

The school's growing community of families and supporters attended a recent Corner Inlet College 'Information Event and Expo'.

Hosted in the R.J. Fleming Room at the South Gippsland Hospital, the school's philosophy, learning program, and master plan was shared.

Guest Speaker, Robyn Eva, explored the topic of Emotional Intelligence.

Robyn also described the benefits of embedding social and emotional learning for the wellbeing of staff, students, and families, and the subsequent benefits of improved academic outcomes.

Families are invited to attend one of the information events being held this year to learn more.

Visit the school's website cornerinlet-college.org for information or to make an enrolment application.

Developing confidence at San Remo

SAN Remo Primary School has had an amazing start to the school year with students participating in many extra curricula activities including Harmony Day, Easter Hat Parade, School Athletics and Grandparents/Special persons day.

Principal Karen Bowker said we had many visitors to our school learning from their children in classrooms for grandparents/special persons day.

"After they finished their learning, they then gathered together for an afternoon assembly in the recreation centre where our grandparents/special persons were able to watch performances from each grade," Karen shared.

"It was a very special day for everyone with fantastic feedback from excited students and grandparents/special persons."

"Our extra curriculum activities support and extend our students in many areas and complement the learning that happens in our classrooms every day. They help to enrich and expand students' knowledge in many ways and encourage them to look beyond the school gates into our community."

Next week the students will be celebrating 'Do It for Dolly' Day with a focus on kindness.

Over the years the San Remo Primary School has delivered a positive quality education; one that left a lasting impression on former student Sophie Fletcher and her family. So much that Sophie's mother Sian Adnam presented the school with a magnificent, handcrafted sculpture which incorporated the faces of all the children in Sophie's year.

"Sadly, a couple of years ago it was destroyed," said Karen.

"When Sian heard of this, she tried to glue it back together but was unsuccessful, so she made



Grandparents/Special persons day at San Remo Primary School.

us a whole new sculpture. Sian and Sophie think so much of San Remo Primary and the amazing journey that Sophie had that they both wanted to replace it with something else for the school.

"This has led to this amazing new sculpture that sits in our sensory garden that is full of amazing plants that look beautiful, smell lovely and have amazing textures that they children can feel."

San Remo Primary School are now taking prep enrolments for 2025, with applications due in by July 26, 2024. The next open day will be held on Tuesday, June 4 from 2.30pm until 3.30pm. To register your attendance call 5678 5354 or email san.rem.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Virtual tours and open days are also available online by visiting san-remo-ps.vic.edu.au/facilities



New sculpture at San Remo Primary School completed by Sian Adnam.

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Care, lead and achieve at Kongwak Primary

SITUATED in the lovely hamlet of Kongwak is Kongwak Primary School.

The school has picturesque grounds with oak trees as old as the school itself that provide great opportunities for fun, games and shady space.

The school is very community oriented and offers hands-on, environmentally based learning opportunities whilst still providing rich learning tasks based on the Victorian curriculum.

“Kongwak is an awesome school. And has great experiences for kids and grownups. The school is like a neighbourhood, and we know everyone. So come to Kongwak,” Daisy of Year 2 said.

Kongwak provides small class sizes with personal learning opportunities.

The teachers use evidence-based research when planning and implementing lessons in literacy and numeracy.

The surrounding environment inspires and provides many learning opportunities.

Students are met at their point of need to grow their skills and knowledge in all areas.

They are active participants in their own learning, working with staff to set goals, work towards them and celebrate achievements, and frequently go on to be accepted into SEAL or Like Minds cohorts at local secondary schools.

Teacher Damian Howard was interviewed by Mim Hook on ABC Gippsland radio after reading



There are plenty of rich learning opportunities and unique subjects to undertake at Kongwak Primary School.

Kongwak’s This little Piggy came to Kongwak Primary School that was in a recent Sentinel-Times issue.

He not only spoke about how the school educates its children to read and write but how to respect and care for the land they learn, live and play on.

The school is currently operating with two classrooms: P-2 and 3-6.

The school is an annex to Inverloch Primary School, and is excited to have the support of new principal Ben Soumilas. Being connected to Inverloch Primary allows the students to have all of the opportunities students get in a big school – camps, excursions, incursions,

wellbeing support and a comprehensive specialist program. Kongwak’s specialist program includes Art, Performing Arts, Physical Education, Auslan (Australian Sign Language) and STEM.

Kongwak also has the unique subjects of the visiting MARC Van (Library) and Sustainable Kongwak.

“My school is the best. I love all my friends so much. Math is awesome and my favourite specialists are MARC Van and Performing Arts oh and STEM,” Hugo of Year 1 said.

If you are interested in having a tour of the school, please contact 5672 1253 or inverloch.ps@education.vic.gov.au.



A fun learning environment is provided to the students of Inverloch Primary School.

Community celebrated at Inverloch

COMMUNITY connection is key at Inverloch Primary School.

Whilst maintaining high academic performance, the school takes every opportunity to immerse its students in their environment.

Principal Ben Soumilas said the school continues to develop its connections with the local community to ensure a quality education with an interactive element that allows them to strengthen their appreciation for the land on which they live.

“Our idea is to get out and continue improving our relationship with our community,” he said.

“We live in a unique, beautiful part of the world and our students’ journey through school should include local experiences.

“One of the many things we are trying to do it to connect with our local custodians of the country that we live and work on. We are creating opportunities to connect with some of the traditions in our local area, learn about the true local history, and understand the special feature of this place.”

The school has put a lot of work into

a Reconciliation Action Plan, which will become a feature of what the school is aiming to achieve.

In the classroom, the students focus on their core subjects, as well as branching out into subjects including sport, performing arts, visual arts and Auslan.

With 460 students to care for, Inverloch Primary School recognises the importance of providing a supportive working environment for its 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 student.”

Open days have started at Inverloch Primary School.

Those interested in enrolling are encouraged to contact the school on 5674 1253.



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Principal: Ben Soumilas | Assistant Principal: Mel McRae

Nurturing tomorrow's leaders

IN THE heart of Leongatha, nestled within the vibrant fabric of our community, lie two invaluable gems: Allora Kindergarten and Hassett Street Pre-School. These are not just ordinary educational institutions; they are the beating heart of early childhood development, run by the community, for the community.

At Leongatha Community Pre-Schools, we are not driven by profit margins or corporate agendas. Instead, our compass is pointed firmly towards one goal: the holistic growth and development of every child who graces our doors. As a non-profit organisation, our sole mission is to provide the best possible start in life for the young minds entrusted to our care.

Central to our ethos is the belief that education should be accessible to all, regardless of socio-economic status. That's why we proudly offer free three-year-old and four-year-old kindergarten programs at both Allora Kindergarten and Hassett Street Pre-School. We firmly believe that education is not a privilege but a fundamental right, and we are committed to leveling the playing field for every child in our community.

One of the cornerstones of our approach is the concept of consistency. Our children attend in consistent groups, fostering the development of strong relationships and a deep sense of belonging. This continuity not only



Enchanting outdoor play spaces beckon exploration, thoughtfully designed to ignite curiosity in young minds and bodies.

provides stability but also serves as a fertile ground for social and emotional growth, laying the foundation for a lifetime of meaningful connections.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering dedication of our team of educators. With years of training and experience under their belts, they bring passion, expertise, and a genuine love for children to their roles every single day. Their commitment to the well-being and education of each child is nothing short of inspirational, and we are incredibly fortunate to have them as the backbone of our organisation.

Step inside our kindergartens, and you'll find purpose-built spaces designed to ignite curiosity, foster creativity, and spark joy. From inviting indoor environments brimming with learning opportunities to expansive outdoor play areas that beckon

exploration, every corner is thoughtfully crafted to inspire young minds and bodies.

But perhaps what sets Leongatha Community Pre-Schools apart is our unwavering belief in the power of community. Here, parents, educators, and volunteers come together as partners in the journey of childhood, forming a tight-knit support network that extends far beyond the classroom walls. It's this sense of unity and collaboration that truly makes our pre-schools feel like home.

As we look to the future, our commitment to excellence remains steadfast. We will continue to innovate, to advocate, and to champion the rights of every child to a quality education. Because here at Leongatha Community Pre-Schools, we believe that every child deserves the chance to spread their wings and soar.



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Every second Monday 9am-3pm

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Every second Monday 9am-3pm

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Allora Kindergarten:
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1:1 computer access for students at Bass Valley Primary School.

Bass Valley is at its best

BASS Valley Primary School is a vibrant rural primary school linking the districts. The school sits on a large space of land in the middle of feeder towns including Corinella, Coronet Bay, Grantville and Bass.

Located on lands of the Bunurong/Boonwurrung people, part of the Bass Coast and near Western Port Bay. It currently has 215 students enrolled, and has class sizes no bigger than 25 students with all classes supported by an education support staff member.

Bass Valley Primary School prides itself on providing students, staff, and families with experiences unmatched by almost any school in Victoria. With a dedicated, energetic, and passionate teaching and education support staff, the school is well resourced to support, extend and care for all students.

The staff work in teams, to challenge and develop best practices for each child so they can 'Be Their Best' throughout their school journey.

It's unique setting encompasses a wetlands area complete with walking tracks, bird watching boxes and student-built huts. A 25 metre heated pool, full school gym, sporting oval with new cricket pitch, soccer goals and football posts engage the students each day. They also have their own school library and 1:1 computer access for students. Additionally, their grounds include a sustainability centre with a greenhouse, compost facilities, vegetable gardens and fruit orchard for students to plant, grow and eat their own produce.

In class, programs such as Sounds Write, the new Math Initiative, Robotics, Bike Education, Cows Create Careers, Woodwork, Kids as Catalysts, school leadership opportunities and hands on learning activities, engage students and encourage them to 'Be Their Best'.

In preparation for primary school, the

'Ready, Set, Go' programs provides an excellent opportunity for future Prep students to best prepare for their first year of school. The Prep teacher for 2025, will run the program to develop relationships with all students. This program invites all preps for next year to school once a week for a term to assist with the transition into Primary School.

The programs offered promote connection to the community and meet the diverse needs of all students. Offering Physical Education, The Arts and STEM, with lunchtime clubs including gardening, dancing and music, sports, arts and mindfulness to engage and assist all students.

The success of the students at Bass Valley PS is obvious, last year the girls won the state softball, tee ball and cricket championship, the boys made the state 100 metre relay final, and Bass Valley recently had representatives in state cross country, softball, and AFL.

In 2024, the school commenced their before and after school hours care program, which includes a school holiday program as well. This is offered on the school grounds, with access to many of the unique school facilities.

Bass Valley PS also offer wellbeing and welfare assistance to families with the inclusion of two wellbeing inclusion staff who help students in day-to-day challenges, promote school wide positive behaviour, and support families to connect with services within the community.

The school hosts weekly assemblies for families and friends to celebrate student achievements, as well as their famous yearly Duck Lotto event, Mother's, Father's, and Special Person's Day events, and many more events to 'link the districts'.

School tours are welcome at any time, please contact the office on 5678 0208.



All students at Bass Valley Primary School are encouraged to 'Be Their Best'.

Valuing inclusion and community

POWLETT River Primary School is in Dalyston. The purple uniform is a reminder of when two primary schools came together, Dudley and Dalyston to form Powlett River.

One school had a red uniform, the other a blue, so a purple uniform worked perfectly as a symbol of the two communities coming together as one. This is an important part of school's history and influences the way the school continues to value inclusion and community.

The school has continued to implement the Science of Reading as the approach to teaching reading. Principal Wendy Nicol said it is no surprise that the impact of using an approach that is evidence based and research has been incredible.

"Students in prep are already reading decodable texts and writing words and simple sentences."

Powlett River Primary is a small school with 45 students in three classrooms.

"As a small school with a name different to its location, students are often asked if they are an alternate school," said Wendy.

However, Powlett River is a government school, having the same processes and policies as other government schools like San Remo, Wonthaggi, and Wonthaggi North Primary Schools. But government schools do have some autonomy so they can match the

needs of their students and the community.

Some of the programs offered at Powlett River Primary School include, Music, Auslan, Drama, Science, Art, Library, and this year cooking has been added to special subjects.

"Students love cooking and there are so many skills that can be taught and practiced in cooking. Prep/1 teacher Lucy Camenzuli takes this new subject."

Music has always been a valued program at Powlett River Primary School. Ian Chambers is a highly experienced teacher and musician. Students learn how to play, read, and create music.

Ian has been joined by volunteer teacher Gerry Petersen who is well known for her work at many primary schools and local theatrical groups.

"Last year they developed the music and script for students to perform a version of the Hobyahs, a much-loved early reader," said Wendy.

In term one Gerry worked with the senior students on, Snow Bright and the Seven Sumos.

"The students were fantastic and learned so much from the experience. This year Ian and Gerry are thinking it might be a pirate themed end of year performance."

In 2024 the School Council decided to take on the running of

the out-of-school hours service (OSHC) and were thrilled to welcome Harriet Waugh to the community as the OSHC Coordinator.

"In 2023 the school art room was upgraded, and this is where OSHC will be run."

The school is looking forward to offering a program that offers the students an after-school activity as well as care for those parents who are working or studying.

In 2024 the focus will continue to be on providing students with evidence based best practice teaching and learning in the same way the school has implemented the Science of Reading.

The environment, sustainability and conservation are areas students are passionate about, so work on the school vegetable garden, orchard and reducing waste will be an increased focus.

"Opportunities for students to participate in music and drama will continue as well. Students love the performing arts they gain so much from music, drama, and dance."

The school is open to visits and tours on Wednesday, May 8 at 9.30am and Thursday, May 9 at 2.15pm. To arrange an alternate time please contact the school on 5678 7240 or via email powlett.river.ps@education.vic.gov.au. Applications to enrol close Friday, July 26.



Powlett River Grade 5 students Jaycob and Georgia tending to the school veggie patch. Z12_1924

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Newhaven College's Preps are encouraged to embrace school from day one. Preps Sophie Smith, Beatrix Jones and Seraphina Ritchie bonded quickly and will be friends right through to Year 12.



College Captain Alice Mabilia shares time with Middle School students Ambrose de Gooyer, Abigail Derham and Zachariah Coldora.



Year 3 student Nathaniel Kondarios is relishing the challenge of learning the violin as part of the Junior School Music Program.



Newhaven College's Science of Reading program sees Prep students learning letters and sounds from the start. Prep student Joseph Leary is proud of his learning so far.

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NEWHAVEN College is an independent co-educational school catering to over 900 students from Prep to Year 12. A strong sense of community is one of the things families appreciate the most about Newhaven College. Principal, Tony Corr is proud of the College, "When you set foot on Newhaven College's grounds, you know you've arrived somewhere special. Our home on Phillip Island is a magnificent 33 hectares of untouched coastal landscape. Our flora, fauna, wetlands and wildlife create a stunning setting to learn and grow. The location gives students space to think, learn and mature. Our size lets us know each student personally. We explore their interests and strengths and help them reach their full potential."

Learning

Newhaven College offers a wide range of academic subjects, where students are encouraged to bring a considered, curious and creative mindset to their ongoing pursuit of personal excellence. The learning culture is inclusive, emphasising personal wellbeing, trust and enhanced collaborative opportunities. The College thrives to create a meaningful learning experience that recognises individual needs and the changing nature of our world.

Visual and Performing Arts

With the multi-purpose Performing Arts Wing and extensive creative art studios, Newhaven College is the place to go for the creative child. The College's experienced and talented staff, with hundreds of years of teaching experience between them, not only teach techniques but also inspire and encourage students to explore their unique voices and styles. School musical productions provide the opportunity for students to build their confidence and share their talents with a broad audience. The Fine Arts are supported by staff who help cultivate confidence and passion in young artists, laying the foundation for a lifelong appreciation of the arts.

The College offers an extensive program of individual or shared instrumental music lessons conducted by the College's professional music tutors. Tuition is available in strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, drum kit, piano, guitar, electric bass and voice. Director

of Music, Matthew Goss is passionate, "We believe Newhaven College offers the very best opportunity for musicians to flourish within the many programs we have on offer. At Newhaven College, you can join our vibrant music program with choirs, ensembles and bands that nurture your passion."

Sporting opportunities

Students are encouraged to move their bodies, which in turn, improves the mind and the ability to learn. The College provides class sports lessons, House competitions, sports carnivals, swimming lessons, inter-school competitions or just running around at lunchtime on the expansive and beautifully maintained grounds. Sporting opportunities are extended with a nationally successful Equestrian team, Surf Academy, Tennis Academy and the newly established Mountain Biking Academy to complement the regular sporting pursuits. Top this off with hiking and kayaking trips for the senior students, and nearly every outdoor activity is covered. All these sporting activities are supported by exceptional sports grounds, courts, a well-equipped gym and enthusiastic teachers and support staff.

House Mentoring

The College House system creates a familial, secure and supportive environment where every student is known. A range of immersive strategies are used to cultivate a commitment to physical, social and emotional wellbeing enabling students to experience a meaningful sense of belonging. The College is a thriving community where young people are thoughtful, caring and courageous. By building authentic relationships, the College promotes innovation, encourages critical thinking and instils a strong sense of community.

Newhaven College offers Scholarships for applicants who can demonstrate exceptional aptitude in a range of abilities. Currently, three Scholarships are on offer: General Excellence, Music and the Peter Reith Scholarship. Applications are welcome via the College website newhavencol.vic.edu.au.

Applications close Monday May 20, 2024. Contact the College Registrar Belinda Manning belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au or 5956 7505 for any enquiries.

Whole child approach

LEONGATHA Primary School (LPS) takes a whole child approach focusing on academic, social and emotional development while fostering kindness, curiosity and confidence.

Principal Dot Coghlan emphasises the school's determination to promote a philosophy of lifelong learning among its students encouraging them to accept challenges and equipping them to contribute to a global community as they mature.

This year our school has implemented a structured literacy approach. Structured literacy approaches emphasise highly explicit and systematic teaching of all important components of literacy. These components include both foundational skills (e.g., decoding, spelling) and higher-level literacy skills (e.g., reading comprehension, written expression).

Wellbeing and relationships are seen as underpinning the success of students, and giving young learners a voice in the running of the school is a high priority.

"We are a lead school in the Respectful Relationships Program."

A diverse range of learner abilities and interests are catered for at LPS, with the principal highlighting some of the

opportunities available.

"We provide specialist programs for Visual and Performing Arts, Physical Education, STEM and we are excited to have added Auslan as our Language in 2024."

Three learning specialists are available to assist students, in numeracy, literacy and inclusion/wellbeing.

A pair of school dogs aid the health and wellbeing of students and teachers. Students also have support available from a School Chaplain and Wellbeing teacher.

With a strong emphasis on inclusion at LPS, a dedicated inclusion leader has a day each week out of the classroom to support both students and teachers.

The school runs a on-one-on iPad program, with students able to keep their assigned iPad when they finish at LPS in Grade 6.

A Hands on Learning program enables students in Grades 4 to 6, who required extra support, to have their needs met.

"I am proud of the programs we deliver at our school and the strong partnerships we share with our families to ensure the best opportunities and outcomes for our students."



Academic excellence meets emotional growth at Leongatha Primary School.



Lifelong learning at Leongatha Primary encourages curiosity, challenges, and community contribution.



Leongatha Primary School are nurturing minds, fostering kindness, and building confident global citizens.

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 Morning

Wednesday, May 15 • 9am-10am

Enter the school through the LPS Office.

Parking on Nerrena Road.

Make your way to your child's class, watch the Grade 3-6 Cross Country or for prospective families Principal team members will be at the office to welcome you and show you around our school.

School Tours - Book Now

Leongatha Primary School will be holding group tours for families that have a child starting Prep in 2025. 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 in the Google form don't suit, please call the LPS office and book a tour at a time/ date that works for you: (03) 5667 4600



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Enrolments now open

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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, Chinese and STEM.
- We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



Leongatha Primary School

For further information contact Principal, Dot Coghlan or Paris Buckley & Peter Slidders.
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From kindergarten to VCE, Chairo is continually enhancing programs and growing enrolment.



Chairo Christian School fosters strong bonds with families, prioritising holistic student development within a biblical framework.

Distinctly Christian education at Chairo

ESTABLISHING positive and productive partnerships with each family is a high priority at Chairo Christian School in Leongatha. The Principal, Christine Hibma, explained: "We strive to work closely with parents in the education and care of their children. Our staff members work tirelessly for the academic, social, emotional and spiritual development of all students."

With the Australian curriculum being delivered from a biblical worldview perspective, Chairo provides a distinctly Christian education from kindergarten through to VCE and is constantly expanding its educational programs and increasing enrolment numbers.

Chairo Kinder is an integral part of the campus. In addition to enjoying

excellent facilities, the children are able to use 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 responsibly and capably throughout life.

In a welcome development for South Gippsland families, students no longer need to travel to Chairo Drouin for their final years of secondary school, with Year 11 having commenced in Leongatha this year and Year 12 to follow in 2025.

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 & Environmental Studies, student interests and prerequisites are being met in a flexible program," Mr McLean continued.

"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 complete an online website enquiry or call the campus on 5662 4355. By visiting the enrolment page on the school's website, families are also able to book personal tours at the upcoming Discover Chairo Day on Saturday May 18.



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Stand out for all the right reasons

LOCH Primary School takes great pride in their comprehensive wellbeing program that ensures every student thrives both academically and emotionally, and it all starts with knowing your child.

"We know our students by name, and we're familiar with their interests, hobbies and weekend activities, whether they're playing footy, soccer, netball or practising Tae-kwondo, we're engaging with the students and personalising those conversations."

It's this personalised approach that works, knowing the students and their families, and knowing when things might not be one hundred percent, checking in with each student and assisting the student in sourcing the right support. Whether it be speaking with the two amazing wellbeing staff or taking a moment with one of the three therapy dogs.

And 14-week-old newcomer Klover, the puppy, is the hot topic at Loch at the moment.

"She's learning the ropes, comes into the classrooms and supports the students who may be slightly disengaged or just need that extra bit of reassurance."

"To a student something may feel like a catastrophe and out of their control, but when we're engaged, we can discuss what is in the students control or not



Loch Primary School is committed to nurturing the emotional growth of every student, led by our dedicated Wellbeing Captains: Stella C, John D, and Eddie D (abs. Blake M).

in their control and use the catastrophe scale."

By placing words and comparisons on the table, students can see their problems in perspective, find solutions and manage stress.

"Every morning, students check in, a thumbs up, thumbs down, students express how their feeling, and our teachers can follow up, ensuring no issue goes unnoticed."

Fostering a strong sense of community and positive behaviour, students also learn to be strong friends and stand up against unkindness. This proactive approach is preventing physical violence and heavily reducing unkind words, which is further exemplified by the Resilience Project and Respectful Relationships programs with Do it for Dolly Day and Are

You OK Day? spearheaded by the students themselves.

"Our practices are evidence based, whether it's academic learning or emotional wellbeing."

From donating goods weekly to the community pantry to fuelling academic success and building a strong and healthy self-esteem, Loch Primary School are seeing brilliant results with good survey feedback from parents and passionate, ideas driven students.

Student wellbeing is not just a buzzword at Loch Primary School, it's their commitment to the students. A place where students thrive, and every child feels valued and successful.

Call 5659 4254 to arrange an appointment, book a school tour or find out more information.

We are all leaders at Wonthaggi Primary School

AT WONTHAGGI Primary School all of our students are expected to lead by example through our school values of Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be a Learner. Students and staff have co-created expectations and strategies around how we demonstrate, model, support and show leadership in these values across all areas of the school at all times of the day.

Each class has a nominated student representative for the Student Council. This student is voted by their peers as a student whom they trust will listen to their ideas and share information that is relevant to them.

This involves leading class discussions on current school issues and sharing feedback with other representatives and staff at regular Student Council meetings.

Lunchtime clubs, where students can share and engage in similar interests, has been very popular.

Our Environmental Club has been busy leading the school in reducing, reusing and recycling wherever possible, working in collaboration with Bass Coast Shire and local businesses.

Together with our Grade 5 students, they have recently promoted and introduced Nude Food Wednesdays across our school.



Students continue to be positive role models for those around them with a variety of leadership opportunities available at Wonthaggi.

Our Dolphin Group program is a student-led small group session, including students from Foundation to Grade 6. Groups meet fortnightly, where Grade 6 students lead their group in a variety of socially enhancing and inclusive, values focused and team orientated activities.

Grade 6 students meet weekly or fortnightly with their

classroom teachers and members of the Wellbeing Team, where they create, model and role play activities to lead with their groups. As students belong to a different Dolphin Group each year, they build relationships with many students across the school.

We also offer a wide range of official Grade 6 leadership positions. Students apply for these

positions in Grade 5 through a system of written applications, interviews and speeches to their peers and teachers. We have Curriculum Captains for Library, Science, Music, Visual Arts and Sports House Captains. Positive Behaviour, Environmental, Bus and Student Representative Captains, as well as School Captains, all make up our Grade 6

Leadership team.

These students represent our school at assemblies, community events and in school events and activities. They have a particular interest, passion or sense of responsibility towards their chosen captaincy area, developing and modelling leadership skills and strategies that will support them to lead in their future.

"I hadn't thought about being a school leader until Grade 5 and then I realised that if you put your mind towards something and work hard enough towards it you can do anything you want. I am a School Captain at Wonthaggi Primary School this year." Leila A said.

"I have enjoyed getting to help people solve problems in the playground and to find fun in their learning. This takes a lot of thinking sometimes, using different strategies to engage a lot of students in the activities we do throughout the year. You wouldn't think that kids notice, look up to and would need to rely on you, but I have learnt as school captain that the younger kids really do need a good role model and they notice and pick up everything we do. This is a big responsibility. If you are thinking of taking on a leadership position, I would say, "Go for it!"."



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- On Friday May 17 & Tuesday May 21, you will be able to see our classrooms in action during a school tour.
- Join the Principal for a questions and answer session.

Please RSVP on 5659 4254

Loch Primary School, 2 Victoria Road LOCH



Wonthaggi Primary School



**Foundation student information night
Wednesday, June 12, 6pm-7.30pm**

Enrolment enquiries welcome

Upcoming School Tours for parents and students:

Wednesday, May 1 • 10am

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Monday, May 27 – WOW Reconciliation Day: WNPS will hold activities relating to Reconciliation and invite community and families to attend during this day.
Tuesday, May 28 – Real Schools: Parent information focusing on Restorative Practices as a whole school culture and practice. A new Kinder/Preschool will open in 2025 on site. More information to come.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE
PRESCHOOL-AGED
CHILDREN

WONTHAGGI North Primary School offers 'Play & Explore' for 0-5-year-olds with interactive and fun pre-kinder activities for parents and their little ones.
Held in a dedicated space, the free interactive session runs on a Friday from 9-11am with all welcome – head to the office to sign in on arrival.
To find out more, contact Wonthaggi North Primary School.

Embracing the future of education



Max collects beans at the end of recess before heading into the classroom.

ACROSS the junior, middle, and senior school at Wonthaggi North Primary, students are engaged in an exciting, friendly manner, learning individually and cooperatively with peers. Combining books, audio-visual storytelling and hands-on activities allows students to see, hear and talk about stories as part of the spelling and writing program.

Wonthaggi North Primary has seen significant progress in oral language and phonological awareness with Sounds-Write across the school and tutoring for students who need support in Literacy and Maths.

Engaging and interactive, learning takes on a whole new meaning at Wonthaggi North Primary School. Unanimous across classrooms, learning at Wonthaggi North is exciting, with teachers continuously learning and updating their skills in line with the latest research.

The school is also part of a wider learning community with other schools around Victoria that focus on The Big Ideas of mathematics. This has been facilitated by the Mathematical Association of Victoria and is focused on improving student outcomes in mathematics and building teacher capacity.

"The best part is definitely the teachers – they are nice and kind."

"There is much to learn, and the school looks after our wellbeing."

"Our friends are here, they support us and it's a safe place to be."

"We learn lots of things particularly through community programs – interacting with other people in the community."

Are comments often spoken by students attending the school.

Across all ages the phonics programme engages students, teaching them to read and write, while extra-curriculum activities allow students access to the veggie garden where they can pick strawberries, beans or whatever is in season.

The school has introduced WOW days, one each term. These days have themes which focus on learning, bringing together community and family, and opportunities for students to be involved in activities and incursions. The next Wow day in Term 2 will focus on Reconciliation.

Wonthaggi North Primary School are pleased to offer before and after school care in partnership with Their Care.

With breakfast provided before school and afternoon tea after school, there has never been a better option for parents – whether working or those running errands.

A weekly planner outlines a fun array of activities and meals for the kids, whilst spontaneous activities can also include reading, writing and playing.

The new before and after care is just one of the exciting new options at Wonthaggi North with Gomathy's Kitchen providing all the canteen goodies available to order online Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through the Spriggy Schools App.

Additionally, the Wonthaggi North Primary School community has started a three-year partnership with Real Schools. The partnership focuses on Restorative Practice strategies to create a nurturing environment that encourages students and staff to problem solve, welcome feedback, reflect and collaborate and flourish as a school. Wonthaggi North Primary School is looking forward to working with Daniel Valla, expert facilitator, in embedding this approach.



The first to finish, Keith proudly shows off his gingerbread man as part of the learning activities.



Hannah showcases the workings of the Bee-Bot as part of Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

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More and more opportunities for student growth

LIFE at Bass Coast Specialist School involves creating and experiencing hands-on activities to maximise learning through activities and play.

Our school is divided into Junior, Middle and Senior sub-schools, focusing on educational goals with students' life stages and interests to maximise engagement.

Our school is fortunate to offer specialised student support with our Allied Health team, including a speech pathologist, school chaplains, a Mental Health Practitioner, and a music therapist.

In the primary years at Bass Coast Specialist School, our education team strives to ensure that every child will experience a sense of belonging in our community by establishing a safe, caring and supported learning environment.

In the first year of school, we focus predominantly on helping students to settle into their new learning milieu: following daily routines, building relationships with peers and educators, and becoming familiar with the many aspects of being part of a school community. They look forward to their favourite activities, such as PE, gymnastics, swimming, yoga, art, and music therapy.

Our students participate in a broad range of learning programs and activities. We aim to support



Bass Coast Special School offers creative and dynamic programs in literacy and numeracy, as well as other areas such as cooking, yoga, community access, regular excursions, health and sport. Bass Coast Specialist school recently welcomed a local automobile club for an incursion. C01_1924

the students to discover and build on their strengths and interests and to forge positive connections within the school and the community.

Each student has learning goals tailored specifically to them in their individual learning plans, covering subjects from the Victorian Curriculum and the Victorian Pathways Certificate program.

To maximise student achievement, we utilise classroom teachers' extensive skills, abilities and expertise, as well as education support staff, specialist teachers,

and allied health professionals.

In addition to evidenced-based creative and dynamic programs in literacy and numeracy, the school also offers participation in other areas such as cooking, yoga, community access, regular excursions, swimming, sailing, gardening, health and sport.

We strongly emphasise educating our students to communicate, be kind, be safe and be learners; and develop positive personal and social skills that we hope the students will carry throughout their lives.



Creating life-long friends, students engage in hands-on activities and develop skills that they take with them in the years beyond the classroom. C02_1924

The Senior school has been busy rolling out its applied learning Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) curriculum through our life skills programs, outdoor education, career transition, school-based apprenticeship training (SBAT) and community engagement programs.

Never have the senior students been given so many opportunities to engage in hands-on activities to learn as they 'do'. Here, the students participate and experiment in different programs to help them transition and experience a

future beyond Bass Coast Specialist School. Our school community is looking forward to a new Senior Education Centre with a projected completion at the end of 2024 as well as a state-of-the-art hydrotherapy pool with an expected date of completion in 2026.

Our purpose at Bass Coast Specialist School is to create meaningful pathways for our students to become contributing, valuable citizens. We have never been prouder to belong to this school to join in the journey with our students.



Educating our students to communicate, to be kind, to be safe and to be lifelong learners.

Bass Coast Specialist School is a prep to year 12 school in Wonthaggi. We cater for students with an intellectual disability who live in the Bass Coast Shire.

Our exceptional staffing levels enable us to deliver individualised programs for every student with class sizes of 4-12 students. As well as nine classrooms, we have an indoor gym, sensory room, art room, music room, consulting room, a teaching kitchen/garden and horticultural sheds.

We are also very proud to be delivering the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) program for our senior students to prepare them for employment. We are looking forward to our new Senior Education Centre to open in the coming year, along with a Hydrotherapy pool in 2026.

Our staff include specialised teachers, classroom support staff and a team of allied health therapists whose services comprise speech pathology, counselling, music therapy and visiting occupational therapy and physiotherapy.

Bass Coast Specialist School works in partnership with our parents and the community and is committed to developing the skills required for independence and community inclusion.

Please contact us if you would like more information
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Former high school teacher Annie Chisholm in the Wonthaggi Community Garden.

STEM learning at BCAL

THE pursuit of knowledge does not end after school; there is constantly a desire to explore, grow, and enhance one's well-being. Adults gain knowledge, skills and competence throughout their lives. Learning centres like Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) provide the resources and support for people to learn skills for further study, work and life.

The Reading, Writing and Maths for Life class caters to a diverse group of students ranging from 18 to late 50s. Students show great enthusiasm and happiness, often delving into topics that pique their interest. The session kicks off with a student presentation or news segment, where each student shares an item or personal news, sparking engaging discussions among peers.

Former high school science teacher, Annie Chisholm, now works at BCAL and incorporates her Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) knowledge and expertise in the classroom. She focuses on hands-on learning and real-world problem solving by introducing intriguing

items from her farm like tadpoles, caterpillars, and fossils or flowers and fruit from the Wonthaggi Community Garden.

"I consider myself lucky to have this job and I am proud of the progress made by my students," said Annie.

In maths, students tackle subjects such as times tables, integers, and percentages, alongside practical exercises like analysing an electricity bill. The class concentrates on spelling and reading, with an expanding library offering books for comprehension exercises and engaging in board games, with Scrabble being a favourite. Writing activities involve using notebooks or responding to emails on laptops.

The highlight of the day is the global online game called 'Freerice', in which students respond to English or Math questions. Each correct answer donates 10 grains of rice through the World Food Programme to help children in developing countries.

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

Foster Secondary College provides positive options for all

FOSTER Secondary College offers educational pathways for all students, whether they wish to pursue further study or establish themselves in a trade.

While the school is achieving strong results in the traditional VCE, the option to complete a VCE Vocational Major (VM) is becoming increasingly popular, with an expectation that 50 percent of the current Year 10 cohort are likely to take that option.

About five years ago around 90 percent would have opted for VCE, with lots taking that path due to the expectations of others.

"That tailoring of education for every student's pathway has become a critical part of what we do," teacher and learning specialist Mark Tudor said.

Foster Secondary College has topped VCE results for Gippsland government schools in two of the past three years but is equally proud of helping students establish themselves in apprenticeships and careers through the VCE VM course.

Students undertaking that course benefit from the school's involvement in the Trade Schools Alliance that enables them to access Vocational Education Training at Leongatha or Korumburra.

Mark manages the Trade Schools Alliance across a cluster of five of the region's schools.

"My responsibility is to identify needs in the area and to source opportunities for students to access those," he said, noting work is currently being done with the aim of establishing a vocational education pathway for students keen to pursue careers in music.

A fulltime careers coordinator at the school demonstrates a commitment to helping students position themselves for the future.

Academic and career preparedness are backed by a strong focus on student wellbeing, and there is ongoing assessment of what is working well and where there is scope for improvement.

Learning specialist Mark conducts surveys, ensuring students are given a strong say in their learning and school environment.

He provided the example of feedback from some students who



Year 11 Outdoor Ed students recently completed a 50-kilometre loop of Wilson's Prom, which included stops at the lighthouse and Little Waterloo Bay.



Foster Secondary College is not only achieving top VCE results among Gippsland government schools but they also take great pride in their commitment to supporting students in securing apprenticeships and career paths through the VCE VM course.

wanted to be challenged by taking on higher level work, rather than just more work.

That might mean Year 8s in need of academic extension tackle some Year 9 content.

Student engagement is currently being evaluated, with the school keen to ensure pupils are setting goals for themselves and not only relying on teachers to keep them engaged in their classes.

While always important, student wellbeing became a stronger focus during the pandemic.

Foster Secondary College supports student wellbeing through measures that include a fulltime student welfare coordinator, a floating support person who works with teachers, year level coordinators and students, a disabilities and inclusion officer and a visiting psychologist.

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Year 10 students Macy Elliott and Jorja Kenny lead a tour of Leongatha Secondary College. A02_1924



Jaya Dowel, currently in Year 6 at Leongatha Primary School checks out Leongatha Secondary College where she will study next year, accompanied by her mum Natasha. A03_1924

Leongatha Secondary College shares its education approach with future students

STUDENTS nearing the end of primary school recently visited Leongatha Secondary College (LSC), learning about its approach to education and student wellbeing, and touring the campus.

Principal Brad Hutchinson spoke of the importance the school places on student feedback and its commitment to providing opportunities for academic and personal development.

He stressed that involves working in partnership with students and ensuring they have a voice.

"We do listen to you," Brad said.

He offered an example of how students might influence their

learning.

"It could be about delving into real world problems that exist here locally, perhaps nationally or even globally, because we know that we live in a society now where so much of the outside world impacts what happens here in South Gippsland," Brad said.

He noted students are supported the whole way through their journey at the school, while also being challenged to get the best out of themselves, with staff tailoring challenges to each pupil.

The school recognises that learning and student wellbeing are interconnected.

Brad highlighted the SPARK Program, explaining it focuses

on LSC's core values of resilience, respect, self-awareness, self-motivation and reflection.

This year's school leaders spoke of the chances they have seized during their time at the school, urging others to do likewise.

"Take up every opportunity," one of those leaders, Montana Kranen, told those likely to join the LSC community soon.

Other current students such as Year 10s Macy Elliott and Jorja Kenny enjoyed showing the primary school visitors and their parents around the LSC campus and letting them know what is on offer academically and otherwise.

Jaya Dowel, currently in Year 6 at the adjoining Leongatha

Primary School took the tour along with her mum Natasha.

"It's nice to see the school in action," Natasha said, pleased her daughter had the chance to get a feel for LSC before starting there next year.

St Laurence O'Toole Year 6 student Aiden was interested to hear about woodwork and metalwork at LSC, which starts in Year 7, enabling students to experience plenty of hands-on learning before choosing Year 9 electives.

LSC was a hive of activity throughout the information morning, with those set to make the transition to secondary school and their parents better prepared for that adventure.

Diverse academic options and strong support

BASS Coast College offers its students a broad range of academic choices, strong wellbeing support and excellent facilities, with three of its four current campuses opened since 2020.

The college has two junior campuses, with San Remo now into its third year of operation, and the other situated in Wonthaggi.

Wonthaggi is also home to the senior campus and the FLOW Campus, the latter catering to kids with divergent needs and special circumstances and providing a focus on individual learning programs and small group work.

Principal Darren Parker expressed pride in the set up the school now has and its ability to service students from across Bass Coast, with the San Remo Campus ideal for those from that town, Phillip Island and the whole Waterline community.

Bass Coast College has expanded its wellbeing and leadership teams to ensure students get the support they need across its campuses, with a focus on programs that support student resilience.

"We're aware of the growth in anxiety amongst not just young people but all people in the community," Darren said.

Each campus has a student welfare coordinator, with mental health practitioners on staff, and there is a First Nations coordinator to support indigenous students.

With around 1650 students in total and approximately 800 at the senior campus, Darren noted the school is well placed to offer wide academic choice.

"One of our strengths is that we can run a lot of variety in both our senior and junior programs," he said.

"In an academic sense, it's a blessing that we can offer a diverse range of subjects for kids to develop in terms of pathways, from the student who might be looking for an apprenticeship through to the university seeker or the ones who are looking for TAFE opportunities."

As well as the broad selection of classroom pursuits, there is plenty available for those students interested in sport, recreation and health.

Food technology is another popular area that is relevant to the local region.

Multimedia and media courses, visual communication studies and dance, music and drama programs are also on offer.

The school already had a strong Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning program before the State Government replaced that initiative with the VCE VM and continues to provide a positive option for those students wanting to develop work and life skills.

"The VM pathway is a really popular one; we've had great success in kids achieving apprenticeships and traineeships and industry type jobs in particular," Darren said, noting that once again options are broad, including careers such as childcare.

Bass Coast College students are sure to get a meaningful say in their education, with 'student voice' viewed as important across the school community.



Year 12 Korumburra Secondary College students explore future study options for which they will be well prepared by their experiences at the school.



Korumburra Secondary College students enjoy their time in the library.

Broad and tailored learning opportunities at KSC

KORUMBURRA Secondary College (KSC) has shown tremendous growth over the last few years and now sits at around 420 students, with the school offering a wide range of opportunities for all and numbers still ideal for staff to get to know individual students and their needs.

"At Korumburra Secondary College we know all our students as learners and as people and cater for every child," principal John Wilson said.

"Our Signature Wellbeing and Support Program, ACE, provides every student with a learning mentor who offers all round support to the student and parent throughout the year."

With teachers understanding the learning needs of every

student, work in classes is tailored for individuals.

KSC's Careers program runs from Year 7 - 12, supporting students to identify their strengths and pathways in senior school.

For students who need extra support, the school's extensive wellbeing team, including external providers, offers assistance when it's needed.

At KSC, robust learning courses, skilled teaching, and signature programs provide every student with a well-designed pathway to success.

"We have multi-year learning sequences based around the Victorian Curriculum, VCE for students planning on attending university, and VCE Vocational Major courses for students working towards TAFE or an

apprenticeship," John said.

The school also runs Vocational Education Training (Business Management) onsite.

Students are offered a curriculum that allows them to expand their skills and abilities.

The Like Minds class in Years 7 and 8 provides participating students with enrichment opportunities, offering them a curriculum designed for those who thrive on learning and perfecting their skills.

In Years 8 and 9, the Activate program provides an alternate learning environment for students who need something different.

KSC has a focus on working as one community to support all members, with a common goal of outstanding success for every child.

"We pride ourselves on the way our staff foster positive learning relationships with students and parents," John said.

"Our partnerships with many community groups are designed to provide additional and authentic learning opportunities for our students."

In addition to its strong academic results, the school prides itself on offering an extensive range of extracurricular activities in music, sport and community service.

As part of the South Gippsland Schools Music Program (SGSMP), students can affordably elect to learn a musical instrument, and the school's Production and Performing Arts program is a highlight of each year.

Educating curious minds

ACROSS SOUTH GIPPSLAND



Together, we aim to provide every student with the knowledge, capabilities and attributes that will see them thrive throughout their lives.



**Korumburra
Secondary College**

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Principal
Mr John Wilson

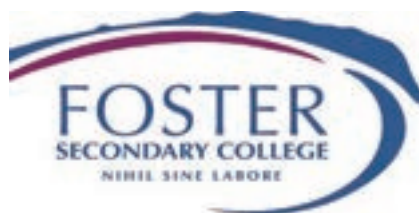


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Principal
Mr Brad Hutchinson

To book your school tour, contact your nearest South Gippsland Secondary College.



Meet the crew behind the exciting story series, The Callistan Cycle. Lili Wilkinson, Melissa Keil, Rebecca Lim, Gary Lonesborough and Alison Evans are helping transform #STEMCareers education.

Imagining the Future

GET ready to embark on an incredible journey into the world of space exploration with The Callistan Cycle, Future You's STEM-fiction program.

Set in the vastness of space, these five interlinked stories delve into different sectors of STEM, offering a captivating exploration of themes like robotics, AI, climate change, and resource management.

These diverse characters and engaging plotlines inspire children to envision their own STEM careers and become the next generation of space explorers. So, buckle up and prepare for an exhilarating adventure.

Lili Wilkinson is one of Australia's top writers for young people. She's written 16 books and is the writer of Far Out!

"Imagining The Future is beginning with five stories, all of which take place in the future and explore the development of humanity's first deep-space outpost on Callisto, the second moon of the planet Jupiter," Lili explained in an interview for Future You Australia.

"I've been working with four other awesome writers – Rebecca Lim, Alison Evans, Gary Lonesborough and Melissa Keil – our incredible editor, Kate Whitfield, and our producer Dan Prichard, to develop a timeline for the stories, the key ideas that we wanted to explore, and

how the stories would connect to create a complete story world.

Mine's the very first story of what we call The Callistan Cycle, it details the experience of the very first family to set off to Callisto to begin the process of community building."

Whilst centred around one concept The Callistan Cycle stories are all very different.

"The stories are all very different because they come from five very different writers, and explore very different ideas and experiences of the future. They also explore different aspects of what is called STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), because Future You is about getting young people to think about the future and about how people in the future will be tackling the problems that things like space travel and climate change will present. So, my story looks at robotics (through a dancing robot frog!) and space travel, while Melissa's looks at food of the future, Bec's explores resources (minerals, fuel etc) and robots too (including a robot dog!), Gary's looks at recycling and renewables, and Alison's is all about communication..."

For more information, to read the full interview with Lili Wilkinson and read the full story head to futureyouaustralia.com.au.

Kindergarten registrations open

REGISTRATIONS for three and four-year-old kindergarten in 2025 are now open.

To register, you must complete an online registration form and nominate your top three kindergarten preferences on Council's website.

To ensure an easy and fair process for all families, Council operates the central registration system on behalf of all participating kindergartens within the South Gippsland Shire. The information also assists in anticipating the future demands for services.

"I'm excited to see the opening of kindergarten registrations for 2025," Cr Williams, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council said.

"Families with young children, make sure you get your top three preferences in before the closing date. This gives you a greater chance to get into one of your preferred kindergartens."

Children are allocated into kindergartens based on families' preferences and in accordance with State Government

Priority of Access Guidelines. Where demand exceeds the number of places available at a kindergarten, a wait list will be created.

There are currently 15 kindergartens in various locations across South Gippsland, with 13 of those being involved in the Central Registration system. To be included in a first-round offer, registrations must be received by June 30, 2024.

For the 2025 registrations, Council has undertaken a refresh of the resources available for families including website updates, refreshed Information Kit and more.

To check out the updated resources, find out more or register, please visit: southgippsland.vic.gov.au/kinder

Registrations are also open in Bass Coast – for more information for residents of Bass Coast Shire please visit: basscoast.vic.gov.au/community-support-services/children-and-parents/register-your-child-for-3-or-4-year-old-kindergarten



Basketball at the ready George, Oscar, Finn, Jake participate in Harmony Day activities.

Treating students equally with a religious education

CHILDREN learn in different ways and at different paces, so we are lucky to have teachers and support staff to ensure that the needs of every student are met.

Together, we are able to provide small groups and class instruction for students.

We want children to enjoy coming to school each day and to have a real love of learning that will be with them, not just during their school life but throughout their whole lives. Our teaching includes learning through maths games, music, drama and art.

In Religious Education, we focus on building relationships and caring for others. We talk about what makes us all unique, about our families, and we look at God's creation and how we take care of our world.

All students need to feel safe and to be happy if they are going to learn, so friendships are very important.

At St Laurence's, we spend a lot of time getting to know each other and

teaching the children social skills so that they can make new friends. It is important that they all have at least two close friends that they can play with in the playground.

One of the best things about our school is that we are small enough that every teacher knows the name of every child and we are all able to keep an eye out for any students needing assistance.

Parents are an important part of any child's education.

We try to develop positive relationships with all parents so that they feel welcome to participate in school assemblies, and special class events and activities. Parents are very excited to be back on site and involved in the education of their child.

New students to St Laurence Grade 5/6 say they are in a very welcoming environment.

Grade 6 students said, "We learn how to be a better person – happy, grateful, kind, daring, brave. There are lots of opportunities to

do what you enjoy, and everyone gets to learn what they need to learn. I know where I am at with my learning. I am challenged to learn, and hard work is rewarded."

"There are lots of sporting opportunities. Even if you are not sporty you get encouraged to try to do your best. Swimming, gymnastics, athletics, French, Art and STEAM. We have really good teachers. Everyone in Grade 6 is in a leadership team."

"There are lots of learning resources. It has a different style of teaching that makes it fun, it's not as directed, and you can choose your own path for learning."

"You don't have to be Catholic to come to this school. You learn about being Catholic but other religions as well."

At St Laurence's students treat others equally. Guided by a whole school behaviour motto, The ABCs: A is for Act Responsibly, B is for Be Respectful and C is for Care for Others.

Come and have a tour.

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Reef, Kyree and Wynter on the playground at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Z22_1924



Maxie, Elijah and Tommy of grade 3/4 at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Z23_1924



Grade 2 student Savannah using the library facilities at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Z21_1924

A quality and holistic education

THE doors of the first Catholic school on Phillip Island opened in January 2018, with an enrolment of just 18 students. Since then, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Cowes has continued to grow with enrolment for this year being 135 students – a small, close-knit community where each student and family are known and valued.

The learning spaces are designed to allow the students to learn both inside and outside and always have bright stimulating outlooks. The school has flexible learning spaces, a discovery centre/library, an inside and outside kitchen, a bird hide, four playgrounds, a synthetic oval with three running tracks, and a covered basketball court.

The established gardens and grounds make Our Lady Star of the Sea the perfect place to study science and sustainability, as sustainability is an important part of the philosophy. The students are all actively involved in the planting and maintenance of the different gardens throughout the school, as an aim to be true stewards of the earth.

The installation of solar panels, storage batteries, and water tanks help the school to lower their carbon footprint and students are encouraged to recognise that the little things they do each day can make a big difference to the world.

It is not only the physical building that is such a great asset to Our Lady

Star of the Sea, but also the calibre of staff, who ensure that each student receives the education they need.

The staff are committed to developing a safe and supportive learning environment where the focus is on engaging students in meaningful, relevant, and challenging learning experiences.

The specialist classes in science, art, physical education, French, digital technology, drama, and music give the children a stimulating and motivating education within a school culture that promotes high expectations and trust.

Enrolments for 2025 are now open. Please contact 5951 1700 to organise a school tour or visit olsscows.catholic.edu.au



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.

Please contact us for further information on 5951 1700

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Faith, Compassion, Courage and a love of learning

2025 SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Accepting Enrolments for
Grades Prep - 6 2025

Contact the office to make an appointment
for a tour or for Enrolment information

Enrolment Packs available on our
website or from the School Office
www.stjwonthaggi.catholic.edu.au
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Open plan classrooms and interactive spaces for students and teachers are one of the reasons to celebrate at St Joseph's Wonthaggi.

Targeting students learning needs

WE ARE a warm and welcoming community here at St Joseph's who value each student for their unique personality, talents and gifts. We have high expectations of student achievement with a focus on each child reaching their full potential. The curriculum is taught in an engaging manner which targets each student's learning needs. We have dynamic, innovative classroom spaces which take into consideration the stage, age, and development of the children. We are very fortunate to be extremely well resourced with each classroom being an inviting space with comfortable and colourful furniture, teaching aids, a variety of books, equipment and technological tools.

We have a Performing Arts area, designated

STEAM and Italian rooms and a gymnasium to engage the students in these important specialist subjects. Students from Grade 3 have access to their own device. In the Prep – Grade 2 area students access iPads to support learning.

We highly value and prioritise staff collaboration and the sharing of expertise. Along with qualified teaching staff we have several Education Support Officers who work in each class level to provide extra learning support to students. Our facilities boast expansive playgrounds including two basketball courts, an oval, soccer pitch, sand pits and a fully equipped gymnasium.

We welcome any inquiries from families who may be interested in joining our community.



Students are encouraged to reach their full potential with an array of resources available at their fingertips.



Catholic schools are opening their doors to showcase a vibrant faith and a commitment to positive transformation across the region.

Visit a Catholic school and see the difference

CATHOLIC schools across Gippsland and Melbourne's outer south-east will open their doors to the community to celebrate Catholic Education Week 2024 from May 17 to May 24.

This is a chance for everyone to witness the vibrant faith and learning environments in their local Catholic Schools with Open Days, activities and events planned.

Mr Paul Velten, Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Sale, said schools were looking forward to celebrating through activities, events, and open days.

This year's theme, A New Dialogue of Love, Hope and Joy is inspired by the Scripture passage 'See, I am Making All Things New', Revelation 21:5.

This theme symbolises an optimistic and hope-filled perspective on the world and a renewed approach to fostering positive change.

The theme emphasises the belief that transformation and renewal are possible in all aspects of life through individual choices. By following the life and teachings of Jesus, and embracing principles of compassion, peace, goodness, and justice, individuals can contribute to a more hopeful and joyful world, sowing seeds of positivity and hope.

Mr Velten said through this theme, Catholic schools intend to inspire young people to engage with the Christian message and to



Catholic Education Week ignites a dialogue of love, hope, and joy in Gippsland and beyond.

showcase their efforts in making a positive impact on society. Schools will be sharing the many activities and projects they are involved in which aim to contribute to making the world a better place.

"The goal is for everyone involved – staff, students, families, and parishes – to embrace this theme and for schools to continue serving as supportive environments where children can connect with their faith and realise their full potential."

The Diocese of Sale covers 38 Catholic primary schools and seven Catholic secondary schools spanning a geographic area from Melbourne's outer south-east suburbs from Narre Warren and Cranbourne to Phillip Island in the south, and right throughout Gippsland to Orbost in the east.

To find out more about Catholic education in the Diocese of Sale and Catholic schools in your area visit doscel.catholic.edu.au

Celebrating

Catholic Education Week

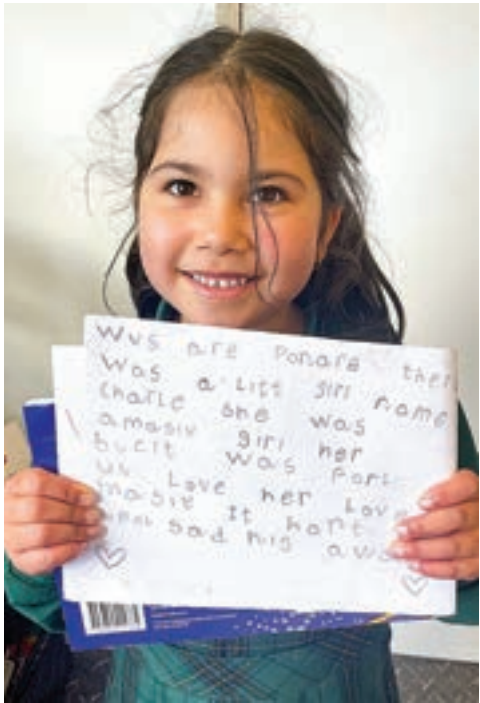
17 May to 24 May 2024

"See, I am making all things new."

— Revelation 21:5



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Catholic Education Ltd



Sienna Chizzoniti (Foundation) shares her writing.



Education extends beyond a comprehensive curriculum, igniting children's inquisitiveness and enriching their understanding of our world, Harmony Day is one such occasion.



Principal Sharon Anderson is looking forward to welcoming new families to St Joseph's Korumburra with an open morning on May 22.

Welcome to St Joseph's in Korumburra!

WE HAVE made a wonderful start to 2024 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 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. We know that a strong emphasis on phonics gives children the knowledge they need about sounds and how they combine to form words. This "code" underpins the skills of reading and writing and is the foundation of our junior program. We will be exploring this more at a Literacy Information evening on Wednesday, May 22 at 6.30pm

in our Junior building. Everyone is welcome.

Our teachers are skilled educators and use their expertise to deliver the Victorian curriculum in engaging ways. By understanding how children learn, they provide a rich program which is sparking our children's curiosity and building their skills and knowledge about our world. As they move through our school, we encourage our students to think "outside the box", to question and to seek answers.

With a focus on individualised learning, we continue to provide intensive programs for those students who are identified as requiring additional support. This is facilitated by our Leader of Learning and Teaching, Carole Livesey.

As a small school, the voice

of our students is vital as we ensure that what we provide meets their needs. Every student has the opportunity to lead at St Joseph's and to live out our school wide expectations of Respect, Care and Responsibility. We see these qualities every day in our children. We want them 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, ART, Italian, PE and Library classes. 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.

Enrolments for 2025 are now open and our Principal, Sharon Anderson offers you and your child a warm invitation to visit St Joseph's. Everyone is welcome to visit our school for our Open Morning on Wednesday, May 22 from 9.30am til 11am.

"We are so proud of our school and always look forward to welcoming new families into our community".

For further information, please visit our website at sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au or to arrange a personal tour, contact Lynn or Kathleen in our office on 5655 2040.



You are welcome to visit us at our open morning on
Wednesday, May 22 from 9.30 to 11am

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.



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Zoe Couper enjoys an art class.



Students enjoy a music session with teacher Mr Robinson.



There is a range of subjects on offer at Mary MacKillop Leongatha including practical, hands-on learning classes.



Engaging in team-building exercises and a variety of activities cultivates students' skills, equipping them with the necessary tools for life beyond school.

Proud history of education celebrated at Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College

MARY MacKillop Catholic Regional College has provided education to the South Gippsland and Bass Coast communities for almost 40 years. The College offers students many pathways to success and opportunities for personal growth. Rather than creating exclusive classes, students' talents are identified and invited to represent the College in sporting competitions, take up a musical instrument, participate in extension programs, enter academic contests, debate, apply for lead-

ership opportunities and numerous other activities which expand their learning horizons.

As students move through the various year levels they choose programs which best suit their needs and aspirations. The College offers a range of subjects based on student choices with the pathways through the senior years including VCE, VCE Vocational Major and VET. During their time with us, the College supports students with career counselling, pastoral care

and personal counselling. Parents are involved in the life of the college particularly through our online Parent Access Module as well as being welcome to discuss matters with staff directly.

Through the six-year journey we work in partnership with families to shape graduates of Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College to be people who mature into intelligent and responsible adults who can make wise choices and provide valuable contributions to society.

Faith in their Future



**Mary MacKillop
Catholic Regional College**

For further information or to register please visit our website or contact the College:

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An image of one of the local geese out and about captured by Milka Hasanovic.

• FAITH FACTOR

Awe: Are you getting your weekly dose?

By Janet Snashall-Woodhams,
In Ministry at Inverloch-Wonthaggi
Uniting Church

AWE. Dread or wonder?

That thing that takes your breath away, blows your mind and makes the hair on the back of your neck stand on end.

Where do you find those experiences that bring Awe?

For many people it is being immersed in the natural world – walks in remote and wild places, sunsets at the beach, watching a whale breach off the bow of your boat or maybe it's catching a great wave. As I stand on the edge of Ubirr in the Northern Territory looking out over the plain or on top of Mt Oberon at Wilsons Promontory National Park I get an overwhelming sense of Awe. A sense that everything is good and right with the world.

In those experiences our body releases chemicals that make us happy. The experts tell us we emerge feeling energised, hopeful and alive.

For some of us those experiences are also about feeling the presence of something more – a divine presence that makes our heart sing.

Awe is experienced in so many ways. When we look out at the night sky, listen to a massed chorale singing a favourite piece of music, or standing in a huge cathedral looking up at soaring roof structures, we can have a sense that we are so small against the vastness of the thing we are experiencing. In hushed tones we realise we are a small cog in a much bigger whole.

And that (apparently) is very good for us to feel. It increases our empathy for others and helps us feel more connected to the world around us.

This week at church we looked at a Bible reading from 1 John 4: 7-21. The key words that resonated with me were "The command Jesus has given us is this, whoever loves God must love their brother and sister also." In other words you can't run around saying you love God if you treat the people in your life and the wider community not very nicely.

So, where does Awe come in?

Loving others is not easy. It takes quite a bit of mindful practice if we are going to be Light and Love to the world. Building our own sense of well-being through personal and group experiences that bring awe, wonder, and connectedness, and practices such as prayer, will support us to do that transformative work of love in our communities.

And if we could all do that – that would be awesome!

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~



YES YOUTH HUB

IT WAS an exciting week at the YES Youth Hub as our Drop In opened on Thursday afternoon and will be a permanent fixture, YAY! This means that we are open from Monday to Thursday between 2.30pm – 5.30pm. We would like to thank the Bass Coast YMCA and our Engage! Funding partner, Victorian Government, for their support and will be welcoming new staff and more activities for the young people of Bass Coast.

We are also excited to announce that we have received a HEY Grant! Healthy Equal Youth (HEY) is a partnership between Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVic) and the

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

New project!!! The YYH is

taking the lead in creating a magazine for young people, by young people. This will be done in partnership with the Bass Coast Youth Services Provider Network and state and local government. We would also like to thank Bass Coast Shire Council for offering to print the "Zine" once it is ready to hit the streets. A small group is starting to form what will be affectionately known as "ZINE CLUB". They are meeting each Tuesday @ YYH to help create and curate the zine but this isn't the only way to get involved, we recommend that any young person with some creative content submit it via yesyouth.hub@ymca.org.au.

ymca.org.au. We are so keen to see where this goes as it is a great way to have your voice heard, art seen, and articles read.

You can find us on Instagram or Facebook on the following handles @YESYouthHub @basscoast.freeza @basscoastskateparks @basscoastymca #engage!

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



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

WHAT'S Happening at Milpara Community House?

We have made the move to Korumburra Community Hub and are enjoying our new surrounds in the beautiful new building at 15 Little Commercial Road. We share the building with MyLi Library and the Korumburra and District Historical Society and make full use of the facilities and wonderful spaces.

Neighbourhood/Community Houses and Centres (NCHCs)

all throughout Australia are the heart of the local community. We strive to embody the essence of togetherness. This year's Neighbourhood House Week theme "Stronger together" we believe resonates with many. Once again, we will be celebrating Neighbourhood House Week, Monday May 13 – Friday May 17, with featured classes, an exhibition of work and a variety of pop-up sessions for our community to enjoy.

Come along to our classes:

Monday – Creative Writing with Sylvi 12pm – 1pm, Tuesday – Games and Giggles 1pm – 3pm and Wednesday – Milpara Singers 1.30pm – 3.30pm. On Thursday we are holding a luncheon for any and all – please book your spot here – socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=23754 or RSVP by Thursday May 12 for catering purposes. You can call Milpara on 5655 2524.

Friday we have Learn 500 at 1.30pm, but all day is Open day for interested people to

come and learn what we do, our history and what is coming up in the future.

Whether you participate in activities, access services or dedicate your time to make Milpara as wonderful as we can, you all help make Milpara what it is, and we'd love for you to join us.



15 Little Commercial St, Korumburra PH: (03) 5655 2524 www.milparacommunityhouse.org.au



BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

THERE are some aspects of technology there is just no course for. Things like setting up your smart TV, choosing a messaging app that's right for you, or knowing which messages are legitimate and which ones are scams.

This is why BCAL has the Friday afternoon Tech Club, for all those in-between questions and problems that no-one ever explains. This is an ongoing course which explains all those things and much more in a friendly and easy to understand way.

So if you've ever wanted to know what the cloud is, what AI means to the average person, or tips on buying a phone, Tech Club is for you.

For the beginner, there's Computer Basics. For the intermediate user, there's Computers for Office Skills. For the advanced user, there's Certificate III in Information

Technology. For everything else, there's Tech Club.

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

■ WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

"If you build it they will come," is proving true at the community garden.

Three new raised beds made from repurposed agricultural water tanks are being taken up quickly.

Designed by garden volunteer-member, Kevin, the beds are popular with gardeners with compromised mobility, as well as groups such as BCAL's English language students.

Volunteers filled the third tank with soil and compost last week, ready for planting. And there is already interest from newcomers and signed

up members.

Planting in other plots is also gaining pace. In perfect autumn weather over the last week or so gardeners have planted broad beans, peas, carrots, mixed lettuce, coriander, beetroot, broccoli and garlic.

If you or your group would like to get involved at the garden, you can drop by on a Thursday morning between 10 and noon, or at another time by request, or contact the garden coordinator at tgordon@westnet.com.au for more details.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Last week's discussion of pieces crafters have chosen to hang onto raised another question: What was your first piece of woodwork?

Boxes were a popular first try, as were bowls. One

member said the first bowl he turned decades ago still needs to be finished.

Some had an ambitious start, going straight into segmented turning. Another remembered his first piece as being to simply turn a square piece of wood into a round, cylindrical piece. He still remembers it as being important because it gave him the skills and confidence to meet a fast-spinning piece of wood with a sharp piece of metal.

What was the first piece you made? Or, what would you like your first piece to be?

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



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Cruz, Saylor and Riley supporting Kilcunda-Bass FNC at the Koo Wee Rup ground during round 4. Z25_1924



Helen and Tamara support Kilcunda-Bass at the Koo Wee Rup ground with pets Archie and Maggie. Z26_1924



Anna Gebhardt and Jessica Harrison travelled from Wonthaggi to take part in the candlelight vigil on Cowes foreshore. Z13_1924



Nick Grant-Collens and Veronica Gribble gathered at the candlelight vigil to raise awareness on domestic violence. Z14_1924



Philip and Mary Bool recently moved to Wonthaggi and Philip stood to speak at the May Day rally, speaking on the benefits of unions who fight for better rights and better conditions for workers. Z07_1924



May Day rally organiser Jessica Harrison invited the Wonthaggi community to rise under the mine whistle and stand in solidarity for the rights of workers. Z08_1924



Nola Maxfield, Matt Morgan, Frank Coldebella and Peter McKenzie joined in solidarity for the May Day rally at Apex Park to stand up for the community. Z09_1924



Bass Coast Shire Council's business support officer Hayley Koster, council's casual admin sustainable transport and visitor economy events Sarah Barrot, and council trainee Julia Munro at the She's on the Money for Business event.



The Muffin Lady's Chelsea Connell and Bec Slavin attended Inverloch's RACV Resort for She's on the Money for Business presentation.

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at West Gippsland Football Netball Competition Round 4, Rise Up Wonthaggi May Day Rally at Apex Park, Change for Sam candlelight vigil at Cowes foreshore and the Leongatha candlelight vigil.



Tony, Ellie with baby Marlee and Jackie at the Koo Wee Rup v Kilcunda-Bass match for round 4. Z24_1924

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Cr Ronnie Bauer and Matt Bowtell of Free 3D Hands with Tony Halstead and Cr Rochelle Halstead at the Cowes candlelight vigil. Z15_1924



Cr Michael Whelan, Cr David Rooks and Kim Storey of Destination Phillip Island show their support for Change for Sam at the Cowes candlelight vigil. Z16_1924



Ian, Peter, Bill, and Gea of Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary volunteered their time raising funds for Change for Sam at the candlelight vigil. Z17_1924



Melissa and Max Minchella show their solidarity with those impacted by domestic violence, taking time to reflect at the Leongatha vigil. A31_1924



Bronte Foote (Made By Bronte) and Alexis Guttridge (Alexis Guttridge Business Mentoring) attended She's on the Money for Business on Tuesday night.



Kate Edwards, Anna Langley and Annie Bailey represented the mental health industry at the She's on the Money for Business event.



Sophie Holcombe (Latrobe City Council), Tanya Nelson (Head Start) and Sarah McDonald (Acacia Food School) enjoyed the She's on the Money for Business presentation at Inverloch's RACV Resort.

Local Artist chosen to exhibit in Watercolour Festival

THE WATERCOLOUR Society of Victoria (WSV) celebrates its milestone 50-year anniversary in Melbourne on May 17 - 27, with an exciting program of events and exhibition entitled Luminous: A Festival of Watercolour at the Victorian Artists Society.

The Luminous exhibition and catalogue showcase the works of Gillian Carpenter, a Fish Creek resident, alongside respected early members: John Borrack, Kath Ballard, Kenneth Jack, Robert Wade OAM, and international watercolour masters, Alvaro Casagnet, Eudes Correia, Marc Folly, Thomas Schaller, Tony Smibert and Chein Chung Wei.

During the ten days there will be free weekend artist demonstrations from 1-3pm where you can see artists at work: Saturday May 18: It Hao Peh, Sunday May 19: Amanda Hyatt, Saturday May 25: Julian Bruere, Sunday May 26: David Taylor as well as artists' walks and talks at 11am Tuesday May 21 and Thursday May 23.

Established as an offshoot of the UK's Old Watercolour Society Club, WSV has garnered global recognition with its exceptional line up of members, (currently 286).

According to Ev Hales, President of WSV, 'It's easy to see the richness of talent the WSV has attracted and still accesses today when you see "Luminous - a Festival of Watercolour". This is a rare opportunity to view such variety of painting styles, to take home a catalogue for a nominal price or to add to your collection'.

Luminous: A Festival of Watercolour May 17 - 27, from 10am-4pm Monday-Friday, 11am-4pm Saturday and Sunday at Victorian Artists Society, 430 Albert Street, East Melbourne.



Invy Horn Jam is an incorporated, self-funded community street band.



Invy Horn Jam featuring 'Strat'.

Invy Horns jamming on the national stage

IT'S not so common for a local, regional, community band to have the opportunity to strut their stuff at a national event. But that's exactly what Bass Coast based street band Invy Horn Jam did over Easter at the National Folk Festival in Canberra!

When band co-leader Lyndal Chambers applied for the festival back in 2023 she knew that they'd be up against some stiff competition.

"I was completely taken by surprise when I got the call to say that Invy Horn Jam had been accepted into the festival!"

She says, "not only that, but we (her partner and co-leader Brian 'Strat' Stratting) were invited to run festival brass workshops for the entire festival."

Lyndal and Strat were very pleased with the outcome of their Easter trip to Canberra.

"All our pop-up street performances attracted enthusiastic crowds and we were lucky to open the festival, playing for the punters queuing for the opening concert. The crowds loved our music with many singing and dancing with the band!" Strat excitedly explained.

Other highlights included spontaneous collaborations with belly dancers, interstate musicians and Melbourne based band Headphones Jones.

Invy Horn Jam is an incorporated, self-funded community street band, playing a

variety of musical styles, from New Orleans, Mardi Gras, Latin, Calypso, Bollywood and more! Its lineup is mainly brass, woodwind, percussion, banjo, and fretless bass.

The band generally charges a fee for gigs, with fees going towards covering necessary overheads such as insurance, rehearsal venue hire, travel subsidies, gig admin, band leadership but they also do some free performances for the local community.

"The band has a strong philosophy of inclusion and works hard to avoid any barriers to participation, including keeping participation cost neutral where possible," explains Strat.

"New members are always welcome, and we are more than happy if players would like to come along to a rehearsal or two and see if what we do suits them," says Lyndal.

"We have written charts for all of our tunes but really encourage players to learn and play by ear."

She explains, "We'd love to hear from any interested brass or saxophone players - low brass in particular. You don't need to be an expert - all levels of experience are welcome."

If you are interested in more information about Invy Horn Jam contact Brian 'Strat' Stratting on 0429 797 750 or Lyndal Chambers on 0429 439 609.

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Everybody is welcome in the Bass Coast

ROTARY Club of Wonthaggi is inviting the community to attend a free community breakfast sponsored by The Wonthaggi Club on Saturday May 18, from 9am. The breakfast is open to everyone and is being run in support of embracing diversity and inclusion in the Bass Coast.

Bass Coast is home to a wonderful mix of individuals and families from many different backgrounds, unique life experiences and beliefs. Diversity is also about recognising, respecting and valuing the differences we all bring to the Bass Coast community.

Inclusion occurs when people feel, and are, valued and respected, regardless of their personal characteristic or circumstance.

The breakfast offers a unique opportunity for community members to connect with each other and celebrate the many perspectives of the Bass Coast.

Attendees can expect to be welcomed by the sweet acoustic guitar sounds of local musical artist Deanne Battaglia-Van Dillen. The Wonthaggi Club are generously donating a buffet style breakfast. Local



LEFT: Local musician Deanne will bring her sweet acoustic sounds to life at the upcoming community breakfast.

RIGHT: Local humanitarian Maddy will settling refugees in Bass Coast at a free community breakfast on May 18.

humanitarian, Maddy Harford will speak about the success of settling refugees in the local area.

The breakfast is free, and everyone is welcome. Attendees can simply text through their name to Nicky Chung, Rotary Club of Wonthaggi, 0475 871 589. Contact rotaryclubwonthaggi@gmail.com for more information, or on Facebook.



Horton, the lovable Lucas White, Miss Gertrude McFuzz, local musician Jess Rigby. Photo: Trevor Foon.

The Seussical is on its way

LOUISE Adkins, the director of Seussical at WTG, is thrilled to present this colourful and highly entertaining show for all ages from May 24.

She shared, "I opened my mind to design a reimagined modern Seussical set, and oh the thinks she thought on how to utilise existing company resources to produce something exciting and wonderful"

Louise's dedication to creativity knows no bounds, and this production has been a joyous exploration of imagination. With a diverse local cast, including many new faces and a youth ensemble of 25 children, Seussical promises to be a vibrant spectacle.

The collaboration among the production team has resulted in a show that will whisk audiences away on a delightful journey through the whimsical world of Dr. Seuss.

So, if you're ready for an evening filled with laughter, wonder, and catchy tunes, come join us and experience the excitement for yourself.

Seussical opens on Friday May 24 and runs for three weekends at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre. Tickets are on sale now at wtg.org.au



Ray Dahlstrom's Naturally Iconic is part of the Woodlands Exhibition.

Artworks to capture essence of the Woodlands

"If you go down to the woodlands today, you're in for a big surprise..."

That's the theme of an art prize and exhibition celebrating the Western Port Woodlands between Lang Lang and Grantville.

The surprise could be the beauty of walking in these woodlands, which so few people know about.

It could be the rare animals found in the woodlands, including southern brown bandicoots, powerful owls and two-metre lace monitors.

It could be the fact that 10 sand mines currently

operate in this wildlife corridor, with several more approved.

Save Western Port Woodlands is offering \$2500 in prize money.

All art works will be for sale – including online – with 40 per cent commission as the artist's contribution to the campaign.

Curator Ellen Hubble says the theme has already prompted some interesting responses, with artists heading for the woodlands for inspiration.

"So many of our local artists reflect the natural world in their work

and many are currently responding to support efforts to protect our special local places," she said.

Established and emerging artists are invited to enter, and works in a variety of mediums, techniques and styles are welcome.

Entries close on June 14 and the exhibition will be held at the Goods Shed, Wonthaggi, from June 21 to 23.

More information and entry forms are available at savewesternportwoodlands.org or email ellenhubble@gmail.com



Arancini

Stuffed, fried rice balls

By Meg Viney

THE last several weeks have been focused on Greek food, and now we will delve into one of my absolute favourites, Italian food. As always, requests are welcomed. We will start with Arancini (meaning little oranges). I hope readers will explore and enjoy the following weeks recipes.

Ingredients

- 2 ½ cups chicken stock (please make your own)
- Pinch of saffron threads
- 1 cup medium grain rice (eg Arborio)
- 1 tablespoon butter
- Salt to taste
- ½ cup grated Parmegiano-Reggiano cheese (Parmesan is fine)
- 1 whole egg, 1 yolk

Coating:

- 1 egg white, beaten
- 1 cup flour
- 1 ½ cups fine breadcrumbs

Filling:

- 60 gm chopped mozzarella
- 50 gm prosciutto (optional)
- Vegetable oil for deep-frying

Method

In a saucepan, combine stock and saffron. Bring to the boil then add the rice and butter. Turn the heat to very low and cook for 15 minutes when all the liquid is absorbed. Then add the grated cheese, cool slightly then add beaten egg. Stir very well, then cool completely.

In three shallow bowls place: 1) the egg white whisked with a pinch of salt, 2) the flour, 3) the breadcrumbs.

Using food handling gloves, make a ball the size of a large walnut into a ball, push a hole in the middle and add a cube of mozzarella and a little prosciutto (optional) then close over the hole. Repeat this with the remainder of the mixture.

Now, take each ball and dip in the flour, the egg white, then breadcrumbs. Repeat with all the Arancini.

Heat the oil in a wok and cook about four at a time, turning to ensure even colouring, until they are golden-brown. Drain on paper towel and serve hot to appreciative guests.

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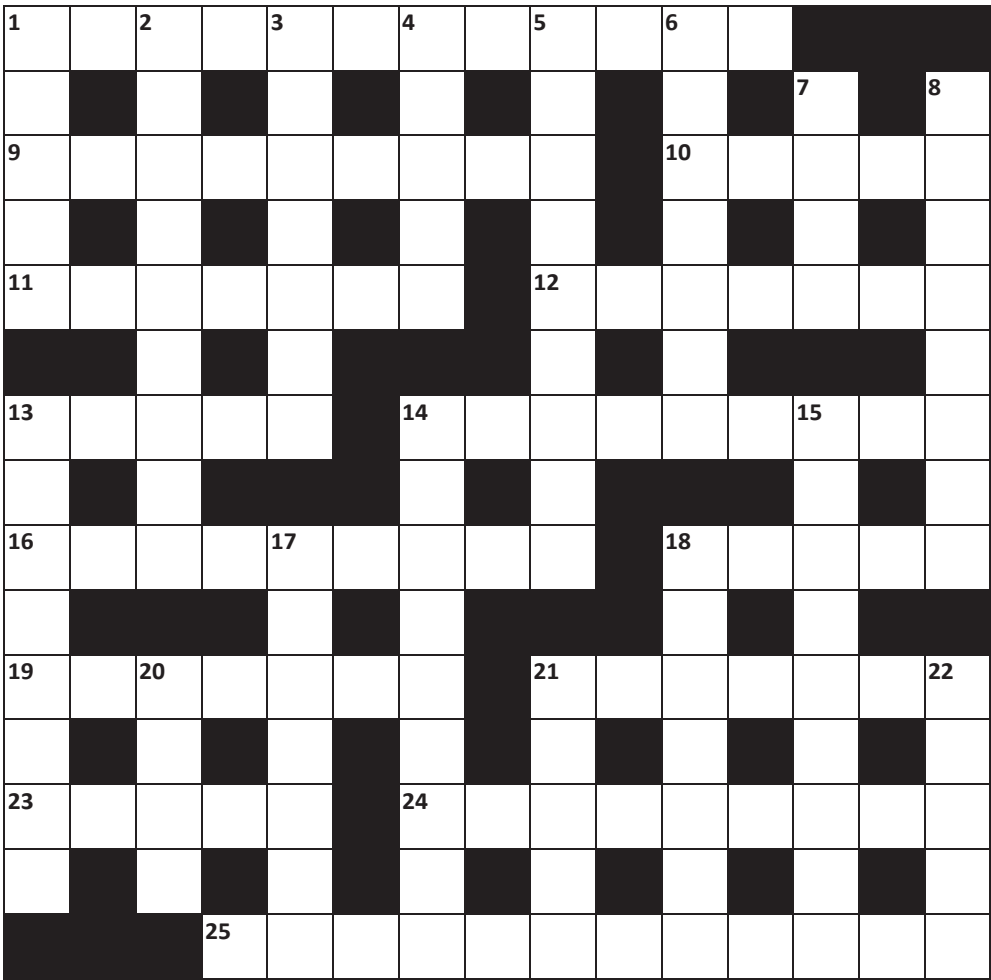
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ACROSS

- 1, 1-down Cut S, T, B, K, A and D? (5,4,3,5)
9 Discount conclusion (9)
10 Jazz singer's rules (6)
11 Dawn, when morning replaces night and becomes the focus: guess it's true (7)
12 Suddenly it's sun, and hair transforms (2,1,4)
13 Loose stones, oddly secure, even here?! (5)
14 'SOS' sheets distributed for party conveners (9)
16 Fresh, tardy lads being nasty (9)
18 Caught with note, embarrassed (5)
19 Apprentice left lucrative job (7)
21 Tips hat to Austen heroine in crisis (7)
23 Backflowing in-pull, as a noise from the nose (5)
24 Cover curtain crease? (9)
25 Fondness for princess shown in vote after publicity (12)

DOWN

- 1 See 1-across
2 Prepare limbs for salute? (5,4)
3 Tangible part to play in it, upon lake being emptied (7)
4 Mount Lásçar is explosively flowing inside (5)
5 Abstract: Art pioneer's 'kinetic androgynous nude' starts outcry over the air (9)
6 Service return leading score recount (7)
7 Place of officer after renter leaves (4)
8 Inflamed; thus, in dire need (8)
13 Spooner's fibbed, notice, for a diversion (8)
14 Brady head, touring Indian city (9)
15 Italian: 'Vulcano! Esplosivo!' walkie-talked Spooner? (9)



- 17 Declare invalid a 'Labor Last' circular (8)
18 Mixed Euro envelope - a 1, a 50, a 100, a 500 and a 1000 - comprising a satisfying series of notes (7)
20 Left in interval, going by aisle (4)
21 Workout bit (5)
22 Extra bad donut filling (3-2)

STRAIGHT CLUES

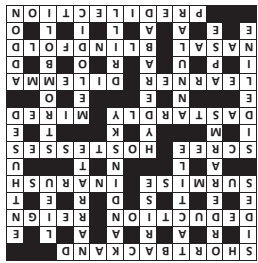
ACROSS

- 1, 1-down Haircut style (5,4,3,5)
9 Discount; also, conclusion (9)
10 Rules (over) (6)
11 Guess that something's true (7)
12 Suddenly, hurriedly (2,1,4)
13 Loose stones, off a rock face (5)
14 Female party conveners (9)
16 Nasty, evil (9)
18 Caught up in (5)
19 Apprentice, student (7)
21 Crisis, difficult choice (7)
23 From, or of, the nose (5)
24 Cover, over the eyes (9)
25 Fondness, bias (12)

DOWN

- 1 See 1-across
2 Salute involving weapons (5,4)
3 Tangible, able to be felt (7)
4 Mount, get up (5)
5 An abstract art pioneer (9)
6 Recount, tell (7)
7 (In) place of (4)
8 Inflamed, excited, keen (8)
13 Diversion; also, edge of sport field (8)
14 An Indian city (9)
15 An Italian volcano (9)
17 Circular, ringlike (8)
18 Consisting of a satisfying series of musical notes (7)
20 Aisle, particularly in a church (4)
21 Workout; also, a bit (5)
22 Extra (3-2)

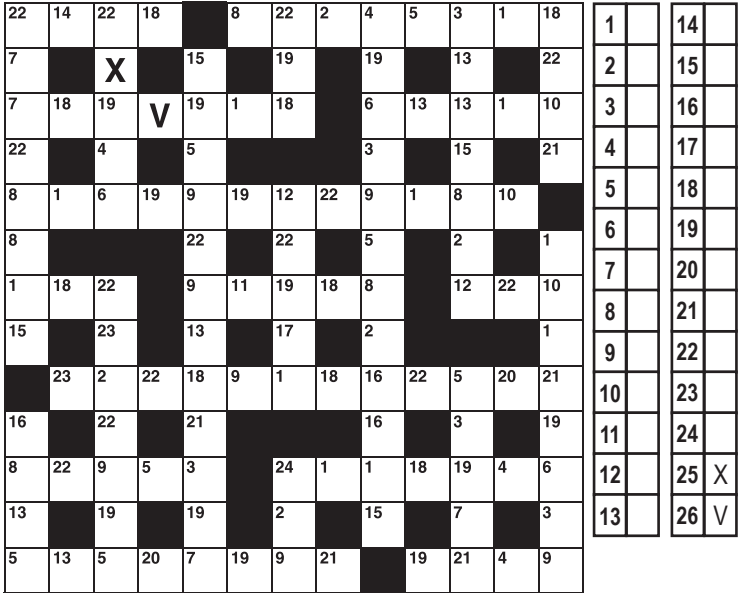
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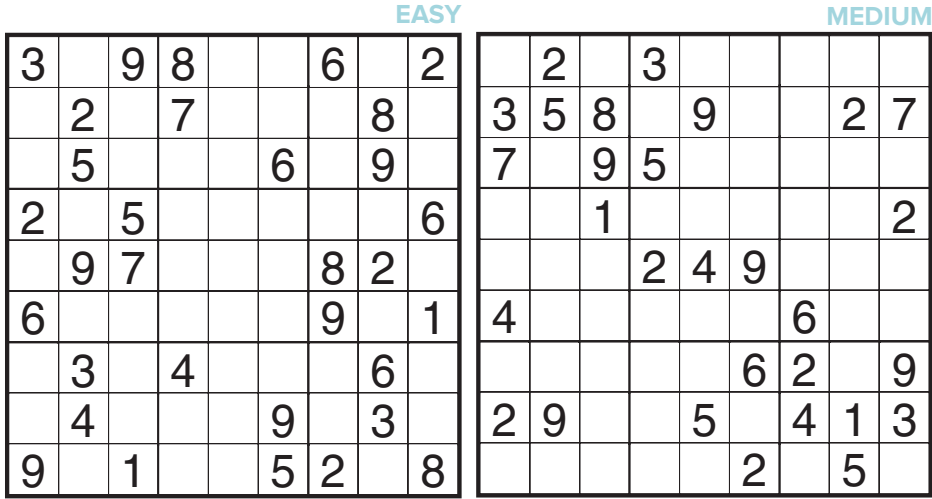
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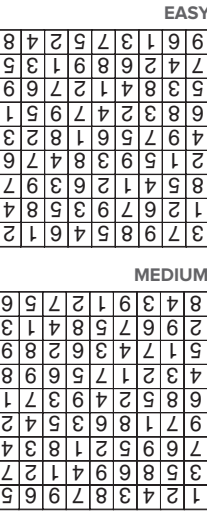
SUDOKU

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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.



SOLUTIONS



QUICK QUIZ

1. Who is the lead singer of the band Yeah Yeah Yeahs?
2. What evergreen tree is featured on the flag of Norfolk Island?
3. The Great Fire of London occurred during what year?
4. Which country's president is known by his initials AMLO?
5. Which character did Ke Huy Quan (pictured) play in the movie Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom?
6. What is the term for a multihulled boat or ship consisting of two hulls?
7. What is the historic capital of the Inca Empire?
8. Who directed the 2009 documentary Capitalism: A Love Story, about the global financial crisis?
9. What is the more common name for the bird Gymnorhina tibicen?
10. What were the Luddites famous for destroying as a form of protest?



WORD SEARCH

No. 136

Can you find all the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.



- ARABICA GREEN RASPBERRY
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BLACK ICED RED EYE
CHAGA IRISH ROBUSTA
CHAI LATTE ROSE
CHAMOMILE LUNGO SENCH
CORTADO MATCHA SENNA
DANDELION MOCHA STRAINER
DECAF NETTLE WHITE
DOPPIO NITRO YERBA MATE
DRIP OOLONG
ESPRESSO PERCOLATOR
GALAO PU-ERH

ANSWERS: 1. Karen O 2. The Norfolk Island pine 3. 1666 4. Mexico 5. Indiana Jones (played by Ke Huy Quan) 6. Catamaran 7. Cusco 8. Michael Moore 9. Australian magpie 10. Mechanised looms

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Approvals soar as loan growth climbs

IN A positive turn for the Australian housing market, the total number of dwellings approved experienced a 1.9 per cent increase in March, as reported by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on May 2. This rise comes after a slight 0.9 per cent decrease in February, indicating a potential upward trend in the housing sector.

Daniel Rossi, ABS head of construction statistics, highlighted a significant 3.8 per cent increase in approvals for private houses.

“Approvals for private sector dwellings excluding houses rose 3.6 per cent in March in seasonally adjusted terms, following a 12 year low in February.”

Victoria led the charge with a 3.2 per cent increase in total dwelling approvals, followed by Western Australia with a 1.5 per cent rise. Meanwhile, Tasmania (-18.1 per cent), South Australia (-7.0 per cent), Queensland (-5.2 per cent), and New South Wales (-1.2 per cent) fell in March.

Approvals for private sector houses rose in Victoria (6.0 per cent), New South Wales (4.0 per cent), Queensland (3.2 per cent), and South Australia (1.1 per cent). Only Western Australia (-1.8 per cent) saw a March decrease.

The average approval value for new houses continued its year-on-year ascent, reaching \$468,800 in March 2024, marking a 4.2 per cent increase from the previous year. although the pace of growth in average approval values has slowed. Higher construction costs continue to weigh on dwelling approvals, with the average approval value for a new house rising in all states.

Queensland recorded the most significant year-on-year increase in average approval value at 10.1 per cent,

followed by Western Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia.

The overall value of building approvals surged by 15.9 per cent, a rebound from a 16.8 per cent decline in February. This recovery was driven by an 8.3 per cent increase in total residential building, which included an 8.7 per cent rise in new residential building and a 6.1 per cent increase in alterations and additions.

The housing loan sector mirrored this positive trend, with the value of new housing loans climbing 17.9 per cent since March 2023 to reach \$27.6 billion, according to data released on Friday.

Mish Tan, ABS head of finance statistics, said: “The value of new loan commitments is a product of the size of loans being approved and the volume of loans. The rise in the value of new home loans over the past year reflected increases in the average loan size, in line with rising house prices over the same period.”

“Meanwhile, in original terms, the number of loans reaching the final commitment stage is broadly similar to a year ago.”

Comparing different buyers in the market, the value of investor loans rose 3.8 per cent in March to \$10.2 billion, increasing 31.1 per cent since March 2023.

Investor loans saw a 3.8 per cent increase in March, totaling \$10.2 billion, marking a significant 31.1 per cent rise from the previous year. Owner-occupier loans, excluding first home buyers, rose by 2.1 per cent to \$12.3 billion, while first home buyer loans increased by 4.4 per cent to \$5.2 billion, both showing healthy annual growth.

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‘Laringa’

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‘LARINGA’ is considered by many locals as the best parcel of land in the district. Add this to the fact that Poowong is one of the better areas of South Gippsland it makes ‘Laringa’ the Jewel in the Crown’. ‘Laringa’ comprises of 135 acres of pristine highly productive ‘Bluegum’ grazing land. This stunning property is ideal for cattle/sheep fattening or breeding, horses, fodder, viticulture and more.

Quality working improvements consist of a steel 80ft x 32ft fully lockable shed, 50ft x 25ft steel lockup machinery shed. ‘Laringa’ boasts an excellent heavy-duty stockyard with crush and loading race. There is secure water supply with main dam pumps plus a reliable 40-inch annual rainfall.

The homestead home was constructed in 1983 and is an exceptionally well-maintained home comprising of a four-bedroom home and two-bathrooms and set in a lovely park-like setting with beautifully established native, English and ornamental trees.

‘Laringa’ is a stunning grazing/lifestyle combination that has been in the same family ownership for over 70 years. A rare opportunity to secure one of South Gippsland finest properties. For further information or to inspect the property, please contact Don Olden on 0417 805 312 or Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083.

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- enthusiasts.
- Outdoor entertaining at its finest with a covered alfresco area offering year-round enjoyment.
- Enjoy cosy evenings by the Euro Fireplace or stay cool in summer with the reverse cycle air conditioner.
- Four bedrooms, each featuring walk-in robes, including a luxurious master suite with a double shower ensuite, providing a peaceful retreat.
- A family bathroom featuring a bath, vanity, shower, and separate toilet, catering to both comfort and convenience.
- Practical touches include a laundry with direct access from the double garage,

- ensuring functionality and ease of living.
- External highlights:
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Spacious charm, a family home with personality

STEP inside this beautiful light-filled home and be greeted by its character and charm. With a spacious and unique floorplan, the whole family can experience this property that has been wonderfully maintained and is ready for you to move in and relax. Conveniently located near McIndoe Park, the corner store and the Leongatha recreation reserve whilst being only a short stroll to town.

Be wowed upon entry into the home with so many features drawing your eye to different areas of the home. High ceilings with ornate cornice, polished timber floorboards, chandeliers, craftsman timber spiral staircase, large windows and much more! Featuring an open plan living area with the wood fire heater being a centre focus with ample light flooding in through the wide set of windows. The kitchen is connected by a large servery window into the dining room, it showcases a 900mm freestanding oven, timber bench tops, near new dishwasher and butler's pantry.

The sizeable master bedroom has plenty of room to add in an occasional chair or study area and has access into the family bathroom. The bathroom features a relaxing corner spa, shower, and single vanity with decorative mirror with the toilet being separate. Completing this level of the home is the second bedroom followed by a second living area that overlooks the

rear yard, laundry room with second toilet and an open family area providing the access via a glass sliding door to the outdoor area. The spiral staircase is in the heart of the home and leads you to the further three bedrooms and small storage room. There is a reverse cycle air conditioner in one of the rooms to provide ease of heating/cooling all year round. An extra two split systems are located downstairs along with gas ducted heating.

This home is really set over four levels with a space located down a set of stairs from the garage which is perfect as a wine cellar and/or storage area for food preservation, etc. The garage/workshop includes built in shelving, power and lighting and has a bifold door which can open to allow secure parking for a car or trailer.

Outside, a spacious bricked entertaining area followed by a decked area is waiting for you to entertain your friends and family. Overlooking a great sized yard with many established plants, there is plenty of room to expand and plant your own fruit orchard and veggie patch. Additionally, there is a garden shed and a solar system helps to minimise power bills.

Move in and feel at home in this cosy property that is a favourite amongst the sales team. To arrange your private inspection please contact the friendly sales team today.

Rural lifestyle retreat with stunning views

ESCAPE the hustle and bustle of city living and embrace the tranquility of this charming rural lifestyle property. Located at 9 Goochs Road in Jumbunna, this three-bedroom, one-bathroom home offers peaceful surrounds on just over two-acres of land (8745sqm) with breathtaking views of the surrounding hills. This property is perfect for those seeking a serene countryside lifestyle.

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One of the standout features of this property is the picturesque views that can be enjoyed from the comfort of your own home. The elevated position of the house allows you to fully appreciate the beauty of the surrounding landscape.

In addition to the main residence, this property also boasts a shed/workshop and a garage, providing plenty of space for vehicles, storage or hobbies. The split-system air-conditioning ensures year-round comfort, allowing you to escape the heat of summer or the chill of winter.

Don't miss this opportunity to own your own piece of rural paradise. Embrace the tranquility, embrace the views, and embrace the rural lifestyle at 9 Goochs Road. Enquire today to arrange a private inspection and experience the serenity for yourself.

As a side note – the adjoining 120 acre farm is also For Sale ... why not go big?

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Stock Sense Sheep & Goat Workshop

DELVE into the fundamental principles of sheep farming at this upcoming Stock Sense workshop held in Dollar.

Led by seasoned farmer, Martin Stone, and esteemed veterinarian, Dr. Alison Gunn, participants are invited to immerse themselves in a day filled with practical insights and hands-on learning.

From arrival it'll be an informative hive of agricultural knowledge and an opportunity to network and connect. Not just about theory; the workshop will see you getting your hands dirty and gaining firsthand experience in the essential practices that underpin successful sheep farming.

Under the guidance of Martin Stone and Dr. Alison Gunn, participants will embark on a comprehensive journey through the intricacies of sheep and goat husbandry. From understanding the nuances of animal welfare and biosecurity to mastering the art of feed management and efficient fencing techniques, every aspect of sheep farming will be covered in detail.

One of the highlights of the event is the live working dog demonstration – an opportunity to witness these highly skilled animals in action and gain insights into their pivotal role on smaller farms. Through engaging discussions led by industry experts, participants will gain a deeper understanding of how working dogs contribute to the efficiency and success of farm operations particularly those of smaller stature.

Attendees will also have the chance to participate in interactive sessions covering topics such as condition scoring for sheep, pre- and post-lambing care, and other essential aspects of sheep farming. Whether you're a seasoned farmer looking to refine your skills or a newcomer eager to learn the ropes, this event offers something for everyone.

Participants will also enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded individuals and the opportunity to network and connect with fellow farmers withing the area and industry professionals. And let's not forget about lunch – provided free of charge to registered attendees.

This event is brought to you by Stock Sense, a vital resource dedicated to primarily supporting Victorian peri-urban and hobby farming livestock producers in adopting practices that enhance animal welfare and biosecurity. Through a combination of online resources, events, and expert guidance, Stock Sense empowers farmers to thrive in an ever-changing agricultural landscape.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to expand your knowledge, enhance your skills, and connect with fellow farmers. Secure your place today and join us in ensuring the prosperity of your farm and the well-being of your livestock.

Registration is essential – please email stocksense@vff.org.au to register.

Endangered tree-fern help is on its way

THERE are only 1000 known examples of Slender Tree-ferns (*Cyathea cunninghamii*), listed as Critically Endangered under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee (FFG) Act 1988, left in Victoria.

Three hundred of them are located in Tarra-Bulga National Park near Yarram.

But the chances of finding anymore have been dramatically impacted by the bushfires of 2019 when more than 1.5 million hectares were burnt, including 1.39 million hectares of forests and parks, plantations and native timber assets, as well as critical animal habitats, not to mention the loss of five lives, 300 homes and 6632 head of livestock.

So, imagine the delight of Tarwin River Forest Stewards, Stuart Inchley and his partner Victoria Johnson, when they found another one and then ultimately 180 more of these critically threatened plants on their property at Turton's Creek, and 79 more on Crown Land next door.

"I found one about six months ago, did some research on it and then we found more when we started surveying the gulleys in December and January, GPS positioning them as we went along," said Stuart.

Mr Inchley said the 79 Slender



Since finding more than 200 examples of a critically listed native plant near Turton's Creek, former science teacher Stuart Inchley has taken a number of environment groups on tours.

der Tree-ferns were found on Crown Land where timber company Hancock Victorian Plantations presently has a licence to harvest trees.

"We've shared our information with them, and we've taken them out to have a look."

Mr Inchley, a former science and outdoor education teacher, with his partner Victoria, a social, climate change and environmental researcher have combined with three

other local landowners to establish a 750-acre Trust For Nature reserve that connects with the Mirboo South Bushland Reserve, Tarwin River frontage, and Turton's Creek Scenic Reserve.

They hope they'll find more Slender Tree-ferns.

"We're working with the South Gippsland Shire Council, the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), HVP and other

responsible authorities to find out how best to protect these significant examples of Slender Tree-ferns and also to highlight the native flora and fauna in these areas as well.

"I've taken interest in the native species on the property as well and so far recorded more than 700 different species including gang-gang, long-nosed bandicoots, Strzelecki koala, platypus, superb lyrebirds, powerful owl and blue-winged parrots. There are heaps of lyrebirds."

Stuart and Victoria, their neighbours and supporters including the Slender Tree-fern Alliance, Gippsland Threatened Species Action Group, and the Friends of Turton's Creek Group have been hailed as local heroes for finding and trying to protect these critically endangered plants.

And you can help, the Slender Tree-fern Alliance is looking for financial and written support to protect the tree ferns. Go to tarwinriverforest.com.au for more information.

"We've just applied for a grant from the Wottenhall Environment Trust to get an ecologist out to survey the rainforest remnants in this area with Friends of Turtons Creek helping us with the submission."

Ethical approach to meat production at Silverwind Farm

SILVERWIND Farm's Jeremy Hall was at Mirboo North Market on Saturday April 27, with the Mirboo business offering a paddock to plate philosophy and providing a range of beef products from Black Angus and Murray Grey cattle that are ethically pasture raised.

"We don't use any nasties on the pastures or on the cattle," Jeremy said.

The business offers products including four varieties of sausage, various cuts of beef and a selection of beef jerky flavours.

It adopts a nose to tail approach, something for which there is now high demand.

"We utilise the whole animal, so all the offal, tongue and the tail we package and sell to customers and all those products sell just as well as the prime cuts,"

Jeremy said.

He and partner Sophie Laurence moved to the then 47 acre Strzelecki Ranges property almost a decade ago, starting out with a hobby farm that was home to an alpaca, a ram and a few sheep and cows.

As the city slickers gained farming knowledge they decided to move away from a reliance on chemicals, learning about environmentally responsible, ecologically beneficial and sustainable agriculture.

Silverwind Farm now occupies 500 acres, with Jeremy and Sophie running their paddock to plate meat business since 2021 and selling at farmers markets for the last couple of years.

Jeremy does the abattoir run, with the animals broken down by Web-

sters Butchery in Yinnar, the meat then returning to Silverwind Farm for sale.

He spoke of the regenerative agriculture approach taken on the farm, explaining that includes producing worm juice from worm farms on the property, with a commitment to using natural organic fertiliser and no synthetics.

"We don't use any regular antibiotics, or drenches or anything like that on the cows," Jeremy said.

Antibiotics are rarely needed, with Jeremy explaining that rotationally grazing the cattle proves successful in maintaining their health.

Silverwind Farm also appears at the Lions Club Inverloch Farmers Market in The Glade on the last Sunday of a month and at a couple of Melbourne farmers markets and also sells by direct order.



Jeremy Hall displays a cut of beef available from Mirboo's Silverwind Farm. A51_1824

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Industry placements highlight the benefits of regional opportunities

TWO Monash University undergraduates are seriously considering a tree change after spending three months on an industry placement at Saputo Dairy Australia in Leongatha.

Bachelor of Engineering student, Georgia Katsaros, and Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Sciences student, Afra Yu, were part of the Monash Industry Team Initiative (MITI). The program places small multi-disciplinary student teams in industry to solve a company challenge over a 12-week period.

"It was very different to Melbourne, you walk down the street and everyone says hello and asks how you're going – in the city people tend to keep to themselves," Georgia said.

"When I went into this placement, I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life, where to take engineering or whether to do something else. This has helped me better understand what I can do.

"I really enjoyed working in dairy, the problem solving involved was quite different to what we study, plus, I got to combine my love of food with engineering."

The project Afra and Georgia worked on focused on mapping and quantifying milk solid losses across three key plants within the site. Saputo Process Engineer Christopher Roziel supervised the students during their placement.

"There are losses in every step of the milk journey – milk floor, milk storage tanks, butter plant, UHT plant, separator," Chris said.

"Georgia and Afra produced a dynamic scrap factor model for each of the three plants. It is comprehensive and outlines the various points of product loss and the most significant areas of concern.

"This analysis will provide valuable insights for the finance team, operators and engineers establishing a baseline for future strategies devised by the engineering team."

Chris said a large part of the project was interacting with internal staff day to day, which enabled Georgia and Afra to develop their people skills on a site that could often "have a lot of balls in the air at the same time".

"During this experience, we delved into the intricate mechanics of dairy product processing, gaining hands-on experience across various processing plants and appreciating their designs with regard to their functions," Afra said.

"At points, we had to catch a certain volume that's going down the drain and were working on equipment we had never seen up close or operating on before.

"Everyone was happy to help us out. We had some people adjust or replace milk pipes to help us collect loss and fit buckets, sometimes in very challenging conditions."

This was Afra's first industry experience while completing a degree heavily focused on science and research. Afra said after this placement, she was considering a career in



The pair got their hands dirty with hands-on experiences in real-world scenarios.

the food industry.

Attracting and retaining skilled people in the dairy sector is crucial to maintaining the development of dairy manufacturers' engineering and other capabilities. This skill gap has been identified as an impediment to the future productivity and competitiveness of the industry.

Gardiner Foundation has taken a proactive approach to overcome this challenge by investing in MITI. Since 2014, Gardiner has supported over 200 students, providing them invaluable exposure to relevant learning opportunities and practical experience in the dairy industry.

The 2024 MITI cohort consisted of seven different teams that worked across Victoria with industry partners such as Fonterra, Bega, Lactalis and Campaspe Shire Council.

For each project, teams made up of students like Georgia and Afra worked to find solutions to improve productivity in logistics, track and visualise temperature and flow data, reduce water consumption and help design a community precinct.

For Georgia, it was the tranquility of country life that became the biggest perk while on placement at Saputo – as well as the cheese.

"I was initially drawn to the idea of working in dairy, I like cheese, so I was excited to see how its produced. The site is also in Leongatha so the idea of being close to beaches and working in that kind of environment sounded quite peaceful," Georgia said.

"It really whet my appetite, I'd love to do something like this again or consider living in a regional area, to see those sunsets, the stars and be closer to nature."

Workshops to teach farm financial skills

GIPPSLAND farmers in the Warragul and Leongatha districts can expand their knowledge for free at a series of Rabo Client Council workshops.

These workshops are designed to help provide the financial skills critical to managing an agricultural enterprise.

The practical Financial Skills Workshop – providing farmers with an opportunity to both up-skill and network – will be held in mid-May.

The initiative has been spearheaded and funded by food and agribusiness banking specialist Rabobank's Rabo Client Council, a group of the bank's farming clients who volunteer their time implementing programs that contribute to the sustainability of rural and regional communities.

These complimentary, interactive workshops provide practical, hands-on advice for understanding financial statements and banking requirements, and explore topics such as taxation versus management accounting, essential business management ratios and understanding key components of a business' financial profile.

"Financial skills are vital for our farmers and the next generation of farmers," Southern Victoria and Tasmania Rabo Client Council member and Westbury-based dairy farmer Chris Griffin said.

Mr Griffin said the workshops were designed to bridge the gap between farming knowledge and

financial expertise.

"While many of our next generation farmers may be highly educated, or have extensive on-farm experience, traversing the complexities of financial reporting and banking requirements is often unfamiliar to them, which is why these workshops addressing these topics are so useful," he said.

Mr Griffin said the workshop content would consider cash flow implications of a variety of farming operations and there will also be a focus on preparing annual cash flow budgets.

"These workshops are designed to allow couples and family members to attend together. It's an incredibly beneficial opportunity for farmers to step away from their business for a day, soak up the same information, and develop shared knowledge of financial reporting. By learning together, they can enhance their financial skills together," he said.

Mr Griffin said Rabobank's Rabo Client Council network was focused on developing meaningful grassroots initiatives to support key themes focusing on agri-education, rural wellbeing, sustainability, adaption and creating rural/urban connections.

"By equipping farmers with the knowledge to fully utilise financial reporting and navigate bank procedures, the Financial Skills Workshops play a key role in enhancing the resilience and prosperity of local farming

enterprises," he said.

"Consequently, our communities also benefit from a thriving farming sector."

Rabobank regional manager for Southern Victoria and Tasmania Deborah Maskell-Davies said primary producers who had attended previous Rabobank Financial Skills Workshops have told the bank the information provided is real and valuable 'useful knowledge they can walk away with and apply in their farming business'.

"Since their inception in 2018, the Rabo Client Councils have extended this valuable learning opportunity to more than 4340 farmers across Australia and New Zealand," she said.

"If you're interested in attending these workshops, keen to meet other leading farmers in the agri-sector and increase your financial literacy skills, confirm your place before the courses are fully allocated."

The workshops – which will be limited to 30 participants each and are not restricted to the bank's clients – will be presented by director of the Hudson Facilitation, Tony Hudson.

These workshops will run from 8.30am until 3.30pm.

Warragul's workshop is on May 16, and Leongatha's is on May 17.

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Delburn Wind Farm to go ahead later this year



The Delburn Wind Farm will be located about 15kms to the north-east of Mirboo North and has been approved to start construction later this year.

THE DELBURN Wind Farm (DWF) is a wind energy project located in the Strzelecki Ranges, South Gippsland and a request by the company to amend the Terminal Station planning permit has recently been approved.

The approval comes after the DWF applied to the Minister for Planning in July 2023 requesting the amendments and follows the amendments to the Wind Energy Facility planning permits being approved in November 2023.

Amendments to the wording of some conditions to improve language and interpretation certainty, including the bush-fire conditions were made.

Members of the Planning Panel undertook a site visit on March 6, 2024, and a Panel Hearing was held on March 14, 2024, to listen to community submissions.

Mr Peter Marriott, Executive Director Development at OSMI Australia welcomed the approval and thanked the community for sharing their feedback with the Minister for Planning.

"This decision paves the way for us to start construction of

the Delburn Wind Farm later in the third quarter of 2024," Mr Marriott stated.

"I would like to thank those members of the community who have taken the time to participate in this amendment process."

The DWF site is located over plantation land centred in the Delburn area, covering the HVP Plantations Thorpdale Tree Farm and is generally bound by Coalville to the north, Thorpdale to the west, Darlimurla to the south and Boolarra and Yinnar to the east.

Major townships close to the site, as referenced from the

centre of the site include Mirboo North which is approximately 15 kilometres to the south-west, Morwell which is located 15 kilometres to the north-east and Moe approximately 15 kilometres to the north.

Based on current projections, construction of the Delburn Wind Farm is planned for 2024-2026 with a 30-35-year operating life.

To gain approval to build the DWF, the project required planning permits under the provisions of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

In December 2020, three planning applications were

submitted to build a wind energy facility (one for each local government area, being Latrobe City, South Gippsland Shire and Baw Baw Shire) and a planning application for a utility installation (terminal station and supporting infrastructure to connect to the grid) to the Minister for Planning.

Information on the Planning Permit Amendments can be found at planningpanels.vic.gov.au/panels-and-committees/projects/delburn-wind-farm-terminal-station-permit-amendment-panel and for project updates visit delburn-windfarm.au.

CLEARING SALE

**Tractor, Farm Machinery & Sundries
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A/c NW Page, Sale (NUTRIEN)
100 Angus steers, 2 yo

A/c D & D Staley, Fish Creek (SEJ)
100 Angus steers, 18 mths, VB, GF, ABF & Greenhams NE Accred. Sired by AI sires Chiltern Park Moe & Clunie Range Plantation

A/c Deenja Pastoral, Hazel Park (SEJ)
65 Red Angus steers, 20 mths
14 Angus Hereford x steers, 2 yrs
8 Angus steers, 20 mths

A/c Shellcot Partnership, Foster (SEJ)
80 Angus steers, 17-18 mths, GF & ABF

A/c PV & TJ King, Moe (ELDERS)
50 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, one mark, western district bred, GF & ABF, NE accred

A/c Cookaburra Farms, Bunyip (NUTRIEN)
46 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c M E Telling, Woodside (PHC)
45 Hereford steers, 14-18 mths, Mawarra & Karoonda blood

A/c Patterson & Hutchinson, Clyde North (ES&B)
40 Angus steers, 18 mths, Rosskin blood, VB

A/c M. McLennan, Trafalgar (ELDERS)
40 Angus steers 16-18 mths

A/c S & D Hooper - Leongatha Nth (SEJ)
40 Angus steers - 16-18 mths, Braidwood District bred

A/c Buxton Grove, Tonimbuk (ES&B)
35 Angus X Hereford steers, 2 ½ yo, Monaro blood

A/c T & S O'Malley, Toongabbie (NUTRIEN)
33 Angus steers, 2 yo, Leawood blood

A/c Koolamurt - Tarwin Lower (SEJ)
25 Hereford steers 2-2.5 yo
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A/c MJS Pastoral, Garfield (SEJ)
10 Angus steers, 20 mths
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A/c IC & RA Ripper, Stratford (NUTRIEN)
22 Angus steers, 20 mths
8 Angus Hereford steers, 20 mths
Millah Murrah blood, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred

A/c D Harris - Tarwin Lower (SEJ)
30 Angus steers 16-18 mths, Battersby Blood, VB, GF, ABF

A/c E.M & V.E White, Kilmany (ELDERS)
30 Angus steers, 16 mths, Pinora Angus blood, VB

A/c Jasmel Nom. - Tarwin Lower (SEJ)
30 Angus steers 15-16 mths, Alpine blood, VB, GF, ABF

A/c M & J Elliott, Licola (SEJ)
30 Angus steers 14-15 mths, Fernleigh blood, VB, GF, ABF

A/c Kara-Mia Pastoral Co, Longwarry North (SEJ)
26 Angus steers, 20-22 mths

A/c White Pastures (ELDERS)
25 Angus steers, rising 2 yo, Banquet blood, GF & ABF

A/c Warrambine, Inverloch (NUTRIEN)
25 Angus steers, 22 mths

A/c H Matthies, Mirboo North (NUTRIEN)
5 Angus steers, 2 yo
20 Angus steers, 14-16 mths

A/c P Joyce, Strzelecki (NUTRIEN)
24 Angus steers, 20-24 mths

A/c Brentcorp, Glengarry (SEJ)
24 Angus steers 2-2.5 yo, Kyneton District bred

A/c T & L Morrison, Sale (NUTRIEN)
24 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c R Taylor, Hallston (NUTRIEN)
23 Angus Steers, 2 yo

A/c C Baird, Yarragon (NUTRIEN)
23 Speckle Park steers, 18 mths

A/c M & C Landry, Koonwarra (NUTRIEN)
22 Angus steers, 18-20 mths

A/c Rosebank Farm (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers, 2 yo, Monaro District bred, GF & ABF

A/c D J McRae Ag (ELDERS)
20 Hereford Steers rising 2 yo, East Gippsland bred

A/c Stonewarra, Koonwarra (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 20 mths

A/c R Stephens, Allambee St (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 20 mths

A/c M Zalesiak (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers, 16 mths, By Leawood Bull

A/c Ethan Park, Fish Creek (SEJ)
20 Angus steers, 16 mths, GF & ABF

A/c Melaleuca Past, Ruby (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 16 mths

A/c Alhaurin Nom, Outtrim (SEJ)
18 Angus steers - 2 yo, East Gippsland bred

A/c J Knight, Newry (NUTRIEN)
18 Angus steers, 20 mths, East Gipp Bred, GF & AF

A/c Heart Park, Sale (NUTRIEN)
18 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c B. Richardson, Lake Tyers (ELDERS)
15 Hereford steers, 24 mths, East Gippsland bred

A/c R & S Holt, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus Comp X, 18-20 mths

A/c Street Farms, Sale (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c Chester Shorthorns (ELDERS)
15 Shorthorn steers 14 mths, Royalla & Bayview blood, NE Accred

A/c R & M Vernon, Boolarra (PHC)
11 Angus steers, 16 mths, Cold Country bred

A/c Mirawah Pty Ltd, Wattlebank (ALEX SCOTT)
10 Angus Grown steers, Western district bred

A/c Procom Australia, Boisdale (ELDERS)
9 Angus steers, 24 Months, East Gippsland bred

A/c R & B, P & C Carmichael, Woolamai (NUTRIEN)
8 Angus & Angus Hereford X steers, 16-18 mths

A/c T Nimeron (ELDERS)
7 Hereford steers, 2 ½ yo

A/c M & K Missen, Gormandale (NUTRIEN)
6 Angus steers, 18 mths, GF & ABF

A/c M.Rule, Stratford (ELDERS)
4 Angus steers, 20 mths

A/c Lester Farms, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
45 Angus mixed sex, 16 mths

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c Jameagan Pastoral, Drouin Sth (ES&B)
90 Angus and Angus/Hereford X heifers, 16-18 mths, Fernleigh blood

A/c Westbury Downs, Westbury (ES&B)
200 Angus heifers, 12-18 mths, Heifers acquired from Western District, East Gippsland and Southern New South Wales. Well bred heifers that present in forward condition

A/c DE & M Lee, Bushy Park (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus Heifers, 18-20 mths, Kunuma blood

A/c Black Range Angus, Ryanston (ALEX SCOTT)
26 Angus heifers, 15-16 mths old, Multimin, 2x5in1, drenched, No heifers retained, By Banquet Angus Bulls

A/c M.Rule, Stratford (ELDERS)
4 Angus heifers, 20 mths

A/c M Prosser, Loch (NUTRIEN)
8 Spekle Park heifers, 15 mths

ANGUS WEANERS

A/c T.M Costor, Newry (ELDERS)
110 Angus M/S weaners, VB, Leawood Angus blood

A/c Doonagatha, Sandy Point (SEJ)
45 Angus steers, 12-13 mths
60 Angus steers, 8-9 mths
Mordallup & Harris Farm blood, yard weaned, extremely quiet, NE Accred

A/c T & J Waters, Wattlebank (NUTRIEN)
100 Angus mixed sex, 8-9 mths

A/c Northside Pastoral, Inverloch (NUTRIEN)
60 Angus steers, 10 mths
20 Angus heifers, 10 mths

A/c C-Way Ag., Hazelwood (ES&B)
70 Angus & Angus/Hereford x steers, 10-11 mths, Hazeldean blood, yard weaned, very quiet

A/c R & C Beveridge, Toothdale (ES&B)
60 Angus steers, 10 mths, Rosskin blood, yard weaned, very quiet

A/c Chestnut Ridge, Mount Eccles (ALEX SCOTT)
16 Black Baldy mix sex weaners, out of Yarram Park blood cows. By Eaglerock bull. 5 in 1. Drenched. August/September born. Yard weaned

44 Red Angus mix sex weaners. Milwillah/Hicks bulls. 5 in 1. Drenched. Yard weaned. August/Sept born.

A/c R & P Savory, Orbost (NUTRIEN)
60 Ang mixed sex calves, 9-10 mths, NE Accred, Weaned, Vacc, AI calves by Banquet Quarter Pounder

A/c Kingston Park Merricks (ELDERS)
37 Angus steers, 8-9 mths, weaned
20 Angus heifers. 8-9 mths, weaned
Millah Murrah Angus blood, VB

A/c M & A Van Berkel, Lowalong (NUTRIEN)
53 Angus mixed sex weaners, 6-9 mths, Leawood blood

A/c Bass Coast Contracting (ELDERS)
25 Angus Steers weaners, 14 mths
25 Angus Heifers weaners, 14 mths
Harris blood, VB, GF & ABF

A/c Oakbank Past Co (NUTRIEN)
25 Angus steers
26 Angus heifers
10-11 mths, GF & ABF, yard weaned 10/4, VQ Kunuma blood

A/c C. Martell, Darnum (ELDERS)
50 Angus mixed sex yearlings, Pinora Angus blood, VB

A/c High Voltage Consultancy , "Woodstock" Flynn (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus steers, 12-15 mths, VB, Leawood blood

A/c R & K Telling , Woodside (PHC)
50 Angus steers, 8-9 mths, Innesdale & Pinora blood, weaned

A/c B Hinson, Hazelwood North (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus mixed sex, 12 mths, Latrobe Park & Innesdale blood, VB

A/c Teasdale Farms (ELDERS)
41 Angus & Murray Grey mixed sex weaners 8 mths, GF & ABF

A/c B&S Phillips (ELDERS)
40 Angus steer weaners, 14 mths, Merlewood & Harris blood, VB, GF & ABF

A/c Kiani Eden (ELDERS)
20 Angus steer weaners, 14 mths
20 Hereford steer weaners, 14 mths

A/c Malanda Pastoral, Stradbroke (ELDERS)
40 Angus & Angus Hereford X steer weaners, Leawood Angus blood, VB

A/c B & R Cashin (ELDERS)
40 Angus mixed sex weaners 12 mths, Battersby blood, weaned, VB, GF & ABF

A/c G & V Lane, Willung Sth (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 12 mths, Leawood blood, VB

A/c Katelea Past, Glen Alvie (SEJ)
40 Angus steers 10-12 mths, Banquet blood, VB, GF, ABF

A/c Mirawah Pty Ltd, Wattlebank (ALEX SCOTT)
20 weaner heifers
20 weaner steers
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A/c B O'Bryan, Kardella Sth (NUTRIEN)
34 Angus mixed sex, 9 mths, weaned 4 weeks

A/c J Flint, Willung (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus mixed sex, 14 mths

A/c D & E Camilleri (ALEX SCOTT)
30 Angus mixed sex calves, 8 mths, Battersby blood

A/c B & L Rayner (ALEX SCOTT)
26 Angus steer calves, 10 mths, Battersby blood, very quiet

A/c J Slegtenhorst, Longford (NUTRIEN)
25 Angus steers, 12 mths

A/c D & L White, Fernbank (SEJ)
24 Angus Heifers, 10 mths, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred

A/c Gaph Pastoral, Dollar (SEJ)
20 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, VB, GF & ABF, Harris farms blood

A/c L Bastin, Moondarra (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus mixed sex, 10 mths

A/c D & L Christensen, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
17 Angus mixed sex, 9-10 mths, VB, Merlewood blood, weaned

A/c Groves Estate (ELDERS)
15 Angus Steer weaners 10 mths, Banquet blood, GF & ABF

A/c N & J Stringer, Foster (SEJ)
15 Angus steers, 11-12 mths, By Harris Bulls, weaned 3 mths, Drenched & Multimin 1 month

A/c D Gregor (ELDERS)
13 Angus/HH X steers, 14 mths

A/c M Brady (ALE SCOTT)
20 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, Pinora blood

A/c A Riley, Koonwarra (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus steers, 10 mths

A/c G & B Gathercole (ALEX SCOTT)
12 Angus steers, 8 mths, Sparta blood

A/c M Manks (ALEX SCOTT)
10 Angus heifers, AI Millah Murrah blood, weaned multimin 2x5in1

A/c P Allen, Childers (NUTRIEN)
8 Angus steers, 14 mths

COLOURED WEANERS

A/c Robinson & Hasthorpe, Tanjil South (ES&B)
120 Charolais mixed sex calves, by William Charolais Bulls, 10-12 mths, weaned, drenched, multimin

A/c Mrs. C. Jefferies, Driffield (ELDERS)
100 Hereford mixed sex weaners, VB, Newcomen & Bowman Hereford blood, NE Accred.

A/c K.J Treasure, Stratford (ELDERS)
80 Hereford mixed sex weaners, Weroona Hereford blood, VB

A/c Tullaree Pastoral, Middle Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
50 BB mixed sex, 7 mths
20 H/F mixed sex, 7 mths

A/c G&K Belcher, Woodside (ELDERS)
32 Hereford steers 12 mths
29 Hereford heifers 12 mths
VB, Newcomen blood, weaned, GF & ABF

A/c TJ & D Flint, Seaspray (NUTRIEN)
12 Hereford steers, 10 mths
12 Hereford steers, 14 mths

A/c Hillside Pastoral (ALEX SCOTT)
18 Hereford heifers, 12 mths

A/c M & J Chatfield, Toora (PHC)
14 Poll Hereford heifers, 12 mths, Pure "Tarwin" blood

A/c B Treasure, Stratford (NUTRIEN)
8 Hereford mixed sex, 12 mths

A/c J & N Arnup, Leongatha (SEJ)
7 Hereford steers, 10 mths, VB, GF & ABF

XBRED & DAIRY

A/c Marriott McCarthy P/L, Jam Jerrup (SEJ)
50 Angus Friesian X mixed sex
20 Hereford Friesian X mixed sex
7-8 mths, bucket reared

A/c D Armstrong (ELDERS)
20 FF X steers, 2 yo

A/c Misty Valley Pastoral Trust, Carlisle River (NUTRIEN)
20 Friesian steers, 16-18 mths

A/c Perry Farming (ELDERS)
10 Xbred steers
10 Red heifers

A/c R & B, P & C Carmichael, Woolamai (NUTRIEN)
7 Hereford/Friesian X & Angus/Friesian X steers, 18-20 mths

COWS & CALVES / JOINED FEMALES / BULLS

A/c M Berry, Wonthaggi (NUTRIEN)
14 X14 Angus heifers with Angus CAF, Heifers - Te Mania blood, calves By Bowman Stud Bulls, not rejoined

A/C L & A Farmer, Loch (ELDERS)
8 X 8 Angus / Friesian X cows, with Speckle Park calves, 3rd calvers, depastured Speckle Park Bull since calving

A/c M. Rule, Stratford (ELDERS)
7 X 7 Angus & Angus X cows & calves. 6 mth CAF, not rejoined

1 X 1 Angus Heifer & calf. 6 mnth CAF, not rejoined

A/c N&L Gregg (ELDERS)
7x7 Angus X cows with 2 mth Angus CAF, drenched 1x1 Hereford X cow with 2 mth Angus CAF, drenched, Property Leased

A/c A&I Griffin (ELDERS)
5X5 Pure Limo cows with autumn CAF

A/c M E Telling, Woodside (PHC)
3x3 HFD/FF x cows with Hereford-x CAF

A/c J & L Farming, Loch (ELDERS)
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Rosie Cousin and Richy Nankin display some of their Grand Ridge Organics produce. A05_1924

GRAND Ridge Organics provides an impressive range of fresh produce alongside sauces, jams, pickles, chutneys and relishes, with Sentinel-Times chatting to owners Rosie Cousin and Richy Nankin at the recent Mirboo North Market.

The couple's small Allambee South farm was certified organic 10 years ago.

Richy explained the appeal of organic farming by contrasting it with an alternative approach.

"Using synthetic fertilisers and toxic pesticides is not sustainable and not healthy for the farmer, the land, the food that people eat, or for the planet," he said.

"Organic is about working with nature, so we use natural compost and manures for fertiliser."

Green manure is also used, with

specially selected crops grown to plough into the ground and improve the soil quality.

That includes peas, beans and clovers, as well as wheat, triticale and vetch, with a mixture sown after crops such as garlic are harvested.

Nature helps keep pests under control if allowed to do so.

"When you have a biodiverse and healthy farm without pesticides, the natural insect predators develop in balance with the problematic ones," Richy said, adding that when required there are organic options to help manage pests and disease.

Rosie and Richy grow an unusually diverse range of crops.

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Exercise prepares special ops for offshore crisis event

SPECIAL Operations Command recovery task group conducted an exercise on the Yolla offshore gas platform in Bass Strait at the beginning of April.

Exercise Iron Atlantis supported the development and preparedness of Army's Special Operations Command recovery task group in complex maritime environments.

Task group Captain L said the exercise was an excellent example of how the command integrated into the joint force to support Australian interests.

"Iron Atlantis was a complex maritime operation supported by joint assets such as RAN's multi-role aviation training vessel (MATV) Sycamore, which enabled us to force project to the Yolla offshore energy platform," Captain L said.

"Our operators and clearance divers were able to conduct several mission profiles from the Sycamore, allowing us to test and validate capability under different conditions and scenarios."

The exercise is one of several domestic and offshore crisis-response activities that the recovery task group prepares for.

Special Operations Command Group's Major P said the collaboration and trust between services and industry enabled the capability.

"Special Operations Command applies elements of national power to support Australian interests and it's our relationship with allies, partners, and other government departments and agencies that enables us to operate so effectively," Major P said.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have these relationships, which allow us to work across the whole of government in order to strengthen capability and develop resilience against strategic shock."

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Medallion presentation prompts reflection on Bruce Crowl's WWII story

LOCAL WWII naval veteran Bruce Crowl received an Australian Government issue medallion from Foster RSL president Bruce Lester on Anzac Day, prompting reflection on Crowl's experiences aboard HMAS Australia, particularly the impact of multiple kamikaze attacks.

Crowl joined the Royal Australian Navy as a 17-year-old in 1943, becoming a signalman, and was assigned to his first posting in September that year after just five months' training, joining the crew of the 10,000 ton heavy cruiser HMAS Australia, the flagship of the Australian fleet.

Bruce entered the war at a stage when Australia and America were combining to defend the Pacific region, and it was a year into his active service when he was thrust into the battle at Leyte Gulf in the Philippines in which HMAS Australia became the first allied ship to be struck by a kamikaze attack.

That occurred on October 21, 1944.

Bruce shared the story a few years ago with interviewer Jo Mackenzie in a video production created for Remembrance Day by West Gippsland Libraries and the Foster RSL.

He explained his ship had been involved in bombarding shore positions the day before, but all was peaceful at dawn until the tropical



Bruce Crowl receives his medallion commemorating the end of WWII from Foster RSL president Bruce Lester.

tranquillity was shattered.

"Way over there we could hear the crackling of small arms guns starting up and that got louder and louder as more ships found a target, and then our own ship was firing, and suddenly we're hearing this aircraft coming up, this aircraft engine; suddenly he's so close we felt we could have touched the red circles on the bottom of his wings," Bruce said.

"And then he's down onto the bridge; there's a fire on the bridge and we're thinking, 'What about our mates who were sitting on the flag deck right there?'"

After the action, 30 were dead, while the first aid party

that included members of the ship's band tended to the wounded along with the one surgeon aboard.

Bruce recalls the horrific burns men suffered, explaining that while the Japanese plane bounced off the ship's bridge and the shell it contained didn't explode, its burning fuel created a hellish scene.

He spoke of the tropical setting the ship was in and the impossibility of preserving bodies, recalling the assembled off-duty ships company on the quarter deck with a chaplain present.

"They built a trestle on the guardrail with something like a door, and one body at a time

is put onto the table, tipped up and in he goes, and that happened 30 times," Bruce said.

After five weeks of extensive repairs carried out by the Americans at Espiritu Santo in the New Hebrides, HMAS Australia returned to service.

Over a period of four days in January 1945, the ship was hit by a further five kamikaze planes, with Bruce reflecting on the worst of those strikes.

"It went straight in the hatch and exploded below deck," he said, explaining the deck hatch was open, and detailing the aftermath.

"Now that one plane, one pilot, 93 men dead just like that," Bruce said.

HMAS Australia's ability to endure despite the horrors to which it was subjected earned it the tag 'the lucky ship'.

"We had a hole in the side of here and we had a bent funnel here and we lost gun crews over here; but we kept going and it took five of them to stop us the second time," Bruce said of the ship that couldn't be sunk.

The medallion Bruce received on Anzac Day commemorated the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII, that milestone reached in 2020.

In accepting the medallion, he spoke briefly of the kamikaze campaign, going on to comment on how war takes the young.

Stolen car taken on four-hour Leongatha rampage

SOCIAL media came to the rescue of an elderly Leongatha man whose white Ford Falcon ute was stolen at about 2pm on Thursday, May 2.

Notice of about the theft and a photo with number plate quoted was posted on Facebook and a number of locals logged reports of seeing the car and also the offenders during an escapade through the town's streets which allegedly lasted upwards of four hours.

Here's the exchange on social media which tracked the progress of the stolen car and the "two young offenders".

- Can we please keep an eye out for this Ford Falcon Ute with canopy on the back and roof racks... that was stolen in Leongatha around 2.08 today. If you see please contact the police.
 - Just been following it around MacDonald Street and Parr it had no lights on.
 - Are you still following?
 - Nar a car pulled out in front of me and I lost them in Parr St heading towards hospital.
 - Just went out of work for a look. Not at hospital car park where they get dumped a lot. Hope they get caught!
 - Just spotted at traffic lights in Leongatha. almost hit someone coming out of the side street.
 - They first pulled out in front of us at the preschool, then continued straight to Has-set St. Came out on the side street before traffic lights almost hitting someone, Zoomed across towards the lights and that's when I clocked that it was the stolen car. Didn't get a chance to get a look at them. Hopefully cops take action or it's returned safely soon.
 - Saw and contacted police about an hour ago. Hope it is returned in good condition!
 - Was spotted on Canavans Road just after 3pm. Had a near miss with a tractor. Please keep an eye out.
 - Just seen this ute in Leongatha, went around the round about near the post office, heading towards Auto Pro.
 - It just drove up Allison St in a hurry at 6.22pm.
 - Be careful as the two young offenders who allegedly stole the vehicle are trying to avoid capture from the police and it appears that they are not making the type of decisions that rational people would make.
- Reports have been received that the car was recovered and returned to the owner, allegedly none the worse for the episode but we don't believe the offenders have been found. Police have been contacted for comment.

For more information about what to do if your car is stolen go to: police.vic.gov.au/preventing-motor-vehicle-theft

White on a roll

WHITE has won two on the trot including a big scalp in Blue. When the unassuming, gregarious Phil Munro arrived as a temporary fill in, no-one foresaw the greatest upset since the 1789 French revolution.

Phil took down Justin, the incumbent king of Wonthaggi Table Tennis, in a classic five setter. It was less bloody but no less shocking than the French underdog underclass guillotining the Royal bourgeois. Bravo Phil and good luck to Justin's next opponent.

Warren from Pink defeated Michael from Black to lead his team to stirring victory in a see sawing ding-dong battle.

Warren won sets four and five in an affair so heated that it would have caused blush amongst America's royal family, the Kennedys.

Yellow's very own Prince, Andy Chetcuti, swept his matches five nil which ensured a victory over Brown. Three of Andy's games went to five sets showcasing his grit to accompany his usual gusto – a fine effort. Andy just might be a king in waiting. An ascension earned, not fluked.

Pink defeated Black 6 to 5; Yellow defeated Brown 9 to 2; White defeated Blue 6 to 5; Green bye.

Ladder: Yellow 16, Pink 16, Black 8, White 8, Blue 8, Green 8, Brown 4

Leading players: Braden 15, David 13, Dirk 12, Brad 12 and Justin 11.

Busy week on The Block as the home stretch lingers

THERE are still several weeks of filming to go, in and around ground zero for Channel 9s hit reality TV show The Block, Cowes on Phillip Island.

And last week was a big week with local real estate agents engaged to sell the properties and some mocked-up 'open for inspections' organised, with visits by celebrity buyers, as the individual projects start to reach their final stages.

"The weather really has been amazing. Locals told us that March and April are often the best months of the year on the island and they weren't wrong about that. We feel blessed to have been here at this time," The Block's Julian Cress stated.

"Work on The Block is progressing extremely well, we are more than half way through the build and it is going very quickly. Only a few more weeks to go, which feels very daunting, but we expect to finish on time and deliver five amazing homes. We have been very grateful for all the support from the local Phillip Island community who have welcomed us so warmly. There has also been a real buzz on social media with locals sharing their interactions with our contestants and hosts which has been fun to see. We always wanted to make something very special for our 20th season of The Block, and we're happy to say the build in Justice Road is shaping up as exactly that.

"There are always lots of challenges that are thrown up in building five houses in just three months but we always



Members of the cast of Channel 9s hit reality TV show The Block, catch a coffee in the main street in Cowes during a big week of filming last week.

seem to find a way to work through them all."

Members of the cast and crew of The Block have been seen regularly in the main Cowes' shopping centre, stopping for coffees or stepping out into local cafes and restaurants for meals, some of the events filmed and some purely social events for those involved.

"We are lucky to have some very supportive local businesses on the island, everyone from Craig and his team at Mitre 10 to Kylie the local florist," Julian continued.

"Some of the highlights so far have been getting into the community and filming some of our major challenges, including a wonderful renovation at the Woolamai Surf Life Saving Club with everyone pitching in.

"We have also filmed at the

Rhyll Angling Club, the Penguin Parade and local art studio Clay & Co. Our crew have also loved getting to know the local Cowes restaurants and of course the two pubs in town. I have heard a number of our crew members talking about moving here one day."

Meanwhile the camera crews were out and about capturing coastal and rural scenes, and filming of the Island's wildlife which will be woven into what looks set to be a visitor promotion for Phillip Island and surrounds, as much as being a reality home renovation production.

Last week, while the 2636-guest P & O Pacific Adventure cruise ship was in town, The Block film crew was seen taking footage of the ship anchored off Rhyll. It will be interesting to see if the cast members got the chance to

take a closer look.

One thing that stands out about The Block's visit to the Island is that cast members and crew are always happy to stop and chat, and even to participate in selfies whenever they have time between their filming responsibilities. Locals say they've been a pleasure to have in town.

One person who hasn't been seen on the Island too often, however, is The Block favourite Keith 'The Foreman' Schleiger who will still make a few cameo appearances in between handing over the bulk of the supervising work to Dan Reilly.

If you keep a keen eye out, you're bound to see some of the filming continue in the next couple of weeks, while there's also been a regular stream of cars passing the construction site, especially at the weekend.

‘Significant hazard’ closes Newhaven Jetty ‘indefinitely’

PARKS Victoria has advised that the Newhaven Jetty, a popular spot for land-based fishers to dangle a line, has been closed indefinitely. The authority advised local stakeholders this week and they started spreading the word on Thursday, May 2.

Parks Vic has issued the following notice: “Newhaven Jetty is closed for public safety indefinitely. Engineering assessments have revealed structural failures meaning it poses a significant hazard to visitors.

“Parks Victoria apologises for any inconvenience caused by the closure of the jetty.

“Nearby pier-based fishing access is available at San Remo Pier and Rhyll Jetty.”

Local fishing industry leader, Craig Edmonds at Jims Bait and Tackle in San Remo said he was made aware of the closure of the jetty in a communique from the Newhaven Yacht Club and while he had since visited the site, was completely unaware of the issues involved.

“I’ve sent some messages out to my contacts and I’m waiting for some advice but no, I don’t know why they’ve closed it,” Mr Edmonds said.

Barriers have been erected at the entrance to the jetty with advice messages posted.

Island Tenpin Bowling

PHANTOM: 1st place on 14.5pts The Jimma, 2nd place on 14pts Strike it Lucky and 3rd place on 11.5pts Towball.

2s Company: 1st place on 21pts Pinpushers, 2nd place on 17pts Jail and 3rd place on 17pts Tinabe.

ABL: 1st place on 102pts Knackers, 2nd place on 97.5pts Storm and 3rd place on 96pts Just Bowl Already.

Business Early: 1st place on 8pts Balls Deep, 2nd place on 6pts Turkey Slappers, 3rd place on 6pts The Redundants and 4th place on 6pts Woolly Rollers.

Business Late: 1st place on 8pts City Lights, 2nd place on 6pts New Image Painting, 3rd place on 5pts S&R Clarke Auto and 4th place on 5pts Sassy Gronks.

Top scores this week: Men: Steve A Clarke 210, Jason Bence 209 and Justin Porthouse 196. Ladies: Mary 189, Bec Bertram 170 and Penny Wolswinkel 166.

South Gippsland Bridge

APRIL 26 at Inverloch Angling Club: seven tables competing. Master point winners North/South pairs.

First: John Currier and John Sutton with an excellent 67.41 per cent. Second: Matti Shub and John Quayle 52.57. Third: Doug McIntosh and Chris Hall 51.79.

East/West pairs: First: Lois Clifford and Julie Perriam 63.33. Second: Bronwyn Sund and Michael Dooley 55.83. Third: Maureen Stiles and Penny Loughran 54.78.

April 30 at RSL Wonthaggi: seven pairs competing. N/S pairs: First: Clive Hope and Lois Dwyer 58.93. Second: Phillip and Nev Chapman 57.50. Second: John French and Deb Anglim 57.50.

E/W pairs: First: Maureen Stiles and Hannah Martin 57.92. Second: Anne Green and Phillip Rinder 54.58. Third: Ruth Stevenson and Sue Edwards 53.33.

May 3 at Inverloch: eight tables. N/S pairs: First: John French and Deb Anglim 58.68. Second: John Quayle and Matti Shub 56.60. Third: John Currier and John Quayle 55.21. Fourth: Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 53.47.

East/West pairs: First: Phil and Nev Chapman 61.17. Second: Faye Rowlands and Julie Perriam 54.76. Third: Kathy Dowd and Anne Somerville 54.46.

State champs crowned in final day of round 3

ALTHOUGH the swell slightly dropped overnight the Groms still had plenty to carve up as Sara Hickson (Rye) and ArieH Paterson (Somers) took out the Under 18 divisions for Round 3 of the Woolworths Victorian Junior Titles. It was an exciting day full of action with the state champions also being crowned once the competitors’ final results were locked in.

The energy of the crowd lifted as the Under 16 Boys hit the water, and a tight battle ensued across the heat. Remy Filler (Jan Juc) had put up a strong backhand snap to start the final, scoring a 6.83, giving the rest of the boys the rev up they needed to kick into gear.

The Under 18 Boys final commenced with a sense of anticipation hanging in the air, each competitor readying themselves for the chance to take the first wave. After only a few minutes Jerry Kelly (Barwon Heads) wasted no time in his quest for victory. Kelly was keen to impress himself upon the final as soon as possible by fishing around the bank for inside runners in an effort to build a heat total.

Meanwhile, ArieH Paterson (Somers) decided to sit and wait which proved to be the right decision as he took off on a set wave and went back-to-back on two big turns to score an 8.00-point ride. Shortly after, Max Basset (Barwon Heads) made his run for first place as he locked in a 5.50-point ride on a quick running wave on the inside. Knowing that a state championship was on the line Basset went back out in search for a wave with more substance. He found this wave within moments and scored a 6.50-point ride for two slashing forehand



U16 Girls 1st place: Lillian Bassed (Sandy Point), 10.90. Photo Credit: Noah Clifford / Surfing Victoria.

re-entries.

However, Paterson was able to back up his previous score by lining up various vertical snaps on a bowly right hander to score a 6.93-point ride. As the heat drew to a close Paterson remained on top with a combined heat total of 14.93 points while Bassett placed second on 11.50 combined points.

Although Bassett didn’t win the round he was able to snatch up enough points to take out the all-important Victorian State Title.

“It was fun waves, and even with the tide dropping out making conditions tricky there were still a few out there,” said Basset.

“It’s pretty emotional being in my last junior event but it has been a good experience,” he continued.

“It’s cool to take out the state title as there are a lot of good competitors competing this year so it’s pretty good to get above them!”

The Under 18 Girls final unfolded with excitement

as Ava Holland (Dromana) set the pace with her initial 7-point ride, carving through the water with an abundance of speed but still remaining in control. As the heat progressed, a sense of urgency swept through the lineup as a multiple wave set rolled in. Taking off, Sarah Seurem rose to the occasion, executing a clean forehand carve that stood as a very impressive single manoeuvre.

In the meantime, Ava Holland, spurred on by the competition, unleashed multiple powerful manoeuvres on a wave out the back, each turn a testament to her mastery of the back hand attack. Not to be outdone, Sara Hickson entered the flurry, moving gracefully across the wave’s face and sliding the tail out on the end section. It was clear Hickson was feeling the freedom of knowing she had already won the State Title, having won the previous two rounds, as she attacked the waves with confidence.

As the dust settled, Ava

Holland emerged victorious, her last wave securing her place on the top of the final with a commanding 7.83-point ride. Despite Sara Hickson’s valiant efforts, her score of 6.40 left her in second place, just shy of the mark needed to overtake Holland’s lead. And though the ocean may not have provided the opportunity for a last-minute upset for Hickson, both Holland and Hickson remained thrilled by the result with both taking away a win.

“It feels really good to take out the state title against all my friends, it’s really exciting,” Hickson exclaimed.

“Cape Woolamai is amazing with its beautiful sandy waves and it was pumping out there,” she added.

With the National Titles to be held later this year in Wollongong (New South Wales), the Victorian team is well placed to be highly competitive amongst the other states now that the places for the State Team are secured.

Visit sgst.com.au for a full list of results.

Podium finish in junior state titles for PIBC



FROM Thursday, May 2 until Sunday, May 5 there was a significant Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) representation at the Surfing Victoria events, all held locally at Cape Woolamai.

Saturday and Sunday saw PIBC represented across nearly all girls and boys divisions in the final round of the Woolworths Junior State Titles, with some podium finishes and state champ look ins!

Thursday and Friday also saw PIBC kids represented through Bass Coast College and Newhaven College, for the state school and

independent schools team titles.

With some podium finishes, and the Newhaven female team of all PIBC juniors / cadets under the coaching of Glyndyn Ringrose taking out an impressive first place.

Results:

State School Mixed Team - 3rd Bass Coast College

Independent Schools Mixed Team - 2nd Newhaven College

Independent Schools Female Team - 1st Newhaven College

LEFT: Lillian Bassed Victoria State Champion. Photo: Surfing Victoria.

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 May 7	WEDNESDAY May 8	THURSDAY May 9	FRIDAY May 10	SATURDAY May 11	SUNDAY May 12	MONDAY May 13
3.45am 0.55m	4.54am 0.42m	5.52am 0.31m	12.41am 1.54m	1.29am 1.56m	2.14am 1.56m	2.57am 1.55m
10.59am 1.53m	12.06pm 1.67m	1.04pm 1.78m	6.44am 0.24m	7.31am 0.21m	8.18am 0.23m	9.03am 0.28m
4.17pm 0.81m	5.34pm 0.81m	6.34pm 0.80m	1.57pm 1.85m	2.44pm 1.86m	3.29pm 1.83m	4.12pm 1.77m
10.54pm 1.46m	11.49pm 1.50m		7.24pm 0.77m	8.08pm 0.76m	8.51pm 0.74m	9.32pm 0.74m

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Wonthaggi stars at national underwater hockey event

WONTHAGGI Underwater Hockey Club represented heavily again in this year's national event in Cairns recently.

The U15 division included: captain Will Stein, vice-captain Daniel Pearce, Amy Pearce, Felix Maund, Isabella Stead, Tamsyn Walsh, Devlin Rowe, Cathal O'Flynn, Joe Wilkinson and Anastasia Davidson.

Eight players competed at their first nationals with a lot of bottom age players having their first real crack at high level competition against states with well-seasoned top age players.

It was a tough week for the youngsters, but they played well, developed a lot, won a few games and finished fifth for the competition.

With a lot of bottom age players in this team coming through, they'll be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

The U19 division included: captain Hamish Scothern, vice-captain Caden Milnes, Ethan Milnes, Lacie Phillips, Maddi Maund, Darby Hoskins, Jack Ryan and Oscar Hatty.

This group played what has been called the "game of the tournament" in the play off for bronze against their long-time duelling partner South Australia.

It's always a cracker of a match when these two teams clash with neither team giving an inch and most games being sorted by a single goal and this game was no different with a draw at full time after 30 minutes of game time.

There was then 10 minutes of overtime with a contentious goal awarded to South Australia in the last few minutes of overtime to bring it to a draw again.

It was so contentious that the umpires themselves called a time out with the closest ref calling a foul with the other ref calling a penalty goal to South Australia.

This difference of opinion continued until the second ref declared they were head ref and their decision stood.

This took the players into golden goal and after another 12 minutes with Victoria constantly attacking the goal tray and many fouls called against South Australia but no elusive penalty goal coming Victoria's way, South Australia managed a break away against a weary Victoria team and scored its own goal to win bronze.

It was an epic battle and won't be the last chapter in this duel.

In the Vic men's elite team, Hamish Scothern and Caden Milnes represented Victoria after a rigorous and exhaustive selection process with both boys being selected in a team bristling with international experience and skill.

The Vic men didn't lose a game all competition and in a hard fought final managed to beat West Australia and end their dominant reign of being national champs.

This final was played at such intensity and speed that an actual hockey stick was snapped in half.

This is the first time that Vic has held the trophy high after 14 years and only the fourth time in 40 years, and is an amazing accomplishment.



Troy Passarin finishing in 1st place for A grade.

Championships taking contestants to a new level

THREE members of Westernport Field and Game walked away with medals last weekend as part of the Oceania Championships in Mudjee for Sporting Clays, which included NZ and New Caledonia entrants.

Sporting Clays is a form of clay pigeon shooting that resembles the unpredictability of real-life hunting situations, with clay targets of various sizes thrown from trap machines at various angles, trajectories, elevations, speeds, and distances.

Sporting Clay Australia is a

not-for-profit organisation that promotes the sport at all levels.

President Rob Passarin said it was one of the most gruelling and challenging events I've seen in many years. "No apologies were given as their aim is to take our competitors to a level equal to Europe, America and the rest of the world."

Results

- Troy Passarin finishing 1st in A grade.
- Robert Passarin finishing 2nd in veterans.

- Brendan Goodman finishing 2nd in C grade.

The club also recognised, Tony Dea with a solid performance finishing middle of the road in B grade. John Younger winning with a score of 177, and another special mention to Troy finishing equal 13th on 160.

"For a club of our size, it's great to come away with these results," said Rob.

"Troy used to participate as a junior, but he only got back into it around two years ago, so to achieve this is remarkable."

Zac Sporle fires in schools shootout

KORUMBURRA Secondary College student, Zac Sporle, can lay claims on being one of the best young clay target shooters in the state after taking out the prestigious 2024 Yarra Valley Schools Clay Target Competition last Thursday, May 2.

The year 9 student was congratulated by the school on its social media pages as follows:

Fantastic news just in! After tied scores, Zac Sporle has just won the 2024 Yarra Valley Schools Clay Target Competition in a "shoot-off" today at the Melbourne Clay Target Club in Yering.

Congratulations Zac!

Zac won first place out of 30 junior boys with three rounds of 10 targets scoring 6/10 Down the Line, 6/10 Skeet and 10/10 Field & Game for a total of 22/30.

Zac had to undertake a shoot out for 1st and 2nd place after scores were tied at the end of shooting rounds. But he did an absolutely awesome job and came out the winner for the day, performing strongly under real competition pressure.

RIGHT: Korumburra's Zac Sporle has taken out the 2024 Yarra Valley Schools Clay Target Competition in shoot off.



Thrilling darts showdown on Phillip Island

THE Phillip Island and Districts Darts League was the scene of a nail-biting showdown on Monday night, as the top two teams in the competition went head-to-head at the Darts Centre.

That's All, sitting atop the league table, faced off against the second-placed Vikings in a highly anticipated match.

In a closely contested affair, That's All emerged victorious, narrowly edging out its opponent by a score of 4-3.

"It was a real battle out there," That's All captain "Bones" Cleeland.

"The Vikings put up a tough fight, but we managed to hold our nerve and come away with the win. This sets us up nicely for the rest of the season."

The close encounter set the tone for the rest of the evening's action, as another two matches ended with a 4-3 scoreline.

In the first of these, Storm

defeated Riverboys, while Breakers overcame Joes Hornets.

The final match of the night saw Jaggers secure a solid 5-2 victory over Dart Vaders.

The evening's festivities were capped off with the special prize draws, courtesy of the league's fantastic sponsors, San Remo Butchers and Boutique Tails.

Bruce Atkins of Dart Vaders was the lucky winner of the coveted San Remo Butchers meat tray.

"It's great to see the community coming together to support our local darts league," league president Scott Lethbridge said. "The level of competition continues to impress, and we're looking forward to an exciting remainder of the season."

With the top teams jostling for position, the league is shaping up to be a thrilling contest that is sure to keep fans on the edge of their seats.



Bruce Atkins of Dart Vaders was the winner of the San Remo Butchers meat tray.

Aislin's selection prospects improve in Qatar

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"That's really hard. Most people when you set a number will focus on it and as they drop a target or two it gets harder as not being able to achieve it looks more likely. It builds pressure which makes achieving the goal even harder, so there's a risk in doing so."

"It's been working though, and the standard of competition was exceptionally high. She needed a big second day to stay in the running for a finish in the top third of the field. Setting a different style of goal for the day was risky but we put a number on it and she rose to the challenge."

"We knew how she responds to it in training and for sure a year ago it was a mental barrier, so it was risky but what she's achieved mentally in training definitely came out here. She needed a perfect round in round four to achieve that goal and under that pressure she hit everything, and did it on the main range in front of the crowd and with the Olympic Rings on the bank in the background. It was impressive. We also learned a little about what doesn't work in a competition environment with the goal setting on day three, so we go into the World Cup at Baku with a much better idea of what to set around her daily goals."

The rankings taken over five events of 125 targets each, with additional points for finals placings in the Australian series now stand as follows. Jones' father Dave is still circumspect about the end result. "It's not over until it's over in this sport. Eleven points is a great buffer, but I'll be a lot happier once we know the result of the next World Cup in Baku as nothing is ever certain and she needs to keep fighting for this now."

With ticket sales concluding mid-April decisions have already had to be made on speculation. Dave has secured tickets to Aislin's competition days.

"We didn't get to see her compete in Rio. Rio was horrendously expensive to get to and get accommodation, far worse than Paris. We've tentatively booked accommodation in Chateauroux which is where the event will take place about three hours south of Paris. It was worse than trying to get tickets to a popular concert. You're trying to get tickets with the rest of the world for something you're emotionally invested in. But over a couple of sales sessions we have managed to get enough tickets for us and we have enough that Aislin's partner Jack (Stockdale) and his Mum can come and we probably have a ticket or two spare in case other relatives end up coming - we won't have any trouble rehoming them to the Kiwis if Chloe gets nominated by NZ."

Fundraising to support Aislin through time off work and train in continues at and all donations are genuinely helpful. You can join her support team by donating at tinyurl.com/AislinParis2024. Donations are tax deductible.



Luke McGuirk with the Kirk Studham Award, which was presented by Richard and Elia Osborne.



The A2 awards were presented to Heath Dobbie (bowling and Cricketer of the Year) and Lochlan McLean (batting).

Club cricketers congratulated

WONTHAGGI Club Cricket Club celebrated its cricketers as another season ended recently. A presentation night was held, and the club applauded some of its top performers.

The club thanked its players and members for its hard work and dedication, which resulted in great achievements throughout the season.

Award winners were as follows:

A Grade Division 1: Batting: Joel Brann. Bowling: Mark McCall. Cricketer of the Year: Joel Brann. Captain's award: Emmet Dempsey.

A Grade Division 2: Batting: Lochlan McLean. Bowling: Heath Dobbie. Cricketer of the Year: Heath Dobbie. Captain's award: Sean Roche.

B Grade Division 2: Batting: Chris Fraser. Bowling: Chris Fraser. Cricketer of the Year: Chris Fraser. Captain's award: Callum Prosser.

Club awards: Coach's award: Heath Dobbie. Kirk Studham Award: Luke McGuirk. Bernie Maloney Club Champion: Joel Brann.



A1 award winners Joel Brann (batting, Cricketer of the Year and Bernie Maloney Medal) and Mark McCall (bowling).



The B2 batting and bowling award winner, and Cricketer of the Year, Chris Fraser.



Luke Monckton (S), Mark Hanrahan (3), Max Williams (2) and Bobby Arnold (L) were South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's winners.



Inverloch Bowling Club's Thursday social bowls winners were Keith Cousins, Liz Jacobs, Paul Davis and Pat Mackay



Peter Gratton (S), Derek Fenn (3) and Bill Williams (L) were the best one game winners for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners were Stan Noad, Michael Raman, Peter McBain and Jim Mitchell.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club held its Golden Oldies Lunch.



Friday's winners with plus nine were Jean Wyld, Jeanie Slocombe and Betty Huitema at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls.

INVERLOCH

FORTY-FOUR bowlers took to the greens on Tuesday night.

The winners were Joe Pinneri and Paul Peloso (green one) and Linda and Ron McNair (green two).

Inverloch Bowling Club is now halfway through its first night bowls season.

There are four more weeks to go before a break over winter.

If you haven't tried bowls under lights yet, get your name on the list sometime over the next four weeks.

Thursday social bowls saw 31 bowlers perform in beautiful weather.

Bowlers were split into teams of fours and triples.

Two games of 10 ends were played.

An unusual event occurred with a number of team fighting to be runners up.

The team led by Steve Snelling finished on 14 points.

The next team led by Bill Selby ended with 15 points.

Next in line was Chris O'Donnell's team on 16 points.

Reg Varty's team came next on 17 points.

The runners up, led by John Duthie, finished on 18 points.

Winners on the day with two wins and 32 points was the team of Keith Cousins (skip), Paul Davis, Liz Jacobs and Pat Mackay.

Bowlers are reminded that names need to be in by 9.30am on Thursday with playing starting at 11am.

It was great to see a number of barefoot bowlers enjoying themselves on Thursday afternoon.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

IT was another lovely day for the bowlers at Lang Lang on Thursday.

The weather was more like spring than early May, which is a pleasant surprise.

Thirty-six of the family of bowlers turned up to soak in the sun, have a few laughs and fight it out for the title of team of the week.

The bowlers were greeted by John and Pauline, who happily entered the names so Peter could once again arrange the teams.

Marianne once again opened the bar during the day for the hardworking bowlers.

Once on the green, the fun began with a lot of laughter and friendly banter to keep the players happy.

Not a lot of wrong bias bowls, but still a few wayward shots on most rinks.

The green was in excellent condition, but the morning weather tended to make the green a little faster than usual.

As the day progressed the green certainly did change a bit as well.

The winners on 36 points were Luke Monckton (S), Mark Hanrahan (3), Max Williams (2) and Bobby Arnold (L).

This week's runners up were Peter McWilliams (co-skip), Lindsay Russell (co-skip), Gillian Harper (3), Karen Hickson (2) and Alan Weeden (L).

Best one game winners were Peter Gratton (S), Derek Fenn (3) and Bill Williams (L).

It was great to see Bill in the winner's circle on the week he turns 95 – keep up the good work Bill.

The group would like to thank the Lang Lang members who were present for all their hard work cleaning up after the game.

The members will be meeting once again at Corinella next week to once again fight it out for team of the week.

Everyone needs to be at the club by 10am so there is enough time to prepare the teams.

Till then, stay safe and have fun.

WONTHAGGI

WEDNESDAY saw a perfect day for bowls.

Thirty-six bowlers graced the greens with teams of three and four over two games of 10 ends.

There were two teams that were two game winners, with the winners being Stan Noad,

Michael Raman, Peter McBain and Jim Mitchell with a score of two wins and 33 points.

The runners up were Rob Westbrook, Ray Hin, Rob Dennis and Aldo Sartori with a score of two wins and 32 points.

Thursday saw another perfect day with a roll up at 10am, then the Golden Oldies Lunch.

A huge success, plus a great way to wind up the season with a fabulous lunch and a good yarn.

A group photo will be on the website.

This will be the last Thursday social bowls until after winter.

Saturday saw a fine sunny day with a slight breeze to greet 29 bowlers.

Once again, teams of three and four were the order of the day, over two games of 10 ends.

There were two teams that were two game winners.

The winners, with a score of two wins and plus 10 shots, were Wayne Mattock, Joy Phillips and Rob Dennis.

The runners up were Wally Leijen, Denise Silver, Trevor Teer and Syd Gostling with a score of two wins and plus four shots.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

IT was great day for indoor bowling on Tuesday.

Everyone was laughing and having fun.

The winners with plus eight were Pat Novak, Linda Newman, Fred Demenech and Jenny Bekker.

The runners up with plus four were Brian Newman, John Rook, Silvia Mattock and Betty Huitema.

Friday's game was a fun time with the winners on plus nine Jean Wyld, Jeanie Slocombe and Betty Huitema.

Runners up with plus eight was Fred Demenech, John Bird, Glenda Binch and Lance Waller.



Winners of the Joyce Berry 4BBB Par Scratch Championship Andrea Thorson and Dot Christie, A Grade Handicap winners Susan Straw and Irene Holm, Minor Scratch Championship winner Fran McGlead, and B Grade Handicap winners Heather McCaughan and Louise Vuillermin. Absent: Kyle Collins (Minor Scratch Championship).

FOSTER

Ladies

A GOOD roll up of ladies took advantage of a beautiful day. Di Walker had a cracker day, winning the May Medal, A Grade 95/70 and the putting on a three-way count back with Rachel Brown and Geraldine Sinclair. Deb Bray won B Grade with 116/70 – a good day out, Deb. BDTL went to Rachel Brown, Rae Knee and Kaylene Morris. NTP on sixth and 17th was Elisa Nudelman. The nine-hole event was won by Viv Reid with 20 pts. Thank you to Medal Day sponsor Shirley Cook. Next week, May 15, Is Flag Trudi Prue Trophy.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, April 30. Stableford: 31 players. A Grade: David Enbom (18) 36 pts. B Grade: Steve McNamarra (20) 33 pts. NTPs: first Don Hislop, seventh Bob Newton and 10th Ian Cash. Thursday, May 2: Stableford: 17 players. Winner: Brian Clasby (16) 36 pts. NTPs: first Steve Duffield, seventh Jaarl Enbom and 13th Noel Ladgrove. Saturday, May 4: Monthly Medal: 40 players. Monthly Medal winner: Peter Van Agtmaal (18) 73 net. A Grade: Shane Sartori (10) 75 net. B Grade: Peter Van Agtmaal (18) 73 net. Scratch winner: Mat Wrigley (2) 79 gross. NTPs: first Shane Sartori, 10th Brian Clasby and 13th Steve McNamarra.

Ladies

THERE was a large number of women playing in the May Monthly Medal and the nine-hole competition last Wednesday. Johanna van den Heiligenberg (10) won A Grade, 78 net and also had the best Scratch Score with 88. Shelley Snooks (17) was runner up, 80 net. Well done to Chris Rickard (27) who won B Grade and was also the Monthly Medallist with a nice 71 net, so was awarded the Tiny Teapot Café voucher. Jenny Blackmore (24) was runner up in B Grade, 77 net. The C Grade winner was Lorraine Knox (39), 80 net and Diarne Maskell (33) was runner up, 85 net. BDTL went to Merrissa Cosson (10), 81 net, Trudy Olden (30), 82 net and Julie Brannaghan (25), 84 net on a c/b. The nine-hole comp was won by Barb Walker (30), 14 pts and Betty Thomson (42) was next

best with 12 pts. NTP's were Pam Evers, 1st (One Stop Discount Shop) and Lynette McIvor, 13th (Burra Garden Supplies). Congratulations to Merrissa Cosson who won the Silver Spoon play-off and will now compete amid the other club finalists in Melbourne later in the year. On Saturday, Judy Webb (23) was the winner of the RB Monthly Medal and recipient of the Luscious Café voucher with a score of 77 net. Johanna van den Heiligenberg (10) was runner-up, 78 net and also had the best Scratch Score, with 88. BDTL went to Merrissa Cosson (10), 80 net and Gail Beer (31) 82 net. NTPs were Lynette McIvor first, and Shelley Snooks on the 10th and 13th greens. It was great that the Section 2 Pennant team had a win 3½/1½ against Phillip Island but unfortunately miss out on playing in the final. Section 3 had a win 4½/1½ against Wonthaggi in the semi-final and the club wishes the team well against Phillip Island in the final at Lang Lang on Monday, May 6.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, April 30: Stableford (57 entrants). A Grade: Winner: Chad Clasby (8) 41 pts. Runner up: Alan Starkey (10) 38 pts. B Grade: Winner: Ron Findlay (24) 39 pts. Runner up: Robert Seddon (29) 38 pts. Nearest to Pin: 14th Trevor Steer 250cm, 16th Antony Roberts 106cm, fifth Gordon Allan 234cm second shot. Thursday, May 2: Skipper Gaz Stableford Day (89 entrants). A Grade: Winner: Alan Starkey (7) 39 pts. Runner up: Christopher Leaver (8) 37 pts. B Grade: Winner: Andrew Smith (17) 36 pts. Runner up: Frank Gill (18) 35 pts (count back). C Grade: Winner: Steve Fisher (19) 36 pts. Runner up: David Child (19) 34 pts. D Grade: Winner: Peter Horman (27) 35 pts. Runner up: Simon Kaiserman (25) 33 pts. Nearest to Pin: 14th Steve Foster 1.8m, 16th Peter Hartigan 1.6m, and fifth Steve Foster 36cm second shot. Saturday, May 4: Monthly Medal (contested by 71 entrants). Winner: Steve Fisher (20) -4 countback. Runner up: Rene Zeller (23) -4. Mixed Stableford (contested by 78 entrants): A Grade: Winner: Christopher Leaver (9) 38. Runner up: Paul Prendergast (12) 36 B Grade: Winner: Steve Fisher (20) 40. Runner up: Mark

Steadman (20) 35 countback. C Grade: Winner: Rene Zeller (23) 40. Runner up: Miles Wrigley (29) 38. Nearest to Pin: 14th Christopher Leaver 120cm, 16th Paul Deery 150cm, and fifth Norman Hughes 110cm second shot.

Ladies

THIRTY-TWO women enjoyed the perfect autumn weather for the combined May Monthly Medal and Stableford event. Libby Seebeck (38) is currently sitting in top spot for the medal with a net 74. The winner of the daily Stableford event was Jenny Teasdale with 36 pts and Libby Seebeck was the runner up on 34 pts. Balls down the line went to Ev Indian 34 pts, Trish Owen and Else Gedye 33, and Jo Miles, Lianne Adamson, Jill Steer and Glenyce McRobert all on 31 pts. Nearest the pin on the 14th was Alison Strong, on the 16th was Ev Indian, and second shot on the fifth went to Janet Monk. New player Jo McNaughton won the nine-hole competition with 17 pts. Jill Moor and Marie Sands both scored 16 pts to finish in second place.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

THE final round of the Ladies' Championships was played in perfect conditions. The sun shining the autumn colours outstanding and the course playing fantastic. Meeniyans club champion left it till the final hole of the 54-hole event to win by two strokes. Congratulations to Andrea Thorson on winning the Club Championships from a determined Dot Christie. In B Grade, it was another tight score with Faye LePage winning the B Grade Championship from Jo Graeme and Sue Hoskin. The C Grade Championship winner was Louise Vuillermin. Sue Hoskin was the overall Handicap Champion, which is sponsored by former player Barb Scott. Sue also won the Senior Championship sponsored by Veronica Park. The club would love to say its sincere thanks to Kaeleen Shervell of IGA Meeniyans for her fabulous sponsorship of the Championships.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND GOLF INC JOYCE BERRY 4BBB PAR CHAMPIONSHIP

FORTY-TWO women competed in the Joyce Berry 4BBB Par



South Gippsland pennant final for division 1 was held at Foster Golf Club on May 5 between Lang Lang and Meeniyans. Result was a win to Meeniyans 5 matches to 2 although five of the matches went to 18th and beyond so closer than scores indicate.

Championships at Meeniyans Golf Club last week. This event has been held annually for more than 40 years. Joyce Berry, in whose honour the event is held, was a captain and champion at Wonthaggi Golf Club for many years, as well as holding long term positions as a South Gippsland delegate and Country Teams member. Meeniyans Golf Club almost reigned supreme, winning three of the four major events. The Joyce Berry 4BBB Par Championship was won by Dot Christie and Andrea Thorson, with a scratch score of 85.

The Minor Scratch was won by Fran McGlead and Kylie Collins from Foster Golf Club with 97. This is a back-to-back win for this pairing, having won at Foster Golf Club last year. Meeniyans captain Irene Holm and vice-captain Susan Straw combined extremely well to win the A Grade Handicap with +4. There weren't many positive scores to be had on the day. The B Grade Handicap winners were Heather McCaughan and Louise Vuillermin with +1. Down the line balls went to Sue Hoskin and Jo Graeme (Meeniyans Golf Club) square, Janet Thompson and Jean Hayes (Woorayl Golf Club) -3, Patsy Britt and Dawn Judkins (Wonthaggi Golf Club) -3, Kathy Geyer and Chris Hamilton (Wonthaggi Golf Club) -3, and Yvonne Everitt and Jan Beaumont (Wonthaggi Golf Club) -3. Fran McGlead was the only player to find the green on the 11th, Barb Warren from Foster Golf Club was closest on the eighth and Facebook administrator Elly Berryman was nearest to the flag on the 14th. The South Gippsland Golf Inc. Women's committee would like to extend thanks to Meeniyans Golf Club women's captain Irene Holm and her committee for their excellent organisation in running the event.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: Thursday, May 2: 18 holes Stableford. Winner: Ian McNish 37 pts. Runner up: Keith Ridout 34 pts. Ball sweep: Bruce Betts 33, Joshua Kilgour 32, Stephen Kane 32 and Malcolm Stephenson 31. Nine-holes front nine Stableford: Winner: Secondo Tiziani 17. Runner up: Blake Cornelis 16. Ball sweep: Paul Cornelis 14 and Ken Cuman 13. Result: May 4, S.R 72. Competition: Stroke Monthly Medal and putting. A Grade: Michael Scott 69 (Monthly Medal).

B Grade: Craig Charles 70. C Grade: Bill Howard 70. BDTL to 74 C/B. Ball sweep: Daniel Crellin 72, Graeme Campbell 73, Stephen Kane 73, Graham Ryan 73. Gary Youten 73, Bruce Betts 74, Shaun Stirton 74, Phillip Studham 74, Sam Hovath 74 and Eric Van Agtmaal 74 C/B. NTPs: Alan McLean second, Craig Charles fourth, Michael Scott propin eighth, Craig Charles 13th, and Michael Scott money hole 17th. Putting: Ian Johnson 27 putts.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was May Monthly Medal stroke and putting. The day was generously sponsored by Latitude Trading from San Remo owned by Donna Brosnan. There were 26 players with three Grades. The A Grade and Medal winner was Marg Johnson who started her round with a 50 meter hole out birdie four. Her score of 86(14)72 also won the best scratch and putting with 27. B Grade's winner was Irene Walsh 101(26)75 net. C Grade's winner was Wendy Cross 114(34)80 net. NTP on second was Jan Beaumont, fourth Wendy Cross, eighth Patsy Britt, 13th Lisa Brusamarello and 17th Kaylene Hodgetts. BDL went to Patsy Britt 75, Layla Robertson 77, Lisa Brusamarello 78, Simone Lindsay 78 and Marg Ryan 79. The Singles Knockout final between Anne Tschiderer and Betty Bowmar was played with Anne Tschiderer crowned the 2024 winner.

WOORAYL

Ladies

THE weather was perfect, but the cored greens proved very challenging. It was lovely to see Carol Johnson, the sponsor for the May Monthly Medal Day. Elly Berryman proved the greens were no problem, winning A Grade and the medal with a great score of 86-12-74. B Grade's winner was Janet Thompson 113-30-83, beating Bev Bridge on a count back. BDL were Ann Poole 76, Pauline Lancaster 82, and Anne Grist 82. Ann Poole's putter ran hot coming in with 29 putts. NTPs were eighth Elly Berryman, 11th Elly Berryman and 17th went to new member Ronnie Hanily. Special mention gobblers: Tricia, Joan, Anne Grist and Elly had a gobbler/birdie on the 16th.

RESULTS

A GRADE		
Thorpdale 19	It Stony Creek 37	
MDU 55	d Boolarra 38	
Toora 43	d Mirboo North 41	
Tarwin 44	It Foster 56	
N'borough 33	It Morwell E 41	
B GRADE		
Thorpdale 22	It Stony Creek 72	
MDU 48	It Boolarra 69	
Toora 43	It Mirboo North 58	
Fish Creek 40	d Hill End 28	
Tarwin 23	It Foster 94	
N'borough 44	It Morwell E 56	
C GRADE		
Thorpdale 12	It Stony Creek 42	
MDU 46	d Boolarra 42	
Toora 32	d Mirboo North 31	
Fish Creek 25	It Hill End 30	
Tarwin 39	d Foster 17	
N'borough 34	It Morwell E 39	
D GRADE		
Thorpdale 1	It Stony Creek 66	
MDU 30	d Boolarra 25	
Toora 20	drew Mirboo North 20	
Fish Creek 40	d Hill End 22	
Tarwin 51	d Foster 32	
N'borough 24	It Morwell E 25	
17 & UNDER		
MDU 40	It Boolarra 41	
Toora 41	d Mirboo North 14	
Fish Creek 38	d Hill End 22	
N'borough 30	d Morwell E 16	
15 & UNDER		
MDU 31	It Boolarra 40	
Toora 31	d Mirboo North 25	
Fish Creek 16	It Hill End 40	
Tarwin 10	It Foster 31	
N'borough 26	It Morwell E 29	
13 & UNDER		
MDU 23	d Boolarra 22	
Toora 7	It Mirboo North 14	
Fish Creek 10	It Hill End 30	
Tarwin 36	d Foster 2	
LADDERS		
A GRADE	%	pts
MDU	181.91	16
Morwell East	143.55	16
Yinnar	170.97	12
Mirboo North	170.97	12
Fish Creek	102.82	12
Boolarra	98.48	8
Foster	97.04	8
Stony Creek	95.37	8
Newborough	79.70	8
Toora	67.50	8
Tarwin	73.62	4
Thorpdale	58.21	0
B GRADE		
Foster	234.11	16
Boolarra	200.70	16
Fish Creek	151.09	16
MDU	157.89	12
Morwell East	121.26	12
Yinnar	104.13	12
Stony Creek	118.95	8
Mirboo North	87.68	8
Hill End	90.38	4
Toora	78.00	4
Tarwin	34.03	4
Newborough	76.17	0
Thorpdale	29.37	0
C GRADE		
MDU	186.02	16
Yinnar	172.15	16
Morwell East	156.07	16
Tarwin	140.96	12
Mirboo North	155.10	8
Boolarra	128.93	8
Hill End	103.25	8
Newborough	102.07	8
Toora	86.76	8
Stony Creek	88.14	4
Foster	63.87	4
Fish Creek	59.17	4
Thorpdale	14.80	0
D GRADE		
Stony Creek	216.46	16
Tarwin	144.30	16
Fish Creek	140.00	16
MDU	173.33	12
Yinnar	119.57	12
Morwell East	120.39	10
Mirboo North	111.02	10
Toora	81.37	6
Boolarra	109.26	4
Newborough	98.31	4
Foster	77.64	4
Hill End	65.35	2
Thorpdale	15.74	0
17 & UNDER		
Toora	242.86	16
Boolarra	213.43	16
MDU	211.76	12
Yinnar	173.42	12
Fish Creek	119.32	12
Stony Creek	79.76	8
Hill End	69.77	8
Newborough	61.76	4
Mirboo North	49.69	4
Morwell East	32.20	0
15 & UNDER		
Toora	198.68	16
Boolarra	189.06	16
MDU	197.87	12
Yinnar	175.00	12
Foster	93.75	12
Mirboo North	140.21	8
Hill End	137.50	8
Stony Creek	96.34	8
Newborough	63.57	4
Morwell East	45.70	4
Fish Creek	41.54	4
Tarwin	17.39	4
13 & UNDER		
Yinnar	457.14	16
MDU	109.52	16
Mirboo North	365.38	12
Hill End	221.15	12
Boolarra	125.49	12
Tarwin	135.29	8
Newborough	79.66	8
Fish Creek	33.33	8
Stony Creek	22.41	8
Foster	4.11	8
Toora	24.10	4

SPORT | NETBALL



Kasey Gambetta of Kilcunda-Bass provides powerful assist in the first quarter against Koo Wee Rup. Z34_1924



Korumburra-Bena's Millie Enbom launches to contest during the third quarter against Nar Nar Goon. Z27_1924



Madeline Caddy has the ball during Leongatha's C Grade win over Warragul. A27_1924



30 year reunion for Tarwin netballers

Tarwin Football Netball Club's premiership A and B Grade sides from 1993 and 1994 reunited on Saturday. Pictured from left, Pauline Braumann, Kerrie "Compass" Bramall, Michelle Burggraaff, Melinda Beale, Sandra "Trick" Stephens, Wendy Allan, Robyn "Spud" Harris, Diana Thomas, Raelene "Bird" Browne, Andrea Thorson, Maz Williamson and Leesha Dacey. The premiership players enjoyed the day and thanked netball operations manager Hannah Keily (not pictured) for organising the day.



Jemma Osborne aims to shoot in a fast paced first quarter against Koo Wee Rup. Z33_1924



Leongatha's Jude Reynolds has her hands on the ball as she comes under attack from Warragul's Sophie Fennell during the Parrots' C Grade win over the Gulls. A29_1924



Korumburra-Bena's Ella Cuman holds great position in the second half after a close second quarter. Z30_1924



Tamika De Nardis of Kilcunda-Bass played a strong first quarter against Koo Wee Rup's Talia Charalambides. Z31_1924

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE	17 & UNDER
Bunyip 25	It Dalyston 47
Garfield 38	It Tooradin-D 56
KWR 35	It Kilcunda-Bass 41
NNG 55	d K'burra-Bena 51
B GRADE	
Bunyip 46	It Dalyston 55
Garfield 37	It Tooradin-D 44
KWR 30	It Kilcunda-Bass 56
NNG 66	d K'burra-Bena 36
C GRADE	
Bunyip 32	d Dalyston 13
Garfield 17	It Tooradin-D 31
KWR 26	d Kilcunda-Bass 24
NNG 38	d K'burra-Bena 33
D GRADE	
Bunyip 43	d Dalyston 19
Garfield 37	d Tooradin-D 24
KWR 41	d Kilcunda-Bass 8
NNG 38	d Kor-Bena 21

Bunyip 23	It Dalyston 33
Garfield 29	It Tooradin-D 34
KWR 21	d Kilcunda-Bass 18
NNG 43	d K'burra-Bena 41
Bunyip 11	It Dalyston 18
Garfield 4	It Tooradin-D 35
KWR 44	d Kilcunda-Bass 8
NNG 57	d K'burra-Bena 27
Bunyip 14	d Dalyston 13
Garfield 14	It Tooradin-D 34
KWR 13	It Kilcunda-Bass 36
NNG 30	d K'burra-Bena 15
Bunyip 12	d Dalyston 5
Garfield 1	It Tooradin-D 33
KWR 18	d Kilcunda-Bass 11
NNG 40	d K'burra-Bena 0

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	C GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Inverloch-K	176.34	16	Tooradin-Dal.	157.78	16	Phillip Island	231.87	16	Nar Nar Goon	404.88	16
Dalyston	154.11	16	Nar Nar Goon	150.00	16	Thooradin-Dal.	193.42	16	Cora Lynn	287.72	14
Cora Lynn	124.65	12	Inverloch-K.	161.54	12	Inverloch-K.	178.87	12	Garfield	177.78	12
Kilcunda-Bass	109.64	12	Cora Lynn	116.52	12	Kor-Bena	169.35	12	Warragul Ind.	106.06	12
Nar Nar Goon	107.49	12	Kilcunda-Bass	120.62	8	Garfield	123.58	12	Tooradin-Dal.	106.09	10
Tooradin-Dal.	115.29	8	Kor-Bena	103.25	8	Nar Nar Goon	109.77	12	Kor-Bena	226.67	8
Phillip Island	97.95	8	Garfield	79.41	6	Koo Wee Rup	66.39	8	Kilcunda-Bass	75.47	8
Kor-Bena	94.39	4	Koo Wee Rup	76.74	6	Dalyston	81.82	4	Dalyston	86.96	4
Koo Wee Rup	80.10	4	Bunyip	97.27	4	Cora Lynn	72.00	4	Inverloch-K.	71.00	4
Garfield	68.98	4	Dalyston	77.34	4	Bunyip	70.95	0	Bunyip	27.14	4
Warragul Ind.	65.42	0	Warragul Ind.	54.36	4	Kilcunda Bass	60.12	0	Phillip Island	58.09	0
Bunyip	63.43	0	Phillip Island	61.19	0	Warragul Ind.	23.04	0	Koo Wee Rup	25.69	0
B GRADE											
Inverloch-K	178.01	16	Nar Nar Goon	227.27	16	15 & UNDER			11 & UNDER		
Tooradin Dal.	166.40	16	Garfield	172.92	16	Warragul Ind.	159.09	16	Tooradin-Dal.	705.88	16
Nar Nar Goon	153.75	16	Inverloch-K	159.04	12	Nar Nar Goon	214.12	14	Nar Nar Goon	440.91	16
Dalyston	141.32	16	Kor-Bena	143.93	12	Tooradin-Dal.	232.73	12	Phillip Island	247.06	12
Kilcunda-Bass	127.40	12	Tooradin-Dal.	122.34	12	Koo Wee Rup	161.54	12	Koo Wee Rup	117.86	10
Warragul Ind.	91.59	8	Koo Wee Rup	126.32	8	Phillip Island	160.22	10	Koo Wee Rup	132.00	8
Garfield	87.18	4	Cora Lynn	99.11	8	Cora Lynn	126.32	8	Warragul Ind.	93.55	8
Phillip Island	82.38	4	Bunyip	82.14	4	Dalyston	87.93	8	Garfield	56.60	8
Cora Lynn	77.78	4	Inverloch-K.	68.22	4	Kor-Bena	72.18	8	Inverloch-K.	67.80	4
Bunyip	76.53	0	Kilcunda-Bass	54.17	4	Inverloch-K.	76.77	4	Bunyip	45.90	4
Kor-Bena	57.09	0	Warragul Ind.	56.52	0	Garfield	75.56	4	Kilcunda-Bass	44.21	4
Koo Wee Rup	56.23	0	Dalyston	39.51	0	Bunyip	26.03	0	Dalyston	28.07	0
						Kilcunda-Bass	22.10	0	Kor-Bena	14.15	0



Kasie Rump enjoys plenty of support as she gets ready for her 300th senior game. A23_1924



Bonnie Hendrick celebrates 100 Senior games for Poowong. Photo by Georgia Chiavaroli.



Ella helped secure a win against Mirboo North in Saturday's.



Abby Nash (B Grade) intercepts the ball from her Toora opponent.



There was a number of wins on the board for Toora this week as they battled it out on the court against Mirboo North.



Mirboo North A Grader Emily Taylor takes a leap in defence.

LEONGATHA

UNDER 13: Well done again to our under 13s. A game filled with intercepts, goals and smooth positional changes. Each week the team continue to develop and demonstrate their skills on court.

Under 15: Well fought out game. A game we took quarter by quarter and kept continually building. We kept our heads high and stayed strong to push in the last quarter and get the win.

Under 17: It was an amazing day, with great weather. Super win with awesome goals and flashy defending!

C Grade: The girls played a fantastic game! Everything we have been working on at training was implemented and we kept it positive. A big welcome back to Elicia Garnham!

B Grade: A great win on Saturday where we just kept building all game. Warragul came at us a few times and we were able to weather the storm and come home with a comfortable win. Congratulations to Kasie Rump on her 300th senior game for LFNC.

A Grade: Close game on Saturday, we fought it out until the very end. It was a great defensive effort by the whole team and the goalers were amazing. Great game by all the girls and one to be proud of.

MIRBOO NORTH

UNDER 13's: Great effort in slippery conditions. We worked hard and forced a lot of turnovers and displayed some great passages of play. Looking forward to next week!

Under 15's: Well done today girls! Tough game against a solid team but you kept your heads up and kept going. Thank you, Maeve, Lucy and Finlay for rolling in to the side with ease.

Under 17's: Bad luck today girls, Toora were a strong team! Two from our team missing today – so thank you to Zali, Indi and Holly for filling in and sitting on the bench. Some little tweaks to make at training, but some great improvement across all players! Excited for the next few games

Under 17's (Round 2 Make Up Match): Mirboo North 11 were defeated by Boolarra.

D Grade: Mirboo North 20 drew with Toora 20

C Grade: Tough game today girls, everyone fought hard but with some unforced error we just couldn't get back our lead. Stay strong and work hard for next week.

B Grade: Four solid quarters today by you all, seamless transitions in our changes from the bench. We have improved so much in last few weeks, it's from the training, feedback, and

knowledge of the leaders in our team. Well done

A Grade: Bad luck girls, you all kept your heads held high with some tough calls. Some great passages of play throughout the four quarters, just need to work on finishing strong. A few things to work on at training this Thursday night. Thanks to Indy and Jessie for sitting on our bench.

TOORA

13s: This week we started to gel as a team. So much improvement from the last week which showed from the hard work the girls put in at training on Thursday. Foot work was fantastic, and nobody gave up the whole game. Let keep getting to training and improving those skills.

15s: After a slow start we found our groove and fought hard to hold our lead all game. Every week I am seeing improvement from each of the girls.

17s: The girls showed their dominance against a much taller team. They fought for every ball and backed each other very nicely.

D Grade: Well you wouldn't read about it, but at this moment in time you are. Three consistent draws in a row for the Toora D grade side. Another cracking effort from every player on the team to hold their own

and push as hard as they can. I could not be prouder of the positivity and sports womanship we have here at Toora.

C Grade: Mirboo North caught us off guard on Saturday and jumped ahead with an 8-point lead, we were put up against some very tall and experienced netballers and it took us a while to settle into our own game. Second quarter we re-grouped and started working their way back into the game. Everyone worked really hard and gave everything they had to keep the ball in our possession which resulted in a 1-point win.

B Grade: We had a slow start against Mirboo North and gave them the opportunity to get a handy lead. We gave ourselves the opportunity in defence and are opening up the court well, you are all improving each week and are really taking the challenge and pressure from the opposition which is great to watch.

A Grade: Welcome back to Brit and Eb this week, we are thrilled to have you both playing with us. It was another tough, physical game against Mirboo North. We started off very quiet, but as the game went on we really started to gel and backed each other until the end, which resulted in a fantastic win.

ELLINBANK

RESULTS

A GRADE

Buln Buln 30 It Trafalgar 43
Lang Lang 35 It Nilma-D 58
Poowong 46 d Catani 36
Neerim Sth 79 d Longwarry 29

B GRADE

Buln Buln 40 d Trafalgar 32
Lang Lang 35 It Nilma-D 36
Poowong 21 It Catani 35
Neerim Sth 53 d Longwarry 28
Ellinbank 59 d Nyora 24

C GRADE

Buln Buln 34 d Trafalgar 30
Lang Lang 30 d Nilma-D 25
Poowong 17 It Catani 41
Neerim Sth 51 d Longwarry 28
Ellinbank 67 d Nyora 5

17 & UNDER

Buln Buln 16 It Trafalgar 47
Lang Lang 18 It Nilma-D 32
Poowong 38 d Catani 35
Neerim Sth 11 It Longwarry 50
Ellinbank 54 d Nyora 8

15 & UNDER

Buln Buln 43 d Trafalgar 24
Lang Lang 30 d Nilma-D 23
Poowong 25 It Catani 30
Neerim Sth 29 d Longwarry 12
Ellinbank 38 d Nyora 3

13 & UNDER

Buln Buln 38 d Trafalgar 7
Lang Lang 30 d Nilma-D 7
Poowong 35 d Catani 1
Neerim Sth 9 It Longwarry 11
Ellinbank 54 d Nyora 1

LADDERS

A GRADE

Neerim South 193.52 16
Nilma-Darnum 211.22 12
Ellinbank 160.00 12
Lang Lang 105.23 12
Trafalgar 111.83 8
Poowong 107.27 8
Buln Buln 74.30 4
Yarragon 72.04 4
Catani 62.28 0
Longwarry 48.23 0
Nyora 0.00 0

% pts

17 & UNDER

Poowong 180.80 18
Trafalgar 185.85 16
Yarragon 184.11 14
Catani 173.74 12
Longwarry 120.00 12
Nilma-Darnum 153.85 8
Ellinbank 100.72 8
Lang Lang 77.85 4
Buln Buln 68.52 4
Neerim South 42.36 4
Nyora 12.60 0

% pts

B GRADE

Neerim South 161.63 20
Ellinbank 179.84 16
Nilma-Darnum 138.41 16
Lang Lang 158.09 12
Poowong 108.47 12
Catani 104.32 8
Buln Buln 103.75 8
Trafalgar 92.93 8
Nyora 58.71 0
Yarragon 57.40 0
Longwarry 48.96 0

% pts

15 & UNDER

Lang Lang 207.23 16
Buln Buln 180.61 16
Catani 177.33 16
Neerim South 146.81 16
Poowong 181.18 12
Nilma-Darnum 109.20 8
Trafalgar 83.45 8
Ellinbank 84.21 4
Yarragon 81.48 4
Longwarry 38.36 0
Nyora 6.00 0

% pts

C GRADE

Neerim South 242.86 20
Lang Lang 193.94 20
Ellinbank 269.33 16
Catani 150.00 12
Nilma-Darnum 172.53 8
Poowong 98.64 8
Yarragon 83.94 8
Buln Buln 98.64 4
Trafalgar 69.54 4
Longwarry 59.38 0
Nyora 11.75 0

% pts

13 & UNDER

Lang Lang 494.74 20
Buln Buln 661.90 16
Poowong 367.65 16
Nilma-Darnum 198.04 12
Yarragon 112.31 12
Longwarry 106.06 8
Trafalgar 64.00 8
Ellinbank 97.83 4
Neerim South 92.68 4
Catani 12.06 0
Nyora 3.07 0

% pts

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RESULTS

A GRADE

Drouin 64 d Sale 21

Leongatha 52 lt Warragul 60

Traralgon 38 lt Wonthaggi 45

Moe 77 d Bairnsdale 29

Maffra 19 lt Morwell 83

B GRADE

Drouin 46 d Sale 34

Leongatha 57 d Warragul 36

Traralgon 47 d Wonthaggi 32

Moe 63 d Bairnsdale 35

Maffra 26 lt Morwell 59

C GRADE

Drouin 52 d Sale 24

Leongatha 34 d Warragul 24

Traralgon 33 lt Wonthaggi 45

Moe 27 lt Bairnsdale 30

Maffra 34 lt Morwell 36

17 & UNDER

Drouin 33 lt Sale 38

Leongatha 59 d Warragul 13

Traralgon 46 d Wonthaggi 29

Moe 19 lt Bairnsdale 46

Maffra 44 d Morwell 25

15 & UNDER

Drouin 19 lt Sale 47

Leongatha 34 d Warragul 32

Traralgon 58 d Wonthaggi 18

Moe 33 lt Bairnsdale 35

Maffra 41 d Morwell 30

13 & UNDER

Drouin 20 lt Sale 34

Leongatha 54 d Warragul 4

Traralgon 52 d Wonthaggi 2

Moe 37 d Bairnsdale 11

Maffra 57 d Morwell 7

LADDERS

A GRADE

Moe

198.25

20

Drouin

161.63

16

Warragul

122.48

16

Wonthaggi

113.37

12

Traralgon

103.96

12

Morwell

120.71

8

Bairnsdale

86.28

8

Leongatha

87.50

4

Sale

45.17

2

Maffra

40.54

2

B GRADE

Drouin

160.36

20

Leongatha

148.04

18

Traralgon

125.00

16

Moe

123.70

14

Morwell

112.24

10

Sale

92.23

10

Maffra

60.95

6

Warragul

76.15

4

Wonthaggi

80.18

2

Bairnsdale

67.58

0

C GRADE

Drouin

175.81

18

Morwell

135.42

18

Traralgon

105.37

16

Wonthaggi

132.37

12

Maffra

101.83

12

Leongatha

100.64

12

Moe

95.04

4

Bairnsdale

73.02

4

Sale

56.63

4

Warragul

67.04

0

17 & UNDER

Traralgon

259.18

20

Leongatha

215.24

16

Sale

152.46

16

Bairnsdale

151.09

16

Drouin

126.06

12

Wonthaggi

87.79

8

Maffra

85.48

8

Moe

43.27

4

Morwell

58.38

0

Warragul

23.70

0

15 & UNDER

Bairnsdale

214.41

20

Sale

185.83

20

Traralgon

203.33

16

Maffra

100.52

12

Moe

100.61

8

Drouin

81.63

8

Wonthaggi

72.77

8

Leongatha

60.09

8

Warragul

57.53

0

Morwell

54.07

0

13 & UNDER

Traralgon

286.49

20

Maffra

228.57

16

Leongatha

206.86

16

Sale

210.53

12

Moe

163.81

12

Drouin

88.32

8

Bairnsdale

84.62

8

Wonthaggi

33.51

8

Morwell

25.96

0

Warragul


13.70

0

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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 6




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St Kilda
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 7




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49

BEN FISHER
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 5




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5655 1024




45

ADAM WARE
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 4




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47

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St Kilda
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 4




1 Routhead Street,
Leongatha
5662 2327




43

BRAD HODSON
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Geelong
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 5




15/17 Murray Street,
Wonthaggi
5672 5878




45

DAVID ENGLAND
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St Kilda
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 3




119 Graham Street,
Wonthaggi
5672 1027




43

SHANE COOKE
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Geelong
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Hawthorn
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 5




Leongatha Toyota
7-13 Hughes Street,
Leongatha
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 5




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Korumburra
0417 332 141




50

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Carlton
Geelong
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Hawthorn
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 6




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Wonthaggi
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Warren Stewart	48
Darryl McGannon	47
Peter Fort	47
Rod O'Neill	47
Keith & Eddie	46
Phil Hardy	46
Adam Ware	45
David England	45
Brad Hodson	43
Shane Cooke	43
Jack & Jassy	41
Kris Baker	40
Steve Curtis	33



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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 5



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Wonthaggi
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 7



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Gippsland Soccer League

Round 3 Results – Sunday May 5

SENIOR Mens: Drouin Dragons Maroon 2 d Leongatha Knights 1, Korumburra City 4 d Trafalgar Victory 0, Inverloch Stars 2 d Wonthaggi United 0.

Senior Womens: Leongatha Knights 5 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1, Lang Lang United 3 d Mirboo North United 2, Wonthaggi United 1 d Inverloch Stars 0.

Mens Reserves: Drouin Dragons Maroon 8 d Leongatha Knights 1, Trafalgar Victory 6 d Korumburra City 1, Phillip Island Breakers 3 d Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 1.

Under 17 Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 6 d Leongatha Knights 0, Phillip Island Stingrays 7 d Drouin Dragons White 1, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 6 d Phillip Island Penguins 2.

Under 14 Mixed: Leongatha Knights 6 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 2, Inverloch Stars 1 d Wonthaggi United 0, Phillip Island Penguins 3 d Phillip Island Stingrays 2.

Under 13 Girls: Drouin Dragons Maroon 5 d Leongatha Knights 2, Korumburra City 5 d Phillip Island Breakers 0.

Under 12a Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 6 d Leongatha Knights 3, Korumburra City 5 d Trafalgar Victory 3, Phillip Island Penguins 8 d Phillip Island Stingrays 2.

Under 12b Mixed: Drouin Dragons Yellow 4 d Leongatha Knights 3, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 6 d Phillip Island Sharks 4, Mirboo North United 9 d Lang Lang United 3, Inverloch Stars 5 d Wonthaggi United 1.

Female Football Week Celebration

ON SATURDAY May 11 the Gippsland Soccer League are holding a Female Football Celebration in Korumburra as part of Female Football Week. Alex Chidiac, Matilda and Melbourne Victory player, is joining us. Alex is assisting with a free skills clinic for juniors, then meeting those who want to have a chat or grab a selfie.

3pm: Round 4 Under 13 Girls matches.
4.30pm: Free Skills Clinic run by Alex and club volunteers.

5pm: Meet and Greet opportunity with Alex. Bring a ball or a poster for her to sign. Get a photo with Alex to brag to your mates.

6pm: Q&A session with Alex. Have you ever wanted to ask a question of a professional player, here's your chance!

7pm: Round 4 Senior Women's match
Turn up to the Korumburra Recreation Reserve on Richard Street for an afternoon and evening of football and fun. The canteen will be open.

GSL Round 4 Fixture

SATURDAY May 11 at Korumburra for Female Football Week

Under 13 Girls – 3pm: Drouin Dragons Maroon V Wonthaggi United, Leongatha Knights V Phillip Island Breakers

Senior Womens – 7pm: Phillip Island Breakers V Mirboo North United

Sunday May 12

Senior Mens – 3pm: Drouin Dragons Maroon V Wonthaggi United, Inverloch Stars V Korumburra City, Trafalgar Victory V Leongatha Knights

Senior Womens – 1pm: Drouin Dragons Maroon V Wonthaggi United, Trafalgar Victory V Leongatha Knights

Mens Reserves – 1pm: Inverloch Stars V Korumburra City, Trafalgar Victory V Leongatha Knights

Under 17 Mixed – 9.30am: Drouin Dragons Maroon V Wonthaggi United, Drouin Dragons White V Leongatha Knights

Under 14 Mixed – 11.20am: Drouin Dragons Maroon V Wonthaggi United, Phillip Island Penguins V Mirboo North United, Inverloch Stars V Korumburra City

Under 12a Mixed – 10am: Drouin Dragons Maroon V Wonthaggi United, Trafalgar Victory V Leongatha Knights

Under 12b Mixed – 11:30am: Drouin Dragons Yellow V Wonthaggi United, Lang Lang United V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow, Phillip Island Sharks V Mirboo North United, Inverloch Stars V Korumburra City

MiniRoos – Saturday May 11

SOUTH West/Bass Coast Hub are playing at Caldermeade (Lang Lang United Soccer Club grounds) from 9am

North East/South Gippsland Hub are playing at Trafalgar from 9.30am



Leongatha Knights FC's newly formed U13 Girls team played their first game over the weekend.

New female team takes to the field for Females in Football Week

U13 Girls v Drouin:

ROUND 3 of the Gippsland Soccer League saw the Leongatha Knights Football Club debut their newest team, the Under 13 Girls and is there a more fitting week to do so than Females in Football week?

New coaches Lisse Bath and Ana Heneghan had been working hard with the girls the last few weeks to prepare them for their debut. Playing bright and early, the girls arrived excited to have their first run together. Their opponents Drouin kindly shared a player as the Knights were one player short.

The game started with a lot of excitement as players nervously sought to clear the ball from their respective ends. Within a few minutes it was one of Leongatha's attackers, Nevaeh Blackwell who scored the first goal of the game and the first goal ever for Leongatha Knights FC's U13 Girls.

Drouin were quick to respond but a goal from striker Hannah saw the Knights lead at half time. Daisy Hockett, Caitlyn Jacobs and Jess Pedlow were instrumental in controlling the Knights defence and Jess Collins did a wonderful job as goalkeeper. Jasvin Dhillon and Nevaeh Blackwell, supported by Liberty Murdoch paced up and down the midfield pressuring their Drouin opponents.

Though the Knights put in a



LKFC's Jasmine Garry, who recently celebrated 50 games with the club, played a strong game in midfield.

strong showing, Drouin's passing play got the better of them in the second half and the game ended 2-5 Drouin's way. Leongatha Knights FC would like to congratulate their Under 13 Girls on a wonderful first game.

Senior Women v Drouin:

In their second game for this year's GSL season, the Leon-

gatha Lady Knights welcomed their Korumburra Cup Grand Final opponents Drouin Dragons to Mary MacKillop.

With Drouin developing a strong attacking side, the Knights were challenged early by some magnificent killer balls that split their backline and allowed the Drouin striker a straight run on goals. Two magnificent clearances off the

goal line by Valentine Langlet kept Leongatha in the clear. Once the ball was cleared from defence Leongatha did what they do best, attacking off a counter sending super-fast striker Lisse Bath in to finish one of her several goals that match.

Another beautiful goal was finished by new recruit, Molly Gurnett who sent the ball in after receiving a lovely cross from dominant midfielder Naomi Eaton.

Jasmine Garry, who recently celebrated 50 games for the Leongatha Knights, was a consistently strong force in central midfield. To combat Drouin's strong attacking plays, the Knights altered their defensive formation in the second half to great effect with Lauren Cain and Leanda Michael putting in excellent games.

A big congratulations to Maddi Hollier, Fiona Christenson, Hannah Ventri and Lauren Cain on their first games for the club. Leongatha took home the win 5-1 in an excellent game for Females in Football week with brilliant play from both teams.

U17s v Drouin: 6-0 loss.
12A v Drouin: 6-3 loss
U14s v Drouin: 6-2 win.
U12B v Drouin: 4-3 loss.
Reserves Men v Drouin: 8-1 loss
Senior Men v Drouin: 2-1 loss

Matilda to join Female Football Week celebrations

THE Gippsland Soccer League is holding a Female Football Celebration as part of Female Football Week this Saturday, May 11.

Alex Chidiac, Matilda and Melbourne Victory player, will be coming along to the Korumburra Recreation Reserve.

Alex is assisting with a free skills clinic for juniors, then meeting those who want to have a chat or grab a selfie.

Alexandra "Chids" Chidiac is a professional footballer, debuting with the Matildas in 2015 at just 16 years old.

Eight years on and Chids has been a frequent figure and well-loved character of the Australian National Team.

After numerous stints overseas, including in Spain,

Japan, the US and most recently, Mexico, Chids has just returned home to Australia, signing with Melbourne Victory FC in the Liberty A-League Women's competition. This deal makes her one of the first long-term marquee players in the competition's history.

At the age of 24, Chids has picked up numerous trophies and medals in her time, including two A-League Women's Championships, one Liga F Championship (Spain), two PFA Young Player of the Year awards and the Melbourne Victory Medal.

Most recently, Chids took out the 2022/23 Julie Dolan Medal, claiming Australian domestic football's highest individual honour in just 13 games.

Chids has a cult following across Australian and global football, affectionately known for her genuine and, somewhat cheeky, engagement with fans.

Her signature look of baggy shorts and low socks has become well known across the sport.

Key activities are:

3pm: Round four U13 Girls matches – Drouin Dragons vs. Wonthaggi United; Leongatha Knights vs. Phillip Island Breakers.

4.30pm: Free skills clinic run by Alex and club volunteers – limited places, registration essential at trybooking.com/CRKNT.

5pm: Meet and greet

opportunity with Alex. Bring a ball or a poster for her to sign.

6pm: Q and A session with Alex.

7pm: Round for Senior Women's match – Phillip Island Breakers vs. Mirboo North United.

Turn up to the Korumburra Recreation Reserve for an afternoon and evening of football and fun. The canteen will be open.

Twenty-four-hour early access to registration for the free skills clinic is open to GSL players, with general public bookings opening from midday on Saturday, so if you are keen, book now.

The Gippsland Soccer League look forward to seeing you on Saturday, May 11.

Thirty point victory for Poowong

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG Football and Netball Club welcomed Catani Club members and Poowong Club sponsors and life members to the Poowong Club on Saturday. The Club held a luncheon to thank sponsors and life members with guest speaker “Carlton Great” Anthony Koutoufides speaking to a full room enjoying the meal and listening to Anthony’s story of his football career, great story.

The President Matt Henshall spoke of Poowong’s commitment to local football and juniors, Poowong’s coach Dale Carroll and Eliza Cozzio (netball) outlined the Clubs strategy. Special thanks to John Vandeburgt and committee members and helpers for organising a great lunch and a great guest speaker. It is very important for clubs to thank sponsors for their sponsorship rather than just accept the money.

Great day for football, the U/16’s played at Ellinbank and lost after leading at half time, the U/18’s lost on the last kick of the match when Catani kicked a goal to win by six points, great game of Junior Football 52 to 46. The Reserves battled hard, have good numbers but need to work harder on the track.

The Seniors were forced to make four changes, out Mick Molloy, Brady Rayner, Ben Peters and Mitch De Kleuver replaced by Mitch Cochrane, Josh Chiavaroli, Michael Robertson and in for his first game Bryce Riddell up from the U/18’s. Unfortunately, he received a knock very early and missed the remainder of the game, Bryce you will get another opportunity with your ability.

Poowong kicked to the Nyora end, minimal breeze and the ground in great condition. As both teams were looking for the four points both defences were working hard, scoring was limited, Poowong open with a point before Alex Henshall, who was working hard, added the first goal for



Poowong’s Jake Cochrane was caught up in a mid-air tackle on Saturday. Photo: Jeff Tull.

Poowong. Play was continually drawn to the far wing with Catani defence holding out many forward efforts finally Poowong adding a point and kicked their second goal when Connor Cunningham marked a long kick in the square. Quarter time Poowong 2.2.14 to Catani 0.0.0 Jack Hazendonk, Alex Henshall, Connor Cunningham and Poowong’s defence all working hard. Play in the second quarter echoed the first quarter on the far wing and defences on

top, Poowong opened with a point to Jake Cochrane from HFF followed by a snap for a second point. Catani took the ball down the ground and a mark on the boundary from a long kick brought up their first goal and their second came from a series of good passes, back to four points. Alex Henshall kicked Poowong’s third goal and his second, Catani added their third from a boundary kick, Poowong’s Gavan Monson goaled from the pocket followed by a great

effort by Connor Cunningham running into goal to open up a 19-point lead before a late point before the siren Poowong 5.8.38 to Catani 3.0.18 for a twenty point lead.

Poowong’s coach Dale Carroll asked players to keep up the pressure on the opposition to seal the game, they increased the lead to thirty-three points at three-quarter time. Connor Cunningham and Jake Cochrane were working well in the ruck, Alex Henshall, Zac Gray and Josh Chiavaroli around the ground and Andrew Logan was setting up the defence during the second quarter. Both sides attacked but the defences of both were holding up only broken by a great running goal by Jack Hazendonk. Mitch Cochranes kick from CHF found Connor Cunningham in the square for his third and Poowong’s seventh. Three quarter time Poowong led by 33 points 7.11.53 to Catani 3.2.20.

Poowong looked safe at three quarter time based on the previous three quarters, but Catani attacked early, fortunately only managing two singles. Poowong attacked yielding three singles. After a great tackle by Micah Williams, Jack Hazendonk swooped on the ball and goaled, his second. A free kick and a 50-metre penalty resulted in Catani’s fourth goal. Catani added a late point and then a long kick for goal was knocked away by Poowong’s defence. Final scores Poowong 8.13.61 to Catani 4.7.31 a thirty-point victory, their second for the season.

Best Players Connor Cunningham, Andrew Logan, Jake Cochrane, Zac Gray, Alex Henshall and Josh Chiavaroli. The Netball overall had a good day with A Grade winning against Catani something that has not happened for a while. Next week off to Nilma-Darnum for football and netball with all grades hoping to be competitive in all teams, games start at 9am.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

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POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

 61  31

POOWONG	CATANI
Poowong 2.2 5.8 7.11 8.13 (61)	Catani 0.0 3.1 3.2 4.7 (31)

GOALS, Poowong: Conor Cunningham 3, Alex Henshall, Jake Hazendonk 2, Jett Blackwood 1
BEST: Conor Cunningham, Andrew Logan, Jake Cochrane, Zac Gray, Alex Henshall, Joshua Chiavaroli
GOALS, Catani: Adam Splatt 2, Dean Smith, Jayden Lay 1 each
BEST: Jack Roberts, Brodie White, Jack Hobson, Kyle Van Dord, Daniel Keily, James Williams

RESERVES
Poowong 0.0 0.5 0.7 0.9 (9)
Catani 5.5 10.9 15.15 15.20 (110)

BEST, Poowong: Jacob Graue, Bryce Townsend, Rhys butler, Lachlan Waters, Jake Peacock, Mathew Burr
GOALS, Catani: Owen Patrick 5, Liam Simpson, Robert Simpson 2, Ben Geyer, Nathaniel Rodda, Benjamin Pugsley, Joshua Seppings, Wade Haysom 1 each
BEST: Brett Williams, Wade Haysom, Daniel Kelly, Owen Fitzpatrick, Jarrod Goodinson, Mitchell Smith

THIRDS
Poowong 1.0 2.2 6.4 7.4 (46)
Catani 2.3 5.4 6.5 7.10 (52)

GOALS, Poowong: Patrick Dorian, Thomas Burgess 2, Lachlan Wilson, Kohen Mandemaker, Calvin Langford 1 each
BEST: Bryce Riddell, David O’Neill, Aaron Damon, Patrick Dorian, Lachlan Wilson, Thomas Burgess
GOALS, Catani: Lewis Bianchin 3, Cohen, Mc Pherson 2, Ricky Dobson, Don Carr 1 each
BEST: Tyler Fowkes, Chaise Mason, Callun McDonald, William Kouris, Lewis Bianchin, Logan Running

FOURTHS
Ellinbank 0.1 0.1 4.7 8.10 (58)
Poowong 1.1 1.1 1.1 3.1 (19)

GOALS, Ellinbank: Riley Butters 3, Hugh Cunningham, Jack Winduss, Bailey Helps 1 each
BEST: Joshua Tylee, Charlie Armour, Jeremy Baxter, Hugh Cunningham, Jack Winduss, Jhy Good
GOALS, Poowong: Cruze Dea, William Dourley, George Edwards 1 each
BEST: Gavin Monson, Bryce Broadmore, Kohen Mandemaker, Angus Riley, Keyon Taylor-Wilton, Henri Bott

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

 217  9

ELLINBANK	NYORA
Ellinbank 5.4 13.10 20.15 33.19 (217)	Nyora 0.1 1.1 1.2 1.3 (9)

GOALS, Ellinbank: Shaun Phelan 8, Rhys Salter, Cambell Jolly 4, Ryan Atherton, Liam Anderson 3, Makao Haywood, Connor Wilkins, Joel Armstrong, Logan Joyce 2, Thomas Bingham, Anthony Battista, Timothee Mashado 1 each
BEST: Connor Wilkins, Ryan Atherton, Shaun Phelan, Bryce Joyce, Thomas Bingham, Cambell Jolly
GOALS, Nyora: Luke Ferguson 1
BEST: Blake Boyd, Braith Minchin, Jesse Heylen, Lachie Fievez, Jordan Anderson, Dylan Heylen

RESERVES
Ellinbank 7.4 14.6 20.9 28.16 (184)
Nyora 0.0 0.1 0.2 1.3 (9)

GOALS, Ellinbank: Tim Leicester 7 Mark Quigley 4, Dylan Armour, Samuel Pratt, Jayson Barwick, Ben Dixon, James Richards, Justin Tylee 2, Andrew Quirk, Jack Cole, Shannon Whelan, Liam Ancilleri, Thomas Jessup 1 each
BEST: Tim Leicester, Jack Cole, Andrew Quirk, Samuel Pratt, James Richards, David Miller
GOALS, Nyora: Gavin Doig 1
BEST: Luke Ferguson, Dalton Lowrie, Ben Levey, Tristan Sharp, Rex Lazaros, Tyson Shiell

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS
Neerim Sth 16.17.113 d Longwarry 9.3.57
Lang Lang 18.12.120 d Nilma-D 9.8.62
Buln Buln 16.14.110 d Trafalgar 6.8.44

RESERVES
Neerim Sth 14.14.98 d Longwarry 1.2.8
Lang Lang 6.7.43 d Nilma-D 5.2.32
Buln Buln 17.8.110 d Trafalgar 4.5.29

THIRDS
Longwarry 9.5.59 d Neerim Sth 7.6.48
Lang Lang 8.7.55 d Nilma-D 8.6.54
Trafalgar 8.10.58 d Buln Buln 4.4.28

FOURTHS
Neerim Sth 20.25.145 d Longwarry 0.0.0
Nilma-D 14.7.91 d Lang Lang 3.2.20
Buln Buln 15.19.109 d Trafalgar 2.3.15

Hungry Ellinbank put impotent Nyora to the sword

A WHOPPING 208-point loss was suffered by Nyora on Saturday.

Nyora ventured out to the Ellinbank Recreation Reserve to take on the Ellinbank Eagles, currently sitting fourth on the ladder.

Playing on difficult ground, Ellinbank took advantage of its home ground and ensured it was off to a flying start.

Ellinbank kicked five goals in the first quarter, while Nyora was unable to convert its opportunities.

The standout players in Nyora’s lineup included Blake Boyd and Braith Minchin, who played on the wing and in the ruck respectively, and kept the ball moving for Nyora.

After the quarter time break, Ellinbank showed

no mercy. Kicking eight goals, the Eagles well and truly left the Saints behind, showcasing its finesse and fitness.

A similar game was played through the second half, culminating in a devastating fourth quarter for Nyora.

Ellinbank ended the match by adding an impressive 13 goals to its haul.

Ellinbank’s Shaun Phelan

led the charge, kicking eight goals for the game.

Cambell Jolly and Rhys Salter added four goals each.

It’ll be back to the drawing board at training, with Nyora focused on keeping the vibes up at the club and ensuring its players are having fun.

Nyora will face reigning premiers Buln Buln this weekend, which will prove to be another challenge.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS															ROUND 5				
SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Lang Lang	5	0	272.82	20	Neerim South	5	0	507.92	20	Catani	4	0	197.87	100	Neerim South	5	0	446.96	100
Buln Buln	4	0	201.00	16	Lang Lang	5	0	390.29	20	Ellinbank	3	1	236.30	75.0	Poowong	4	1	251.38	80.0
Neerim South	4	1	179.92	16	Ellinbank	4	0	700.00	16	Neerim Sth	3	2	177.51	60.0	Buln Buln	3	1	376.67	75.0
Ellinbank	3	1	251.12	12	Nilma-Darnum	3	1	203.88	12	Longwarry	3	2	151.22	60.0	Ellinbank	3	1	310.47	75.0
Longwarry	3	2	106.10	12	Buln Buln	2	2	182.50	8	Lang Lang	3	2	67.56	60.0	Nilma-Darnum	3	1	166.45	75.0
Nilma-Darnum	2	2	128.48	8	Longwarry	2	3	106.76	8	Poowong	2	2	104.25	50.0	Lang Lang	1	3	64.77	25.0
Poowong	2	3	114.69	8	Catani	1	3	65.29	4	Trafalgar	2	3	96.76	40.0	Trafalgar	1	4	32.77	20.0
Trafalgar	1	4	63.11	4	Trafalgar	1	4	43.68	4	Nilma-Darnum	0	4	36.13	0.0	Longwarry	0	5	23.90	0.0
Yarragon	1	3	49.09	4	Yarragon	1	3	38.53	4	Buln Buln	0	4	24.84	0.0	Yarragon	0	4	9.68	0.0
Catani	0	4	43.57	0	Nyora	1	4	27.51	4	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0
Nyora	0	5	13.01	0	Poowong	0	5	14.18	0	Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0

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STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

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THORPDALE	STONY CREEK
Thorpdale 3.0 6.2 11.2 13.5 (83)	Stony Creek 5.0 8.1 10.5 12.5 (77)

GOALS, Thorpdale: Michael McMahon, Beau Melbourne, Travis Patten, Anthony Rosato, Harrison Sinclair-Stanley 2, Dwayne Gunn, Cougar Millsom, Shannon Pickering 1 each
BEST: Jordan Ceppi, Anthony Rosato, Joel Monger, Shannon Pickering, Harrison Sinclair-Stanley, Michael McMahon
GOALS, Stony Creek: Tully Bernaldo 4, Jacob Byrnes, Cameron Stone 2, Darcy Atkins, Anthony Dyke, Ben Heath, Jack Stuart 1 each
BEST: Tully Bernaldo, Darcy Atkins, Cody Loughridge, Cameron Stone, Aidan Simmons, Tom Stone

RESERVES				
Thorpdale	1.0	1.1	2.3	4.3 (27)
Stony Creek	2.5	5.10	10.11	13.14 (92)

GOALS, Thorpdale: Lachlan Swain 3, Jason Fahey 1
BEST: Haydn Edwards, Jason Fahey, James Sinclair-Stanley, Robbie Kerrison, Brendan Pisa, Daniel Hammond
GOALS, Stony Creek: Matthew Coutts, Thomas Horsburgh 4, John Holloway 2, George Batten, Lachlan Park, Andrew Verboon 1 each
BEST: Nathan Troatto, Matthew Portelli, Thomas Horsburgh, Jayden Battersby, John Holloway, Lachlan Park

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

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MDU	BOOLARRA
MDU 2.1 3.4 5.5 13.11 (89)	Boolarra 3.2 4.2 5.4 6.4 (40)

GOALS, MDU: Lachie Wright 3, Nathan Allen, Tyson Harris, Ben Perry 2, Ashleigh Allen, Jake Bromley, Wayne Stewart, Shaye Walsh 1 each
BEST: Brendan Tomada, Timothy Harris, Jarrod Hoy, Steve Forrester, Lachie Wright, Samuel Wilson
GOALS, Boolarra: Aidyn Sheers 2, Reese Adams, Caleb Bell, Brendan Mason, Glen Richards 1 each
BEST: Joel Mason, Vincent Corbett, Simon Noy, Ethan Sultana, Caleb Bell, Aidyn Sheers

RESERVES				
MDU	6.4	11.9	15.11	21.11 (137)
Boolarra	0.1	2.1	6.1	6.2 (38)

GOALS, MDU: Ben Cantwell, Jack Dunn 4, Luke Harris 3, Martyn Beacham 2, Brenton Arnup, Jack Ballagh, Rylie Checkley, Tadhg Dennehy, Joel Leeden, Neil Mathieson, Blake Moscript, Rhys Weaver 1 each
BEST: Brenton Arnup, Rylie Checkley, Joel Leeden, Alexander Battersby, Rhys Weaver, Tadhg Dennehy
GOALS, Boolarra: Glen Richards 2, Todd Armsden, Thomas Beamish, Thomas Holley, Jamie Maggs 1 each
BEST: Thomas Holley, Glen Richards, Jamie Maggs, Billy Mazou, Hayden Kimpton

THIRDS				
MDU	3.1	8.3	12.6	15.8 (98)
Mirboo North	0.2	1.3	1.3	3.3 (21)

GOALS, MDU: Angus McInnes 4, Hunter Fennell, Timothy Hibbertson 2, Joshua Doolan, Finn Dunn, Lincoln Hamilton, Cohen Harrison, Harry Scrimshaw, Brayden Sellings, Burke VanderZalm 1 each
BEST: Hunter Fennell, Jarvis Lacy, Finn Dunn, Burke VanderZalm, Joshua Doolan, Lucas Duvoisin

One goal margin as Blues defeat Lions

By Rob Popplestone



Stony Creek's Ben Heath competes for the ball against his Thorpdale opponent. Photo: Gerard Bruning.

THE Blues were only just getting their breath back after being knocked around by Foster a week prior when a visiting Stony Creek side arrived planning to topple the home side over.

The Lions were well aware that a win against their more favoured opponents would be a step closer to them achieving one of their most desired preseason goals of progression up the MGFNL ladder, but the result also showed that as good as Stony Creek are the game can also be cruel.

Thorpdale 13-5-83 to Stony Creek 12-5-77, the one goal margin yet another indication of just how close this competition is and how the smallest improvements can make a big difference.

"Happy to come away with the four points," Jason Winderlich, Thorpdale coach said.

"Lots to work on still but looked better in the second half. Another trip down South Gippsland to face the much-improved Toora."

The Blues have toughed out a couple of one kick victories now, and there is every possibility that there will be more close encounters to come, not only for Thorpdale but for Stony Creek also.

"We went into the game knowing it was going to be a tight contest and that we would have to play at our best to stay with them. We had a few key position players out and the boys that filled those spots did a great job," Chris Verboon, Stony Creek coach said.

"It is frustrating to lose another close game but we shouldn't be unhappy with the effort."

With continued effort, there is little doubt the Lions will be the recipient of some good fortune and being on the "right" side of upcoming close encounters.

Battle of the Demons puts the pressure on

By Rob Popplestone

GIVEN the importance of victory, the battle of the Demons was always going to be about the premiership points rather than the "namesake" between the two clubs.

MDU had confronted a tough fortnight of football prior to last week's bye, and now back on their home deck were keen to register their first home ground win against a visiting side that had indicated that they would also be up for the challenge.

MDU 13-11-89 to Boolarra 6-4-40, proved that the home team Demons are slightly more advanced at this early stage of the year.

Nathan Allen, MDU coach, "Another great day for footy at our home deck. Boolarra really came to play and made us earn everything we got. The end score doesn't show how tight of a game it was all day."

Winning those tight games, can be the difference between a successful season and one that got away, Boolarra have proven they have what it takes but games have been lost, not through lack of effort but short periods of concentration.

Brendan Mason, Boolarra coach "For three quarters we were right in the game. Played some pretty good footy and were able to stop MDUs run and spread but credit to Nathan and his team they were just too strong in the end and ran over the top of us. Much needed rest this week with so many injuries, looking forward to getting some cavalry back after the bye and hopefully getting our season back on track."

The weekend off has come at just the right time for Boolarra, the Demons now having a short break and having the opportunity to reload before setting themselves for a month of giving one hundred per cent.



Stony Creek and Thorpdale battled it out on Saturday, resulting in a thrilling six-point win to Thorpdale. Photo: Gerard Bruning.

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Magpies attack dashes Tigers finals hopes

By Rover

TOORA'S 33-point win over Mirboo North at Toora on Saturday most likely means 'tooraloo' to any chances the mighty Tigers have of competing in this year's Mid Gippsland finals.

With a quarter of Mirboo North's season already gone and no wins to date, the Tigers are currently 12th on the ladder in the 13-team competition, with a lowly percentage of 43.77.

It was Toora's second victory in 2024 and sets up an exciting round five home clash for the Magpies against Thorpdale this Saturday.

Mirboo North wore black armbands in memory of Bert Bright — its former 1956 senior premiership winger, past president and life member — who died during the week.

Toora attacked for most of the opening quarter and skipped out to a 17-point lead, before Mirboo North's second goal late in the term, reduced the Tigers' deficit to 11 points at the first break.

The 12 giant wind towers on the hills far away to the north were spinning relatively slowly under cloudy skies and there was less than a zephyr at the footy oval on the Toora flats.

Jeremy Salinger kicked truly from the left forward pocket at the start of the second quarter for the visitors and when teammate, Nick Cummaudo, bounced the Sherrin past outstretched Magpie fingers from 25 metres, scores were level at 4.2 apiece.

Another goal by each team had scores locked together again, before two late Toora majors gave the Magpies a 12-point half-time lead.

Those in the thick of the action for the home side included Dylan Triffitt, Peter Grant, who ended the day with four goals, Jake Smart, playing coach Jack Weston and Gus Gordon.

Others prominent for Toora were Jonathon Pintus, William Goosey and Tyson Kirwan.

In a tight third quarter, both



The Toora Magpies soared to victory on Saturday, leaving the Tigers to ponder their finals fate. Photo: Annie Holland.

defences held firm, with only Toora managing to score a goal. Each team's work rate was high, with run and carry transporting the Sherrin up and down and all around the ground at breakneck speed.

Mirboo North was well served by Riley Oddy, playing coach Damien Turner, Jordan Cummaudo, Ethan Woodall and Salinger, who all fought tooth and nail to keep the Tigers in the game.

Alex Windsor, Beau Peters, skipper Hudson Kerr and giant ruckman, Patrick Lewis, were other worthy contributors for the Tigers.

However, the last quarter belonged to Toora, with the Magpies continuing to run the ball out their back 50, through the midfield and into their forward line with speed and agility, as well as an abundance of skill and determination.

With three goals to one major from Mirboo North, the Toora Magpies finished the match full of gusto.

This Saturday, Mirboo North hosts Newborough at Tigerland.



Will Jacka eludes his Toora opponent.

Respect earned in twenty-four goal difference

A CLASSIC tale of David and Goliath, except without the "fairytale ending", for Hill End, as they made one of their longest trips of the season to take on the reigning premiers, the Kangaroos coming off a loss, but on the weekend back on their home deck and ready to make amends, the result was probably never in doubt, but the margin was to be of interest.

Fish Creek 26-20-176 to Hill End 5-2-32, the twenty-

By Rob Popplestone

four-goal difference an indication of the difference between the top and bottom of the MGFNL ladder.

"A good day on Saturday, very pleased with a four-quarter effort, had a few standout players but all in all played well as a team which was good to see," Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach stated.

"Hill End cracked in all day

and supported us really well in the social rooms after the game which we appreciate."

Is those "little" things of paying your opponent respect even in loss, that indicates that Coach Uliando is teaching his men about the game, and it's not always about winning, but earning respect.

"It was a rough day at Fish Creek for the Hillmen. Credit to the boys they fought hard all day and didn't give up, just hoping to have a few

players back from injury next week against Yinnar," Ambu Uliando, Hill End coach said.

The Rovers are a little way off where they need to be, but coach Uliando has the patience and the ability to lead his team slowly but surely in the right direction.

The test for Hill End won't be leadership, it will be the resilience of the playing group and the off-field support that must also remain true to what is required.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB



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TOORA	MIRBOO NORTH
Toora 4.1 7.2 8.6 11.11 (77)	Mirboo North 2.2 5.2 5.4 6.8 (44)

GOALS, Toora: Peter Grant 4, Leigh Craig 2, Jake Dows, Ashley Hewson, Lachlan Osborne, Joseph Platt, Jake Smart 1 each

BEST: Dylan Triffitt, Peter Grant, Jake Smart, Jack Weston, Gus Gordon, Jonathan Pintus

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Nicholas Cummaudo, Hudson Kerr, Rhys Kratzat, Riley Oddy, Jeremy Salinger, Damien Turner 1 each

BEST: Riley Oddy, Damien Turner, Jordan Cummaudo, Ethan Woodall, Jeremy Salinger, Alex Windsor

RESERVES

Toora 1.4 1.4 2.5 5.8 (38)	Mirboo North 1.1 2.4 5.8 5.9 (39)
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GOALS, Toora: Jarryd Guganovic 2, Jordyn Coulthard, Tex Dyson, Aron Rhodes 1 each

BEST: Jarryd Guganovic, William Cashin, Aron Rhodes, Linden Dyson, Ayden Walker, Jordan Knox

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Angus O'Loughlin, Daniel Taylor 2, Robert Walsh 1

BEST: Shane Peters, Leigh Jowett, Cameron Young, Blake Peters, Harrison Reville Gent, William Lewis

THIRDS

MDU 3.1 8.3 12.6 15.8 (98)	Mirboo North 0.2 1.3 1.3 3.3 (21)
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GOALS, Mirboo North: Jack Jagusch 2, Harrison Malady 1

BEST: Jesse Rawlings, Jack Jagusch, Xavier Spaul, Harry Ludlow, Lachlan Poljak, Harrison Malady

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



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32

FISH CREEK	HILL END
Fish Creek 7.5 15.10 20.14 26.20 (176)	Hill End 3.0 4.1 4.1 5.2 (32)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Darcy Berryman 8, Jake Staley 5, Tom Buckley, Bailey Harfield-Park, Jordan Shaw, Jai Stefani 2, Thomas Cameron, Jack Hayes, Stewart McCooke, Harrison Smith, Willem Voorham 1 each

BEST: Jack Hayes, Tom Buckley, Darcy Berryman, Roland De Biase, Harrison Smith, Jake Staley

GOALS, Hill End: Bradley Gorman 2, Seth Calway, Harry Moore, Lachlan Wilson 1 each

BEST: Seth Calway, Joey Conley, Aaron Fawcett, Lachlan Wilson, Joshua Fairfull, Jake Schiavello

RESERVES

Fish Creek 8.6 11.11 19.13 30.19 (199)	Hill End 0.0 0.1 1.2 1.2 (8)
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GOALS, Fish Creek: James Kirtland 5, Colin Mcphee 4, Lane Bowman, Adam Bright, Toby Redpath 3, Josh Harry, Tye McGannon, Josh Standfield 2, Brandon Bell, Liam Howard, Peter Mueller, Bradley Perks, Joseph Rysko, Thomas Sorrell 1 each

BEST: Thomas Sorrell, Lane Bowman, Colin Mcphee, Josh Standfield, Tye McGannon, Zack Redpath

GOALS, Hill End: Tom Millton 1

BEST: Seamus Murphy, Jason Halligan, Kane Woolstencroft, Benjamin Thatcher, Todd Heley, Daniel Gorman

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Morwell East 16.10.106 d Newborough 9.16.70

RESERVES

Newborough 9.12.66 d Morwell East 5.3.33

THIRDS

Yinnar 20.13.133 d Newborough 6.2.38

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, MAY 11

MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 5

Hill End v Yinnar

Foster v MDU

Morwell East v Fish Creek

Stony Creek v Tarwin

Mirboo North v Newborough

Toora v Thorpdale

Boolarra - BYE

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 4

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Morwell East.....	4	0	231.38	16
Fish Creek.....	2	1	174.85	12
Yinnar.....	2	1	135.23	12
MDU.....	2	1	132.95	12
Foster.....	3	1	115.17	12
Thorpdale.....	3	1	94.58	12
Newborough.....	2	2	142.32	8
Stony.....	2	2	134.88	8
Tarwin.....	1	2	92.53	8
Toora.....	2	2	82.55	8
Boolarra.....	1	3	86.49	4
Mirboo North.....	0	4	43.77	0
Hill End.....	0	4	27.11	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Stony Creek.....	4	0	338.14	16
MDU.....	3	0	295.70	16
Fish Creek.....	2	1	236.30	12
Yinnar.....	2	1	228.57	12
Newborough.....	3	1	204.91	12
Morwell East.....	2	2	171.52	8
Tarwin.....	1	2	141.01	8
Thorpdale.....	2	2	136.46	8
Boolarra.....	2	2	56.27	8
Mirboo North.....	2	2	39.49	8
Toora.....	1	3	59.40	4
Foster.....	0	4	20.60	0
Hill End.....	0	4	12.79	0

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
MDU.....	2	0	245.65	14
Fish Creek/Tarwin.....	2	0	198.99	14
Yinnar.....	2	2	184.39	8
Newborough.....	1	2	43.17	8
Mirboo North.....	0	3	22.54	4
Stony Creek.....	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End.....	0	0	0.00	0
Toora.....	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra.....	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale.....	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East.....	0	0	0.00	0
Foster.....	0	0	0.00	0



Foster's Tom Littore battles for the ball, under pressure from Tarwin's Stuart Kilsby.





Foster's Brendan Neville shields the ball from his Tarwin opponent.

Never underestimate a wounded tiger

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

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49

	TARWIN		FOSTER	
Tarwin	1.2	1.4	2.4	2.8 (20)
Foster	3.3	3.4	7.7	7.7 (49)
GOALS, Tarwin: Conor Agnew, Jordan Osborne 1 each				
BEST: Ben Chalmers, Harrison Cumming, Fergus Warren, Tom Vanderkolk, Kane McCarthy, Matt Zagni				
GOALS, Foster: Jake Best, Michael Green 2, Billy Flavelle, Riley McDonald, Brendan Neville 1 each				
BEST: Harley Hoppner, Brock Cripps, Brendan Neville, Craig Wray, Michael Eales, Michael Green				
RESERVES				
Tarwin	4.7	9.13	14.18	19.23 (137)
Foster	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 (0)
GOALS, Tarwin: Jamie Cann 6, Brodie Senior-Gibson 3, John Kilsby, Cooper Scott 2, Adam Bell, Travis Bergmeier, Travis Cameron, Josh Chalmers, Luke Keily, Vaughan Van Dillen 1 each				
BEST: Jamie Cann, Jackson Bloom, Travis Cameron, Josh Chalmers, Joshua Carmody, David Leggo				
BEST, Foster: Jai Prain, James Rochforte, Flynn Lomax, Brayden Hall, Will Roffey, Dylan McCarthy				

FOUR rounds in and Tarwin finally got their chance to showcase the team in front of a hometown crowd. The early signs for the Sharks had been good, their win just seven days prior over Boolarra, seemingly a perfect platform from which to launch into rivals Foster.

The Tigers had been hit and hurt in their win against Thorpdale in round three, but whether they were going to be fragile as a result would

By Rob Popplestone

be put to the test early by Tarwin.

Foster's 7-7-49 win over Tarwin 2-8-20, reinforcing what most already knew and that was, never underestimate a wounded Tiger.

Sam Davies, Foster coach, "Adversity creates opportunity, we made seven forced changes from the previous week and with more already out we were really up against

it playing a fit, quick team. Really proud of the group and the way we are backing our system in. The win was a great way to celebrate milestones from first gamers to two hundreds."

Those celebrations indicate the contrast of ability Foster has, from youngsters donning the yellow and black for the first time to those loyal to the club for a decade.

Jason Kennedy, Tarwin coach, "We knew that we

needed to be at our best and we were just not switched on but credit to Foster, they came to play. A lot of learnings have come from the game and we moved forward to next week away at Stony Creek."

The Sharks are likely to be vying for a coveted top six spot in a few months' time, but for now the key will be to string some "w's" together in order to set themselves apart from a group of seemingly even opposition sides.

Buckley headed for Toora via the Carlton Draft

TOORA Magpies will be welcoming former Blues player Dylan Buckley to their home after securing the fourth pick in the 2024 'The Carlton Draft'.

The five Victorian clubs chosen made their selection last week with four-time flag hero Isaac Smith being taken at pick one by The Bunyip Bulldogs.

Smith, the 2022 Norm Smith Medallist and former Hawks and Cats player, was the first of five AFL legends to be snapped up by the local clubs, to play a one-off game for their Senior team.

In front of local club representatives, fans and a host of media at Crown Melbourne's The Pub, triple premiership player and former Tigers captain, Trent Cotchin, was the next to be selected. He will swap his usual yellow and black guernsey for navy blue after being selected second overall in the draft by the Ballan Blues.

AFL Hall of Famer and Bombers premiership player Matthew Lloyd was up next, taken at pick three by Old Collegians FNC in the Warrnambool & District Football Netball League.



Dylan Buckley is dusting off the boots and putting away the microphone as he preprepares to head to Toora. Pictured at The Carlton Draft selection last week with Toora General Manager Jarryd Guranovic.

Castlemaine FNC in the Bendigo Football Netball League.

"We are really pumped to be welcoming Dylan to Toora," Toora club president Linden Dyson said.

"The audience Dylan will bring with him is more diverse, and he has a lot to do in the mental health space

and in areas outside football, which is just as relevant to us.

"We're looking forwards to bringing the community together – it's bigger than just football."

And Buckley is just as pumped to be dusting off the boots and heading back onto the ground.

"I'm extremely excited, this will be the first-time playing football since I finished up my career," Buckley explained after the selection.

"I love community football, I love giving back to community – I know how special these places are and how tough some of these teams have been doing it, so I'm really keen to get down there."

"I love the Toora magpies. I'm really excited to chuck on a jersey. Hopefully I get number 43! Get a win and have a good night."

Training with the boys ahead of the big day, Buckley is planning on making a weekend of the trip, provided his body holds up.

"Definitely used to the podcast chair now. My back is the main thing, I might need to bring my own tape down, my shoulders are pretty sore these days just from carrying the podcast, Dyl & Friends," Buckley laughed.

"I'm sure they've got some great goanna oil down there to warm (the shoulders) up."

As for position...

"Hopefully just in the 1's, if it's in the 2's then it would be a bit embarrassing. I'll play anywhere I need to play. If I had my choice, it would be taking a lot of kick-ins."

The all important date is expected to be released later this week, head to Toora Football Netball Club's Facebook page to stay informed.

Do it for the girls – SGG Shield

ON Sunday, May 19 at the Leongatha Velodrome from 12pm until 4pm the Southern Gippsland Junior Football Competition will be running a Southern Gippsland Girls (SGG) Shield.

The club are focused on providing the under 14 girls team with more playing time, so the four dedicated coaches have strategised and formed the SGG Shield.

Bobbie Lee Blay of the Southern and West Gippsland Junior Football Competition said this group breaking initiative stems from their commitment to fostering our players' growth and enhancing their understanding of the game.

"With the SSG Shield, we are committed to providing our U14 Girls' teams with ample opportunities to showcase their skills on the field. We aim to continue to develop and maintain a welcoming space that is safe and inclusive for all our players."

This is an opportunity for the girls that are already registered for this season.

More polish desired but Parrots still win well over Warragul

LEONGATHA remains unbeaten this season, defeating Warragul by 61 points on Saturday, the Parrots continuing to get most things right but having plenty of scope for improved finishing.

Coach Trent McMicking stressed during and after the game that there is work to do, while acknowledging the impressive pressure his side applied to the Gulls.

Cade Maskell was a stand-out for the Parrots, his assured presence often turning defence into attack.

He complemented his efficient and constructive disposal with vice-like marking, including in contested situations.

Aaron Turton, Jake van der Pligt and Nick Argento were others who set up opportunities for fellow Parrots with their ability to win the footy and show composure and positivity, while skipper Tom Marriott was again among the best.

McMicking was delighted with his side's team defence that restricted Warragul to just four goals for the day, saying that was particularly meritorious against a good attacking side showing lots of promise.

While not on Leongatha's best players list, Matt Borschman was praised by his coach at the breaks and post game for his tagging efforts on Warragul's dangerous midfielder and forward Tom Hobbs.

"He did a great job on him for four quarters," McMicking said.

Mitch Bentvelzen's work down back also impressed the Parrots coach.

Ben Willis was his typical competitive self in the ruck, also delivering a couple of



Leongatha players apply their trademark pressure, with Ned Hanily, Matt Borschman and Aaron Turton descending on a hapless Warragul opponent. A13_1924

highlights with a strong contested mark and a moment of fleet footedness that thrilled the home crowd.

Leongatha shared goal kicking responsibilities, with 10 Parrots managing at least one major, headlined by Jenson Garnham with three goals, with a couple each to Tallin Brill and Argento.

While Josh Schelling kicked just one goal, it was a memorable moment as he delivered an accurate long-range snap deep in the third term, quickly getting boot to ball after receiving a Garnham handball.

Earlier in the third quarter, Warragul threatened to make the Parrots battle hard for victory, despite Leongatha kicking the opening goal of the term through Garnham.

Warragul booted a couple of majors in quick succession after withstanding Leongatha forward forays through intercept marks in

the Gulls' defensive arc.

The first of that pair of Warragul goals came when Marriott believed he had a taken a mark, the umpire presumably deeming the ball hadn't travelled far enough then paying holding the ball to Warragul's Chris Raso.

Marriott's subsequent comment was interpreted as umpire abuse, although he said it was directed at himself, with Raso marched to the goal line.

When Luke Garner kicked truly on the run moments later, cutting the margin to under two goals, Gulls fans were up and about, someone even cranking up loud music, but the Parrots took complete control from there to charge to a 29-point three quarter time advantage.

"You ticked all the boxes except for one thing," McMicking told his troops at the huddle, then highlighting Warragul's five intercept

marks in the opening five minutes of the quarter.

Raising his voice, the coach delivered a message to those responsible for feeding the footy to Leongatha's forwards.

"I have the footy, it's on me to hit the bloke inside 50; I've got no pressure on me," was the mentality he said players need to have, finishing with "Hit it and hit it properly and the whole thing will go your way."

His players responded with five last quarter goals, while keeping the Gulls scoreless for the remainder of the game.

Fingers are crossed for the speedy recovery of Parrot Ned Hanily who was put out of the game by a head knock when laying a first quarter tackle in what appeared an innocuous incident.

Leongatha next ventures to Morwell to do battle with the sixth-placed Tigers who are coming off a narrow win over Maffra.

Traralgon skips away in last quarter against Wonthaggi

FIRST quarter goals to Jakeb Thomas and Brayden Duve got Wonthaggi off to a positive start on Traralgon's turf, a tight contest then developing, with Power in touch on the scoreboard at three quarter time before the Maroons proved too strong in the final stanza to win by 27 points.

Power was just seven points adrift entering the last term but after a few minutes of goalless action, Traralgon's Jacob Van Iwaarden nailed a set shot, with another from his teammate Josh Hamilton pushing the margin beyond three goals.

A Thomas major from a free kick kept Wonthaggi hopes alive but Traralgon responded with the next couple of goals, ultimately booting five for the

quarter to Wonthaggi's two.

Backmen on both sides featured prominently in a low scoring match.

For Wonthaggi, Fergus O'Connor continued to play a strong defensive role using the ball well by foot and sneaking forward for a goal, being named Power's best, Jye Gilmour had a great game across the halfback flank and stalwart fullback Shannon Bray also impressed.

Traralgon skipper Tye Hourigan was instrumental to his side's win having 26 possessions across the halfback line, with Wonthaggi selecting him as the opposition's best, while Jackson McMahon was another to impress for the Maroons in that part of the field.

Jack Blair led the way in the midfield for Power, with

good support from the likes of Aiden Lindsay, Wonthaggi's football director Stu Gilmour pleased with the side's improved output in that area and feeling it had the better of Traralgon in that department.

Young Traralgon midfielder Luis D'Angelo was named best by his side, again proving a strong workhorse and creating opportunities for fellow Maroons.

While Gilmour was pleased with much of what he saw, he readily acknowledged Power was outplayed overall.

"Traralgon put a lot more pressure on the ball carriers than what we did," he said, noting that was something the Maroons maintained throughout pretty much the entire game.

Wonthaggi's early lead was set up by capitalising better on

opportunities, with Traralgon winning a healthy share of possession from the outset.

While Power has won just one of its five matches for the season, there is a positive vibe at the club as the side continues to gel following significant change to the complexion of the team this year, including the introduction of players such as Kaj Patterson, Brayden Duve and Reeve Morresco.

Thomas was Wonthaggi's multiple goal scorer with three majors, a figure matched by Traralgon's Hamilton.

Power should head into a weekend off on a positive note after hosting last placed and winless Maffra this Saturday, but the Eagles will have gained confidence from a competitive showing against Morwell.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 5

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

92

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LEONGATHA	WARRAGUL
Leongatha 2.2 5.4 9.6 14.8 (92)	Warragul 0.4 2.6 4.7 4.7 (31)

GOALS, Leongatha: Jenson Garnham 3, Nicholas Argento, Tallin Brill 2, Cooper Alger, Sam Forrester, Will Littlejohn, Thomas Marriott, Joshua Schelling, Aaron Turton, Jake van der Pligt 1 each
BEST: Cade Maskell, Aaron Turton, Jake van der Pligt, Nicholas Argento, Thomas Marriott, Benjamin Willis
GOALS, Warragul: Thomas Crole, Luke Garner, Chris Raso, Liam Serong 1 each
BEST: Jack Lewsey, Tom Hobbs, Chris Raso, Isaac Wallace, Mitchell Smart, Levi Moore

RESERVES

Leongatha 7.3 12.8 15.12 19.18 (132)	Warragul 0.1 0.2 1.2 1.2 (8)
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GOALS, Leongatha: Flynn Materia 5, Darby Kratzat 4, Hayden Lindsay, Jarrod Stewart 3, Robert Reardon 2, Noah Fixter, Darcy Hume 1 each
BEST: Jarrod Stewart, Ty Hall, Darcy Hume, Levi Hickey, Jacob Lamers, Darby Kratzat
GOALS, Warragul: Liam Finnegan 1
BEST: Jacob Orlicki, Scott Kelly, Jack Casson, Daniel Phillips, Leigh Sheehan, Charlie Dore

THIRDS				
Leongatha	0.2	1.5	2.10	5.13 (43)
Warragul	3.1	3.2	4.4	5.5 (35)

BEST, Leongatha: Klayton McGrath, Ben Fort, Aydan Williams, Finn Donohue, Tadgh Gannon, Hayden Bowler
BEST, Warragul: Caleb Mcintosh, Darcy Paul, Charlie MacLean, Joe Curtis, Bailey Rainford, Xavier Olsson

FOURTHS

Leongatha 3.0 6.5 6.7 7.8 (50)	Warragul 0.1 0.1 2.3 2.4 (16)
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BEST, Leongatha: Hamish Gill, Archie Gannon, Thomas Geary, Ned Sheahan, Angus Livingstone, Clayton Quaife
BEST, Warragul: Jake Boote, Walter Phillips, Nash Olsson, Harvie Dennis, Cooper Beckley, Nate Young

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

69

42

TRARALGON	WONTHAGGI
Traralgon 0.3 3.4 5.7 10.9 (69)	Wonthaggi 2.1 4.3 4.6 6.6 (42)

GOALS, Traralgon: Joshua Hamilton 3, Dylan Loprese 2, Chance Doultree, Tate Marsh, Kade Ruyters, Joel Scholtes, Jacob Van Iwaarden 1 each
BEST: Luis D'Angelo, Joel Scholtes, Joshua Hamilton, Conor Little, Chance Doultree, Jacob Van Iwaarden
GOALS, Wonthaggi: Jakeb Thomas 3, Noah Anderson, Brayden Duve, Fergus O'Connor 1 each
BEST: Fergus O'Connor, Jack Blair, Jye Gilmour, Aiden Lindsay, Joshua Bates, Joshua Schulz

RESERVES

Traralgon 2.3 5.7 9.11 15.18 (108)	Wonthaggi 1.3 1.3 2.4 4.4 (28)
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GOALS, Traralgon: Connor Scandrett 6, Beau Locandro, Cohen Ruyters, Josh Twite 2, Riley Adams, Adam Jaensch, Jarn Macumber 1 each
BEST: Peter Strong, Connor Scandrett, Lachlan McDonald, Josh Twite, Cohen Ruyters, Riley Adams
GOALS, Wonthaggi: Blake Cornelis 2, Cooper Lindsay, Jai Williamson 1 each
BEST: Kyle Yann, Charlie Magro, Riley Lindsay, Wayne Luke, Ollie Dawson, Jai Williamson

FOURTHS				
Traralgon	3.4	8.11	9.12	11.13 (79)
Wonthaggi	1.2	1.3	3.5	5.6 (36)

BEST, Traralgon: Brodie Adams, Blair Roscoe, Levi Macumber, Archie Woodall, Jimmy Brand, Oscar Wilkins
BEST, Wonthaggi: Archie Jobe, Robert Hullick, Billy Wyhoon, Jaxon Brouwers, Jayden Burns

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS			
Sale	14.11.95	d Drouin	10.10.70
Moe	12.7.79	d Bairnsdale	11.7.73
Morwell	8.14.62	d Maffra	6.17.53

RESERVES			
Drouin	5.7.37	d Sale	3.4.22
Bairnsdale	7.11.53	d Moe	5.4.34
Maffra	15.8.98	d Morwell	2.6.18

THIRDS			
Drouin	6.8.44	d Sale	4.7.31
Bairnsdale	8.4.52	d Moe	4.4.28
Maffra	15.9.99	d Morwell	6.5.41

FOURTHS

Sale	11.11.77	d Drouin	8.7.55
Moe	15.11.101	d Bairnsdale	8.3.51
Maffra	16.21.117	d Morwell	0.2.2

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS															ROUND 5				
SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					FOURTHS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	5	0	202.49	20	Leongatha	5	0	498.21	20	Drouin	4	1	159.36	16	Maffra	5	0	639.73	20
Traralgon	4	1	132.86	16	Maffra	4	1	216.09	16	Maffra	4	1	150.67	16	Traralgon	5	0	615.56	20
Sale	3	2	111.00	12	Bairnsdale	4	1	128.00	16	Warragul	3	1	155.47	12	Moe	4	1	280.21	16
Moe	3	2	108.46	12	Traralgon	3	2	244.13	12	Traralgon	3	1	151.52	12	Wonthaggi	4	1	180.69	16
Bairnsdale	3	2	106.37	12	Sale	2	3	87.86	8	Leongatha	2	2	121.23	8	Sale	2	3	71.43	8
Morwell	3	2	102.24	12	Drouin	2	3	84.14	8	Bairnsdale	2	3	88.74	8	Bairnsdale	2	3	64.18	8
Drouin	2	3	104.48	8	Moe	2	3	56.93	8	Moe	2	3	80.84	8	Drouin	1	4	77.00	4
Wonthaggi	1	4	80.56	4	Morwell	1	4	71.43	4	Sale	0	4	57.30	0	Leongatha	1	4	28.06	4
Warragul	1	4	67.99	4	Wonthaggi	1	4	33.68	4	Morwell	0	4	31.51	0	Warragul	1	4	25.71	4
Maffra	0	5	52.67	0	Warragul	1	4	24.42	4	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Morwell	0	5	18.26	0

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Kilcunda-Bass 11.12.78 d Koo Wee Rup 8.19.67

Dalyston 18.12.120 d Bunyip 2.5.17

Tooradin-Dalmore 10.16.76 d Garfield 2.6.18

Nar Nar Goon 12.18.90 d Korumburra-Bena 5.6.36

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 4

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

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NAR NAR GOON

KORUMBURRA-BENA

Nar Nar Goon 4.4 6.8 7.11 12.18 (90)

Kor-Bena 2.2 3.5 3.6 5.6 (36)

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Dermott Yawney 4, Trent Armour, Max McGreal, Cooper Pursell 2, Troy McDermott, Jake Smith 1 each

BEST: Trent Armour, Eamon Trigg, Aidan Pipicelli, Jarrod Smith, Harrison Brain, Ryan Bromley

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Zachary Barrett 2, Tom Crocker, Paul Fermanis, Hugh Gordon 1 each

BEST: Josh Hopkins, Kye Benson, Tyson Findlay, Zachary Barrett, Joel Cuman, Hugh Gordon

RESERVES

Nar Nar Goon 6.4 9.8 14.14 21.19 (145)

Kor-Bena 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 (1)

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Nate Pipicelli 4, Nicholas Bransgrove 3, Jarrod Hamling, Brent Hughes, Chris Power, Matt Saunders 2, Dan Cross, Jacobus Hynes, Thomas Nicholls, Nathan Swan, Harrison Waters, Billy Williams 1 each

BEST: Jarrod Hamling, Dan Cross, Bailey Christie, Chris Power, Nate Pipicelli, Brent Hughes

BEST, Kor-Bena: Caleb Turton, Jesse Harris, William Croatto, Jack Crocker, Blake Webb, Jasper Macr

THIRDS

Nar Nar Goon 7.3 15.7 21.11 25.17 (167)

Kor-Bena 0.3 0.3 1.3 1.3 (9)

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Oliver Ratten 8, Jesse Betteridge, Archer Shorey 4, Mitch Moresco 2, Matthew Cross, Kaelen Henry, Bailey Kezik, Todd Lester, Jack Murphy, Archer Radings, Lucas Shipway 1 each

BEST: Oliver Ratten, Ryder Kaminski, Lucas Shipway, Archer Radings, Chace Parker, Archer Shorey

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Jake Fowles 1

BEST: Jake Fowles, Harley De Grandi, Tanner Walker, Sam Hill, Hayden Simcock, Max Fowles

FOURTHS

Nar Nar Goon 5.1 9.4 12.7 15.10 (100)

Kor-Bena 0.1 0.1 1.3 1.3 (9)

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Oscar Henwood 5, Oliver Ockwell-Payne 3, Blaine Attard, Kai Jones 2, Ryan Fox, Cooper Harris, Fynn Shorey 1 each

BEST: Oscar Henwood, Blaine Attard, Xavier Ladbrook, Jackson O'Brien, Toby Holland, Kai Jones

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Dylan Wyhoon 1

BEST: Indie Cameron, Max Fowles, Jayden Douglas, Dylan Wyhoon, Ben Camp, Sam Hill

Giants put up a fight against Nar Nar Goon



Dermott Yawney and Tyler Newton go head-to-head in round 4 at Nar Nar Goon. Z37_1924

DESPITE a 54-point loss, Korumburra-Bena came away with a lot of positives to reflect on following its clash with top of the table Nar Nar Goon.

Korumburra-Bena played three competitive quarters against Nar Nar Goon, delivering a fairly even contest until the final hurdle.

The Giants went in with nothing to lose and followed to through on the game plan set out by coach Josh Hopkins.

Playing on top notch facilities at Nar Nar Goon, the Giants used the ground to improve its running game.

Although Nar Nar Goon had the lead in the first quarter, the Giants held their own.

Zachary Barrett, playing his second game in the Seniors, opened the scoring for the Giants.

He was pivotal throughout the game, using his speed to punish Nar Nar Goon.

A knock to the head to Lachlan Smith two minutes into the first quarter caused some distress for the Giants, but he was patched up and continued to fight it out.

Tyson Findlay and Tyler Newton were solid on the back line, helping to slow Nar Nar Goon's scoring opportunities.

They led by example, demonstrating the strategies practiced at training.

In the midfield, Rhys Dixon led the way for the Giants.

He provided plenty of entries into the forward line for the Giants to capitalise on.

A popped shoulder threatened his game in the first half, but he also was taped up and back on the ground.

Evan Allaway battled for the Giants in the ruck and proved to be an asset.

Nar Nar Goon chipped away at the scoreboard through, the whole game, and ultimately ran away with in the last quarter, putting five more goals on the board before the final siren.

Korumburra-Bena took away a sense of self belief and newfound confidence from the match, and it will be interesting to see how this plays out through the rest of the season.

Korumburra-Bena will play Phillip Island for its first home game of the season after four weeks on the road.

This will be the first of three home games for the Giants.

The Giants are looking forward to the hit out with Phillip Island, hoping to give the Bulldogs a run for their money.

Breakers play their most competitive of the season



Tess Wingfield tries to clear the ball out of a stoppage.

AFTER a difficult start to the season with low numbers the Breakers welcomed the move to Division two this week. Also adding six new players to the side it was the most competitive match of the season and a great chance for everyone on field to get involved.

As usual the backline held up well with Jayde Lamb and Montanna Campbell taking some strong marks and helping to clear it out of defence.

With the first few games defence oriented it took a little while to switch into offensive mode. However, the team came out after half time with a renewed confidence and much more attacking style of play.

Ella Cargill was a great target and did an awesome job of keeping the ball in the forward line. Vic Jaskula also brought a lot of pressure around half forward and got plenty of the ball.

Captain Sophie McCracken-Evans was a welcome inclusion and dominated the ruck taps. With a few familiar faces missing out of the midfield Molly

Conroy was thrown in the deep end in her first match and didn't look out of place. Similarly, Juliette Townsend picked up where she left off in juniors a few years prior and provided some great run through the middle.

Tess Wingfield was rewarded for another outstanding performance with the team's first goal for the season which was suitably celebrated by the team. Not to be outdone first gamer Dakota Decarlo followed up with a lovely snap and equally impressive celebration.

With a lot of momentum towards the end of the game the Breakers will be looking to carry that through this week as they search for their first win of the season taking on Cerberus/Balnarring 4.40pm Saturday at Dalyston.

Final Score: Tyabb 4.4-28 def Breakers 2.1-13

Goals: T. Wingfield, D. Decarlo

Best: T. Angarane, T. Wingfield, M. Conroy, S. McCracken-Evans, J. Townsend

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, MAY 11

ELLINBANK ROUND 6

Longwarry v Ellinbank

Catani v Neerim South

Nilma Darnum v Poowong

Nyora v Buln Buln

Trafalgar v Yarragon

Lang Lang - BYE

GIPPSLAND ROUND 6

Morwell v Leongatha

Moe v Drouin

Wonthaggi v Maffra

Sale v Traralgon

Warragul v Bairnsdale

WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 5

Tooradin-Dalmore v Koo Wee Rup

Kilcunda-Bass v Bunyip

Korumburra-Bena v Phillip Island

Dalyston v Inverloch-Kongwak

Cora Lynn v Garfield

Sunday, May 12

Warragul Industrials v Nar Nar Goon



Anthony Daraio of Kilcunda-Bass kicks it out in a tough match against Koo Wee Rup. Z41_1924



Dean McRae of Kilcunda-Bass goes up against Koo Wee Rups Jordan Sprie. Z40_1924

Panthers hold their ground

KILCUNDA-BASS stood victorious after a close contest with Koo Wee Rup on Saturday.

The Panthers ventured out to the Demons' home ground to play in ideal conditions, save for the slight wind advantage that would come into play later in the game.

Kilcunda-Bass had the jump on Koo Wee Rup early, but did not take advantage of all its opportunities, so the margin remained close heading into quarter time.

A knee injury to Lachlan

Burns early in the game limited Kilcunda-Bass' midfield rotation, but Jayden Goumas continued to be a strong influence and powered through the middle – his endurance becoming an asset towards the end of the game.

The Panthers readjusted for a more successful second quarter, keeping the Demons under control down in the defensive end.

Nathan Foote was instrumental in the ruck and Jayden Graham played a sensational game in the defence.

When the ball entered Kilcunda-Bass forward line, the Panthers looked dangerous.

A considerable lead favoured the Panthers, but the fourth quarter proved to be a real tussle.

Koo Wee Rup never lost its determination and continued to fight to the last second.

The wind advantage came into play, allowing Koo Wee Rup to take more control of the ball and put an extra four goals onto the scoreboard.

The Demons came home strong, but the Panthers leaned

on their training strategies and maintained what they needed to do to hold on to the win.

Coach Lee Rowe was happy with the effort, pleased to see the team handle close encounters well – a skill that will come in handy as the season progresses.

Kilcunda-Bass came away with an 11-point win.

Next week, Kilcunda-Bass will travel to Bunyip.

The Panthers intend to give this game their all and not take it lightly, as Bunyip has been a close challenger in the past.

Comfortable victory for the developing Magpies

DALYSTON recorded a comprehensive 103-point win over Bunyip on Saturday.

Playing at Bunyip under sunny skies, Dalyston started strong with a five-goal quarter.

The Magpies were able to move the ball swiftly through the middle, allowing plenty of opportunities to make an impact on the scoreboard.

Bunyip was unable to convert its opportunities and struggled to gain any momentum early on.

In the second quarter, Bunyip managed to add two goals to its tally, but there was little more joy on the scoreboard

throughout the rest of the game.

Through the second and third quarters, Dalyston's young backline was rock solid.

Dalyston's aim for the season is to gradually introduce its under 18 talent into senior football, and some exceptional football has been demonstrated as a result.

Up forward, Bailey Anderson stepped up from the Thirds to play his second Senior game and went on to be named in Dalyston's best.

Anderson has taken to the higher level of football with maturity, easily adapting from

his usual role as an onballer to playing half forward in the club's seniors.

Koby Brann also played his first senior game and proved to be a handy addition to the forward line. His goalkicking accuracy will be handy throughout the season.

Kyle Kirk and Dino Karamoshos showcased silky technique, and Jack Legione also had a good game on the wing and half forward.

The Magpies powered through with an average of five goals per quarter, despite a few injuries to the lineup.

Dalyston maintained its

pressure going into the final quarter, keeping Bunyip scoreless.

Following this game, Dalyston has come away with a fair idea of where it is at and what to work on throughout the week at training.

Dalyston will prepare to take on the undefeated Inverloch-Kongwak this weekend.

This will be a telling game for Dalyston, with the Sea Eagles held up as the benchmark yet again this season.

As traditional rivals, this game is expected to draw a crowd to the Dalyston Recreation Reserve.

WEST GIPPSLAND
COMPETITION
RESULTS

RND
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KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

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KOO WEE RUP	KILCUNDA-BASS			
Koo Wee Rup	0.3	1.10	4.12	8.19 (67)
Kilcunda-Bass	2.6	5.9	9.10	11.12 (78)
GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: No names supplied.				
BEST: Matthew Voss, Travis Bindley, Zak Banks, Caleb Milojevic, Dale Alanis, Thomas Glen				
GOALS, K-Bass: No names supplied.				
BEST: Nathan Foote, Dale Gawley, Jayden Graham, Jayden Goumas, Travis Tuck, Jack Soroczynski				
RESERVES				
Koo Wee Rup	1.5	2.6	3.9	3.9 (27)
Kilcunda-Bass	3.1	4.3	5.3	7.5 (47)
GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Zane Stanton 2, Samuel Cox 1				
BEST: Tyler Evans, Robbie McMahren, Charles Taylor-McKain, David Ramos, Jesse Cammarano, Ryan Wilby				
GOALS, K-Bass: Cooper Smith 3, Travis Stuckey 2, Trent Cartmel, Darcy Clay 1 each				
BEST: William Campbell, Cooper Smith, Jack Rosenow, Owen Thomas, Brodie Gude, Clay Tharle				
FOURTHS				
Koo Wee Rup	1.2	1.3	3.5	3.8 (26)
Kilcunda-Bass	0.3	1.6	3.6	5.8 (38)
GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Kynen Dore-Wilson, Zach Ducasse, Lincon Tannahill 1 each				
BEST: Lukas Palmer, Matthew Simpson, Joshua Saunders, Kaiden Bertone, Liam Pirotta, Sonny Giles				
GOALS, K-Bass: Riley Eden 2, Blake Eden, Archie Ross 1 each				
BEST: Hayden Power, Jackson Sweet, Jasper Saunders, Elijah McDonald, Henry Dean				

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

17 120

BUNYIP	DALYSTON			
Bunyip	0.2	2.3	2.5	2.5 (17)
Dalyston	5.4	10.7	15.11	18.12 (120)
GOALS, Bunyip: No names supplied.				
BEST: Alex Dijkstra, Reid Jenkin, Matthew O'Halloran, Curtis Jenkin, Matthew O'Halloran, Benjamin Wright				
GOALS, Dalyston: No names supplied.				
BEST: Dino Karamoshos, Jack Legione, Kyle Kirk, Koby Brann, Bailey Anderson				
RESERVES				
Bunyip	0.2	0.3	0.5	1.5 (11)
Dalyston	3.2	8.5	11.6	12.8 (80)
GOALS, Bunyip: Brandon Pompei 1				
BEST: Zach Gallahar, Dane Roy, Brandon Pompei, James Pryor, Shaun Dekkers, Jamie Hallpike				
GOALS, Dalyston: Stewart Beaumont 3, Matrix Chisholm 2, John Armstrong, Alexander Geyer, Dean Jagoe, Ryda Kay-Darts, Greg Magro, Jack Sheerin, Dean Wylie 1 each				
BEST: Luke Speed, Stewart Beaumont, Shaun Silver, Alexander Geyer, Ryda Kay-Darts, Dean Jagoe				
THIRDS				
Bunyip	1.2	1.3	1.4	2.4 (16)
Dalyston	2.1	4.5	10.7	14.10 (94)
GOALS, Bunyip: Zach Gallahar, Ash O'Haire 1 each				
BEST: Lochlan Makin, Samuel Hughes, Ash O'Haire, Zach Gallahar, Brendan Vandborg, Dakota Smith				
GOALS, Dalyston: Jesse Dugard 4, Max Connell, Chase Krause 3, Beau Westom, Riley Sharp, Noah Shepherd, Harry Wans 1 each				
BEST: Riley Sharp, Levi Jones, Angus Rosenow, Riley Brinkman, Chase Krause, Ryan Cargill				
FOURTHS				
Bunyip	0.2	1.5	1.8	1.9 (15)
Dalyston	0.1	1.2	1.2	2.2 (14)
GOALS, Bunyip: Cody Welch 1				
BEST: Cody Welch, Hayden Cooke, Seth D Edwards, Oliver Simpson, Heath Mollison, Dean Schultz				
GOALS, Dalyston: Shelton Winmar 2				
BEST: Malachi Ori, Riley Pickard, Finn McNally, Tom Humphris, Zack Hughes, Roy Humphris				

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS															ROUND 4				
SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					FOURTHS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts av		W	L	%	pts av
Nar Nar Goon	4	0	475.41	16	Inverloch-K	4	0	350.00	16	Phillip Island	2	0	427.03	4.00	Phillip Island	3	0	1200.0	4.00
Inverloch-K	4	0	317.57	16	Nar Nar Goon	3	1	573.17	12	Dalyston	3	1	322.45	3.00	Inverloch-K	3	0	346.55	4.00
Kilcunda-Bass	3	1	105.17	12	Tooradin-Dal	3	1	335.19	12	Nar Nar Goon	3	1	293.53	3.00	Nar Nar Goon	3	1	201.67	3.00
Cora Lynn	2	1	219.32	10	Kilcunda-Bass	3	1	248.85	12	Warragul Ind	3	1	268.27	3.00	Tooradin-Dal	2	1	161.73	2.67
Phillip Island	2	1	122.18	10	Cora Lynn	3	1	228.26	12	Garfield	3	1	97.38	3.00	Kor-Bena	2	2	108.24	2.00
Dalyston	2	2	174.13	8	Phillip Island	2	2	107.14	8	Inverloch-K	2	1	205.05	2.67	Garfield	2	2	98.57	2.00
Tooradin-Dal	2	2	136.96	8	Dalyston	2	2	97.28	8	Koo Wee Rup	0	3	43.48	0.00	Warragul Ind	2	2	85.89	2.00
Garfield	2	2	50.83	8	Garfield	2	2	91.67	8	Tooradin-Dal	0	2	30.43	0.00	Bunyip	1	2	28.00	1.33
Warragul Ind	1	3	81.38	4	Koo Wee Rup	1	3	73.95	4	Bunyip	0	3	11.07	0.00	Koo Wee Rup	1	3	93.10	1.00
Koo Wee Rup	1	3	52.93	4	Warragul Ind	1	3	26.83	4	Kor-Bena	0	3	2.60	0.00	Kilcunda-Bass	1	3	28.09	1.00
Kor-Bena	0	4	36.93	0	Kor-Bena	0	4	18.18	0	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00	Dalyston	0	4	13.06	0.00
Bunyip	0	4	7.12	0	Bunyip	0	4	3.94	0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

Aislin's selection prospects improve in Qatar

Aislin Jones is in the home stretch for Paris Olympic selection after a great shoot in Doha last weekend.



THE first of two international selection events that will determine which one of the final three women are nominated to represent Australia at the Paris Olympics later this year in Women's Skeet concluded at Lusail Shooting Center in Doha, Qatar on Sunday April 28.

Leongatha's Aislin Jones progressed to the international series as the leader of the Australian rankings by six points over Laura Coles from WA. After a solid performance against the world's best women in the sport of ISSF Skeet at the conclusion of the event in Qatar, Jones now leads the rankings not only for Australia but also the Oceania Region and is 11 points ahead of Laura Coles of WA.

Aislin flew to Qatar a little over a week prior after a final training session at Korumburra Gun Club

before departing. Last week she flew from Qatar to Baku for the next ISSF World Cup where the Australian selections conclude.

Shot over three days of 50, 50 and 25 targets the ISSF Olympic Qualification Championship in Doha was important to many nations other than Australia, being the last opportunity for many nations who still did not have an entry quota into the Paris 2024 Olympics to win their place. With just two quota places on offer and more than 50 athletes whose country had not yet secured an entry to Paris pressure and emotions were running high. Owing largely to the quota places on offer the entry numbers set a new record for a World Cup style event with 71 women entered from 35 countries.

The conditions were hotter than usually expected for Qatar

in April and on the layout shade was a sought after location for the athletes from the Northern Hemisphere where they are still emerging from winter into autumn. The Australian and New Zealand competitors however looked fairly comfortable in the 30°-32° temperatures.

Aislin took the lead in the Oceania Contingent from the end of day one shooting 45/50 to NZ's Chloe Tipple on 44/50 and gained an additional four points in the Australian Olympic Selection Rankings over Laura Coles from Western Australia. With a second round 25/25 at the end of day two and 100 targets into the final total of 125 Jones had risen to 17th on the leaderboard on 93/100.

Day three of the event started out hot early and the competition to see who would take the six

finals berths was even hotter. With a cut off into the final at 119/125 not even a perfect round would afford a place in the final for Aislin, however with the main task of assuring a prime place into the final TeamAUS selection event in Baku, Azerbaijan next week her final round 22/25 was enough to lead the Australian Olympic selection by 11 points going into the last five rounds at the next ISSF World Cup.

Returning to Lakes Entrance on Monday night Aislin's father Dave was very happy with her performance placing 27th overall on 115, "Aislin's approach this event was about the event rather than the selections. Results are built one target at a time, one round at a time. This selection series has been a marathon compared to past Olympic Selection policies in Australia.

They have never been run over so many targets or included international events, so this has really challenged the team."

Jointly coaching Aislin together with Lauryn Mark, the team for the young Australian changed tack on day two of competition switching to a different approach. With Lauryn in Australia for this trip and Dave as the coach on the range Dave says, "We have been working differently over the last year in training to the way we'd worked for many years before that. A lot of targeted score setting drills have been a part of what Lauryn has tasked Aislin with and it's required a lot of development mentally. This isn't a sport that you can focus on the outcome. You can set a goal, but you can't focus on it.

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