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Saying thanks to vital workers

Bass Coast Health Nurses gathered on the steps of the new Wonthaggi Hospital last week to celebrate International Nurses Day. See more on page 22 as well as our four-page feature on Volunteer Week on pages 26-29.

Inverloch units too high, VCAT

THE would-be developers of a \$35 million, four-storey "residential hotel" in the middle of Inverloch, the Forte Group Pty Ltd, have had their project cut down to size.

The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal handed down its decision last Thursday afternoon, May 11, in the case of the South Gippsland Conservation Society versus the Bass Coast Shire Council, and the council has largely prevailed.

The decision by council to remove the fourth floor of the proposed building, and its rooftop bar, stands but the tribunal "has

not proceeded on the basis that the 9.5m maximum height specified in DDO10 is mandatory".

The tribunal conceded that the building can exceed that limit by 1 metre, but it found the plan to build 4.37 metres above the limit to be unacceptable.

The tribunal has also sought to reduce the impact on The Glade community park by calling for the building to be setback "1.5 metres at ground floor level along the site's interface with the public open space to the south (The Glade)".

But the tribunal also found that the design and colours proposed for the 40-apartment development are acceptable.

"The design adopts a contemporary architectural form broken down by expanses of glazing, windows and openings. Combined with the curved edges and colour palette incorporating predominantly lightweight materials, the design objective of DDO10 calling for a development utilising contemporary coastal design principles and landscaping has been met."

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
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No shortage of incredible awardees

OUTSTANDING community members, leaders and groups were celebrated at the Bass Coast Community Awards last night.

The awards, timed to coincide with National Volunteer Week, were eagerly embraced by the community with strong nominations for all four categories: Environment and Sustainability; Community Group; Next Generation Leader; and Community Leader.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, says all nominees were outstanding examples of the individuals and groups who provide the passion, enthusiasm and community-spirit which make Bass Coast a great place to live.

The 2023 Bass Coast Community Awards winners are:

Environment and Sustainability Award: Paul Speirs

Paul encapsulates what it means to be a true environmental sustainability leader. Paul has lived in Bass Coast for over 30 years now and has dedicated a large portion of his life to volunteering for Landcare. Paul moved from Melbourne to Archies Creek to start a family, while also becoming a Riparian re-vegetator. Paul inspired his neighbours to start the Archies Creek Reforestation Group in the early '90s. Since then, the group has planted more than 200,000 plants in their local area. On Paul's and five of his neighbouring properties they have planted an incredible 100-metre wide Biolink.

Community Group Award: Wonthaggi Boxing Club Inc

In 2017, committee members of the Wonthaggi Boxing Club approached Council because they saw an opportunity to utilise the old, abandoned CFA building in Watt Street Wonthaggi as the next home for the boxing club. At this time, the premises had been vandalised inside and was very untidy outside. After receiving permission to lease the building, and with financial assistance and support from the State Government and Council, the new location was turned into a boxing gym. Wonthaggi Box-



Catherine Watson (left) received the Community Leader Award for her incredible work in fighting to save the Western Port Woodlands from land clearing and sand mining.

ing Club then also encouraged the building to be used by the local YMCA as their Youth Hub space which was then followed local school groups. This facility is an amazing example of a fantastic collaboration between innovative community groups.

Next Generation Leader Award: Liam Marangio

Liam has shown remarkable leadership and represents the future of our community. The 19-year-old is a passionate member of the Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club with more than 250 hours of patrolling and has helped save many lives. Liam has also shown to be extremely adept at garnering energy around the club, encouraging more and more people to become involved in providing valuable lifesaving services. In joining the Club's committee in the last year, Liam has already made a mark by personifying 'actions speak louder than words'. The

passionate local has already achieved the highest award in volunteer lifesaving, the Gold Medallion.

Community Leader Award: Catherine Watson

Catherine is inspiring locals to stand up and fight to save the Western Port Woodlands. A vital community resource for Bass Coast residents and visitors, the woodlands is the last remnant block of coastal forest in the Shire. Catherine created the group's new name, Save the Western Port Woodlands, and has a quiet way of marshalling local groups. Catherine established Bass Coast Post, which for more than a decade has provided a platform for local people to write and discuss ideas. Catherine has been quietly active in leading the conservation group, including advocacy, garnering public support through social media and coordinating gatherings to promote the cause. Catherine has also convened meetings, in-

cluding the important Meet the Candidates Forum held before the Victorian election in 2022. Catherine has an extensive list of people with expertise relating to the woodlands, who she cajoles into leading walks for anyone keen to learn more.

Congratulations to all the 2023 Bass Coast Community Awards nominees, who made this brand-new program possible:

Community Group Award

- Cape Paterson SLSC, Cape Paterson
- Corinella and District Community Centre, Corinella
- Cowes Community Meal, Cowes
- Grace Chapel, Dalyston
- Grantville Business and Community Association, Grantville
- Inverloch RSL Sub-Branch, Inverloch
- Kilcunda Bass Football Netball Club Inc-Catering Group, Bass
- Phillip Island Boardriders Club, Newhaven
- Wonthaggi Boxing Club Inc, Wonthaggi
- YES Youth Hub, Wonthaggi
- Youki's Shed, Cowes

Community Leader (individual)

- Mandy Chancellor, Newhaven
- Charlie Crawford, Cape Paterson
- Ron Day, Cowes
- Ben Fokkens, Cowes
- Colleen Gilbee, Cape Woolamai
- Michelle Isles, Cape Paterson
- Barbara Oates, Corinella
- Karen Thorp, Wonthaggi
- Michael and Sue Turton, Cape Paterson
- Catherine Watson, Wonthaggi

Environment and Sustainability (individual or group)

- Barbara Oates, Corinella
- Marjorie Scott, Inverloch
- Paul Speirs, Ryanston
- Save Westernport Woodlands
- Energy Innovation Co-operative

Next Generation Leader (individual or group)

- Chloe Lawson, North Wonthaggi
- Liam Marangio, Cape Paterson
- Mia Thompson, Cowes

Inverloch units too high, VCAT

From page 1

The South Gippsland Conservation Society has acknowledged receipt of the VCAT decision but president of the group, Ed Thexton has declined to comment until a meeting of members has been called.

He has however noted that the group was concerned about the "bulk and height" of the building adjacent to the Inverloch foreshore and community park, and notwithstanding VCAT's decision to reduce the height, he remained concerned.

The decision follows five days of hearings about the project, proposed to be built on the former site of Inverloch Marine at 2-4 The Esplanade, Inverloch, on January 30 to February 3 this year.

VCAT decision

* Subject to the removal of the top floor and the incorporation of an increased setback at ground level intended to improve the proposal's interface to the public open space reserve, the proposal is acceptable.

* An increased setback to the reserve is intended to provide greater opportunity for an appropriate treatment to effectively integrate the proposal with that interface.

* The visual impact of the proposal as modified by permit conditions, is consistent with the development expectations for the site, established by the relevant planning scheme provisions.

* In relation to building height, my assessment of the proposal's height has not proceeded on the basis that the 9.5m maximum height specified in DDO10 is mandatory. A discretion exists to exceed 9.5m. I note in this respect that the proposal, minus the top floor will still exceed the 9.5m by about 1.0m. I am untroubled by that exceedance. The 4.37m height exceedance associated with the top floor however is not acceptable.

The reasons given by Senior VCAT Member Laurie Hewet for removing the fourth storey included that the "top level does not present as part of an integrated architectural whole... its dark metal cladding is dominant compared to the lighter materials palette of the rest of the building". He said specific characteristics of the site didn't support exceeding the preferred height by 4.37m and the height of nearby homes, of up to 11 metres, wasn't relevant to the proposed development.

He also said that he didn't accept an expert opinion that "the proposal is entitled to borrow and benefit from the amenity of the park".

Rather, he said the development "is required to make a contribution to the park's amenity" and he therefore increased the setback from The Glade by 1.5 metres.

Although approved by VCAT, a long list of conditions relating to design and construction still apply and if acceptable to the applicants, the Forte Group Pty Ltd., are likely to come to a future council for sign off.

The applicants will then have two years to start the project.

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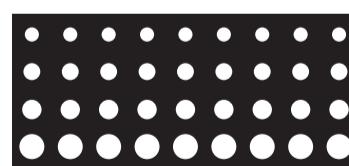


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TUE | May 16

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

9° **16°**



WED | May 17

Cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

7° **15°**



THUR | May 18

Shower or two.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

5° **15°**



FRI | May 19

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

8° **15°**



SAT | May 20

Showers easing.
Wind AM: W-SW 15-25km/h
Wind PM: SW 15-25km/h

8° **15°**



SUN | May 21

Showers easing.
Wind AM: W-SW 15-25km/h
Wind PM: W-SW 15-25km/h

9° **16°**

IN BRIEF

The Necks to play Meeniyan Hall

THE opportunity to experience one of the greatest forces of music in the world is possible at the Meeniyan Town Hall on Saturday night.

Now deep into an incredible fourth decade, The Necks show no sign of slowing down, and continue to conjure wondrous, luminous soundscapes with their bare hands. Described in The UK Guardian as a post jazz, post rock, post everything sonic experience seeing The Necks in concert is an experience like no other.

Touring to promote the release of their 21st album Travel, they will be appearing at Meeniyan Hall on Saturday May 20. Don't miss this chance to see these legends weave their magic. Tickets available at: Lyrebird Arts Council – lyrebirdarts council.com.au

Award winning film 'For Sama'

TO CELEBRATE Refugee Week and raise funds for the Afghan families, the South Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees have secured the award-winning film 'For Sama'.

A love letter from a young mother to her daughter, the film tells the story of Waad al-Kateab's life through five years of the uprising in Aleppo, Syria as she falls in love, gets married and gives birth to Sama, all while cataclysmic conflict rises around her.

Her camera captures incredible stories of loss, laughter and survival as Waad wrestles with an impossible choice.

The film will play on Sunday, June 25 at 2.30pm for a 3.00pm start at the Wonthaggi Community Arts Centre. Please book tickets via the website at www.wonthaggiartscentre.com.au.

Bear Gully campsite still closed

THE closure of Bear Gully campground, located within

Cape Liptrap Coastal Park, is still in place with no date set for it to reopen to the public.

The site was closed following advice that camping and recreational activities may have impacted an Aboriginal place and artefacts.

According to the Department of Premier and Cabinet, First Peoples – State Relations (FPSR) is assisting Parks Victoria to ensure the operation of Bear Gully Campground complies with the requirements of the Aboriginal Heritage Act. The campground is closed while this is underway.

FPSR oversees the operation of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and makes decisions on cultural heritage management plans and permits in areas where there are currently no formally recognised Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) – this includes Cape Liptrap.

FPSR is unable to comment further while considerations are underway.

Flu vaccines this month

THIS year South Gippsland Shire are offering the Flu Immunisation Program. Listed below are the dates, times and locations for sessions in Leongatha, Foster and Korumburra.

Korumburra - Monday, May 22, 2023 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm at the Korumburra Meeting Room.

Leongatha - Tuesday, May 30, 2023 from 1:00pm – 5:00pm at Memorial Hall, Leongatha

This year the vaccine will be \$25 and will be paid on the day via eftpos. Bookings will be made online via the link below.

bookings can be made online, visit <https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/flu>

Funding to support veteran projects

THE State Government has announced more than \$1.4 million funding for 55 projects, including in Bass Coast, offering support for the veteran community as well as commemorating

their incredible contributions.

Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman announced the Government will fund 31 projects through the Veterans Capital Works Grant Program, which funds facility upgrades of up to \$50,000 for not-for-profit and ex-service organisations.

A further 11 organisations will receive funding through the Victoria Remembers program.

The Inverloch RSL Sub-Branch is receiving \$25,900 for solar panels while Bass Valley Lions Club is receiving \$15,000 to restore the Bass Memorial Avenue of Honour.

59 more blocks for Cowses?

DESPITE receiving 26 objections, the Bass Coast Shire Council is likely to go ahead this Wednesday and issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit for the development of 59 small building blocks on land at 273-297 Church Street, Coves.

Typically, the blocks, on the 3.6 hectare in-fill development site, are 350m2 to 450m2 square in size, however while council believes the subdivision lacks the diversity of block size it would prefer, the proposal achieves the objective of various Housing Supply strategies and its more-than-standard density of development is appropriate in the location.

Absence of open space, traffic problems and loss of vegetation were issues raised by objectors.

Business award nominations now open

BASS Coast Shire are excited to present their 16th annual Bass Coast Business Awards, now open for entries!

This year Bass Coast Shire Council are calling for entries in the following judged categories, which will be judged by an independent panel from the business community:

• Access, Equity and Inclusion (sponsored by Interchange Gippsland)

- Business Innovation (sponsored by Corio Generation)
- Environmental Sustainability (sponsored by Westernport Water)
- Event Excellence (sponsored by rEVENTS Academy)
- Marketing and Communications (sponsored by Destination Phillip Island)
- Resilience (sponsored by Small Business Mentoring Service)
- Business of the Year (sponsored by Harman Wines) presented to the highest scoring application across all judged categories.

Winners of the 2023 Bass Coast Business Awards will be announced at a VIP presentation dinner on Friday, October 27 at Cape Paterson Life Saving Club. Applications are now open, closing 5pm on Sunday June 18 2023.

Learn more and enter or vote now at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/businessawards2023

Who wants to fly in by helicopter

WHILE the various referral agencies have not objected, the owner of a specialist development and land use consultancy based in North Melbourne, who wants to land his private helicopter at his coast house on Phillip Island has raised the ire of some of his neighbours.

And that is despite offering to limit flights to a maximum of six annually.

They're concerned about the noise, conflict with uses in the Farming Zone, an adverse impact on beach goers, dust and impact on their tranquil lifestyle.

An officers' report has concluded that the use "is considered to be an appropriate outcome for the site" and despite receiving seven objections has recommended the issuing of a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit.

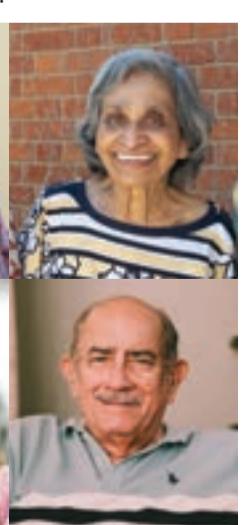
It will now be up to council to decide.

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Vehicle stuck on tree

A CAR struck and then became stuck on a tree after losing control in a single vehicle crash off Korumburra Road, at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve.

Police attended the scene after a passing off-duty police officer observed the black coloured Holden Commodore sedan running off the road on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 9.

A patrol unit from Wonthaggi was around the corner, and quickly located the driver of the car, a 32-year-old male from Inverloch.

Police observed that the driver and other people were attempting to dislodge the car from the tree by using straps to pull it free, despite it being in a non-drivable state due to the damage.

The driver underwent a breath test for alcohol with an alleged result of 0.118. He had his licence immediately suspended and will appear before a Magistrate in Wonthaggi.

The vehicle was towed and has been impounded for 30 days, at a cost of \$1290.00.

Stealing security

A 49-year-old male from Wonthaggi stole a security camera from a residential property in South Dudley on Saturday, May 13.

The man was located by police and allegedly still had the stolen security camera with him.

He was arrested and has been charged with theft and other associated offences and bailed to appear at the Korumburra Magistrates' Court.

The irony of the theft of a security camera was not lost on the attending police officers.

Women arrested for thefts

POLICE arrested a 48-year-old female from Wonthaggi in relation to two separate thefts which occurred at a retail premises in Wonthaggi.

On Friday, May 12 police charged the woman with two counts of theft that occurred on Saturday, April 1 and Tuesday, May 9.

The offender has been bailed to appear at the Korumburra Magistrates' Court.

If you have information about thefts from shops, or any criminal activity, you can report this to Crime Stoppers on telephone# 1800 333 000 or online at <https://www.crimestoppersvic.com.au/report-a-crime>

Failing to appear

A 39-year-old male from Wonthaggi who had warrants issued for his arrest and was wanted for failing to appear at court has been arrested by police.

Wonthaggi police attended an address in Wonthaggi on Thursday, May 11, where they located the man, arrested him and charged him with failing to appear on bail.

The male has been bailed to appear next week at the Korumburra Magistrates' Court.

If you fail to go to the court, you can expect a knock on the door, and being taken back to the police station.



Sergeant Garth Campbell with First Constable Blake McKinnis from Bass Coast Highway Patrol asks drivers to obey the speed signs, keep off phones and wear seatbelts.

Speedsters putting themselves and others at risk

A THIRD of adult Australians have confessed to getting fast and furious within the last 12 months, admitting they go beyond the speed limit.

According to a recent Compare the Market survey, the age group with the lead foot was Baby Boomers (38%), Gen X (32%),

Millennials (28%) then Gen Z (27%). Men (36%) were more likely to speed than women (28%).

National Road Safety week runs from May 14 - 21 and comes as statistics show Australia recorded a 10.8% increase in road fatalities this January compared to January 2022.

Sergeant Garth Campbell from Bass Coast Highway Patrol said these statistics weren't surprising, and that complacency has a tendency to creep in with drivers.

Another factor Sgt Campbell noted is that locals aren't always registering new changes in speed zones in and between towns in the Bass Coast and South Gippsland areas.

"Speed and distraction are still biggest issues on the road. Throughout the year, we do our own operations to try and target speeding and distracted driving and also drunk driving and drug driving as well."

Highway patrols are doing what they can to keep roads safe, including applying for and implementing a number of additional operations.

"On top of that we have completed earlier this year, a TAC funded series of shifts, that one was focused on rural roads and high speed. We've just applied for another one, which if we get, we'll be running from the end of July right through to October... again, this one is going to be focused on rural roads and high speed."

Sgt Campbell said that technology, such as the automatic number plate recognition device (ANPR) has been a game changer during operations, as it helps the police to detect a lot more offences on the spot.

"We've got the automatic number plate recognition

that is fitted to both the highway patrol cars. Its instrumental for us, in regards to it draws from the database and anyone who's unlicensed, suspended, cars unregistered, or if they're subject to a brief alcohol interlock (and quite a few other things that elude us), then we can go and intercept the car and see what offences we've got. So that's a very good tool for us."

Sgt Campbell commented that speeding is a serious offence with serious consequences and asks that drivers do the right thing to keep everybody safe on the roads.

"I have noted that this year for us our serious injury collisions have been extremely high. Probably another 50% on the same time last year."

"Concentrate on the roads, don't get distracted, don't be complacent. Obey the speed signs, keep off your phones and wear your seatbelts. Speed zones are put in for a reason, so the biggest thing is just don't speed. At the end of the end of the day, we want everyone to go home to their family."

Online rental scams cost Victorians over \$125K

DETECTIVES from the Cybercrime Squad are investigating an increasing series of reports of rental scams where a property is falsely offered for rent using online advertisements.

With the current high demand for rental properties and an increase in rental prices, the rental market is becoming increasingly competitive, and properties are harder to obtain.

Subsequently, well known property websites and online marketplaces are increasingly popular for offenders to utilise and deceitfully convince victims that a property is available for rent.

Generally, victims are enticed with cheap rent and persuaded to act quickly by paying a deposit to secure the property.

The offender may send photos and videos of a property, real addresses, copies of land titles and sometimes scans of passports (which they will purport are their own) to make it feel genuine.

They will often ask for one month's rent and bond up-front, before requesting the victim send through identification documents such as drivers' licences, Medicare cards and passports.

Once offenders have this information, they will often

use the identification to commit identity fraud and scam other unsuspecting victims.

Since 1 January of this year, Victoria Police has received reports of over 61 rental scams, with a total reported loss of \$125,819.23 so far.

Those aged between 18-29 were the highest reported victims, with over 40 reports received from that age bracket.

Investigators are warning people to take steps to protect themselves - including never signing a lease agreement or making payment before having viewed a property.



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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



ON Monday night I had the honour of celebrating some exceptional local legends, by presenting the very first Bass Coast Community Awards. All winners and nominees for this new Council program personified the very best of Bass Coast, providing potent inspiration for the rest of us to aspire to.

From sports groups to nonprofits, the wealth of achievement and dedication to service displayed was wonderful to witness. Every nominee was an outstanding example of the individuals and groups who provide the passion, enthusiasm, and leadership that pumps the heart of our community.

Across four categories, we had many strong candidates which made judging incredibly difficult! However huge congratulations to our worthy winners.

Paul Spiers receives the Bass Coast Environment and Sustainability Award, as a true leader who's dedicated much of his life to volunteering for Landcare. Paul also started the Archies Creek Reforestation Group, who've planted more than 200,000 plants, plus he's created an incredible 100-metre wide Biolink.

For our Bass Coast Community Group Award we recognise **Wonthaggi Boxing Club**. In 2017, the club approached Council to utilise Wonthaggi's abandoned CFA building. They've since transformed the space into a boxing gym, which they allow YMCA's Youth Hub to share for free. The buzzing facility is an amazing example of community collaboration.

Our Bass Coast Next Generation Leader Award winner, **Liam Marangio**, has shown remarkable leadership, representing our community's future. A passionate member of Cape Paterson Surf Life-saving Club, the 19-year-old has more than 250 hours of patrolling, saved many lives and attracted swaths of new

people to lifesaving.

Catherin Watson is our Bass Coast Community Leader Award winner. Catherine is well known as the founder and editor of the Bass Coast Post, a role she performs pro bono delivering incisive and informative articles on a weekly basis. More recently her crucial work with Save Western Port Woodlands was brought to our attention in these awards. A lynchpin in the campaign to protect this much-loved, last block of remnant coastal forest in the Shire, Catherine created the new name, has massively grown the group, while hard at work behind the scenes she builds political and public support, plus organises events.

As we recognise volunteers and NFPs this week, we also look to Bass Coast's businesses, as our 16th annual Bass Coast Business Awards has just opened for entries.

Bass Coast is rapidly becoming a thriving hot bed for innovation, regeneration, and creativity thanks to our growing community of entrepreneurs, business owners and change makers.

These awards allow us to recognise the vital contribution business gives to our community – including our shared economy, environment, culture, health and social connections. A star in our annual events crown, the Bass Coast Business Awards provide the chance to be recognised for excellence, while showcasing your business.

With 7 judged categories from Business Innovation to Environmental Sustainability, I'm looking forward to seeing the diverse spectrum of entries we receive from all corners of the shire.

Not a business owner? You can support your favourite Bass Coast business by voting in our People's Choice Award.

Entries close on June 18, and I highly encourage everyone to get involved. You never know, maybe the next award I present could be yours?

Tongue-twister for Cowes Cultural Centre name

EVERYTHING it seems, in 2023, is about 'The Voice' and our First Nation's heritage and the Bass Coast Shire Council has come to the party.

They're proposing to rename the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre, due to be completed in 2023, one of four monikers in the local Boon Wurrung language.

But at least one of the names, 'Mogamarlarly Murk' meaning 'Lead Me' might prove a little tough for the uninitiated to pronounce.

The full list of names provided by the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC) as First Nations naming options for the building are:

- Barmewoon Meaning: Only My Strength
- Mogamarlarly Murk Meaning: Lead Me
- Berninneit Meaning: Gather Together
- Kummargee Meaning: Rise Up.

And at this Wednesday's council meeting, it is proposed that councillors endorse a plan to call on the Bass Coast community to vote on which of the First Nations' names they prefer.

But if a short survey taken by the Sentinel-Times over the weekend is anything to go by, the council might have to consider a geographic option as well.

The survey found that 47% of respondents preferred 'Phillip Island

Cultural Centre' to any of the indigenous options but of the four being put forward by council, 'Berninneit' meaning 'Meeting Place' attracted 29% support.

Offered 'Other' as an option, several respondents had alternate ideas including 'Berninneit Bass Coast Cultural Centre' and 'Millowl Community Cultural Centre'.

The reason why the council wants to go with a First Nation's name is set out in the council agenda:

"The naming of public buildings with First Nations language is a visible act of reconciliation and as such, naming a prominent cultural landmark presents Council with an opportunity to acknowledge First Nations communities in a meaningful and lasting way.

"It is clear that Council has a strategic direction and imperative to seek acts of reconciliation.

"Council's Community Vision 2041, developed by a deliberative panel of community members states that: We live proudly on Bunurong Country and build on learnings from our First Peoples and their knowledge. We co-exist in harmony with our environment and are prepared for future challenges and changes."

Council's Acknowledgement of Country, represented in all key strategic documents states that: "Bass Coast Shire Council will create opportunities for future recognition

and respectful partnerships that will honour the Traditional Owners and Custodians, and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Peoples".

It is also a key strategic action in the Council Plan 2021-2025.

"Naming the new cultural centre with a First Nations name is consistent with our stated intentions," said council.

A page will soon be published on the Engage Bass Coast website announcing the First Nations language word options, seeking feedback, and gauging community preference.

The poll will be open for a minimum of 30 days, as per Naming rules, and ask participants to select their preference, indicate why it resonates with them, and offer the opportunity to make comments, suggestions and objections.

Each respondent must provide a name and address for their preference to be recorded as valid by GNV.

Other forms of engagement including a media release and direct mail to relevant community groups will encourage community participation in the poll. After the engagement period has closed, data from community submissions will be collated and a report brought to formally endorse a name at a future Council Meeting.

If you want to join the Sentinel-Times survey go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3LPP3J3>

Community has say on council's draft 2023-24 budget

THE Bass Coast Shire Council were seeking community feedback on the council's 2023-24 draft budget until Monday, May 15 and frequently asked questions from each community consultation session are available on the engage website.

Any submissions made to council will be privately viewed with the opportunity to be presented to council at a councillor briefing on May 24.

The final community consultation took place at the Wonthaggi library on Tuesday, May 9 from 1pm until 3pm with community engagement advisor Ann, in attendance with Shana from waste services and Justin and Kaleena from finance to answer any community queries before the budget is to be considered at the council meeting on June 21.

Ann confirmed that the residents that raised concerns were focused on the timeframe of certain projects, including focus on track and



Shana, Ann, Justin, and Kaleena of Bass Coast Shire Council held a community consultation session at the Wonthaggi library for the council's 2023-24 draft budget. Z04_2023

trails – all of which will be answered on the engaged website under Q&A.

Council confirmed that currently there is no allocation of funds to support the installation of toilets or showers at Norsemens Beach, Coronet Bay – a frequently asked

question, and consideration of the installation would be considered in future budgets as the priorities change due to increased population and usage of the area.

To view the council's draft 2023-24 budget visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/budget23-24.

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Tariff Trial terminated after no retailer secured

THE Totally Renewable Phillip Island Tariff Trial that began in 2021 with 100 households willingly participating is unable to progress any further, due to TRPI not securing an energy retailer to support the renewable energy trial.

TRPI spokesperson Mary Whelan said, they were very disappointed to inform the householders and the community that the project will not proceed.

In 2021, the Project Team (Energy Innovation Co-operative (EIC), Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI) and Mondo) was granted \$400,000 from the then-Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) for its 'Facilitating community benefit from the Phillip Island BESS non-network solution' project.

"This project aimed to develop a virtual neighbourhood battery project in Phillip Island - utilising the 5-megawatt Phillip Island Community Energy Storage System (PICESS) battery - and co-design a tariff trial with an innovative electricity retailer.

Despite every effort to progress the project, difficult market conditions have resulted in the Project Team being unable to secure an energy retailer partner over three rounds of the Expression of Interest (EOI) process.



The Tariff Trial was terminated after not securing an energy retailer partner to support the project.

Therefore, Project Team and DELWP made the decision to terminate the project as of April 2023."

The PICESS battery has not been negatively affected by this termination and is on track to launch in the coming months - eliminating the use of diesel generators in the peak periods.

The DELWP funds were part of the Neighbourhood Battery Initiative (NBI) grant program, supporting pilots and demonstrations of a range of neighbourhood battery ownership and operational models to facilitate increasing levels of localised renewable energy.

Mary Whelan explained that unfortunately they have to go through these studies in order to see if the projects are viable, so 'the lesson here is more about working with the energy retailer partner in the very early stages to design a project.'

"It was very ambitious and innovative, but we just couldn't achieve it - but that doesn't eliminate the fact that there is an opportunity here," said Mary.

"We know there is a huge community interest and support for renewable energy battery storage, and this idea of energy sharing. We know we need to meet the goal to be

100% renewable and that battery storage will play a significant part in that."

During the first 12 months of this trial, TRPI asked those household participants 'would you be interested in sharing your excess solar', and over 70% of people said they would consider it.

The data collected from TRPI's Tariff Trial showed the community support for renewable energy, but also showed that people are aware that we need to bring everybody along and we don't want to leave anybody behind - so how can we do this?

There is opportunity in the future to explore what's possible, it just requires an energy retailer to commit the time and the resources to develop the model that this project needed.

Mary Whelan, in speaking about the project said, "Storage of excess solar from daytime generation, for use at night, is a key factor in maximising energy efficiency, and replacing fossil fuel generated power."

The Project Team will provide a final report to capture the lessons learnt and provide important information for any future initiatives which could support Phillip Island in achieving 100 per cent renewable energy and becoming carbon neutral by 2030."

Urging all businesses to be disaster ready

CFA is encouraging business owners in high risk areas such as Phillip Island and the wider Bass Coast to take part in a new disaster ready program.

The free program was developed to help business owners build resilience and prepare for future disasters and will run from June to September 2023.

The visitor hotspots have been chosen because of the detrimental impacts the closure of businesses in these areas would have.

CFA Head of Community Preparedness Lucy Saaroni said being disaster ready is important for business owners operating in high-risk regions.

"Small businesses are the economic and social heartbeat of Victorian communities," she said.

"They make up 97 per cent of all businesses yet are often overlooked in disaster preparedness and risk reduction planning."

The economic costs of disasters like COVID-19, floods, and bushfires have impacted communities deeply, resulting in empty stores along high streets and a significant decline in social capital.

The program is a collaboration between CFA, VICSES, Department of Jobs, Skills, Industries and Regions and social enterprise Resilient Ready.

The program includes input from members of the Victorian Multicultural Commission's Regional Advisory Councils to contribute towards content development, lived experience storytelling, workshop participation, and local community engagement.

The program has been produced with funding provided by the Australian Government in partnership with the States and Territories under the National Partnership Agreement for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Registrations for the program are open now via resilientready.org/projects/bcr-toolkit-disaster-ready-phillip-island-and-bass-coast/

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Applications now open for community road safety grants

COMMUNITY groups are being encouraged by the government to apply for their share of \$600,000 as part of the 2023 TAC Road Safety Grants Program.

The recently revised program gives community groups the opportunity to identify road safety issues in their area and implement solutions, by coming up with a project to overcome them.

The program has two funding categories – Road Safety Support Grants of up to \$50,000 and Road Safety Collaboration Grants of up to \$150,000.

Examples of projects that may be funded include those that engage with communities to raise awareness of the benefits of safe road user behaviours or proven road safety measures.

Community groups that are eligible to apply include incorporated associations, not-for-profits, charities, community trusts and social enterprises.

Applications for the 2023 TAC Road Safety Grants Program are now open and close on June 16.

For more information including how to apply visit tac.vic.gov.au/road-safety-grant-program

Strong feedback on Cowes Recreation Reserves' future

HUNDREDS of submissions have been made on the proposed Cowes Recreation Reserve Master Plan as community consultation continues until May 17.

As of last week, 220 contributions had been made on various aspects of the project.

This includes a fenced dog off-lead area, new lake with pedestrian path circuit, sealed car park (351 spaces), enclosed cricket practice nets (four lanes, synthetic surface) with power bollard, netball courts with player/ scorer shelters and LED floodlights to competition standard (200 lux) and the Aquatic Leisure Centre to be delivered in two stages (aquatics facilities and stadium) in line with relevant council strategies. Here's what some residents had to say:

Aquatics-

"Should be a 50m pool and hydrotherapy pool. There is more than enough room if you get rid of the useless revegetation area. Maybe the events space could become an indoor sport and rec area. Events could be held on one of the 2 football grounds."

"More basketball courts. Growth for Basketball and other high ball sports. Basketball is so popular in Vic and it would be great to have more opportunities in regional spaces, both in and out of season. This includes shared community spaces for admin/meetings."

Soccer-

"The three pitches could all be multi-purpose pitches, using



More than 200 individual submissions have been made on the proposed Cowes Recreation Reserve Master Plan.

different coloured lines for the different sports. That's what other councils have done with their multi-sport pitches. Then all of the pitches can be used for all of the sports. That way you'd have 3 hockey pitches, 3 soccer pitches, 3 netball pitches etc."

"Please use the multipurpose ground as a hockey pitch and create a Bass Coast hockey centre/ team. There's a huge lack of hockey facilities in the Gippsland/Bass Coast region. The area is crying out for new hockey facilities to be created."

Dog park-

"The dog park must be bigger than this. Please listen to the recommendations made by the

Phillip Island Bass Coast Dog Owners Association. They have done their research and know what they are talking about. There needs to be appropriate seating and shelter available. Adequate lighting and much less vegetation are required to ensure the safety of those who use the park. There needs to be appropriate physical, social and sensory stimulation for the dogs. Different textures, jumps, tunnels, water play etc."

"This area is not big enough. It needs to be at very least as big as the football ovals. There is too much green space around it. It's a sports precinct not a green corridor. The dog park also needs shelter structures not just trees to sit under. We need this area to be fit

for purpose for the future."

Football/cricket oval-

"Don't put a cricket pitch on the main oval. They pose a safety risk to footballers and it will limit the arena's use for higher level football (VFL/VFLW etc.) They won't even consider playing there with a cricket pitch in place."

"More parking to facilitate the number of people attending the precinct. More shelters around ground for spectators to view sports being played."

Council officers will review feedback throughout May and June, with the final master plan expected to be completed and adopted mid this year.

For more information, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/cowesrr



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Aged care tick for federal budget

WOORAYL Lodge aged care workers are among those who will benefit from the aged care sector initiatives included in the recent Federal Budget.

One of those Woorayl Lodge employees, Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Mary Perez spoke of the significance of the \$11.3 billion allocated in the budget to fund a 15 percent increase in the award wage for aged care workers across a variety of roles.

She sees it as important acknowledgement of the value of the service those in the aged care sector provide.

"The government is looking to (recognise) the contribution of aged care and disability workers," she said.

Mary and fellow PCA Erwin Mayo, along with Georgin Jose who has completed his PCA course and is undertaking his placement at Woorayl Lodge, agree the 15 percent wage boost will be of great assistance in dealing with increased living costs.

The increase kicks in at the end of June.

Woorayl Lodge CEO Barry Westhorpe said the pay increase will help attract people considering aged care to the industry.

That will include Registered Nurses, by closing the pay gap



Personal Care Assistants (PCA) Mary Perez and Erwin Mayo, along with soon to be PCA Georgin Jose and Woorayl Lodge CEO Barry Westhorpe welcome the Federal Government's recent initiatives to improve the aged care sector. A12-2023

that exists with hospitals.

Barry also highlighted the fact the funding to boost wages in the aged care sector will reduce the gender pay gap, with a high percentage of aged care staff being female.

While not all aged care employees are covered by the change, including those responsible for laundry, cleaners and administration workers, the news is still positive for those filling these roles at Woorayl Lodge.

"We've taken the decision to increase their salaries to the same level," Barry said.

While the wage increase is a standout feature of the Budget for aged care, funding has

also been devoted to other improvements through what is a \$36 billion package for the sector.

Barry praised the \$12.9 million boost for better nutrition, saying consistently high standards are needed throughout the industry.

While he said Woorayl Lodge is already committed to providing its residents with a high standard of nutrition and enjoyable meals, Barry noted the recently announced financial assistance will help offset the rising costs of food.

He is also supportive of other funded aged care initiatives announced in the Budget, including an increased emphasis on matching potential aged care residents' needs and desires to appropriate facilities, and efforts to assist older people to remain within their communities.

Over \$536 million has been allocated for aged care homes to address Covid-19.

A further \$112 million commitment over four years is intended to enable more regular GP visits, health assessments and care planning in aged care homes through incentive payments to GPs.

"It's a comprehensive and historical package for aged care which will ultimately make a real difference," the Woorayl Lodge CEO declared.

Why 'Truckie Tax' won't fix our roads

THE headline initiative in the Federal Budget last Tuesday, for the transport industry, was the decision to increase the Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge from 27.2 cents per litre of diesel to 32.4c/l.

The increase will be phased in over three years between 2023-24 and 2025-26.

The increase has been attacked by the transport industry and in response, the Treasurer Dr Jim Chalmers said the change to the Road User Charge was a decision of the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers in April 2023, to contribute to road maintenance and repair.

"Our choice was to increase by 10% a year or 6% a year. We decided on 6%," Dr Chalmers said.

South Gippsland-based transport operator, Stuart Storr of Storr Transport, said the increase in the user charge would have to be passed on to the consumer. He also rejected the claim that transport fees and charges were going into road maintenance.

"My concern is that both levels of government are seeing the transport industry as a cash cow but that's completely wrong. We've got to watch our costs closely on a daily basis, and something like this has to be passed on," said Mr Storr.

"And as soon as that happens, everyone passes it on all the way to the consumer so that's got to be inflationary, hasn't it?"

A back of the envelop calculation by Mr Storr put the 5.2 cent per litre levy increase at upwards of \$40,000 per annum.

"That money is supposed to be going into road maintenance but it's not.

"There's a broken culvert (on the South Gippsland Highway), on the Foster side of Toora, that we reported five months ago. They've tried to cover it up, but it's broken.

"They're not fixing the roads and the result of that is our maintenance costs go up. Ours have gone up by 25 per cent in a year."



Coaches replace trains on the Gippsland Line

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8pm to last train 22 May	Southern Cross to Traralgon
2 to 25 June	Southern Cross to Traralgon or Bairnsdale in both directions



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From Inspiration to Destination Conference

Calling all volunteers and community organisations!

The From Inspiration to Destination Conference is a fantastic opportunity for volunteers and community organisations to network and share information. The conference is designed to provide attendees with ideas and inspiration for connecting people to places, and will feature four separate workshops hosted by engaging speakers.

The workshops include:

- Seed Gardens (Maree Mead, Seed Lakeside Community Garden).
- Sustainability (Brad Kijlstra-Shone).
- Engagement and Recruitment (Gilbert Rochehouste).
- Art Opportunities (Andrea Lane, FLOAT).

The day is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in community building, placemaking and the arts, as keynote speaker, Gilbert Rochehouste, will be sharing valuable insight and knowledge that has been developed over 30 years of proven success in connecting people to places through his company, Village Well.

Here are the details:

When: Saturday 20 May 2023

Time: 8.30am registration for a 9.00am start and 4.00pm finish.

Where: The Salvation Army Leongatha - 2 Long Street, Leongatha.

Cost: \$10 per person. Food and beverages will be provided.

To register, please go to: <https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/inspiration-destination>

ArtCubes Launch



Through the month of May, ArtCubes will be launching at Coal Creek with an official opening event on 23 May at 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

These three cube containers are a part of an exciting new arts infrastructure program to support and enable creative development and community vibrancy to our small regional towns.

These immersive gallery-like spaces will showcase the works of local artist, Jasmine Susic, Kim McDonald, Ann-Maree Gentile and Olivia O'Connor.

So keep an eye out for our colourful new cubes.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 17 May 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates

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

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Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND YOUTH COUNCIL

The South Gippsland Youth Council is back up and running! If you're a young person looking to make a difference in your local community, head to:

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

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

RFT/371 – Management and Cleaning of Leongatha Memorial Hall Complex.

Tenders close at 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 23 May 2023.

RFT/373 – Design and Construct

Landslips Repair, Various Locations.

Tenders close 2pm AEST on Tuesday 20 June 2023

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

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Pharmacies respond to script change

WHILE the Federal Government's recent Budget confirmed medicines for a wide range of chronic conditions will soon be available on 60-day scripts, with the stated aim of saving patients money, the Pharmacy Guild and many pharmacists have expressed dismay.

They argue that new funding measures for pharmacies announced in the Budget don't make up for the loss of income that will result from a vast drop in script fees, with only half as many scripts needed for many medicines.

The Budget includes funding of \$79.5 million over four years from 2023-24, and \$19.9 million ongoing, to double the Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance to ensure ongoing viability of pharmacies by helping compensate them for reduced dispensing income.

However, while the Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance takes account of not only the level of remoteness of a pharmacy, but also its script volume, paying a higher rate for those who fall into lower script number ranges, Ailu Liu, owner of Terry White Chemmart in Leongatha, argues it won't adequately compensate for script fee losses.

"The amount that's coming back is still not equivalent to what we'll be losing," she said.

"They're doubling it, but it's not a lot of money."

\$377.3 million over 4 years from 2023-24, and \$98.4 million ongoing, has been allocated in the Federal Budget to make patient access more affordable under the Phar-



Brett Nagel of Amcal Leongatha continues to have concerns about the impact of the Federal Government's changes to the dispensing of medication. He is pictured with Kerryn Reidy. A20_1823

maceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Opioid Dependence Treatment program.

Ailu said that while her pharmacy will receive some benefit from that change, the monetary boost is minimal, and she noted not all pharmacies are involved in that program.

\$111.8 million over 4 years from 2023-24, and \$24.2 million ongoing, has been budgeted to provide electronic-prescription delivery infrastructure and services, including mandating the use of e-prescribing for high-risk and high-cost medicines subsidised under the PBS.

"That money will be paid straight to the software developers," Ailu said.

The administration of eligible National Immunisation Program vaccines by pharmacies will be subsidised to the tune of \$114.1 million over

four years, and \$31 million ongoing.

The Pharmacy Guild has calculated that will fund 1.5 million vaccines, equating to about five per pharmacy each week.

National President of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia Trent Twomey said the new dispensing policy will impact patients and their ability to get medicine, advice and services from their local pharmacist.

"The Government's \$3.5 billion cut will unfortunately mean pharmacists will need to make tough decisions that will see some shut their doors and others shut on weekends, opening later in the morning or closing early in the evening, and it will mean patients miss out on vital medicines and health services," he said.

The \$3.5 billion cuts calculated by the Pharmacy Guild are comprised of \$1.2 billion

savings to the Federal Government on dispensing fees and a further \$2.3 billion that the Guild argues community pharmacies are expected to pay in patient fees for the policy.

Brett Nagel of Amcal Pharmacy in Leongatha expressed strong opposition to the intended change of policy ahead of the budget but is adopting a philosophical approach now the move has been confirmed.

He spoke of the Federal Government having committed to returning savings made through a reduction in the script fees it pays to pharmacies.

"We'll see how it all plays out," he said, hoping for further details in coming weeks.

The Pharmacy Guild continues to call on the Federal Government to guarantee that no patient and no community pharmacy will be worse off under its new medicine policy.

Potential to address future council rate pain

THE FUNDING model for local government will be under the microscope during a Victorian parliamentary inquiry advocated for by the Coalition, with hopes of easing the financial pain and inequity many people experience with the current system of rates.

Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien outlined why he believes new approaches to council funding must be considered.

"I have long argued that property rates are not the best or most equitable form of revenue raising for local councils," Mr O'Brien said.

"A system developed in the 1600s when land was the main source of wealth is not necessarily the best way to raise money for councils in the 21st century."

While confident there is potential for improvement in how council funding is derived, Mr O'Brien is under no illusion the solution will be simple to identify.

"While many ratepayers are angry about their rates bill, there are few obvious feasible alternatives," he said.

Mr O'Brien addressed what will be examined during the inquiry, with the spotlight to be shone on the overall revenue structure for local councils, whether it is sustainable and what alternative models there might be.

He also expressed concern about the impact of various costs being shifted from the State and Federal Governments onto councils, another issue that will be explored during the inquiry.

Mr O'Brien said there will be an examination of what factors affect the ability of councils to manage their core responsibilities such as rubbish collection and road maintenance and how effectively councils are meeting their service delivery objectives.

The aim of the inquiry is to provide constructive advice to government on building a more sustainable future for Victoria's local councils.

The Economy and Infrastructure Committee of the Legislative Council will complete the inquiry and deliver recommendations to the government by June 30, 2024.

Residents of Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires, along with other Victorians, are encouraged to make submissions to the inquiry once it is open.



Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien is delighted the Coalition has succeeded in its call for a parliamentary inquiry into council funding and potential improvements.

Leongatha aged care development plans move forward

INCREASED availability of aged care, and potentially suitable residential facilities for younger people with disability, are moving closer to reality in Leongatha with Woorayl Lodge advertising the plans for its long-talked-about proposed Boags Road development.

Community members can comment on the plans now that South Gippsland Shire Council has approved them for public display.

Woorayl Lodge CEO Barry Westhorpe is excited about the prospect of being able to better meet local demand for

aged care, should a planning permit be granted for the intended project.

He said there is currently a waiting list of people wanting to move into the lodge, whether on a full time or respite basis.

Barry is confident the proposed project will be well received due to its ability to help meet current and future aged care needs and wants.

He explained that efforts have been made to speak to those in the vicinity of the proposed development.

"A couple of our board

members have gone to homes around the area and there have been no concerns (expressed)," Barry said.

The CEO noted the intention is to create a multicare facility.

He indicated some of the possibilities include catering for people with disabilities, providing short-term respite care, and social housing.

"The government is keen to move people aged under 60 out of aged care facilities," Barry said, adding that younger people being wrongly placed in aged care, often due to a lack of alternatives, is not

good for their mental health.

"This new facility may have a wing or a dedicated area for NDIS clients that need purpose-built facilities," Barry said.

The Federal Government's recent budget includes funding for a package of initiatives to further reduce the number of younger people living in residential aged care.

Plans for the intended Woorayl Lodge project at 5 Boags Road Leongatha, and the planning permit application for it, can be viewed on the South Gippsland Shire Council website.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



Youth Council Expressions of Interest

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is calling for young people to join the South Gippsland Youth Council. This is a fantastic opportunity for local people aged 14 to 24 who live, work and study in the Shire to represent their peers. Council will support committee members to develop and deliver projects and campaigns, giving the youth of South Gippsland a powerful voice.

To find out more and complete an Expression of Interest, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/youth

May Council Meeting

Our May Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 17 at 2pm in Leongatha.

This month, we have brought forward the consideration of the successful Community Grants recipients. Council will also consider a number of reports and a planning application.

To view the meeting live, or when it suits you, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Thank you to those who showed an interest in the proposed Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan through our open engagement process. It is encouraging to see people taking up opportunities to share their thoughts, opportunities and concerns with us.

Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is held every year in May to celebrate and thank those who volunteer.

In South Gippsland, we have a long history of strong volunteerism, and our community is underpinned by a broad force of volunteer organisations. I personally want to acknowledge the volunteers, for all they do to keep our towns and communities strong, healthy and enjoyable places to live.

While volunteering is part of our bone structure in South Gippsland, I know many of our organisations are still in need of more volunteers. Even if you can only commit to one day a month, it does make a difference, and you will find you get back much more value in friendship and goodwill than you put in.

IDAHOBIT Day

Wednesday, May 17 we will be raising a rainbow flag at 10.30am to acknowledge the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT Day).

This day aims to raise awareness and shine a spotlight on the discrimination unfortunately faced by some within our community.

Council is committed to supporting the diversity and inclusion of all people in our community and ensuring South Gippsland is a place for everyone to live, work and enjoy coming to.

Street Tree Planting

The annual street tree planting program started at the beginning of May and will see approximately 500 trees planted across South Gippsland. These trees will be planted on bare nature strips, or those where trees have been damaged or lost.

If you would like a tree planted on your nature strip, you can request a tree by calling 5662 9200.

Meet the Mayor

The next Meet the Mayor date is scheduled for Friday, June 9 between 9am and 2pm. Members of the community are welcome to arrange a 20-minute meeting time to be held in Leongatha by emailing OfficeoftheCEO@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Meeting times are booked up quickly and as in the past, priority will be given to those who have not previously had a meeting through this opportunity.

Budget: Where the housing crisis hits home

ONE of the key features of the Federal Budget last week was housing.

As well as boosting Commonwealth Rent Assistance, and expanding eligibility for the Home Guarantee Scheme, the government plans to build a million more homes for social housing.

However, while the \$2.7 billion extra in rental assistance over 5 years, increasing assistance by 15%, will commence this year, the building of additional homes won't even start until 2024.

It's an issue which seriously concerns the Member for Monash, Russell Broadbent.

Mr Broadbent provided a harrowing account, when he addressed the Parliament two days after the budget was handed down last Thursday, May 11, from his own local area which underscored the situation right across Australia.

"I have a situation in my electorate where, through domestic violence, a woman and her well-loved boys of the community were displaced from their home. I had some contacts, and I went to the local estate agent in this small town — I won't mention the town—and said: 'Look, can you help me? I have this woman who has had to leave home.'

"And the best we could offer her was two caravans with a tent over the top."

Ultimately an email campaign, mounted by Manna Gum Community House at Foster, resulted in a house being found for the family and the children were able to stay in the community but it was one success against thousands.

"But there are hundreds of those right across my electorate, and I know it would be the same for the Member for Wannon, where we have no housing stock for workers, no housing stock for farmworkers, no housing stock anywhere for anybody."

"This has been a most difficult issue because of the movement of people from cities to the country during the pandemic," he said.

Kilcoy Global on the job at Tabro Meats

"TABRO Meat in Lance Creek is now a part of Kilcoy Global Foods (KGF) Australia, and we are excited to expand the business."

So says KGF in a recruitment advertisement for an electrician posted on jobs' site SEEK in the past few days.

"We have an exciting opportunity for an Electrician to join our team in Lance Creek," they say.

"Plant Operations are about to commence so this is a terrific opportunity to get involved right from the beginning, including design, installation, commissioning and the development of ongoing maintenance schedules in a fast-going industry."

The announcement that Tabro Meat, boasting a processing capacity of 500 to 800 head per day, is set to reopen after four years laying idle is good news for the local economy and potentially great news for local beef producers.

Kilcoy Global Foods Australia has previously advertised for a 'Financial Accountant', a full-time role based at Lance Creek "to co-ordinate financial accounting activities for Kilcoy Global Foods new operations at Lance Creek, due to open mid 2023".

KGF has also advertised for an 'Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Mechanic' to be located at the Lance Creek plant, which hasn't operated since 2017.

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The reopening of the Lance Creek abattoir would be good news for local primary producers.

with the support of on-the-job training, and lifestyle rosters."

The Queensland meat processing firm, which finalised its purchase of Victorian beef and lamb processor Hardwicks Meats in July 2021, is also advertising for a 'Group Logistics Manager' based in Melbourne.

So, are they getting set to reopen Tabro's?

Their advertising certainly says so, but locally, stock agents say they have had no contact with the firm.

"You'd imagine if they intend to start buying cattle locally that they would be in contact with local agents, but we haven't heard anything at this stage," said Wonthaggi-based stock agent's representative

Alan Bolding.

Mr Bolding said the owners of the Tabro plant had maintained a skeleton staff at Lance Creek, providing maintenance services and the like, but he said nearby residents said they hadn't seen any escalation in activity.

"While beef prices have moved down, we're told that the market for Australian beef is constrained at the moment. It may not be a good time to reopen," Mr Bolding said.

But, in recent months, publicity has been given to the likelihood that China will soon resume importing Australian beef.

Geopolitical factors have conspired to impact the

timing of late but with Trade Minister Don Farrell touching down in China last Thursday, May 11, with beef exports firmly in his sights, a change might not be far away.

And the reopening of Australian beef exports to China might be exactly what KGF, with its Chinese links, is waiting for.

Kilcoy Global Foods Australia has been contacted for comment about its recruitment efforts and the narrative in their adverts that the Tabro plant is "due to open mid 2023" but so far without response.

In this case, however, no news might be good news for Wonthaggi, Bass Coast and local beef producers.



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Don't take the risk when rock fishing

By Nick Sinis

WHILE the temptation of a prized catch can lure keen anglers of all levels, the dangers of rock fishing should always be taken seriously.

And this is the strong message that Jasmina Pedi has for anyone visiting the notorious 'Punchbowl Rocks' at San Remo.

Jasmina tragically lost her father when he drowned in a rock fishing accident at Punchbowl during 2006.

In 2013, she undertook the 'Run to Save a Life' raising over \$6000 to commemorate the 7th anniversary of her father's passing.

Since then, she has been dedicated to raising awareness and while work and other commitments have hampered this in recent years, she is keen to get the messaging out again.

"I felt like after I started initially (raising awareness) the mortality rate significantly reduced but since working for Ambulance Victoria, I didn't have time to continue and I felt like it's reversed unfortunately," she told the Sentinel-Times.

It was because of her own experiences that she decided to become a paramedic and is now based at Dandenong.



Rock fishing can be extremely dangerous if anglers aren't aware of the ever-present dangers.

She hopes to begin discussions again with Life Saving Victoria to increase public awareness.

However, she has the following advice for anyone who does want to take the risk.

"Definitely take safety gear, if they're looking at rock fishing, always check the time when the water is coming in and just really understand where they're going and that section

of the ocean," she said.

"It can change within seconds and the amount of how much it can rise to come above the rocks can change really quickly.

"Always have a lifejacket on you and always go with someone."

During early 2022, the State Government implemented a two-year trial for lifejackets to become a requirement for

recreational rock fishing at high-risk locations.

Some of the most dangerous locations included Pyramid Rocks (Phillip Island), San Remo (southern end of Potters Hill Road) and Punchbowl Rocks (near San Remo).

For more information, including maps outlining the 10 high-risk locations and details of compliant lifejackets, visit vfa.vic.gov.au/rockfishing.

Bath casts a line for Corinella Boating and Angling Club

THE NEED for a new Corinella Boating and Angling Clubhouse has been raised as a priority project in state parliament recently by The Nationals.

The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria, Melina Bath called on the State Government to finish funding a facility that will serve the not only the 200 members, but the wider Corinella community.

Ms Bath said the Corinella Boating and Angling Club is an active and inclusive community group that supports Bass Coast locals and as well as visitors who flock to the area each year.

"Insufficient funding is holding back the development that will also act as a multipurpose

community facility."

Murray Wannan, president of Corinella Boating and Angling Club, has had conversations with community groups and individuals who would benefit from the building, including the local CFA, mother's groups, yoga and dance teachers.

"It's as much a community project as it is for the fishing club. It's an important asset for the community. It will be a nice intimate sized venue that would have all sorts of uses for the community," Murray said.

"We've got all our plans, permits, we've got a \$200,000 election commitment from Labor and we've got \$310,000 commitment from the council."



The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath calls for additional funding in the upcoming state budget for the much-needed Corinella Boating and Angling Clubhouse. Melina Bath pictured with Corinella Club President Murray Wannan.

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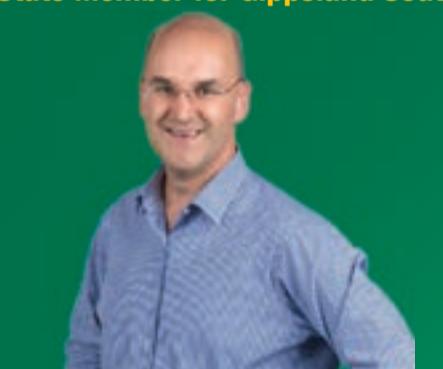
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Businesses throughout Phillip Island reported that filling staff vacancies was one of the most challenging aspects over summer trade.

Survey reveals staff shortages and lack of housing for Island businesses

DESTINATION Phillip Island has released the results of their 'Phillip Island Regional Tourism Barometer 2023'.

The survey received a total of 59 responses from a range of local tourism and hospitality businesses.

Overall, the survey revealed that the effects of the pandemic and increasing cost of living pressures continue to impact business operations and revenue, although there are positive signs of recovery and growth seen across many businesses. Some key insights are:

- When asked about trade over the summer, 46% of respondents reported stronger trade than pre-pandemic levels, 14% report trade has recovered to equivalent levels and 26% reported weaker trade.
- A major challenge reported by businesses is the inability to find staff with 48% of respondents reporting unfilled vacancies over the summer, citing a lack of housing in the region, an inability to attract suitably qualified staff and working visa conditions for international workforce as the top contributing factors.
- Cost of living increases was cited as the largest contributor to feelings of concern about business prospects for the year ahead and as the biggest challenge facing business by many respondents.
- Despite these challenges, 59% of respondents feel optimistic or very optimistic about business prospects for the year ahead.

Of those who undertook the survey, almost 40% were accommodation providers, as well as attractions, food and drink venues and retail.

When asked about factors that contributed to the inability to find staff, 65.22% identified a lack of housing and 73.81% cited being unable to attract suitably qualified staff.

Just over 5% of respondents said debt was increasing when detailing their current circumstances, 17.95% were covering costs but no profit, 17.95% were making a profit and 12.82% said profits were as good as ever.

Big hearts, big rewards

TWO YEARS ago, Lee-Anne Betteridge and partner Greg of Nyora decided to take a leap and give foster caring a bit of a go.

"Our first foster care was our little man that's been with us now for nearly two years."

"At times I go, 'Oh my goodness, why am I doing this', but the benefits and the things that you see with the kids, and the rewards that you get when you can see that you're breaking down barriers and providing them with that safe environment."

Lee-Anne and Greg were given the opportunity to take care of two of the siblings of the boy they were fostering, a request they couldn't refuse. This has given the three siblings, now aged seven, five and three, a chance to live together as a family for the first time.

"The reason why we decided to do it is that there's a lot of little kids out there that they don't get a choice to come into

this world, it's made by other people. But maybe if we can make a little bit of a change or give them a safe environment to be in, so they can experience that, and just to be able to provide, and we have the ability to be able to do that."

"They've been able to experience things together for the first time that we all take for granted, you know, in a normal family environment, which is first time sharing a birthday together, first time having a Christmas together. First time having Easter together, being able to have Mother's Day have Father's Day."

Lee-Anne comments that having two older children and a grandchild of her own creates a sense of belonging and connection for the children.

"I've got older children and they have embraced the kids as part of their life as well. So, their network of people has broadened and spread out to the point where the

oldest one says, 'I've got a lot of family now don't I?'"

"Family doesn't mean actually coming from yourself and this is another way of being able to have a family," Lee-Anne said.

Berry Streets Regional Director South East Victoria, Tim Pedlow added, "We're always looking for more foster carers, who can provide children with a safe and nurturing home. Some kids who can't live safely at home, Foster Care is an alternative mode of care for that."

"At the moment there's around 12,000 Victorian children that can't live safely at home with their biological parents, and across Gippsland tonight, Berry Street will be supporting about 130 children in a supported foster care placement or kinship care type arrangement."

For more information, visit: www.berrystreet.org.au or phone: 9429 9266.



Lee-Anne Betteridge is a foster mum to three young siblings with partner Greg and said it's not an easy road, but it's a rewarding one.

Freemasons in Mirboo North

A BIG day in the 'Boo' recently as some sixty Freemasons and their ladies gathered at the Mirboo North Hotel for a banquet after Robert Billing was installed as the Worshipful Master of the Commonwealth Lodge.

Grand Master Richard Elkington lead the installation ceremony.

Some came from as far away as Bairnsdale and Melbourne to witness this important occasion and this was a big boost to the local hotel on what would have been a quiet day.

Freemasons are part of the

community, and this particular lodge has existed since 1900.

Freemasons have donated over \$700,000 to flood relief and to victims of bushfires just to name a few causes and in Wonthaggi over \$60,000 was raised for Armitage House.

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Robert on the right with the past Grand Master Richard Elkington, who led the installation ceremony.

Regional values down 7.5% on National Home Value Index

AFTER falling minus 9.1% between May 2022 and February 2023, Australian housing values look to have bottomed out, according to CoreLogic's national Home Value Index (HVI), reported on May 1, 2023, posting a second consecutive monthly rise.

CoreLogic's national Home Value Index (HVI) increased by half a percent in April, following a 0.6% lift in March to

be 1.0% higher over the past three months.

The story isn't quite so good in regional Victoria (all areas outside Melbourne) where the index is lagging behind, down 7.5% between May 2022 and April 2023, but still up 34.4% for the whole cycle.

Alex Scott and Staff director, Greg Price said it wasn't so much that people were cooling off the sea change or

tree change idea, but that a couple of sectors had left the market.

"Values are probably down 10 per cent overall, from November 2021, when the first talk of interest rates was aired, so first home buyers are out of the market waiting for interest rate stability to return.

"They just want to know how much they'll have to borrow and if they can handle

the repayments.

"We've also had the impact of building company failures, and some loss of confidence there. It's also a lack of building blocks in some parts of the region."

"But what we are seeing is people returning to the market at these levels, believing things have bottomed out, and buying without finance, cash after 60 days which is a good sign."

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Bass Coast Sustainability Festival full program announced

THE program for this year's Bass Coast Sustainability Festival on Sunday, May 21, from 10am-3pm at the River Garden and the community hall in Bass, has now been announced on organisers Bass Coast Landcare Network's Festival web page!

The River Garden will come to life with presentations and performances on the main stage, a gardening demonstration area, Kids Zone, and sustainable products and information from exhibitors, community groups and government departments.

A gold coin donation will get you into a full day of free activities to keep everyone entertained. First up and sponsored by Westernport Water, is a Welcome to Country Smoking Ceremony by the Bunurong Land Council, followed by the Mayor, speaking about the Bass Coast Climate Action Plan actions being implemented across the region.

Bass Coast Community Foundation is the sponsor for our full program of 10

presentations on the main stage this year.

There's sure to be something for everyone with presentations from Sustainability Victoria on the latest rebates to save you money, Circular Economy awareness with Replas, Growing Organically with Grand Ridge Organics, Using the Right Bins with Bass Coast Shire, School Strikes 4 Climate with Joey Thompson and Deep Ecology; Surviving the Climate Crisis with Bass Coast Climate Action Network, who will also invite the audience in for discussion on the topic in the central marquee.

Our garden demonstration space will host two hands-on sessions by Permaculture expert Rick Coleman.

At 11.15am participants will build a No Dig Garden and at 1.00pm participants will fill a Wicking Garden bed, to see how easy it is to set up a low maintenance garden.

You can also wander between the swales of vegetables, herbs and espaliered



Rick Coleman, local Permaculture expert, will be running two gardening demonstration workshops throughout the day.

fruit trees in the River Garden, with the site surrounded by the beautiful Bass River.

Festival sponsor Ecoliv will be opening up their Display Centre to the public on the day from 10am-12 noon, only 10 minutes away from the Festival at the Gurdies.

The dedicated 'Kids Zone' activities are all free,

including facepainting, environmentally themed drop-in style kids activities and crafts with Sue from Phillip Island Eco-Tours, and RiverScape, a Bass River biodiversity play space run by Festive Tribe, with parental supervision required.

For those that love poking around Op shops to find preloved treasures,

you can also visit the Bass Op shop, which will be open for the day within the festival area. The Bass Hall will host workshops, presentations, and a free screening of the new, inspiring documentary film 'Greenhouse' by Joost at 12.00pm, filmed over a year in central Melbourne, an uplifting look into building a self-sustaining home that provides its occupants with food, shelter, water and energy.

Bookings are now open at the Festival website for Eco Arts 'For our Future' Project workshops to be held in the Hall in the morning and afternoon.

These limited-space special workshops will include an 'Eel Dreaming Listening Circle' with Uncle Steve Ulula Parker at 10.30am and a 'Celebrating Waterways with Art, Storytelling, and Science' workshop with local children's book author and Climate Change and

Environment advisor at Westernport Water, Meg Humphrys at 2.00pm.

You can connect with various community groups and organisations at the Festival too, including the Energy Innovation Cooperative, Totally Renewable Phillip Island/Tenby point, the Wonthaggi Fixit Café, South Gippsland Beekeepers, Mycelia Renewables, Bass Coast Climate action Network, Bass Coast Adult Learning, Landcare and sponsors Westernport Biosphere Reserve and Earthworker Cooperative.

Don't miss this huge event, proudly brought to you by the Bass Coast Landcare Network with support from Bass Coast Shire Council, Westernport Water, Bass Coast Community Foundation, Western Port Biosphere, Ecoliv and Earthworker Cooperative.

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

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- Celebrating Waterways Eco arts workshop - Meg Humphrys *bookings required
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Fish Creek winery plan faces council hurdle

PLANS for a new Fish Creek winery and residence may be scuttled, with South Gippsland Shire Councillors advised to vote against the relevant planning application at Wednesday's public meeting.

The recommendation is for council to issue a Notice of Refusal for the development and use of the land at 570 Soldiers Road as a winery and dwelling, on the basis that upholding the proposed development would result in the loss of productive agricultural land.

Council staff concerns centre on the potential development of a dwelling for rural residential or lifestyle purposes, given the subject land is within the Farming Zone.

"The proposal does not demonstrate that the dwelling is genuinely required to carry out a long-term agricultural activity on the land," council's May meeting agenda states.

The L-shaped lot of 20.4 hectares in area is located on the corner of Soldiers Road and Waratah Road, Fish Creek, being currently vacant other than for low-scale cattle grazing.

It is proposed to relocate the existing hay shed for use as a wine production building and to create a new single storey

dwelling by converting a partially constructed building in the northeast corner of the property.

The application is coming before council due to six objections being received.

Concerns expressed include the proposal not being consistent with the provisions of the Farming Zone, there being limited justification for a dwelling on the land and that the existing buildings onsite should be demolished.

Both those existing agricultural buildings are partially constructed, and deemed to be illegal buildings due to both the planning permit and building permits having expired, council's meeting agenda states.

It elaborates that while the buildings had a planning permit and building permit for agricultural sheds, one of the buildings has been partially constructed as a dwelling.

A previous planning application that included seeking approval for the modified building to be used as a dwelling was refused by council, with its decision upheld by VCAT and no permit granted.

While the current application is described as "similar", it is considered sufficiently different to be treated as a new application.

Tenby Point's goal to become totally renewable!

By Celeste Brittain

TOTALLY Renewable Tenby (TRT) is a movement of people within the Tenby Point community who have come together to protect their way of life, and the beauty of Tenby Point, in a climate emergency.

Laura Bulmer, coordinator of TRT explained: "Totally Renewable Tenby is about saying we want to protect our way of life here and the way of life of all the critters that we share this place with so that means we need to think about our emissions, what is our carbon footprint and it also means we need to think about how to protect nature."

TRT started in April 2022 and currently consists of a voluntary working group of seven people.

It is a movement inspired and supported by Totally Renewable Phillip Island and formed within the context of the Bass Coast Shire Council's climate emergency declaration and climate change action plan.

The first community session was held in Tenby Point in April 2022 with the support and presence of Totally Renewable Phillip Island.

That session, Laura said was "just to put the idea out there" of a Totally Renewable Tenby.

"On that first day before we even knew what TRT would look like, thirty households in Tenby Point said they were interested in keeping in touch about what the project might become and in a small community like ours, that's huge."



The voluntary TRT team hosted a talk on TRT in Corinella recently.

Laura said.

TRT has since developed its vision and working plan which was shared at another community information session in April 2023.

The vision of TRT and focus of the working plan, is for Tenby Point to become totally renewable by 2030.

One of TRT's goals towards that as Laura explained is "to become an island-able mini grid by 2030 and that means we can generate, share, sell, trade energy all in a local context, in a mini grid that consists of Tenby Point and that within that mini grid we have battery storage which could be in the form of batteries in people's homes or it could be community

batteries or a combination but we have sufficient battery storage that we could withstand basically being disconnected from the Ausnet grid, that's what the islandable component refers to, that we could operate self-sufficiently as an island."

In TRT's road map, there are seven areas that are focused on to become totally renewable. These areas are coordination, community energy, energy efficiency, transport, land, water, food and waste.

Those who are interested in becoming involved in TRT, who have ideas, would like to learn more or join the mailing list, can reach out to TRT through their email totallyrenewabletenby@gmail.com

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Isle of Wight to transform the character of Cowes

THE reinvigorated Isle of Wight is looking to be quite a standout for The Esplanade in Cowes, with proposed plans to rejuvenate the site, and return it to the community as a new much loved focal point of Phillip Island.

Located at 9-10 The Esplanade and setting a new standard for hospitality and accommodation in Victoria.

The new Isle of Wight is due to be presented to council in mid-2023, after the town planning application was submitted early this year, and a proposed timeline to commence construction late 2023, with a grand opening of late 2025 (all subject to planning approval).

The site timeline is indicative only and all is subject to council approval, but the project planning for Isle of Wight is a joint venture between Salta Properties, Tabet Development Group and Moda.

However, the residents of Bass Coast will have their say to whether they are for or against a change in Cowes, if the proposal is approved by councillors mid this year.

Overlooking the Cowes jetty, the new Isle of Wight is proposed to be a fine way to spend time on Bass Coast, but council set their key design objectives for the development, including



View of the proposed plan of the Isle of Wight from the Cowes jetty.

taking into consideration the parking at the 'back of house' and the design team must provide pedestrian scale street frontage as well as provide pedestrian access from Bass Avenue to Thompson Avenue.

Council too stated that street trees were to be retained, including heritage and existing mature trees,

and additional trees must be planted as part of the landscaping plan.

The plans are inclusive of a 163-room hotel, suitable for 250 workers in the peak season and 150 full time all year round: proclaiming good employment opportunities for Bass Coast locals.

Coinciding with the Cowes Streetscape Master

Planning project adopted in 2022 – the development of the Isle of Wight proposes to connect the township to the foreshore and reinvigorate the character of Cowes – with a preferred maximum building height of seven storeys for the design.

Plans for the development can be found at www.moda.com.au/phillip-island/#

More action on Western Port

DEPUTY Mayor of the Bass Coast Shire Council, Rochelle Halstead, is moving a Notice of Motion at this Wednesday's council meeting, which reads in part:

"That Council supports the Strategic Framework for the future of Western Port Bay, as a formal document advocating for the restoration and protection of the marine environment and surrounding catchment of Western Port, to establish an ecologically sustainable and thriving economy for the future."

Council officers have already supported the move with a report saying, among other things, that:

"A dedicated collaborative management partnership for Western Port would lead to more efficient use of Council resources while improving environmental, social, and economic outcomes for the region."

One wonders why there has not been a government-sponsored Western Port Authority up until now.

Attracting student teachers to the country

TEACHER shortages, including in childcare and early years learning in South Gippsland and Bass Coast, is nothing new.

But the shortage of teachers at all levels is especially challenging in the outer regions which is why the State Government has introduced a 'Student Teachers Go Rural' initiative.

The aim is to bring hundreds of student teachers into government primary and secondary schools across the state, encouraging them to stay on after they graduate.

Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins said that the Teach Rural pilot program, which will support up to 200 student teachers - or pre-service teachers (PSTs) – will encourage them to undertake placements at government schools across rural and regional Victoria in 2023 and 2024.

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Access to IMPREST system will improve end of life care

TEN Residential Aged Care Facilities in Gippsland including Bass Coast and South Gippsland, will have access to an IMPREST system to improve end of life care with timely medications, due to a grant from Gippsland Primary Health Network.

An IMPREST system allows registered health practitioners to access prescription medications including those used for people receiving palliative care.

Medications are supplied to an aged care facility as "ward stock" rather than for a specific resident.

The initiative is part of the Australian Government's Greater Choices for At Home Palliative Care measure to improve palliative care coordination in a person's home or in aged care facilities.

Many aged care facilities in Gippsland are already using the IMPREST system.

This Gippsland PHN initiative has boosted the numbers to 94 per cent - the highest percentage of aged care facilities in any region in Australia to have an end of life medication system on site!

Gippsland PHN Chief Executive Officer, Amanda Proposch, said establishment of an IMPREST system in Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs) had already shown to provide many benefits.

In 2020-21, 1568 or 1.3% of total emergency department (ED) presentations for Gippsland residents were for people with a RACF as their usual residence.

This equates to almost half of all people within an RACF being admitted to ED in 2020-21.

The Gippsland Palliative Care Consortium will provide guidance and support to RACFs in meeting the regulatory processes required in establishing and implementing an IMPREST system.

For more information, contact Lynne Smith on 0437 918 234 or lynne.smith@gphn.org.au

St Jude founder to speak in Bass Coast

THE Southern Business Women's Network (SBWN) is thrilled to host the founder of the School of St Jude, Gemma Sisia as a guest speaker to their June networking dinner.

Gemma spent her early years on a sheep and cattle property near Guyra in northern New South Wales.

After completing her secondary studies at St Vincent's College in Sydney, Gemma completed a science degree (majoring in genetics and biochemistry) at The University of Melbourne, followed by an honours program (where she was awarded first class) in the Northern Territory.

Gemma concluded her tertiary studies with a Diploma of Education through the University of New England in Armidale.

At 22 years old, Gemma travelled to Uganda to put her qualifications to good use, volunteering as a teacher for three years.

This experience fostered her belief that a free, high-quality education is the right of all children and that education is the strongest weapon in fighting poverty.

On returning to Australia, Gemma began fundraising to help underprivileged children in Uganda complete their schooling.

Grateful for the support and donations, Gemma raised enough money to start an official fund to invest in the education of East Africa's poorest children.

While working in Uganda, Gemma travelled to neigh-



St Jude's provides free, quality education to 1800 bright primary and secondary students who come from considerably poor backgrounds.

bouring Tanzania and met her future husband Richard.

His father Daniel Sisia, a village chairman, gifted the newlyweds a small plot of land that became home to The School of St Jude's.

In 2002, The School of St Jude opened with one teacher and a handful of sponsored students. Today, St Jude's provides free, quality education to 1,800 bright primary and secondary students who come from considerably poor backgrounds.

The school also supports 100s of graduates with access to higher education and provides more than 10,000 government school students with volunteer teachers each year.

One hundred percent of St Jude's students and scholars are on scholarships. Located across three campuses, St Jude's also provides board-

ing for all secondary students and employs over 350 Tanzanian staff across their Academic and Head Office teams, ensuring a sustainable and self-determining future for St Jude's.

In a country where 70% of secondary school-aged people are not enrolled in secondary school, the chance to receive a free, quality education is life-changing for the community's most disadvantaged families.

In 2007, Gemma's achievements were honoured by a Member of the Order of Australia (AM). Her story has been featured twice in the ABC TV documentary program Australian Story, first in 2005 and then a follow-up in 2009. and once on Nine Network's 60 Minutes in 2016. In 2012, Gemma was named one of The Australian Financial Review and Westpac's 100 Women of

Influence, nominated in the Global category, and was also a finalist for New South Wales Australian of the Year. In 2000 and 2019, Gemma was awarded a Sapphire Paul Harris Fellowship by Rotary International.

Gemma has travelled the world spreading the word about The School of St Jude and has inspired people of all ages and from all walks of life with her story.

St Jude's was built on her belief that everyone has the right to an education.

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

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

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

The SBWN invites anyone who wants to feel inspired by the personal stories of Gemma, Kelly and Enock and understand how its possible to make a difference, even through the smallest of actions. As well as have the chance to win a copy of the book.

For event details visit www.sbwn.com.au/events

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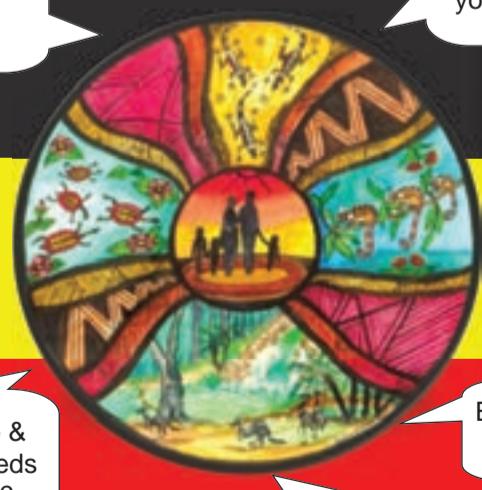
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Fighting poverty through education with Gemma Sisia

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In 2007, Gemma's achievements were honoured by a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).



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Byron Judd is national business manager for Pacific Materials Handling Australia and New Zealand that supplied Andrew Buchanan of Cut 360 Tree Solutions with a technologically advanced Albach wood chipper. A08_2023

Largest mobile wood chopper lands in South Gippsland

HIGH quality wood chips for calf sheds and animal bedding are a specialty of Cut 360 Tree Solutions, with the business recently acquiring a technologically advanced piece of equipment, the largest mobile wood chipper in the Southern Hemisphere.

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He elaborated on the significance of that in relation to fire restrictions and hazards, and limits on smoke, anticipating that future government regulations will prohibit burning.

Cut 360 Tree Solutions places a strong emphasis on safety and productivity, with the new machine providing both.

Safety is achieved by the operator remaining in the cabin protected by graded shatter-proof glass and the fact no manual feeding is required due to the onboard crane.

The Albach is self-propelled, eliminating the need for it to be transported on a trailer.

Partnership sees boost for surgery

LATROBE Regional Hospital (LRH) and South Gippsland Hospital (SGH) have recently strengthened their formal agreement to assist the Gippsland Health Service Partnership further boost elective surgery activity following disruptions due to COVID-19 last year.

Endocrine and General Surgeon, Dr Siva Ravindran now joins Endoscopist Dr Chris Mills conducting lists at the SGH in Foster.

This referral pathway was established in 2022 providing patients from outside of the Corner Inlet catchment access to care in a timely manner, and this allows LRH to conduct more complex surgeries. This means people living in the Latrobe Valley receive surgical care in Foster.

Dr 'Ravi' as he is affectionately known at LRH, underwent General Surgical Training at the Austin Health and Western Hospital (Melbourne) and completed his surgical fellowship in General Surgery (FRACS) with the Royal Australian College of Surgeons in 2011.

He has also obtained Gastroenterological Society of Australia (GES) accreditation in gastroscopy and colonoscopy. He underwent further specialist training programs in Endocrine Surgery. Ravi is LRH's supervisor of surgeons in training and heavily involved in the teaching for surgical trainees at LRH.

As a key partner within the Gippsland Health Service Partnership, South Gippsland Hospital still have a role to help with a co-ordinated response to address the backlog of people who need elective surgery.

This work will continue throughout the remainder of 2023.

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Federal Budget 2023

- What's in it for me

By David Caporale,
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

The Budget was declared playing it safe this year with the Labour Government stating it was a delicate balance. On the one hand, those who are doing it tough would welcome support in the short term. On the other hand, injecting more money into the economy could fuel the flames of inflation.

For the first time in 15 years, the budget will be in surplus. Treasury expects a surplus of around \$4.2 billion this financial year which is predominantly due to revenue windfall from commodity prices, as well as lower unemployment and higher wages both contributing to higher personal tax collections. However, deficits are predicted for the next financial year and all the way through to the 2026-27 financial year forecast. These deficits will continue to increase Australia's debt position which is predicted to be \$574.9 billion of net debt in 2023-24, rising to \$702.9 billion in 2026-27.

To pay for its debt the Government generates its revenue from taxes and levies, the largest being individual income tax, followed by company tax, goods and services tax (GST), excise and customs duty which include fuel and tobacco, and superannuation fund tax to name a few.

Tax on superannuation funds is always a contentious issue, however it was confirmed that the tax rate on super earnings for individuals with super balances exceeding \$3 million would increase from 15% to 30%.

Social security and welfare

In terms of spending revenue, the key measures were aimed at easing the cost of living (\$14.6 billion to be spent) for low and middle income households and vulnerable Australians. Close to \$5 billion over the next five years will go to increasing the rate of JobSeeker and Youth Allowance by \$40 a fortnight (or \$2.86 a day). This brings the day rate for JobSeeker to \$52.37 and \$43.06 for Youth Allowance which critics argue is still well below the poverty line. Rent assistance will increase by 15 cent, representing a cost of \$2.7 billion over five

years. This increases rent assistance by around \$31 a fortnight, and across the country rents have risen significantly. For single parents on welfare approximately \$2 billion will be spent over five years by expending the age of a recipient's youngest child from 8 until they turn 14.

Healthcare

For the healthcare sector, a funding boost to Medicare of \$3.5 billion aims to lower the cost of visiting the doctor through a lift in the bulk billing incentive by \$20 in cities and \$40 in regional locations. Medicine users are going to benefit by being able to buy two months' worth of medicine for the price of a one-month prescription which is expected to save consumers \$1.6 billion. As part of the deal \$1.2 billion is expected to be reinvested into pharmacies to offset the loss, however pharmacies including our own local pharmacies fear that this will not be enough. Increased spending on aged care is set to cost \$14.1 billion over four years including a 15% pay rise to aged care workers. Lastly, close to \$250 million will be spent to crack down on vaping and reduce smoking.

Energy and Climate

For more than 5 million eligible households a rebate of up to \$500 off their power bill will be available next financial year, co-funded by the states and territories at a cost of \$3 billion. Renewable energy is also receiving a boost, with a \$2 billion policy for the Hydrogen industry and about \$1.3 billion spent on the Household Energy Upgrades Fund to use for upgrading to solar panels and replace gas for electric appliances, with incentives for developers to build energy efficient houses.

Housing and Infrastructure

Other than the increased rent assistance already mentioned, affordable housing is being tackled by injecting \$2 billion into the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation via tax changes to boost build-to-rent housing and wider access to the Home Guarantee Scheme so any two people are eligible, rather than only spouses or de facto partners. For infrastructure, \$200 million has been allocated to a new Thriving Suburbs Program, with another \$200 million allocated for development of future transport projects and up to \$1 billion of additional funding for upgrades or new facilities for the Brisbane Olympics.



The Goodyear Autocare site in Leongatha sold more than \$200,000 above reserve at auction last Wednesday.

Rubber hits road at Leongatha auction

A RECORD price was paid at auction last Wednesday, May 10, for the Goodyear Autocare site and premises at 12-14 Anderson Street Leongatha.

According to principal of commercial real estate sales specialist, Burgess Rawson of Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Raoul Holderhead, the winning bid of \$1,035,000 underscores the attraction of Leongatha as a commercial and residential town in regional Victoria.

"The auction went 'Barney Bananas'. We had 144 inquiries and 25 people pre-registered and paying the deposit as a registered bidder, a number of them from the local area," Mr Holderhead said.

"In the end, the winning bid was \$1,035 million which represented a 3.75% yield on investment

which would be a Leongatha record, I believe.

"How good is that for Leongatha!" he enthused.

Mr Holderhead said the underbidder in the spirited auction, staged in a reception room at Crown Casino, was a local investor.

"It's a terrific result for Leongatha. People at these auctions are looking for freehold and property first, position second and secure tenants next.

"This business has been in place for what, 50 years, the existing lease runs to 2026, at which time there will be a review and we can see it moving up from the present \$38,889 per annum to between \$55,000 and \$60,000.

"But it's an excellent result for Leongatha. We all know what a strong regional town it is and results like this underscore that."

Mr Holderhead, a born and bred former resident of the town, said the Goodyear tyres building was uniquely central to highway activities including the likes of McDonalds, KFC, Subway, BP, Ampol, United, Autopro and IGA Liquor; which backed its on-going value as a commercial site.

"We had 15 properties up for auction today, including four in regional Victoria at Ararat, Wodonga, Ballarat and Leongatha, with 11 of the 15 selling but without a doubt, the Leongatha result was the most ahead of expectations.

"The reserve was \$850,000 but that's what happens when you have several motivated bidders."

Burgess Rawson and Nutrien Harcourts were offering the property for auction in conjunction.

Double it up at Venus Bay

ANGLESEA, Point Lonsdale and Venus Bay have been nominated by PropTrack, from data supplied by Realestate.com, as places where property values could double by 2028.

"In the Gippsland area, coastal hamlet Venus Bay

was in PropTrack's top three growth towns, with a current median sale price of \$680,000 that may reach \$1.567 by 2028."

It's not a fanciful suggestion. Property owners there have seen astronomical increases in recent years, and with

Inverloch set to be wrapped up in a Protected Settlement Boundary, restriction expansion there for 50 years, Venus Bay has been, and is now, the next cab off the rank.

But it's good to know you haven't missed the boat completely.

No 'Island' plans for The Block

SCOTT Cam of Channel 9's hit series of The Block was caught on social media last week, in a face-time chat with radio and TV personality Hamish Blake telling him he was "on the way to Phillip Island for The Block".

It set the hares running about whether or not Phillip Island would be the next destination for The Block, or if it was just a publicity piece for a Block excursion during the new show.

"How would they do their shopping?" was a popular question raised by some.

Turns out The Block is leaving the green rolling hills of regional Victoria and heading back to suburbia purchasing five brick homes in Charming Street in Hampton East.

Maybe a visit to the Penguins is on the cards?

RIGHT: Scott Cam chats about Phillip Island with Hamish Blake.



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Making eye health a priority for GPs

GIPPSLAND Primary Health Network (Gippsland PHN) has partnered with the Victoria Department of Health (DH) and Vision 2020 Australia to improve detection of eye disease across Gippsland.

Gippsland PHN is one of five primary health networks across Victoria to implement the pilot project. Ten Gippsland general practices were awarded \$7,000 to focus on embedding eye health preventative care within their practice.

Many eye conditions are preventable if detected and treated early.

For more information, including eye health education and quality improvement resources, visit <https://gphn.org.au/what-we-do/integrating-the-health-system/digital-health/>

CONVERSATION with Claire



Take a breath and relax

By author Claire Chitty

IN Today's busy world, it's easy to forget what's important. Distractions and demands all vie for our attention.

Stack on family, work, education and other commitments, and it may seem like there's barely enough time to complete daily tasks.

Yet, what if there were a way to ease tension and enjoy the journey rather than rushing through life? Something that everyone has instant access to, that doesn't cost a thing and can be done at any time?

One of the tools I teach people is to simply breathe.

Naturally, the breath is an integral part of our human form and therefore, an innate ability we all possess. Yet, it is something many of us forget to do.

Maybe you're asking, 'How can I implement this into my life?'

It's a straightforward process of slowly breathing in to the diaphragm, holding space for a few moments before gently exhaling.

Some people find counting beneficial - Breathing in to the count of four, holding for four, then breathing out for four.

Another option that may be helpful is to repeat the word 'relax' until a sense of calm envelops you.

The ultimate goal is to reeducate the subconscious to switch from shallow, or rapid breathing to a deeper rhythmic pattern.

The benefits are many, including having a positive influence on the nervous system, calming one's emotions and living more in the moment rather than worrying about the past or the future.

So next time you find yourself in a space of fight, flight, anxiety or overwhelm, I invite you to take a moment to drop your shoulders, slow down your breath and be still.

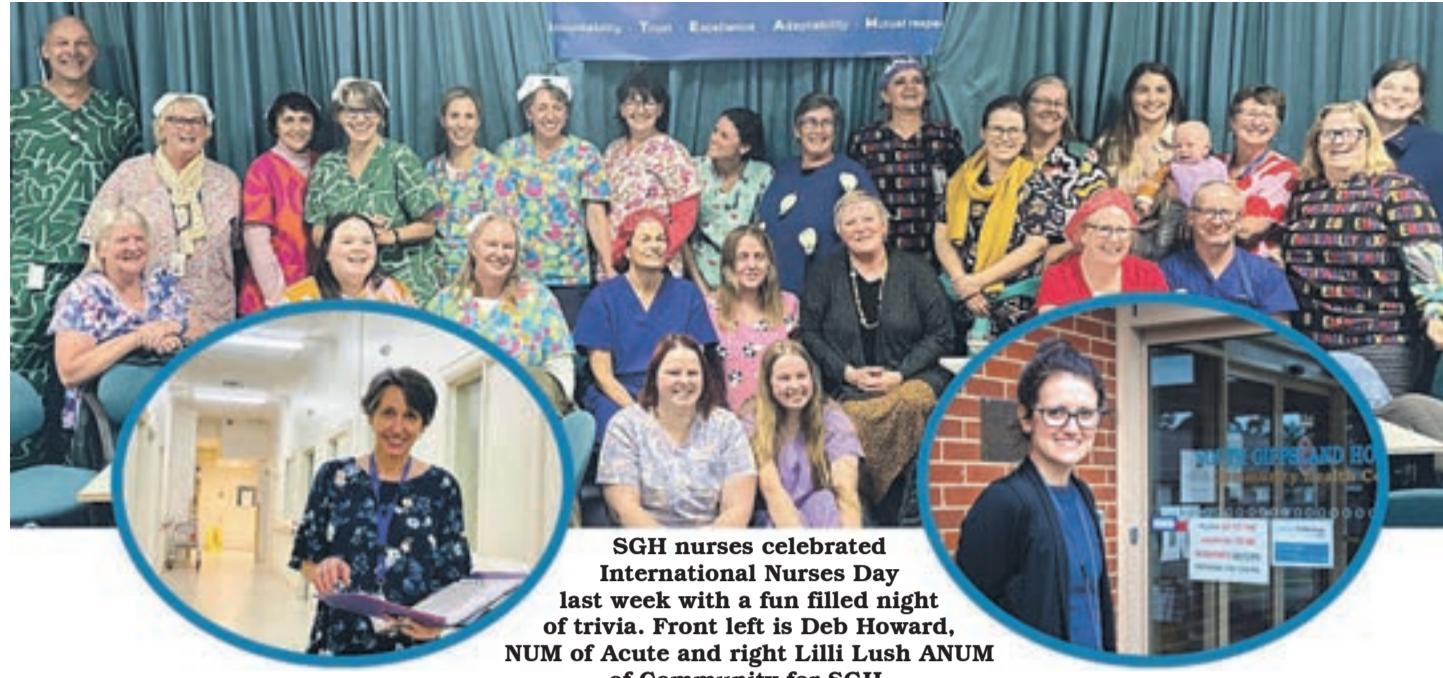
Gradually, you'll find your breathing will reset back to its natural state.

As you continue to practice and incorporate this habit throughout your day, you'll notice you have more time, focus and be able to handle challenges more easily.

The breath and meditation go hand in hand - next time I'll offer tools to further support your mental health journey back to wellbeing.

Note: Claire is an Early Childhood Educator, Kinesiologist, Angel Teacher and Intuitive Healer, with a passion to create positive change globally.

She recently moved to the Bass Coast area and is an award winning #1 International Bestselling Author who has spoken at events that include NY Times, Bob Doyle and Marci Shimoff from the hit movie, The Secret; Rickie Byars, acclaimed and beloved singer/songwriter in the genre of Inspirational/New Thought music; and Keith Leon S. speaker and author.



SGH nurses celebrated International Nurses Day last week with a fun filled night of trivia. Front left is Deb Howard, NUM of Acute and right Lilli Lush ANUM of Community for SGH.

South Gippsland Hospital celebrates its nurses

NURSES from South Gippsland Hospital got together for a fun filled night of trivia last week to celebrate International Nurses Day.

The day is celebrated globally every May 12, and is the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth.

Claire Kent, Director of Nursing at South Gippsland Hospital (SGH) and organiser of the event, which a third of staff attended said, "It was great to be able to actually get together, physically last night to celebrate the last few years, because we've been limited with being able to do that."

This year's theme for International Nurses Day is: Our Nurses. Our Future.

Claire said that the nurses have endured tough conditions over the last few years and have had to manage many unique challenges that smaller

regional hospitals face.

"Currently, it's pretty tough, the environments tough, the shortages, the demand for health care is rising and the supply of nurses is very challenging. It's a hard job and challenging to attract people to it and then once we do get them, sometimes it's challenging to keep them."

"We have got a fairly stable workforce, but a third of our workforce are over the age of 55, and so that, in itself, physically, can be a challenging job."

However, Claire is positive about the future of nursing and nurses at SGH, as time and effort has gone into nurturing their current work force of about 70 nurses, and strategies have been put in place, with support from the government, to attract and keep nurses at SGH, or

to return after postgraduate studies.

"We've really got a good growth campaign going. We've doubled the number of graduate nurses, we've got four this year, which is amazing for our size organisation. We only had two, the previous few years and before that, we only could manage one."

"For the first time last year, we started employing undergraduate students of nursing, so registered undergraduate students of nursing we call them or RUSONS and that's a government funded program where we can actually pay students of nursing to support our team in the environment in the acute ward. That's been enormously successful."

"The other really important thing, because we deliver babies here (we're very lucky that we've got that for a small

rural health service), we've got student midwives as well and we've got two student midwives at the moment, and next year we'll be able to take on at least one new first year midwife."

"In addition to our Maternity service, the South Gippsland Hospital has an acute ward, surgical service, urgent care centre and a vibrant community nursing program, inclusive of district nursing, day centre respite and speciality nursing streams. We want to create an environment where we give nurses a really good start, and then encourage them to stay within the profession in whatever way they choose".

Claire had been part of the team for three years now and said SGH is one of the best places she has worked.

Bass Coast Health thanks its wonderful nurses



Federation University Nursing Students Nikisha Vanstone and Janet Odongo are undertaking placement with Bass Coast Health.

Each day is different with something new to learn and I love the team that I work with in Haemodialysis," she said.

"We have a small team and we know all the patients well." Haemodialysis Ward Nurse Maureen Ordona said being a Nurse gave her the opportunity to enhance a patient's life.

"Every interaction with my patients is fun and light, and helps to make their day better. I also enjoy celebrating small wins for my patients, like when they say they feel so much better," she said.

BCH hosts student nurses on placement, including Janet Odongo and Nikisha Vanstone

from Federation University Australia, of which BCH is an accredited training site.

While Emergency Department Registered Nurse Emma Darling said she never knows what her day will bring.

Claire Plymin, Registered Nurse with Hospital In The Home team, helps to care for patients largely in their homes. They also come to Wonthaggi Hospital for certain treatments.

"I've been a nurse for 38 years and it's so rewarding. In this role I'm making such a difference to people's lives and using a lot of the nursing skills that I've accrued over the

years," she said.

Here's what patients had to say about the Nurses at BCH:

- Peter Membrey, Haemodialysis: "You never have a worry in the world because the nurses are always on the ball."
- Peter Haartsen, Integrated Care Unit: "I would not be alive without the nurses here. They look after me so well."
- Valda Jeffers, Sub-Acute: "The nurses are wonderful. They do so much for everybody."
- Elizabeth Purvis, Emergency Department: "They're fabulous and we are very fortunate to have such a hospital."
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COMMENT

Can't see the beach for the trees

AN article by Royce Millar and Josh Gordon in The Age on the weekend warned that the State Government may be preparing to strip Victorian councillors of their planning powers.

Their information allegedly comes from 'senior state and local government figures' who have been consulted about the Independent Broad-based Anti-Corruption Commission's inquiry into practices at the nearby Casey Council.

And while there's certainly no suggestion such excesses have occurred in this area, the idea that government is taking a closer interest in statutory and strategic planning isn't an alien idea to those following the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) process.

Under the guise of protecting our coastal landscapes, the Department of Transport and Planning wants to lock up all of the shire's coastal towns behind 'Protected Settlement Boundaries' for 50 years and lock out all reasonable local input and flexibility.

But local councils and local communities will only have themselves to blame if the State Government ultimately takes meaningful decision making out of local hands.

Last Thursday, May 11 for example, the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal handed down its decision in the case of the South Gippsland Conservation Society versus the Bass Coast Shire Council over plans to build a four-storey 'residential hotel' right in the middle of Inverloch, at 2-4 The Esplanade.

The reality is that there should be no development whatsoever on the foreshore side of the central business district in Inverloch.

The old Inverloch Marine site and the conservation society's own premises (owned by the council), should be cleared away and an attractive park, beach and boardwalk setting, offering spectacular views of Anderson Inlet and the coast, should be developed for everyone to enjoy, locals and visitors alike.

You shouldn't have to be a multi-millionaire to be able to enjoy a view of the water at Inverloch while having a bite to eat, a cup of coffee or a beer.

And providing a managed space for visitors and locals to enjoy their trip to the beach, right in town (where the primary objective is supposed to be public amenity), while protecting the broad spread of the fragile coast must surely be the overriding goal.

Now the way is clear for developers to plonk an apartment block right in the middle of everything, between the main street and the beach. Come on!

And it's not their fault. They own the land and have the right.

The fact is, we haven't done strategic or statutory planning well. Council's aspiration for a 7-metre height limit in Inverloch is a case in point, where lack of controls have allowed developers to win case after case for three storeys and 11 metres.

But equally, the practice by green groups and others of opposing everything hasn't helped either. It has almost completely nobbled good strategic planning by making the process nigh on impossible and best avoided.

Maybe it's not too late for Inverloch, though, if the developers, Parks and the council could put their heads together and come up with a new plan, utilising the whole area from Wyeth-McNamara Park to the bowls club, that gives them their 40 apartments, and maybe even a bar and café, but also opens public access and a clear view to the beach from the middle of town.

If we've got to lose a few sticks of scrub by coastal bush to achieve a better outcome, then so be it.

Vox Pop

What's the best thing about volunteering?



Rachael Evans

Vinnies Wonthaggi

"In total I've been a volunteer for the past four years, it keeps me busy; I love interacting with people and giving back to the community."



Sharon Gordan

Vinnies Wonthaggi

"I've been a volunteer for 10 months and I find it very rewarding. Personally, I found it gave me purpose; volunteering is like chicken soup for the soul."



Adele Austin

Vinnies Wonthaggi

"I've been at Vinnies for 16 months, it's very satisfying and I like their values. Volunteering is also good for social interaction, structure, and mental stimulation."



Marni Hughes

Vinnies Wonthaggi

"I'm a long term volunteer and I love being here at Vinnies to meet new people and interact with my friends, and it keeps me occupied throughout the day."

Regional roads must be a budget priority

In this month's state budget, the Andrews Labor Government must reverse its savage cuts to road maintenance and road safety projects.

Safe roads save lives, a fact regional Victorians know all too well.

Yet it's a lesson the government refuses to learn, even with Victoria having its deadliest start to a year in more than a decade with 113 tragic deaths on our roads so far.

Labor is making it worse with its plans to raid further funding from the Transport Accident Commission (TAC), slashing its road safety projects to prop up a broken budget.

After constant cuts to the road maintenance budget, rural and regional Victorians can see the state of our roads is abysmal.

Bad roads are dangerous roads and the list of dangerous roads is virtually endless under Daniel Andrews.

And let's not forget that only \$165 million was allocated to repairing roads affected in the October floods, despite the Victorian Transport Association estimating \$1 billion was needed.

Or that the crisis in our roads has been building since Labor's first cut to the road maintenance budget way back in 2015 when they first came to government.

We know that the best road safety package is adequate road maintenance funding.

That's what the Andrews Labor Government must finally deliver in its upcoming state budget.

Danny O'Brien, The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Shadow Minister for Roads and Road Safety

Let down by an underwhelming Federal budget

After all the anticipation of last year's Federal election promises from Labor, I'm sure many were underwhelmed by the recent Labor Federal Budget.

Of course – the best outcome was the extension of the single parent payment to cover parents with children up to 14 years of age.

This is a win for all of our community. Being a single parent is hard enough, without having to choose between putting food on the table or paying the electricity bill, a very real proposition many are currently facing.

But the extension to Centrelink payments did not go far enough.

The government's very own report concluded that the current rate of Jobseeker is actually prohibitive to people finding work.

I myself have spoken to people who cannot afford petrol, or appropriate attire to attend job interviews.

When people are reduced to such poverty that they merely have to concentrate on surviving, they are not able to reach their full

potential as a contributing member of our community.

Raising the rate of Jobseeker was a hot topic among Monash voters during the election campaign last year, and discussed at many Kitchen Table conversations.

Even those not in receipt of Jobseeker agreed that it should be increased to allow people to live with dignity.

The increase of Medicare funding will hopefully encourage more GPs to bulk bill – and I fully commend the GPs who do this – they are sacrificing greater income for the benefit of the community.

But in regional areas where GP waitlists are often long, and specialists are sometimes non-existent, will this translate to better access to health for local residents?

Most disappointingly is that the "strong on climate action" stance the Labor party took during the election appears to have just been spinned.

The Government is still subsidising fossil fuel industries by almost \$10 billion and continues to approve new gas and coal projects. This will prove detrimental to our future, and our children's and grandchildren's future.

I would like to see the government investing more in the renewable energy industry. This emerging and fast growing industry will not only provide clean air and environmental benefits, but also has potential to create thousands of jobs, many here in Gippsland where we have the people skills, expertise and energy transmission infrastructure, as well as providing lower cost energy to households and businesses.

While far better and more sensible than the "vote-buying" Liberal budget handed down last year, this Labor budget is just a drop in the ocean of what needs to be done to ensure the Australian economy and community can thrive to its full potential.

- Deb Leonard is a solicitor living and working in the Gippsland region, and stood as an independent candidate in the 2022 Federal election.

Not forgotten

Kevin Walsh RFD, Major RAINF (Ret'd) can rest assured Legacy founder Stan Savage is far from forgotten nor unrecognised (Better recognition needed 9/5).

South Gippsland Legacy Group has been proudly carrying on the work of Legacy since my father and others started it in 1949.

As stated elsewhere in your edition, there are Stan Savage Memorial Gates at Coleman Park, site of Korumburra's Cenotaph.

The gates were put there by the Rotary Club of Korumburra.

South Gippsland Legatees were disappointed this area was not included in this year's Legacy Centenary torch relay, but they are planning a special recognition of their own.

Naturally, this will take place at Coleman Park and a plaque marking the Centenary of

the wider Legacy movement will be attached to the memorial gates.

Also, Lieut General Sir Stanley Savage featured strongly in the recent Anzac Day speech I was privileged to deliver in Loch.

Legatee Jane Ross, San Remo

Support those in need

What would you say if I told you that Australian kids are going without meals because their mothers can't afford the weekly grocery shop? Or missing school because there's not enough money to put fuel in the car after paying rent?

Indeed, some mums are skipping meals almost daily, just so they can feed their kids and keep a safe roof over their heads.

In such a 'lucky' country like Australia, this is difficult to believe but sadly, it is the reality for more and more people.

"I cannot afford to buy food for my kids sometimes and most times I go without food and have lost 40kgs in the last nine months because all my money goes on keeping a roof over my kids heads and trying to keep them in a safe place." - 55yo female supported by The Salvation Army

This is just one of countless heartbreaking stories from around the country. Loving mothers who are going without basic essentials like food, fuel, and electricity – let alone extras like "new shoes", "school clothes", "better toothpaste", or "birthday presents". (I quote these items as they are taken directly from stories from our clients.)

When there is nothing to eat, I sell something of my own to get by that week. I get paid fortnightly so I shop when I get paid and always run out no matter how much I buy. All our mental health has declined. I try my hardest to make sure I have everything they need." - 28yo female supported by The Salvation Army

As I read through stories from people we have supported, one word catches my attention – a 34-year-old mum says she feels like a "failure". Imagine skipping meals, giving everything you can to your children, yet thinking yourself a failure! She isn't a failure at all. She's a person doing the best they can with what they have, who needs a leg up to get through these tough times. Someone who shouldn't struggle alone.

So, considering this, I would say that we, the wider Australian community, need to take action. Let's not fail that hardworking mother.

I would ask anyone who is able to please give to this year's Red Shield Appeal. I know times are tough and money is tight, but sparing \$10, or even \$20 or \$50, makes a pivotal difference. That gift could be the reason a child doesn't miss a meal – or a mother doesn't starve so her kids can eat. It could be the reason that nobody struggles alone – because, I think you'll agree, nobody should.

Major David Collinson, The Salvation Army



Abbey Simpson with Newhaven College Librarian Sheila John.



Abbey Simpson accepting her prizes at San Remo Library.

Abbey's BIG Summer Read win!

OVER the summer, Public Libraries Victoria promoted the BIG Summer Read across all state library services. Newhaven College Year 6 student Abbey Simpson read an astonishing 60 books over December and January.

Representing Bass Coast Region, Abbey was found to be the most proficient reader, earning her a big win.

She was thrilled, "I won a \$30 Kids Voucher, a \$250

Voucher for any shop that accepts a Visa card and two audiobooks! It was so much fun, and I recommend it to anybody that is interested! I cannot wait to enter next year!"

Public Libraries Victoria has found that children who read over summer holidays experience the equivalent of attending three years of summer school. Not reading over the holidays can create a 'slide' in literacy skills.

This program raises awareness of the benefits of reading and is a fun, dynamic campaign to increase reading for pleasure and supports literacy development, helping to foster a lifelong love of reading and learning.

Newhaven College's dedicated library staff support and encourage healthy reading habits. They run the College Library Book Club, which runs every Monday at lunchtime for interested students who love every

aspect of reading and books.

They read the CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) shortlisted books for Book of the Year for Older and Younger Readers.

They also read the shortlisted picture books. As part of Book Club, the students write reviews of the books they read, discuss their various opinions on key aspects of the books and choose which books they think might win the coveted prizes.

• WHAT THE VOICE MEANS FOR US •

This is the second in the series on the Referendum for the Voice to Parliament, written by the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group.



Eric Edwards from the Bunurong Land Council and Senior Bunurong Elder Uncle Anthony Egan (kneeling) at a Sorry Day Smoking Ceremony.

Voice will work.

A referendum gives the people's agreement to a change in the Constitution, and then the legislation to define how it will work is negotiated in Parliament.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart requested that the Voice be enshrined in the Constitution rather than merely legislated so that future governments cannot abolish or ignore it.

We need structural reform to give First Nations people greater say in decisions affecting their lives.

It will not be a third

chamber of Parliament. It won't make laws, only advise on their content.

It will concentrate its advice on areas of importance like health, education, justice and jobs. Advice will be drawn from consultations in communities, and it is no more likely to be controversial than any other important legislation.

A structure for the Voice has been proposed through the Co-design Process 2019-21 and its Report, which was authored by Professor Marcia Langton and Tom Calma AO.

Whilst this is detail that will be worked out by Parliament, the Co-design Report recommends establishing local and regional Voices reporting to a national Voice.

The Voice will comprise two members per state, plus five members for remote representation, and one member for Torres Strait Islanders living on mainland Australia.

It will definitely not be an elite 'Canberra Voice'. Its membership will be drawn from everyday First Nations people from every corner of Australia.

The Voice is a common-sense response to years of failed policies and programs that do not take account of what First Nations people know about their communities. We need at last to listen to their Voices.

The next article will deal with the pros and cons of the Voice.

Taking action on smoking and vaping

THE federal government is looking to reduce smoking and stamp out vaping – particularly among young Australians – through stronger legislation, enforcement, education and support.

The 2023-24 Budget will include \$737 million to fund a number of measures to protect Australians against the harm caused by tobacco and vaping products.

These measures complement the development of new proposed national tobacco control legislation.

Following public consultation led by the Therapeutic Goods Administration in December, the Government is proposing stronger regulation and enforcement of all e-cigarettes, including new controls on their importation, contents and packaging.

The Government will work with states and territories to stamp out the growing black market in illegal vaping, including to:

- stop the import of non-prescription vapes;
- increase the minimum quality standards for vapes including by restricting flavours, colours, and other ingredients;
- require pharmaceutical-like packaging;
- reduce the allowed nicotine concentrations and volumes; and
- ban all single use, disposable vapes.

The Government will also work with states and territories to close down the sale of vapes in retail settings, while also making it easier to get a prescription for legitimate therapeutic use.

The Budget will include \$63m for a public health information campaign to discourage Australians from taking up vaping and smoking, and encourage more people to quit.

There will be \$30m invested in support programs to help Australians quit, including through enhanced nicotine cessation education and training among health practitioners.

Tax on tobacco will be increased by five percent per year for three years in addition to normal indexation. The Government will also align the tax treatment of loose-leaf tobacco products (such as roll-your-own tobacco) with the manufactured stick excise rate to ensure these products are taxed equally.

Both of these changes will reduce the affordability of tobacco, which is consistent with the priorities of the National Tobacco Strategy 2023-2030 (the Strategy), released last week.

Gelliondale Wind Farm information session

GELLIONDALE Wind Farm will hold a flora and fauna community information session to detail recent ecological studies undertaken on the site.

It will be held on Thursday, May 18 from 1.00pm to 5.00pm at the Gelliondale Wind Farm information centre, at 310 Commercial Road Yarram.

The session will be presented by Nature Advisory director Inga Kulik.

Inga Kulik will be available throughout the four-hour session to discuss the flora and fauna of the Gelliondale area, potential impacts of the wind farm on specific species and the impact avoidance and mitigation methods that can be deployed. She will also address vegetation removal and offset requirements.

The Gelliondale Wind Farm project is being developed by Synergy Wind with support from RWE Renewables Australia.

For further information about Gelliondale Wind Farm or to make contact visit gelliondalewind.com



CFA is calling for more volunteers across its numerous brigades with many diverse roles on offer.

CFA wants you to 'Give Us a Hand'

CFA is asking regional Victorians to 'Give Us a Hand' in an effort to recruit new volunteers to join its 52,000 community-minded members in protecting lives and property across the state.

The call out is part of a new volunteer recruitment campaign, which aims to encourage selfless Victorians to take up a firefighting or support role with their local CFA brigade.

Whether you're looking to make the most of your spare time, are new to your community, or just want to be part of a group made up of like-minded people, CFA brigades have flexible volunteering arrangements and diverse roles to suit anyone's skills and needs.

There are more than 1200 CFA brigades across Victoria, responding to a range of emergency incidents and serving communities every day. From high angle rescues, structure, grass and scrub fires to hazmat and road crash rescues, no two days are the same.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said CFA is a great place to volunteer, meet new people and learn new skills.

"Volunteers are the backbone of the firefighting and emergency response network across Victoria," he said.

"We are calling on all community-minded individuals who are looking for a new challenge to consider joining their local brigade and apply their expertise and knowledge to CFA."

Whether you want to jump on the truck and respond to incidents, or take up a brigade support position, we'll find a role that suits you and your brigade.

Brigades are most commonly looking for people from all backgrounds who have the capacity to take up roles as daytime responders and are particularly interested in hearing from young people who want to make a difference within their community.

"The rewards of being a CFA volunteer are immeasurable and our members make a real difference in their communities," Chief Officer Heffernan said.

If you're interested in joining or learning more, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteer.

Once you've submitted your expression of interest form online, your local brigade will contact you regarding the next steps.



Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Volunteers and The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Region Melina Bath says our selfless volunteers are the heart and soul of our communities. Pictured with Leongatha SES - L to R - Rev Judy McLeod, Matt Saario, Val Bremmer, Melina Bath, Kristen Muir, Chas Baillie, Tahlia Ebery.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our community

THE Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath said each and every day volunteers in our community quietly and selflessly go about their role, positively making a difference each and every day.

"Our volunteers can often be found caring for vulnerable

people – young people, families or the aged", said Ms Bath.

"Throughout my time as a State MP and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Volunteers I've had the privilege of meeting many wonderful volunteers.

"Warm, caring, kind, empathetic individuals who help

keep us safe, respond to our call for help in an emergency, provide food, emotional support or teach new skills.

"National Volunteers Week is a time where we say thank you and publicly recognise volunteers who often fly under the radar.

"The State of Volunteering"

tells us in 2019 our hardworking volunteers contributed an incredible \$58.1 billion worth of benefits across Victoria.

"During National Volunteers Week 2023, I applaud the positive difference all volunteers make to all our lives and the ongoing enrichment they deliver to our community."

Active citizenry will show the calibre of democracy

By Voices 4 Monash

VOICES 4 Monash (V4M) is a group of active community members who live in the Federal Electorate of Monash, who believe grass roots participation is the key to sustaining a healthy democracy.

With a new committee at the helm, the group's focus is to encourage and facilitate local residents to use their voices to inform how our community is represented in the Parliament.

V4M is actively seeking to hear community views on all issues and policies that matter to Monash residents.

"We aim to provide an active and independent forum through which voters in our electorate can share what is important to them, in a way

that we can communicate this to our Federal member on an ongoing basis, so he or she can best represent us in the Parliament", said Fiona McKenzie, president of V4M.

A healthy democracy relies on the participation of its citizens and Voices for Monash wants this to occur more regularly than once every three years at the ballot box.

"There are lots of ways people can be part of this process" said Fiona McKenzie again, "through our general community surveys, quick polls on topical issues, community forums, and group activities."

Anyone interested in contributing to this process is

encouraged to complete V4M's latest survey via the website, and to sign up to the group to receive updates on the outcome of this survey and other activities.

The group will also be hosting its first community forum in relation to the proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament in Wonthaggi on 15 June.

The Voices for Monash committee meets monthly and would be keen to hear from people who share their vision and are keen to get involved.

"Membership of V4M is free and anyone who is interested in playing a greater role in how we are governed is encouraged to come on board," added Ms McKenzie.

More information can be found at www.voicesformonash.org



Pictured is Fiona McKenzie, president of Voices 4 Monash.

Australia's invisible workforce: the crucial role of volunteers

AUSTRALIA has faced an array of challenges over the last few years, from natural disasters to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. Remaining a constant source of stability through these difficult times, volunteers are now more important than ever.

Volunteering takes many forms, from fighting bushfires and supporting healthcare to simply bringing a smile to

someone's face.

Volunteers are an integral part of Australian society, and it is estimated that over five million people volunteer through an organisation annually, while an additional 6.5 million provide informal volunteering support within their community.

A new report from Volunteering Australia featuring the latest volunteering data reveals key

insights into the motivations and types of volunteering undertaken in Australia. The most encouraging finding is that, as pandemic restrictions have lifted, over two-thirds of volunteers are now back in person as change makers in their organisation.

The data also reveals that for almost three-quarters of volunteers, personal satisfaction, and the desire to do something

worthwhile are primary motivations. Helping others and the community is also a significant motivator, with 61 percent of volunteers indicating this as a driving factor.

National Volunteer Week (May 15th – 21) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering.

For more information Aussies can visit volunteeringaustralia.org



Tarwin Lower's Crystal James and Captain Michael Moore.

Many different ways to volunteer

CFA member Crystal James volunteers remotely, fulfilling a vital support role for Tarwin Lower and District brigade as its social media manager.

Even though distance was a factor, volunteer Crystal James knew she wanted to give back to her local brigade Tarwin Lower. She was thrilled to be able to join CFA in a supporting role.

"Joining as a volunteer has been incredibly rewarding. It's great to put your professional skills to good use for a volunteer organisation, but it's even better to step outside your comfort zone to learn something entirely new about emergency fire management," Crystal said.

It was 2015 when Crystal met Tarwin Lower Captain Michael Moore at a local emergency services annual fundraiser she was managing on behalf of the community.

A resident of Venus Bay at the time, she was amazed by the commitment of CFA volunteers who were supporting the event and joined the brigade as a volunteer.

However, her work as part of Victoria's COVID-19 response took her back to central Melbourne in early 2020, and she had to step down from her volunteer role.

The COVID-19 space gave Crystal her first taste of working in emergency management communications.

But it was a 40-hectare bushfire in Tarwin Lower on New Year's Eve 2021, that sparked her urge to once again give back to her community as a CFA volunteer.

She approached Michael to see if there was a way she could contribute remotely.

"Our brigade had a presence on Facebook in the past but with our focus on recruiting and training frontline response members, we just didn't have resources to grow our online profile," Michael said.

"So when Crystal asked about volunteering remotely, we jumped on the opportunity and asked her to run our Facebook page.

"We have two other volunteers who live outside the area but who perform community engagement activities locally for the brigade, so I knew it was something that would work for us."

"Crystal rejoined as a volunteer and we launched our new Facebook page in March; we haven't looked back since."

Crystal contributes between two to four hours a week in her volunteer role.

"I manage our social media presence including researching and developing content, monitoring VicEmergency and keeping abreast of local issues and CFA announcements," she said.

"I also manage community engagement via our Facebook page making sure vital information is shared and answering any questions or messages from community members."

Michael said it was fantastic to see the brigade's Facebook page growing each week.

Even though she is volunteering remotely, Crystal said she feels connected to her brigade and what is happening locally.

"Michael and I check in regularly throughout the week to discuss content; he always finds the time to make sure I'm across what's happening in Tarwin Lower and the broader community," Crystal said.

"I attend bi-monthly brigade meetings either in person or via teleconference, and then try to get down as often as possible for our Sunday open stations or community engagement events."

"If there's a fundraising event, I volunteer to take on additional tasks, so some weeks my hours might be more, but getting down to the brigade is always a welcome change from the business of city life."

Remote volunteering isn't without its challenges, but Crystal says for her it continues to be a really positive experience.



VICSES Phillip Island Unit volunteer, Sarah Pendry was inspired to join the unit after needing assistance from SES when she broke her ankle on a camping trip.

Thank our SES volunteers on WOW

WEDNESDAY, May 17 is Wear Orange Wednesday (WOW), a national day of thanks dedicated to State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers locally and nationally.

Held annually during National Volunteer Week, WOW Day encourages the public to thank and acknowledge SES volunteers, for the invaluable contribution and commitment they make to local communities.

October 2022, saw VICSES volunteers respond to 13,700 Requests for Assistance, in a single month as major flooding impacted the state.

This was VICSES' busiest calendar month on record.

In the last 12 months, VICSES volunteers have responded to over 35,000 requests for assistance – generously donating their time in support of their communities.

For SES volunteers in the Gippsland region, including the Phillip Island Unit, 2194 Requests for Assistance were received in this time.

VICSES Phillip Island Unit volunteer, Sarah Pendry, is a full-time carer for her daughter with Down's Syndrome, and a son with special needs.

In 2021, she broke her ankle on a camping trip and, when she called for help, VICSES Maffra Unit volunteers arrived to carry her out to a waiting ambulance.

Sarah was so impressed; she joined her local unit in Phillip Island.

Despite her injury, Sarah attends calls for help from

operational workforce of around 12.

So it would be great to see more join. I know it's difficult to fit around some people's schedule. I generally answer the daytime calls, when the children are at school, and that works pretty well for me."

"Physically it has been challenging to complete aspects of the training, but I still take part in requests for assistance from the community which suit my level of ability.

You're constantly learning, not a day goes by where you don't learn something new. Every job offers a new perspective on the work."

The past three years have been three of the busiest year's in VICSES history following three consecutive La Nina's bringing a number of severe storms and major flooding.

To help celebrate WOW Day 2023 and to thank volunteers for all of their hard work, Victorian landmarks will be 'flooded' in orange, including metro locations like the Melbourne Town Hall; AAMI Park; and the Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre.

To see what landmarks are lighting up in your area, visit, www.ses.vic.gov.au/news-and-media/campaigns/wear-orange-wednesday

The public can share a message of thanks to SES volunteers this WOW Day by posting on Facebook or Twitter and use the hashtag #ThankYouSES.

If you want to be a part of the action, learn new skills and serve your community, visit ses.vic.gov.au/volunteer



Volunteer Week (15 -21 May)

Statistics:

On average:
14% of Australians volunteer
13% of Victorians volunteer
22% of South Gippslanders volunteer



South Gippsland is extremely lucky to have so many people who actively volunteer in our community. Volunteers help to make our communities better and provide valuable opportunities for people to come together to meet and to connect.

South Gippsland Shire Council would like to say 'THANK YOU' to everyone who volunteers in our region.



Volunteers are the backbone of our communities - local people donating their time with a vision to improve local lives. I'm very proud of all of the volunteers in the Monash electorate and thank them for their service.



Captain Shane Frogley of the Inverloch CFA Brigade was delighted to welcome three new female recruits into the active firefighting ranks recently but he'd like to have 10 or a dozen more.

'Fire up' for National Volunteers Week

THE 2021 Census revealed that 2,933,646 people in Australia said they did unpaid voluntary work for an organisation or group in the previous 12 months.

That's a 19 per cent decrease from 2016.

And while the devastating impact of COVID features in those numbers, volunteering has actually been in decline for the past decade or more.

One area that has been significantly impacted by the trend away from volunteering, at least in a traditional sense, is the Country Fire Authority.

New figures show the number of operational firefighters has fallen from 38,335 to 28,934 since 2013-2014 and while the authority still boasts "52,000 community-minded members in protecting lives and property across the state", they need active fire fighters and volunteers in a range of challenging and important roles; and they need them now.

As part of National Volunteers Week 2023, May 15-21, Regional Connect Media, representing all of the state's local newspapers, has partnered with the CFA in an urgent campaign to recruit new volunteers for CFA brigades across Victoria.

Inverloch CFA has been right on message, when it comes to gender equality and diversity, recently recruiting three women who are now active in the brigade after successfully completing their competency training.

They can turn out on the truck now with the other active members, but in common with every other brigade in the state, Inverloch is also looking for more firefighters and others to fill support roles for social media, community engagement and fire equipment maintenance.

Captain Shane Frogley of the Inverloch CFA Brigade, wouldn't be typical of your average rural fire captain in the sense that he has what looks to be a big, vibrant

coastal community of more than 6500 people, to call on for volunteer support, but he still finds himself in the same boat as his colleagues in the smaller rural brigades dotted around the countryside.

"We're down on numbers, the same as anyone. We can probably get two or three on the track to respond to a daytime fire. That's the main issue for most brigades, having people who can respond during the day," said Captain Frogley, predictably and affectionately known as "Froggy" to everyone.

"We've got 12 active fire fighters when we really need at least 20," he said.

During the week, Inverloch responded to a chimney fire in Surf Parade. Damage was confined to the chimney and adjoining roof but any delay in responding can be catastrophic in such cases.

Shane has been buoyed in recent times by the addition of three, new female fire fighters and would love to see more women, teenagers or newcomers to the area make contact with him and join.

"It's not just fire fighting, we need people in non-operational roles as well; people who can get out checking fire plugs, and go to schools to talk to the kids and other community groups. These sorts of roles would suit retired people who might be able to walk around and check fire plugs on a regular basis."

As well as community engagement, there are also support roles providing social media content and important messages, and also in equipment maintenance.

Again, these can be completely non-operational roles, leaving time for the fire fighters to go about their all-important work. Call Shane Frogley at the Inverloch CFA on 0409 041 889 if you are interested in helping.

It's not just Inverloch, all of our local fire brigades are looking to recruit and what better time to inquire than during National Volunteers Week May 15-21.



Nerrena Fire Brigade captain Samantha Smith and firefighter Sarah Westwood are keen to welcome more volunteers. A01_2023

Nerrena Fire Brigade calls for volunteers

NERRENA Fire Brigade captain Samantha Smith is keen to create greater awareness of the small rural station's existence and its importance to the safety of residents in the surrounding area, and is calling for people to get involved as volunteers.

While that may be in active firefighting and other emergency call-out roles, a variety of opportunities are available, including administrative duties, staging area management for large fires, events management, or acting as a delegate to Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria.

Staging area management takes place in a safe zone removed from the fire front and involves documenting details such as who is assigned to each appliance.

"CFA provides accredited training and support and locals joining up can learn new skills, meet their neighbours and have the opportunity to put something back into our local area," Nerrena firefighter Sarah Westwood said.

Those joining as fire-fighters will undertake the General Firefighter course, involving a blend of online and hands on training, and

an assessment component.

A strong focus is placed on safety, with trainee firefighters learning how to protect themselves and others.

After successfully completing general training, volunteers can continue to develop their skills.

"There is always the opportunity for ongoing training," Samantha said, adding that a wide range of courses are available.

Nerrena Fire Brigade has a proud history, having been registered as Nerrena Rural Brigade in 1955 and serving the local community since then.

Nerrena CFA volunteers respond to bush fire and structural fire emergencies within the Nerrena area and other parts of South Gippsland.

Those active brigade members also assist in dealing with motor vehicle accidents and rescues.

The brigade joins fuel reduction burns across the region and trains with many other brigades in South Gippsland.

"We work with other emergency agencies like the SES to respond to storm and flood clean-up (needs)," Sarah said.

She stressed that women

can feel comfortable joining Nerrena Fire Brigade, given it already has a number of active women firefighters and administrators.

Anyone 18 years and over is eligible to join regardless of gender, with the brigade's membership coming from a range of backgrounds.

Flexibility is provided in terms of time commitments and Samantha said there is not a heavy schedule of formal meetings, with an expectation active members of the brigade attend just half of the six held annually.

The brigade meets informally at Nerrena Station on Nerrena Hall Road, next door to the Hall and Recreation Reserve each Sunday morning from 10am, with Samantha and Sarah encouraging people to come and say hello and have a chat.

Otherwise, captain Samantha is happy to take your call on 0402 863 720 to speak about Nerrena Fire Brigade and the opportunities it offers.

While it currently has 15 members, and another in the process of joining, only about half its members are active.

There are many ways you can give us a hand.

Your local CFA Brigade needs you, and there are many ways you can help. Roles include daytime firefighters, community educators, and support roles. You don't need experience, and you'll be amazed at what you will achieve, while fulfilling a vital and rewarding role in your community.



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The Volunteers of the Bass Coast Health Gardening Group enhance the grounds of Wonthaggi Hospital.

Volunteers help to keep Bass Coast healthy

BASS Coast Health (BCH) Board of Directors, CEO, Executives and Staff truly value our wonderful Volunteer Team.

We thank our volunteers every day for their dedication which helps our community access public healthcare. It's also a very fitting time to acknowledge their efforts and say thank you during National Volunteer Week.

Our volunteers contribute

to BCH in many ways, delivering valuable services for our community. Their adaptability and resilience during the recent COVID years was truly incredible and they have found ways to support BCH throughout the past few years that improve patient outcomes.

Our staff and community are hugely indebted to our volunteers who have contributed to transport driving,

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There is something very special about people who want to devote their spare time to helping others. Every volunteer makes a massive difference, and we are truly

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If you are interested in joining this dynamic team, please contact the Volunteer Support Team on 5671 3372 or email Vicki Riley, Volunteers and Fundraising Manager, vicki.riley@basscoasthealth.org.au

For more information, go to: <https://www.basscoasthealth.org.au/about/volunteers>

Health service calling all volunteers in South Gippsland

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service (GSHS) is looking to revamp their volunteer programs and urges anyone interested in giving back to their community to get in touch.

GSHS offers a range of volunteer opportunities from patient transport to gardening, Op Shop positions and much more.

GSHS CEO Louise Sparkes said unfortunately the volunteer program lost some momentum during the pandemic.

"But now that things are easing up, we really want to reinvigorate that program," she said.

"We're really keen to build our base and we've got active volunteers that do patient transport and they're really important for us.

"We also have volunteers that look after our gardens and quite a few in our aged care facilities."

Ms Sparkes said they're also looking to introduce a new volunteer coordinator program to help support those starting out.

"We're looking at having a big morning tea in July to try celebrate the volunteers we've had and recruit more," she said.

GSHS is also looking to develop new programs and hopes to attract younger volunteers as well.

For more information, visit www.gshs.com.au/volunteers

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 GIPPSLAND SOUTHERN Health Service

HOW AMAZING ARE OUR VOLUNTEERS?

Thank you

Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) thanks all our volunteers for their commitment and dedication to the care and support of our residents, patients and clients.

Our wonderful volunteers make a real difference to the lives of people in GSHS community and are an important and valued part of our health service.

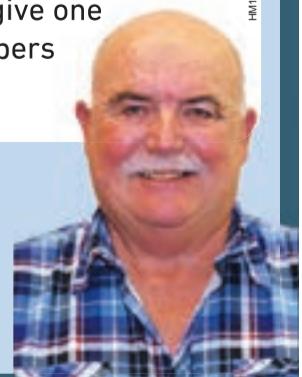
Our volunteers support in the following areas:

- Social support to residents in our Aged Care Facilities
- Planned Activity Groups for older people
- Exercise Programs for older people
- Volunteer Transport for medical appointments
- Gardening

If you're interested in volunteering, please give one of our friendly People & Culture Team Members a call on (03) 5667 5536.

"Volunteer drivers provide a really important service within our community. I've just finished clocking up 200 volunteer drives for GSHS, and logging in just under 390 hours, I'm pretty happy with that."

- Garry Jones, Volunteer Driver



New look but same great service at Bass Coast Legal



IF RAISING four children while studying for her law degree wasn't enough, Jess Luff has now opened her own practice in Inverloch.

Bass Coast Legal opened in April this year and is dedicated to supporting clients in areas of law such as estate planning including wills and power of attorneys, estate administration including probate and letters of administration, deceased estate disputes, property law, family law, conveyancing and commercial law including leases and sales/purchases of business.

Owner and Principal Solicitor Jess Luff said when the opportunity came to take over the previous practice, it ticked all the right boxes.

"My plan was always to open up my own firm and I thought why not have a firm that's already established," she said.

Jess was working at the previous firm, Ian Symonds & Associates, for the three years prior to her succession of the firm.

When starting her career, Jess began as a law clerk in Wonthaggi before having children.

"I didn't complete my law degree until I started raising my kids. I didn't have the confidence to go straight into a law degree after high school,

particularly being from a small country town, so I decided to do an Advanced Diploma of Legal Practice after high school."

And throughout it all, she has been strongly supported by her husband who is now a part of the business too.

"My husband has always run his own business and we always like the flexibility that comes with that, especially when you've got young kids," she said when asked what inspired her to take on the practice.

"We want to build on what's been created and keep servicing the clients we currently have and bring some new clients in with an ultimate goal of growth and expansion."

During her studies, Jess was awarded the prestigious Attorney-General's Medal for the most outstanding graduate in her year.

Jess and her team look forward to servicing the Bass Coast and South Gippsland area for many years to come.

Bass Coast Legal is located at 23 A'Beckett Street, Inverloch.

LEFT: Having her own practice was always Jess Luff's dream as she is now the proud owner of Bass Coast Legal. Ns022023



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Bass Coast Legal is the successor firm to Ian Symonds & Associates, servicing South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

Going from strength to strength

J GARNHAM & Associates have continued to expand offering the best expertise in all aspects of law as they enter their ninth year in Wonthaggi.

The practice has expertise in conveyancing, off-plan sites, sales of development blocks, farming properties, Commercial Leases, Sales of Business, Wills, Powers of Attorney and Estates.

While the pandemic and lockdowns drastically changed their operations like most businesses, they worked hard to ensure their doors were always open.

Sole practitioner and lawyer Jenny Garnham was raised in Wonthaggi and spent 20 years in Melbourne pursuing her career in law, before eventually moving back to open the practice in 2015.

She highlighted they have a fantastic team who have continued to grow the practice's presence in the community.

"The girls (staff) jug-

Victorian Law Week is for learning about your legal rights

VICTORIAN Law Week is a program of community events and activities that makes learning about the law easy.

Across the state, events are designed to help Victorians understand their rights, find answers to their questions, know what help is available and how our legal system works.

The program is managed by Victoria Law Foundation, with events and activities run by a range of organisations, including community legal centres, government bodies, community organisations, law firms, courts and tribunals – and many more.

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Serving the community

Why Law Week?

Victorians need access to vital information about their legal rights and responsibilities. Law Week helps people find this information and learn how to act on it.

Victorian Law Week events help people to understand their rights, find answers to questions, know what help is available and learn how our legal system works.

A state-wide program

More than 200 events take place across both metro and regional Victoria. Some of events are in-person and some run online.

There's bound to be an event that could help you.

gled their roles from home and in the office so that we could keep the door open all the time (during lockdowns)," she said.

"We still do home and hospital visits and that is becoming extremely popular".

"A lot of people haven't got the mobility that they once had, and the home visits make life easier for them to get legal assistance."

Staff member Shelley Harvey also recently completed her law degree, and Jenny highlighted there's still plenty of scope for the practice to expand into the future.

They also have an exciting position available for a receptionist, with training to be provided and opportunities available for further development.

The practice is located at 63 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi, and for more information contact 5672 2144 or visit www.jjglaw.com.au/home.html.



J Garnham & Associates sole practitioner and lawyer Jenny Garnham is proud of how the practice has expanded since opening in Wonthaggi. Ns012023



Victorian Attorney General, the Hon Jaclyn Symes with VLF Executive Director Lynne Haultain at a Law Week event. Photo: www.viclawweek.org.au

School students invited to hear from Victoria's top legal experts

GIPPSLAND'S VCE Legal Studies students are invited to hear from Victoria's top legal experts as part of Victorian Law Week.

Aimed at Year 11 and 12s, the full-day program will be hosted at the Morwell RSL on May 18, and is designed to help aspiring lawyers learn about the law.

Experts from Victoria's courts and other legal institutions will present on topics related to the VCE Legal Studies curriculum including the rule of law, rights protection in Australia and the justice system.

Students will hear from the Victorian Ombudsman, Juries Victoria, County Court, Victorian Law Reform Commission, Young Workers Centre, Gippsland Community Legal Service, Victoria Legal Aid and Deakin Law School.

Lynne Haultain, Executive Director of the Victoria Law Foundation said this Victorian Law Week event is an invaluable opportunity for Gippsland students to better understand Victoria's legal system.

"Victorian Law Week is the perfect opportunity for Gippsland's VCE students to learn more about the law," Lynne said.

"They will see the VCE Legal Studies curriculum brought to life by speaking directly with some of Victoria's most influential legal professionals."

Victorian Law Week is an initiative of the Victorian Law Foundation and helps Victorians understand their rights, find legal answers to everyday problems, get legal help and learn more about the law.

"Victorians need access to vital information about their legal rights and responsibilities. Victorian Law Week helps people find this information and learn how to act on it," said Ms Haultain.

Victorian Law Week runs from Monday, May 15 to Sunday, May 21, with more than 150 unique in-person and online events taking place across both metro and regional Victoria.

There are a range of exciting Victorian Law Week events being hosted in Gippsland:

- May 15: Future planning with Gippsland Community Legal Service (Corinella & District Community Centre)
- May 17: Young Workers Centre Clinic
- May 17: Wills, Power of Attorney, and respecting Elders: a Legal Service information session (Maffra Neighbourhood House)
- May 19: Empowering Support: Legal Processes for Family Violence and Relationship Breakdowns (Phillip Island Community Centre)

Visit www.viclawweek.org.au.

New wages policy

MINISTER for Industrial Relations Tim Pallas released details of the new Victorian Public Sector Wages Policy, which increases the wages component from the current 1.5 per cent per annum to a funded annual increase of 3 per cent on Tuesday, April 4.

In addition to annual wage increases there is also the ability for workers to obtain a lump-sum sign on bonus equal to up to 0.5 per cent of overall agreement costs.

Public sector employers will also be able to seek productivity improvements and efficiencies which can generate additional entitlements.

The new policy will apply immediately, including to public sector enterprise agreements that have already reached their nominal expiry dates and where bargaining for replacement agreements is already underway.

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EV charging stations set for August

Locals and tourists alike will be able to charge their electric vehicles with more than ten charge stations being installed across the region in the coming months.

IN 2021 the Victorian Government committed to providing \$5 million in grants to establish electric vehicle fast-charging stations across Victoria.

The South Gippsland Shire Council received a grant of \$120,000 to install three 50kW (kilowatt) charging stations in Korumburra, Leongatha and Foster, which were to be completed by June this year.

According to the South Gippsland Shire Council a contractor has been appointed to supply and install the chargers on behalf of South Gippsland Shire Council and three partner councils – Bass Coast, Wellington and East Gippsland.

"While undertaking the project collaboratively has certainly led to efficiencies in terms of price and reduced resourcing requirements on staff time, it has resulted in some delays in project

delivery, with the completion date now pushed back a little from the original June date to installation happening in July, with the chargers to be "going live" and being fully operational by August, all going well," a spokesperson for the council said.

Together, the councils are installing six EV chargers across the municipality, and locals can expect to be able to charge their electric vehicles at these locations:

- Korumburra – Commercial Rd railway precinct carpark
- Leongatha – Main Shire Office, 9 Smith St
- Foster – Carpark, 22 Station Rd
- Mirboo North – Baromi Park carpark
- Meeniyian – Tompkins Rd
- Yanakie – In front of the Hall / public toilet / playground

The Bass Coast Shire Council

secured \$290,000 in April 2022, in funding from the Victorian Government and contributed \$140,000 from its Climate Change Action Plan budget towards the project.

The Bass Coast Shire Council committed to also installing four 50kW DC charging stations in Wonthaggi, Grantville, Inverloch and Newhaven by May this year, with another two 22kW chargers to go in at Wonthaggi Civic Centre and a Wonthaggi Depot site. "The only council-owned chargers currently operational are located at the Cowes Transit Centre. Council has experienced delays to this project for a range of reasons including contractor availability. The current estimated completion date is March 2024, however we are working to expedite this timeline as far as practicable," a spokesperson from the Bass Coast Shire

Council said.

The Victorian Government project aims to encourage EV use by making EV fast-charging technology readily available at destination locations, including recreational community destinations and high-use locations.

With two and half times more EVs being sold this year than they were at this time last year, installation of the chargers is timely.

The recent announcement of the Australian Government's National Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy also seeks to pave the way for greater EV affordability, greater access to charging stations, a reduction in emissions and an improvement in the well-being of Australians.

Details and locations of EV charging stations nationwide are searchable online at plugsquare.com.



Electric vehicle strategy welcomed

THE Electric Vehicle Council has welcomed Australia's first National Electric Vehicle Strategy but warns the government must act swiftly and boldly to calibrate and enforce Australia's fuel efficiency standards.

Electric Vehicle Council chief executive Behyad Jafari said: "There's a long road ahead for Australia to catch up with the rest of the world on electric vehicle policy, but this strategy can accelerate progress.

"It's a relief that an Australian Government has finally committed to fuel efficiency standards, which have been operational in the US and Europe for decades. But with those jurisdictions now leaping forward in terms of ambition Australia must bring in strong standards that keep pace with the modern world. If we squib it on the detail Australia will remain the world's dumping ground for dated, high-emission vehicles.

"Australia is lagging behind as one of the last developed countries without any fuel efficiency standards. From the US to Europe and across the ditch in New Zealand, strong fuel efficiency standards are providing drivers with more EV choice and reducing harmful emissions.

"Having fuel efficiency standards in Australia in line with global markets will save motorists hundreds of dollars on fuel each year and give them more affordable electric vehicles to choose from.

"If Australia is serious about developing a local EV value chain to secure our future prosperity, the first crucial step to secure investment is to demonstrate we have a strong local market for these products. This will only be possible through the introduction of a globally-competitive fuel efficiency standard that accelerates local adoption.

"We will be working closely with the government as it designs a fuel efficiency standard for passenger and light commercial vehicles. Australia has a bright and clean electric future just around the corner, but only if we get the policy settings right today."

Call for fuel efficiency standards

THE Climate Council welcomed the release of the National Electric Vehicle Strategy with fuel efficiency standards at the centre, and has laid out five top design priorities.

Climate Council is calling for fuel efficiency standards that:

- set Australia on a strong pathway to a zero emissions fleet - with a target of all new vehicles sold being zero emissions by 2035 at the latest
- align with other car markets like New Zealand, the United States and Europe as a minimum - so Australia moves up the queue for cleaner, cheaper vehicles
- deliver genuine reductions in emissions from new cars sold in Australia - avoiding credits and loopholes that undermine their effectiveness
- are mandatory and legislated - auto manufacturers shouldn't be able to opt out
- start as soon as possible - every new vehicle sold today will likely be on the road for at least the next 10 years. Fuel efficiency standards should be accompanied by other policies that support and enable the uptake of lower and zero emissions vehicles.

The National Electric Vehicle Strategy's focus on improving the availability of charging infrastructure and incentivising uptake of the cleanest vehicles is important and welcome.

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Farmers welcome fuel standards

FARMERS for Climate Action has welcomed news the Federal Government plans to introduce new fuel efficiency standards for Australia as part of a broader electric vehicle strategy.

Farmers for Climate Action, which has 7800 farmer supporters across Australia, has partnered with Solar Citizens on an Electric Ute Roadshow, which is currently touring the first commercially available electric ute around regional Australia.

"Many farmers are telling us they want to switch to electric vehicles, but they need more EVs to choose from at better prices," CEO of Farmers for Climate Action, Dr Fiona Davis said.

Dr Davis noted Farmers for Climate Action called for fuel efficiency standards in its submission to the Federal Government inquiry on this issue late last year.

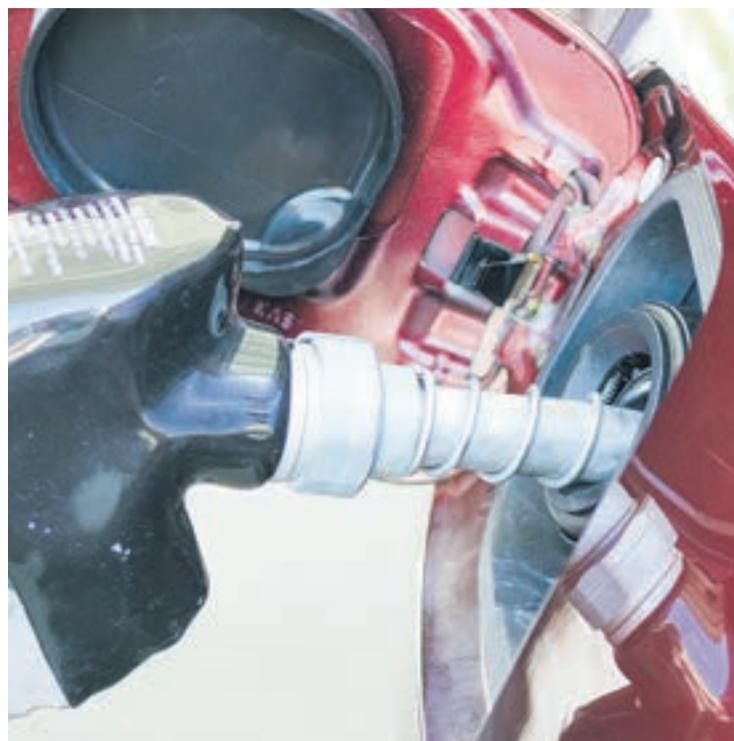
"A strong fuel efficiency standard will deliver Australia a better range of fuel efficient cars, including electric vehicles, at lower prices. Australia's lack of a fuel efficiency requirement has

meant car makers send us their least efficient vehicles. Rural Australians already drive further and pay more for fuel than city Australians.

"Analysis by Solar Citizens has revealed regional and rural Australians would save \$4 billion over the next five years if Australia adopted fuel efficiency standards matching the EU, because we'd save so much money on fuel.

"We note modeling predicts a \$519 saving for most motorists on annual fuel costs if they're able to access more efficient vehicles. The statistics suggest this figure would be higher in regional Australia. We also note the average new car in Europe is 40% more efficient than the average new car in Australia, and the US their new cars are 20% more efficient than ours, largely because they have fuel efficiency standards.

Passenger cars create 10% of Australia's carbon pollution, and the transport sector is a key opportunity to create the deep emissions reductions we need to protect farmers and our food supply.



Farmers for Climate Action has welcomed news the Federal Government plans to introduce new fuel efficiency standards for Australia. Photo by Dawn McDonald on Unsplash

Digital driver licences on the way for Victoria

THE STATE Government will give motorists the option to carry their licence on their phone with a digital driver licence trial in Ballarat before a statewide rollout by 2024.

The new technology will give motorists the choice to store a secure digital version of their driver licence in the popular Service Victoria app or soon-to-be-launched my VicRoads app.

From June, full licence holders in Ballarat will be able to sign up for the pilot through the Service Victoria or VicRoads websites before the trial begins in July, with those who register progressively invited to add a digital version of

their licence to their phone.

The card will feature security features – with the licence updated in real time in response to any changes such as new licence conditions or a change of address.

Digital licences will automatically reveal if a licence has been revoked or suspended but will still be available for use to prove identity or age when it is not active.

During the Ballarat trial, feedback will be sought from motorists, retailers, licensed venues, Victoria Police and places where a licence is used as proof of identity.



A state-wide roll-out of digital licences is expected in 2024.

Action packed weekend at the circuit

CHAMPIONSHIP Racing at Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit for Round 3 of the Victorian State Race Series 2023 is fast approaching.

This round featuring 10 categories promoted by Phillip Island Auto Racing Club (PIARC) will be true to the club's motto of "access to motorsport" at Australia's Most Picturesque Circuit, with up to 250 entries.

The Improved Production Cars which include BMW E30s are looking to be headed for over 40 entries of the total of 50 allowable. Formula Ford and Formula Ford 1600 are headed for 30 entries with a combined 22 to date and Formula Vee already sitting on 20.

Action a plenty is assured from 9.00am to 5.00 pm daily, with family friendly admission via EventBrite online great value with adult's weekend passes a mere \$40.00, Sunday only \$35.00, Saturday \$30.00 and kids under 16 admitted free all weekend.

This meeting is the second of four race meetings being promoted by PIARC for 2023, and one of five for the year with Club involvement, all with the added importance of helping the Island's great history as a racing Mecca.

Again this event is Round 3 of 5 for Motorsport Australia Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships 2023 and is being conducted at both Phillip Island and Sandown throughout the year, with a round last month at the Winton circuit near Benalla.

In the meantime make sure you note May 27-28 in your diary for a weekend of great budget priced family motorsport action at Phillip Island.

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Quantum partners with The Baker Foundation to help break the cycle

QUANTUM Support Services' evidence-based program Adolescents Building Connections (ABC program) will continue to support more adolescents in Gippsland thanks to The Baker Foundation.

Partnering for the next three years, the ABC program will be expanded across Baw Baw, Latrobe City, Wellington and South Gippsland shires to support up to 400 young people each year.

Quantum Chief Executive Natalie McDonald said the support of The Baker Foundation was crucial in creating positive change for young people, their families and the broader community.

"Adolescent family violence is the fastest growing type in the home," she said.

"The ABC program is designed to assist young people to break the cycle of violence and improve their connection to family, peers and the wider community."

The ABC Program was developed by Quantum in 2016 to support adolescents entering the justice system. It has since been expanded to include young people using violence within the home and community.

For more information on the support services available through Quantum Support Services visit www.quantum.org.au or phone 1800 243 455.

• FAITH FACTOR

Happy birthday!

Pastor Jeff Robertson - Connections Church Inverloch + Foster Australian Christian Churches

WE usually enjoy celebrating birthdays - seeing loved ones, eating good food, and giving gifts.

It may be an opportunity for some (hopefully) good-natured teasing of the person who keeps getting older.

And it's also a celebration of who they are and what they mean to us.

At the end of May, seven weeks after Easter, churches around the world will be celebrating the Church's birthday at Pentecost.

This was a day when Peter addressed the crowds in Jerusalem after Jesus' resurrection, and thousands believed in Jesus.

Until then, the disciples had been meeting together, praying, and waiting for God to pour out the Holy Spirit's power on them.

After this point, there were many miracles and healings performed by not only the apostles, but by many followers of Jesus. This gift of the Holy Spirit at the birth of the church was for all people!

Paul expressed that "in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith... There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal 3:26,28)

Nearly 2000 years later, as we celebrate the birthday of the church, we also celebrate that this empowering gift of the Holy Spirit is still available to all people who believe in Jesus.

It doesn't matter what demographic or social grouping you may be part of; God invites all people to follow Him and seek His miraculous power to be at work through our lives - to bring healing and blessing to the people in our world.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~



BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

THE Exploring Art - a part of BCAL's NDIS Capacity Bidding program - has a new facilitator this term while their regular tutor is on leave.

Laura Brearley is bringing new styles to the group and they are joined by a guest artist every week. Last week, the guest was Susan Hall who introduced the participants to hand printing.

Laura has also been encouraging participants to write a few lines of poetry to accompany their visual work, and they have come up with some powerful messages.

Art is primarily about self-expression and that alone builds capacity in learners from marginalised groups. However, the Exploring Art sessions can also help participants to turn their creativity into a small business by selling prints.

Recently, one of the works done in the sessions won a prize at the Inverloch Art Show, and another received an honourable mention.

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

■ WONTAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

What's growing in your plot?

If the answer is 'not enough,' then here are some ideas from the keen vegie growers at the community garden.

Try broad beans, broccoli, cabbage, bush and sugar snap peas, silver beet, leeks and all kinds of onions.

Leeks are slow to start but can be a good alternative to onions in soup and sauces. Home grown cauliflowers are delicious and take pride of place now in several of the garden's plots.

And the gardeners will be planting some flowers to brighten things up and bring in birds and bees: pansies, cornflowers and dianthus will all grow happily alongside the edible plants.

Volunteers are planting all-year-round carrots this month, as well as harvesting lots of rhubarb and contributing olives to the community olive press project.

Join in on Thursdays between 10 and noon for more tips and suggestions or contact tgordon@westnet.com.au to learn more.

■ WONTAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Last Friday, the Woodies were making room in the workshop for two additional bandsaws which will be delivered soon.

One is in need of some repairs, which is another aspect of the skills members earn and share. Knowing how to maintain tools is every bit as important as using them correctly, whether it's hand tools or heavy equipment.

So in addition to learning the safe operation of the bandsaws once they are installed, the group will also gain knowledge and experience of the inner workings of the machinery.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au or pop in to the workshop.



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LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

Zumba in the chair

YOU can watch many videos and photos, but before you participate you, actually, will not get the real taste of ZUMBA!

Zumba Chair is as much fun as regular Zumba, but more accessible. Even more accessible than ZUMBA GOLD!

Come and try, on Tuesday, at 12:00, at the Dakers Centre. Have fun and enjoy to be active with Leongatha Community House and gorgeous Glenys.

Cost \$8 per class.

Call us for more information 5662-3962

Check other sporty classes that Leongatha Community House puts at the Dakers Centre. You will find something suitable for you for sure!

Tuesday:

- 9am Zumba Gold
- 10am Medium Exercise Group
- 11am Low Intensity Chair Exercise Group
- 12.00 noon Zumba Chair (May: 9, 16, 23, 30, and June: 13, 20)

Thursday:

- 9.45am Tai Chi (Beginners)
- 10.45am Tai Chi (Experienced)
- 11.45am Exercise Dancing

Looking forward to seeing you!

Cottage Market

May 20, Saturday, Leongatha Community House invites you to the Cottage Market.

Come and absorb the atmosphere of kindness and love. Because the kindness and love are the main ingredients of all items presented on the market and you feel it immediately as you see all that lovely items.

The participants of our Craft in Company and Sewing and Patchwork groups have been creating a lot of things. They generously donated a lot of beautiful things to be sold to raise a money for Leongatha Community House. However, there will be a lot of other hand made goods.

The Cottage Market will be run by volunteers, this includes tea-coffee and tasty sweets

Come from 10 am till 3 pm, enjoy the cuppa and buy something that you will love.

Entry - gold coin. Please CASH only.

Bring yourself, your family and your friends. 16 Bruce Street, Leongatha

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Phone is 5662-3962.



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

WELCOME to the fourth week of Term 2.

Milpara is proud to be hosting a number of workshops and activities aimed at supporting our community's emotional wellbeing. This Wednesday, we would love you to join us for an evening to learn from local Traditional Custodians of Boon Wurrung Yowenjerra Yalluk Bulluk. Places are almost full for this exciting session on Wednesday, May 17, 6.30-8.30pm, however please contact us to register your interest for further events.

You're also invited to join us for an opportunity to deepen understanding about grief, loss, local supports and individual and community impacts this Thursday, May 18 in partnership with specialist clinicians and facilitators from Jesuit Social Services. Please register to help us with catering - light refreshments provided.

Fun and friendly Games & Giggles runs each Tuesday 1.00-3.00pm.

If you have not applied for Round 4 of the Victorian Power Saving Bonus, bring a recent power bill in to Milpara and we can help you lodge your claim to receive \$250 by direct electronic transfer (EFT) or a cheque in the post.

Have you been connected with Milpara for decades? Have you volunteered or learned alongside us, have a special story to share, or been involved as a tutor? As we continue to prepare for our move to the Korumburra Community Hub in June-July 2023, please express your interest in helping plan a celebration to mark Milpara's move from a house to the Hub.



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Vera and Isla enjoyed their excursion to the Powlett River Mouth as part of the Powlett River / Kugerungmome Partnerships project. Z05_2023



Tarryn Boden, Aimee Morehouse and Kate Kuhne prepare to put their brush skills to the test at Leongatha Library's Books, Paints & Tasting Plates session. A04_2023



Janean Bright, Anne Parkes and Sue Charlton enjoyed clay modelling and basket weaving sessions at Leongatha Library so much they returned to have a go at painting. A05_2023



Sisters Kathleen and Sarah Smith relax before painting at Leongatha, with Kathleen delighted to have an adult class after seeing lots of great kids' activities at the library. A06_2023



Grade 6 students of Powlett River Primary, Evie and Ola took part in the Powlett River / Kugerungmome Partnerships project learning the importance of culture and waterways protection. Z06_2023



Friends Jaz Hendry, Shontelle O'Connor and Kaitlyn Pugh attended the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre for the Bass Coast College Charlie and the Chocolate Factory production. Z11_2023



Peter and Elaine Epifano with Lauren White supported the Bass Coast College Charlie and the Chocolate Factory production on Friday evening. Z12_2023



Arthur Oakley, Lucas White and Charlie Swan attended the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre for the Bass Coast College Charlie and the Chocolate Factory production. Z13_2023



Levi, Tara, Jordan, and Abi enjoyed the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory production presented by Bass Coast College on Friday evening. Z15_2023

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Powlett Primary - "Kugerungmome Kids" Day, Books, Paints & Tasting Plates at Leongatha Library, Bass Coast College's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, Koonwarra cattle sale and Bass Coast Yoga Festival.



Friends Jemilla, Eve, Max, and Cecily supported the Bass Coast College students at their Charlie and the Chocolate Factory production on Friday evening. Z14_2023

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Friends Sirahn, Jessica and Cassie were in the audience of the Bass Coast College Charlie and the Chocolate Factory production on Friday evening. Z16_2023



Berni, Harry and Jean supported the cast of the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at their college production on Friday evening. Z17_2023



Fay Lovus of Croydon enjoys Friday's store sale in Koonwarra, her first cattle sale, accompanying her friends Rob and Jen Wischer of Tarwin Lower. A09_2023



Dianne and Fred Hill of Mirboo North stand alongside their son's cattle which was up for grabs at Friday's Koonwarra store sale. A10_2023



Jarryd Sutton with Angus Killeen, and Jarryd's sister Mikayla Killeen with daughter Lena after selling six Speckled steers at Friday's Koonwarra store sale. A11_2023



Yoga teachers Samantha Sepulveda, Leanne Cannan and Giovanna Phillips taking a break and having a chat between classes at the Bass Coast Yoga Festival. ob01_2023



Noela Henry and Lindy Wardley are enjoying the choice and variety of yoga classes offered over the weekend at the Bass Coast Yoga Festival. ob02_2023

CFA members to meet the community with MEUs

FROM Phillip Island to across Victoria, CFA's new fleet of eight mobile engagement units (MEUs) have been busy helping CFA members to meet the community.

From assisting with flood recovery, to informing tourists about fire safety, CFA members have immediately put the MEUs into action.

Based on a Ford Transit van, the MEUs have their own independent power source, so can operate just about anywhere, and in the first month of summer the members put that to the test.

The MEU is designed to stand out at a community event or field day. The design is intentionally different to the fire trucks and corporate vehicles because the MEU has a different role.

The MEUs can be used to engage community members about a range of topics including recruitment and fundraising, and information about upcoming fuel reduction works or fire safety.

The vehicle can be driven on a standard car licence. It is diesel powered with an automatic gearbox and a similar length to a dual cab ute, and no formal training is needed before using it.

All CFA members can request to use an MEU.

Community generosity after the 2019-20 Black Summer fire campaign provided CFA with the funds to develop and maintain these eight new resources.

Glenfern Trio coming up!

SOUTH Gippsland locals have acted quickly to secure their tickets to Glenfern Trio's performance at the Bena Hall this month.

Ticket sales ran hot following the announcement the trio would be bringing Vienna to Bena with 'Duos and Trios through the Ages' on May 28.

But there are still seats available to listen to music composed by Ludwig van Beethoven, Robert Muczynski, Margaret Sutherland, Max Bruch and Manuel de Falla.

The group is named for Glenfern House, once home to the famous Boyd family of painters and artisans and now owned by the National Trust and home to Team of Pianists as artists in residence. Artists include Darryl Coote from Team of Pianists, cellist Rohan de Korte from the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and clarinettist Justin Beere, from Orchestra Victoria and artistic director of Melbourne Chamber Players.

Locals are eager to see the artists perform live in South Gippsland - and more so given a Bernstein Hailun CF 218 Concert Grand Piano will be especially delivered to the Bena Community Hall to be used at the recital.

It has been generously sponsored by Bernies Music Land.



Darryl Coote studied piano in Korumburra.

And notably, Darryl has a special connection to the local area, having studied piano in Korumburra. With interpretation described by Paul Badura-Skoda as "poetic", Darryl's professional life has encompassed activity as a solo pianist, chamber

musician, concerto soloist, teacher, adjudicator and administrator.

The May 28 concert has been organised by Prom Recitals - a group of South Gippsland locals who are sharing their love of music and the Prom Country region through the presentation

of classical music recitals.

The event is proudly sponsored by the South Gippsland Shire Council. Doors open at 1.30pm with the concert starting at 2.30pm.

Adult tickets \$55 each, child tickets \$20 each. Bookings: trybooking.com/CGT

WONTHAGGI THEATRICAL GROUP PRESENTS

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Dusty the Original Pop Diva

TWO TALENTED female leads will perform together to bring the highly entertaining, inspiring, and moving musical, Dusty to the stage in Wonthaggi.

Dusty tells the story of Mary O'Brien, known to the world as Dusty Springfield.

Shontelle O'Connor and Nina Barry - Macaulay together bring Dusty alive.

With Shontelle cast as Mary O'Brien, the younger Dusty, a plain and dumpy London schoolgirl from the 1950's imagines she could become a glamorous movie idol - and nothing deters her from chasing her dreams.

Mary O'Brien transforms herself into the blonde pop icon, and Shontelle gets to show off her brilliant vocals and natural talents as the character sets out to become a star.

"I've been singing and dancing since I was around three. I'm 20, so I've been doing that for a while, so that definitely helps."

"I think Dusty Springfield has such an interesting story and if I hadn't auditioned for the show, I never would have learned about it, and her music is amazing."

As Mary O'Brien merges into a maturing star, the wonderfully talented and professionally trained Nina takes over to bring the audience powerful vocals and the songs of Dusty Springfield.

"There's a lot of songs in there that people will



Shontelle and Nina bring to life the story of Dusty Springfield, from a 1950s dumpy school girl to a highly talented and successful singer in the musical, Dusty.

recognise and be familiar with, even if they don't know who Dusty Springfield is, they'll be surprised about how many they'll recognise. I think particularly audience members who were part of, and experienced the 60's, 70's and 80's, will really enjoy music of those eras and that'll be really fun."

It was in the 1960s that Dusty Springfield first took the entertainment world by storm with a score of hits, a top TV show and a legion of fans. But the success was hollow and real happiness eluded her and finding the pressure unbearable, Dusty retreated from the world.

"There's the truth of Dusty's life put in a creative way, that makes it really fun and entertaining and there's

some very moving moments in the show as well, but it's got a lot of depth to it I think because on one end of the scale, it's uber colourful, really fun, get out of your seat and dance, and yet the other end is quite moving," Nina said.

With lot of talent on stage and great acting, singing and dancing and being a unique show with two female leads and a predominantly female cast, and with a wonderful story, it is set to be an entertaining, enjoyable and educational show.

Wonthaggi Theatrical group will present Dusty: The original pop diva, from Friday, May 26 until Saturday, June 10 at Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, tickets are available from www.wtg.org.au.

Exciting art show coming up

CORINELLA and District Community Centre are pleased to be able to hold their annual Traditional and Contemporary Art Show on the June Kings Birthday weekend.

Also included is the Craft Exhibition. The Bass Valley Lions Club will be their major sponsor.

This art show highlights the artistic and culture efforts of our community both locally and interstate. All works for sale with prices ranging from \$100 to \$5000.

- Opening night Friday, June 9, 7.30pm
- Sat June 10 & Sun 11, 10-4pm
- Monday, June 12 10-3pm
- Daily entry is free.

Virtual author program underway

VICTORIAN school students will be able to hear from their favourite authors and illustrators as this year's Virtual Author Program gets underway.

Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins said the number of students participating in the program had increased significantly in recent years.

Now in its seventh year, the Virtual Author Program involves well-known writers and illustrators holding online sessions where they read and talk to students across the state about their work and the importance of reading.

The program's launch features Matt Cosgrove, author and illustrator of the much-loved Macca the Alpaca series, and is expected to be attended by students from around 140 primary and secondary schools, many of them in regional and rural areas.

The remaining nine sessions will take place over the school year and are set to feature authors Morris Gleitzman, Kirli Saunders and Adrian Beck, plus many more.

The funding support from the State Government enables thousands of Victorian government school students to take part each year.

For more information, visit: www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge

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Nick Say (left) and Paul Mannix can't wait for San Remo's own Seafood Festival to be held in September this year which has been named 'TIDAL'.

TIDAL organisers need you!

WITH San Remo's TIDAL Seafood Festival a little over four months away, event planning is well and truly underway.

The committee of volunteers is busy planning all elements of the recently rebranded festival, building on the reputation of the historical Fishing Festival and Blessing of the Fleet.

"While the Blessing of the Fleet and celebrating the town's connection to the fishing industry and the ocean are the cornerstone of the event, we are now trying to grow TIDAL into a world-class, multi-day event," says Event Co-ordinator Craig Edmonds of Jim's Bait & Tackle.

"With that comes a number of new and exciting activities, and to do them all well, we are going to need some help from the local community."

Craig and the organising committee are currently focussing on the historic 'Deckies Race,' an exciting part of the festival that pits teams of two against each

other in mastering all the skills required of Deckies in real life.

"It's a huge part of the festival, and a heap of fun for entrants and spectators alike," says Paul Mannix, manager of the San Remo Fishermens Co-op.

"The race includes cray-pot rolling, shovelling ice, fish-bin carrying, plus a bit of running too, and is a nod to all the Deckies and the amazing work they do. Because of this, we are looking to grow the profile of this event this year to be a feature event in the festival program."

The committee has secured sponsorship from the San Remo Hotel and the Westernport Hotel and is offering \$1000 prize-money for the winners this year, and as such hope to attract a record number of entrants.

With the Deckies race gaining momentum, the committee is looking for a community group or local business to take on the managing of the event,

in both the lead up to the event and on the day.

"We see this part of the festival growing into its own entity, and we'd love a local business or community group to take it on," says Craig.

"There's potential for some decent exposure in the broader community, some fundraising through entry fees and being part of what will hopefully become an iconic event on the San Remo calendar."

The committee is seeking expressions of interest from community groups or local businesses to take on the management of the Deckies race and will provide any assistance required along the way. "Event management experience is not required - we'll provide as much assistance as you need," says Paul.

Interested groups or businesses are encouraged to contact Craig at fishing@jimsbaittackle.com.au or Paul at info@srfco.com.au

WONTHAGGI UNION COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

LIVE SHOWS COMING IN 2023!

WTG presents
Dusty the Original Pop Diva
Fri 26 May - Sat 10 June
trybooking.com/CGDRZ
\$45.00 / \$49.00



DUSTY tells the story of Mary O'Brien, known to the world as Dusty Springfield. Blessed with an amazing voice and talent, she sets out to become a singer and a star. Soon, plain Mary O'Brien has transformed herself into the blonde pop icon, Dusty Springfield.

Troy Kinne- Made Wrong
Fri 16 June 8pm
trybooking.com/CHKFK
Audience 18+ \$43

A show where Kinne shares too much information about all of the things wrong with him. But hey, if it means you get to walk away feeling better about yourself, then he's happy to take one for the team. Newcomer Logie Award, it's more likely that you've seen Kinne in one of his many viral videos, with 'Kinne Videos' shared all over the world and resulting in over 1 million followers on social media.

Film screening- FOR SAMA Fundraiser for Afghan families
Sun 25 June 2.30pm
trybooking.com/CICGJ
\$10.00 / \$15.00



Hosted by South Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees (SGRAR) this fundraiser seeks to support Afghan families in danger. FOR SAMA is both an intimate and epic journey into the female experience of war. A love letter from a young mother to her daughter, the film tells the story of Waad al-Kateab's life through five years of the uprising in Aleppo, Syria as she falls in love, gets married and gives birth to Sama, all while cataclysmic conflict rises around her.

Melbourne International Comedy Festival ROADSHOW
Sat 22 Jul 7.30pm
trybooking.com/CFJWN
\$64.95 / \$69.95



Australia's biggest and best comedy festival is hitting the road for a huge 25th year! Featuring the best and brightest of the 2023 Melbourne International Comedy Festival, we're bringing the funny to you!

The Sunshine Club
Thur 29 June 7.00pm
trybooking.com/CFWPN
Tickets from \$18



Written and Directed by Wesley Enoch Set in 1946, acclaimed musical The Sunshine Club, tells the story of Frank Doyle, a returning Aboriginal soldier, filled with the desire to create a better world where black and white can dance together.

The Australian INXS Show
Sat 15 July 7.30pm
trybooking.com/CHCPN
\$25 Ch / \$18 Con / \$64 Ad
Family & group tickets available



Björn Again- Thank ABBA For The Music
Friday 11 August 8.00pm
trybooking.com/CHSVS
\$75 Ch / \$75 Con / \$79 Ad

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IMPRESSIVE BY DESIGN, THIS KILCUNDA PROPERTY HAS IT ALL

IT'S hardly surprising that the stunning Peter Jackson designed home, set back from the Bass Highway at Kilcunda, would become a landmark for locals and visitors alike.

Situated as it is, close to the spectacular Kilcunda Surf Beach, Mouth of the Powlett Reserve and Nyora-Wonthaggi rail trail; 'Buladilah' comprises 111 acres (44.92ha) with two stunning homes, a European style barn and excellent equestrian facilities.

What is surprising though, is that this amazing property is now available for sale, by expression of interest, until Wednesday, June 14.

Set within a scenic coastal hinterland, it's a rural paradise of the first order.

A meandering tree-lined driveway leads you to a private elevated setting where you find the main home and barn.

The home features four bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. The architecture is striking with its high feature interior and exterior solid Castlemaine sandstone walls and French Baker Davies' windows.

Set over three levels, the home takes in sweeping views of the property and coastal sand dunes to the south.

The ground floor features a light-filled kitchen equipped with an electric AGA Range Cooker, a walk-in pantry and dining area. The living room has a double sided Cheminees Philippe sandstone fireplace that warms the home. There is a separate drawing room /visitors' bedroom, bathroom, and laundry.

Opening from the dining area is a wonderful covered outdoor

living space complete with a Falcon gas/electric range for alfresco dining.

The second level has a large master bedroom with an ensuite and walk-in robe. There are two more bedrooms, a separate toilet, and a bathroom with a view.

This level has a generous living space with its own fireplace and big french door windows opening to a deck that overlooks the walled garden and horse arena. A stairway leads to the mezzanine library/study with sweeping coastal views. Double glazing and excellent flow-through ventilation ensures that you are comfortable year-round.

The barn with its feature sandstone walls is large and equipped with four stables, a tack room, a feed room, a workshop, horse wash with hot water and three carports.

The upstairs loft has groom quarters with toilet and shower. The yard has a separate double bay float and tractor shed, chook houses and runs.

The property has a 30m x 60m sand manège plus round yard and a day yard. Three of the paddocks closest to the main home each have horse shelters. The property has ample water with town water connected and large tanks, and approximately 5KW of solar power.

The second home on the property is contemporary in its design. The yard adjoins a creek nature reserve, and the home has sweeping pastoral views down the valley to the Powlett River and coastal dunes.

This home consists of two living areas, one on the ground floor and one upstairs, an open plan kitchen and living area, two bedrooms with the main bedroom ensuited to the bathroom.

The property has a gorgeous old wool shed which has been used as an artist's studio and has many potential uses, large hay shed, great stock yards with stock crush and a central laneway servicing paddocks to provide easy access to the yards.

There are four dams on the property, creek frontage to Bridge Creek and a wetland that follows Woolshed creek forming part of the Powlett River estuary. This has been extensively replanted to provide a haven for bird life and shelter for stock.

The property adjoins the Kilcunda Rail Trail, which is perfect for horse riding, cycling, trail running and provides access to beaches, the foreshore reserve and Powlett River.

Whether you are looking for a peaceful getaway or a property to run livestock and enjoy an equestrian lifestyle, 'Buladilah' is the perfect place to call home.

Don't miss out on this rare opportunity to secure a piece of paradise in a beautiful coastal setting.

Contact:

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'Emerald Hills' in gorgeous Koonwarra

LOCATED close to the gorgeous village of Koonwarra is this lovely property that not only offers a three-bedroom residence, but also a fully self-contained, two-bedroom cottage that provides an excellent source of income.

This property of approximately 2.74 acres, with manicured lawns and gardens, in an elevated setting, has a beautiful ambience and nothing but peace and quiet!

Features of this property include:

- A quality built three-bedroom main residence with open plan kitchen/dining area
- Cosy lounge room with solid wood fire and ducted heating throughout
- Fully appointed kitchen with a generous walk-in pantry
- A second living/entertainment area, perfect for family gatherings
- Master bedroom complete with built in robes and a massive ensuite
- Gorgeous central bathroom with separate shower, bath and vanity
- Remaining two bedrooms are very generous in size
- Lovely outdoor, alfresco area overlooking the garden
- Abundant fruit trees, citrus trees and veggie boxes
- Secure chook pen
- Securely fenced paddock for the animals as well as a dam
- A two bedroom fully self-contained cottage, complete with kitchen/dining area and cosy lounge
- Decking, barbecue area and private courtyard surroundings
- Easily managed on Airbnb, with continual and repetitive occupancy rates providing a constant stream of income
- Sale includes social media page and an established clientele
- Close proximity to the popular villages of Koonwarra and Meenyan, Wilson's Promontory National Park, Corner Inlet, beautiful beaches, The Great Southern Rail Trail, Inverloch, Agnes Falls, Tarra Valley, Port Albert and

also the gorgeous eateries and wineries that are on offer here in South Gippsland.

The current vendors have lovingly created this property as a private residence, as well as a place to provide a secondary income.

So, if you're looking to relocate to the peacefulness of a rural setting, and earn an income at the same time, then this is for you! Credit to the Vendors on what they have established, all the hard work has been done! Contact Kellie Thomas on 0438 647 449 to arrange an inspection.

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Charm and character in South Wonthaggi

LOCATED in popular South Wonthaggi is this beautiful cottage on approximately 1,000m² that boasts plenty of character and charm.

The house has been recently renovated to give a modern touch and features polished timber floors throughout, high ceilings, and ample space with four bedrooms and two bathrooms.

The open-plan living area is perfect for family gatherings and entertaining guests.

One of the standout features of this property is the north-facing deck, which provides the perfect space for outdoor relaxation, alfresco dining, and entertainment.

The deck is accessible from the living area and overlooks the large backyard, which is perfect for children to play in and for pets to roam.

Other features include multiple split system air conditioners and ceiling fans for all year-round comfort and a 6.5KW solar power system with 10KW battery to help take some pressure off the electricity bills.

The property also boasts two large garages, which provide plenty of storage space for cars, tools, equipment, and outdoor gear.

There is a water tank to feed the garden and established chicken coop. Additionally, the rear lane makes it easy to access the backyard and sheds.

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50 Broome Cres, **Wonthaggi**
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Water views forever, titled and ready to build

LOCATED in the stunning heights of the Prestigious Penniwell Estate in San Remo, you will find this 599sqm allotment, with views you will own forever, ready for you to start your dream home straight away, STCA.

It is situated on the south side of San Remo, with an amazing northerly aspect overlooking French Island, The San Remo Bridge, Cleeland Bight, Cape Woolamai and all the way to Pyramid Rock.

The land is fully titled and comes ready for you to build your new home.

It is complete with architectural designed plans for a 4 bedroom tri level home, please see the last two photos for 3D images of the designer home.

Taking full advantage of the views, a 6.2-star energy rating, current soil testing and all services such as sewer, mains water and underground power available at the block, all at no extra cost.

All offers will be presented and considered by the vendors.

Distinctive Phillip Island and blue water views set this land apart and would be suited to families, retirees, sea changers or holiday makers.

Penniwell Estate enjoys an enviable position, less than 5 minutes walking distance to the safe, crystal clear waters of Foothills Beach, easy walk to both primary and secondary schools and a leisurely stroll via the beach or walking tracks to the centre of the vibrant San Remo Fishing Village, set just beneath the Phillip Island bridge, surrounded by

Western Port Bay and the fishing jetty where you will find coffee shops, cafes, hotels and a host of specialty shops.

San Remo is the gateway to Phillip Island, offering some of the best beaches in Victoria.

Both Cowes and Wonthaggi offer close shopping destinations and Melbourne remains an easy 90-minute drive.

Bass Coast offers a variety of unique coastal walking tracks along the stunning coastal environment.

For the surfers it is only a short drive to the world renowned surf beaches of Cape Woolamai and Smiths Beach.

Local wineries and breweries for relaxing social activities and tastings.

San Remo is the perfect opportunity to settle into a friendly community that balances amazing natural coastal surrounds with the village atmosphere.

It truly is a lifestyle change worth considering.

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\$419,000

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- Beautiful home close to schools
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4 Miles Court

- Resort Style Presentation
- Quiet court location
- 1.08ha (2.6 acres)

\$1,195,000

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- Open plan living
- Large 615m² (approx.) allotment
- 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom

Auction Sat, May 20 at 2pm on site

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2/92 Merrin Crescent

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- Really private setting with rear lane

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- 4 bedroom modern home
- 3 separate living spaces
- Beautiful gardens and more

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- 2 bedroom unit, great condition, R/C air con.
- Walk through bathroom to master
- Single LU garage, deck with awning

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- Set on 1200m² (approx.) allotment
- Deck leading from living area
- 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 cars

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2C Poplar Street

- Excellent brick villa, amazing location
- Top condition throughout !
- No shared driveway etc

\$495,000

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3 Bond Court

- 3 bedroom home
- Renovated throughout
- Large block, lock up garage

\$450,000

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17 Lower Gordon Street

- 4 bedroom home, newly renovated kitchen
- Rural outlook, close to town
- Dble garage with workshop & garden shed

\$860,000

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SAN REMO



2/5 Sapphire View

- Open plan living
- Breathtaking panoramic views
- 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom

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Emily Clifford 0422 622 299

Tony Giles 0407 528 192

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36 Bridge Street

Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898

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5952 2633

113a Thompson Avenue

Greg Price 0419 337 441

Brian Silver 0407 347 509

Chase Waters 0423 272 819

Maree Malloy 0408 316 715

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Phil Hanley 0417 140 508



QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

- [\$100] What was the hometown of Lieutenant General Sir Stanley Savige, the man credited with founding Legacy in Australia? A. Armadale. B. Ballarat. C. Korumburra. D. Wodonga.
- [\$200] Which category attracts the most volunteers? A. Sport & recreation. B. Religious groups. C. Education and training. D. Health & welfare.
- [\$300] Who needs a Working With Children Check? A. Sports coaches. B. Official clubs and association volunteers. C. Gym operators. D. All of the above.
- [\$500] How old is the Lions Club in Australia? A. 25 years. B. 50 years. C. 75 years. D. 100 years.
- [\$1000] What is the theme for National Volunteers Week (May 15-21) in Australia? A. Better together. B. The change makers. C. Recognise, reconnect. D. Give a little, change a lot.
- [\$2000] In 2020, 24.3% of people without a disability volunteered for an organisation. How many people with a disability volunteered? A. 15%. B. 22%. C. 26%. D. 32%.
- [\$4000] What is the rate of volunteering by gender? A. Men volunteer more. B. Women volunteer more. C. Both the same. D. Unfair to compare.
- [\$8000] How low in percentage terms did volunteering go in Australia during the pandemic, from 36% pre-COVID? A. 31%. B. 24%. C. 18%. D. 9%.
- [\$16,000] What is the largest volunteer organisation in Australia? A. Red Cross Australia. B. School volunteers. C. Volunteer fire fighters. D. Surf Life Saving Australia.
- [\$32,000] Which state or territory in Australia has the highest rate of volunteerism? A. ACT. B. Queensland. C. Northern Territory. D. Tasmania.
- [\$64,000] Which of these age groups has the highest volunteer rate in Australia? A. 25-39 years. B. 40-54 years. C. 55-69 years. D. 70 years & over.
- [\$125,000] In the 12 months to Census time, August 10, 2021, how many Australians said they volunteered? A. 5.1 million. B. 3.8 million. C. 2.9 million. D. 1.5 million.
- [\$250,000] There are 1211 CFA brigades in Victoria but what is your estimate of the number of operational members? A. 28,936. B. 32,654. C. 39,623. D. 48,538.
- [\$500,000] Who is credited with the formation of the International Red Cross movement? A. Henry Dunant. B. Gustave Moynier. C. Louis Appia. D. Théodore Maunoir.
- [\$1,000,000] In what year was the first Surf Life Saving Club in Australia formed at Bondi? A. 1897. B. 1907. C. 1917. D. 1927.

14. A. Henry Dunant. 15. B. 1907.
 16. A. 2016. 17. A. 28,936 (down from 34,597 in 2018).
 18. B. 40-54 year olds (25.3%). 19. C. 2.9 million (1.9%).
 20. D. School volunteers (144,000). 21. A. ACT (30.9%).
 22. C. both the same (160,000). 23. C. Volun-
 teer fire fighters (144,000). 24. B. The change makers. 25. A. Sport
 above. 26. C. 75 years. 27. B. Religious groups (23.1%). 28. D. All of the
 above. 29. C. Korumburra. 30. B. The change makers. 31. C. 26%.
 32. D. 32%. 33. A. 24%. 34. B. 18%. 35. C. 15%. 36. D. 9%.

Quiz answers: 1. C. Korumburra. 2. A. Sport

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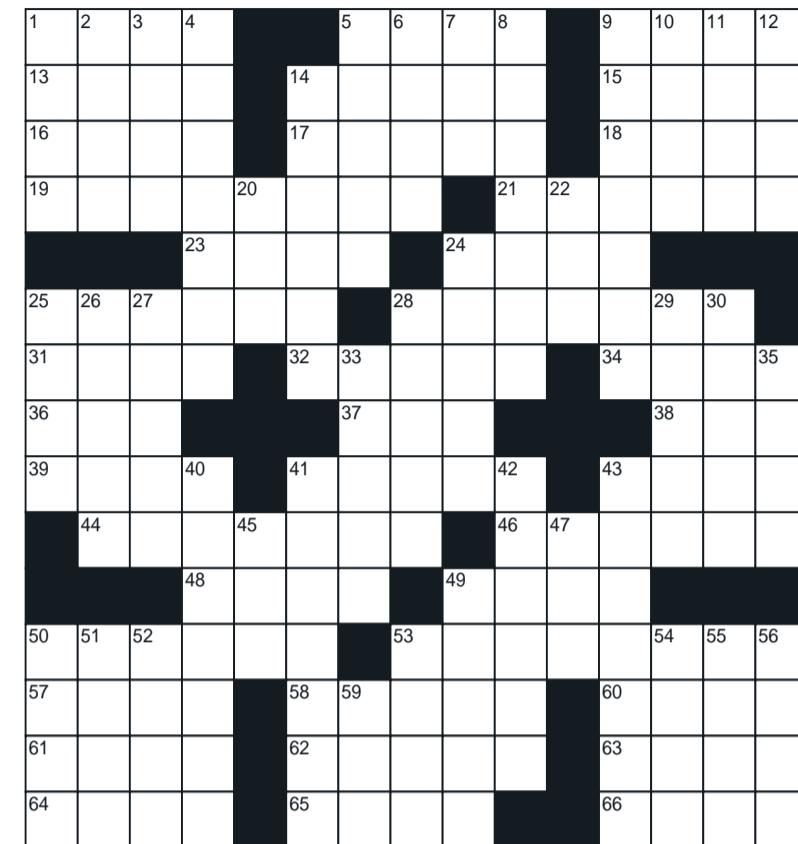
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CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1	Invitation abbreviation	50	NE French region	11	Land measurement
5	Turfs	53	Someone who sits on a panel	12	Whop
9	Defect	57	Legal claim to property	14	Nodal
13	Buckeye State	58	Philippine dish with marinated chicken or pork	20	Cram
14	Tan color	60	Not out of	22	Aurora
15	That hurts!	61	Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries	24	Pay to keep quiet
16	Knife	62	Hawks	25	Ceases
17	"_ Dame"	63	Economics abrv.	26	What a hammer hits
18	Gumbo	64	Spot	27	Foot the bill
19	Small birds	65	Women's magazine	28	Doors
21	Cash in	66	Knocks (2 wds.)	29	Shaving tool
23	Babe	DOWN		30	Tilt
24	Forehead	1	Loots	33	Athletic field
25	Inter	2	Buy	35	Worker
28	Pencil removers	3	Capital of Vanuatu	40	Absent without permission
31	Not one	4	Hoagie (2 wds.)	41	Gout
32	Up or down on a graph	5	Fancy	42	Large african animals, for short
34	Hairless	6	Grain	43	Lager
36	Stamping tool	7	Danish krone (abbr.)	45	Spark
37	Cut of beef	8	Mountains	47	Bard's before
38	Collection of animals	9	Ecological food chain (2 wds.)	49	Dormer
39	Strip	10	N.T. book	50	Healing plant
41	Restrain			51	Mouth parts
43	Idiot			52	Ooze
44	Stresses			53	Count votes
46	Listener			54	S.A. Indian
48	_ Minor (Little Dipper)			55	Finish
49	Gal			56	Loads
				59	Delaware

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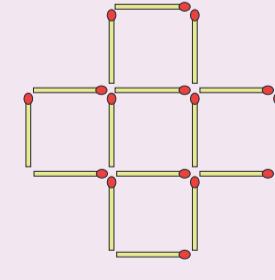
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 Every row and column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 once each, with each outlined section equal to the number in the top left of the area when the noted mathematical operation is used.

TIP: For subtraction and division, start with the largest number in the section.

MATCHSTICK PUZZLE

Can you move 4 matchsticks and get 3 squares?



MAGIC SQUARES

Instructions:

- You have to fill in the numbers 1 ~ 9 in the puzzle.
- You can only use the numbers once.
- The sum of the numbers in the rows, columns and the diagonal must be the same as the numbers that are printed around the puzzle

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Sudoku:

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Mixed offerings at Koonwarra

APPROXIMATELY 3350 head of cattle were up for grabs at Friday's Koonwarra store sale, with a mixture of animals on offer, a number being in the young and light bracket.

While one person was heard bemoaning low prices, most sellers were philosophical, accepting the market as it is.

Mikayla Killeen and brother Jarryd Sutton of Glengarry were happy with the sale of six speckled steers, weighing in at an average of 397 kilos and fetching \$1,400 a head at 353 cents a kilo.

They felt that outcome was on par with the current market, with Jarryd saying prices are still easing, something that is reflected across the eastern states.

Nutrien auctioneer Brian McCormack said the overall quality is dropping a little at present, with a lot of smaller cattle on offer on Friday, saying that contributes to lower prices.

Brian said a lot of people



Nutrien auctioneer Brian McCormack during a busy day at Friday's Koonwarra store sale. A14_2023

are taking a 'wait and see' outlook as winter approaches and will reset their priorities when they have a clearer idea of what is in store.

He added that what the 'fat market' does will be influential.

On Friday, 26 Walkerville steers averaging 332 kilos, brought in \$1,320 a head at 398 cents a kilo.

Tipping the scales at 780 kilos, one Angus steer earned \$2350 at 301 cents per kilo.

Thirteen steers averaging

666 kilos fetched \$2,320 a head at 348 cents a kilo, while 12 Traralgon steers averaging 582 kilos earned \$2,010 each at 345 cents a kilo.

Lower down the weight divisions, some higher per kilo prices were paid, with 18 eight-month-old steers averaging 254 kilos bringing in \$1,140 each at 448 cents a kilo.

Croydon's Fay Lovus was checking out her first cattle sale, accompanying friends Rob and Jen Wischer of Tarwin Lower, clearly enjoying the experience.

"Coming from an auctioneering family, it would be the speak of the auction I love, and the animals," Fay said when explaining the appeal of the experience.

While her auctioneering family members have focused on property sales, the auction vibe is seemingly equally appealing in the store sale environment.

Both guarantee noise, action and plenty of banter.

MARKET REPORT

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CLAAS Harvest Centre 

Leongatha Prime Sale on Wed, May 10, 2023

Bullocks

1 Bowka Pastoral	550.0	350.0	1,925
1 Bissett JM Tarwin Lower	670.0	340.0	2,278
4 Smith G J Jumbunna	693.8	340.0	2,358
4 Argent & Walker Corinella	642.5	340.0	2,184
12 Donchi T & J Alberton West	590.0	332.6	1,962
7 McRae PF & VA West Creek	637.1	327.6	2,087

Steers

1 Harris RJ Korumburra Sth	410.0	482.6	1,978
2 Braithwaite NJ & HE	360.0	469.2	1,689
Jumbunna East	415.0	427.6	1,774
1 Morrison A & Y Inverloch	405.0	400.0	1,620
1 Hosking GW & SL Mirboo	370.0	400.0	1,480
1 Duvoisin IK Wonga Wonga	290.0	383.6	1,112
1 McGlade RA & JF Mirboo	325.0	369.2	1,199

Heifers

2 Roberts GB & LP Trafalgar	472.5	448.6	2,119
1 Morrison A & Y Inverloch	390.0	442.6	1,726
2 Cowie LJ	310.0	384.6	1,192
Fairbank Via Korumburra	402.5	380.0	1,529
1 O'Mara Aw & CM Glengarry	550.0	369.6	2,032
1 Olsen RL Poowong East	325.0	369.2	1,199
Jumbunna East	310.0	384.6	1,192

Cows

1 Williams A1 West Creek	565.0	273.0	1,542
1 Burfield Part Waratah	560.0	273.0	1,528
2 Breen M1 Buffalo	720.0	272.0	1,958
1 Argent & Walker Corinella	695.0	270.0	1,876
1 Best R Welshpool	670.0	270.0	1,809
3 Bray WS & DH Waratah Nth	696.7	270.0	1,881

Bulls

1 McRae B & M Lance Creek	830.0	311.6	2,586
1 Best R Welshpool	380.0	303.6	1,153
1 Hosking GW & SL Mirboo	940.0	301.6	2,835
1 The Brunt Family Trust	900.0	301.6	2,714
Drouin South	790.0	287.6	2,272
1 Caple Park Bass	720.0	287.6	2,070
1 Coster R S & C Cloverlea	720.0	287.6	2,070

Vealer Bulls

7 Colin & Sallys Organic Beef & Lamb Dollar	392.9	260.0	1,021
1 Colin & Sallys Organic Beef & Lamb Dollar	555.0	260.0	1,443
Lardner Park Calf Market Report			

Monday, May 8, 2023

Jersey & Jersey x	\$23 to \$54
Friesian Bulls	\$32 to \$175
Friesian Heifers	\$60 to \$310
Beef Bulls	\$40 to \$400
Beef Heifers	\$40 to \$200

Number of Calves: **345**

Number purchased to rear: **115**

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David Ryan	0408 311 895	WONTHAGGI	

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Kaleb Jans	0487 155 471	DAVID HOLDEN	0428 749 390

WARRAGUL

Neil Darby - Livestock Manager	0418 595 265	ALAN BOLDING	0419 723 255
Terry Ahearn	0438 562 816	DALE ATHERTON	0428 888 300

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Jordan Sim	0448 058 435	DAVID SETCHES	0409 443 473
Mark Malacarne	0418 654 590	GLENN BARWICK	0408 975 476

GRANTVILLE

Greg Kane	0477 020 267	MORGAN CROUCHER	0457 001 877
Nathan Cleland	0497 114 568	TIM GIBSON	0420 306 599

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Scott McKenzie	0427 552 898		
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BERWICK

Michelle Gibson	0439 707 252	MATT KOSTER	0474 781 711
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Koonwarra store sale attendees follow Friday's action. A15_2023



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Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, May 12, 2023

Grown Steers

E Opray 10 Angus	780kg	\$3.01	\$2350
MA Coulson 13 Angus	666kg	\$3.48	\$2320
P & J Scott 14 Angus	627kg	\$3.43	\$2150
RM Agostino 14 Angus	621kg	\$3.57	\$2220
M Thomas 10 Angus	610kg	\$3.52	\$2150
L. Licciardello 17 Angus	609kg	\$3.56	\$2170
G Clarke 15 Angus	603kg	\$3.56	\$2320
Hartay Family Trust 14 Hfd	595kg	\$3.52	\$2100
RM Agostino 12 Angus	582kg	\$3.45	\$2010
Kama Dean 20 Angus	571kg	\$3.67	\$2100
R O'Hara 18 Ang BB	566kg	\$3.60	\$2040
Tarwin Meadows 15 Hfd	561kg	\$3.38	\$1900
Kuch Grazing,	554kg	\$3.82	\$2120
EU Accred 20 Angus	547kg	\$3.80	\$2080
I & M Brownrigg 25 Ang BB	531kg	\$3.76	\$2000
L Osbourne 19 Angus	530kg	\$2.98	\$1850
A & Y Morrison 12 BB	524kg	\$3.96	\$2080
Gibson Farms 15 BB	521kg	\$3.99	\$2080
Gibson Farms 17 Angus	485kg	\$3.87	\$1880
B Dunbar, 11 BB	482kg	\$3.81	\$1840
7 Angus & Angx	479kg	\$3.29	\$1580
Connally & Whelan 13 Hfd	477kg	\$3.94	\$1800
P & G Johnston 21 AA/BB	469kg	\$3.48	\$1820
L & K Price 12 Angus	462kg	\$4.00	\$1850
EU Accred 23 Angus	446kg	\$3.96	\$1770
M.G Harrison 21 AA/BB	445kg	\$3.88	\$1730
B Dunbar, 21 Angus	433kg	\$3.87	\$1680
S Marriot 20 Aa/BB	423kg	\$3.60	\$1525
M Manks 19 Ang + Speck	415kg	\$3.95	\$1640

Weaner Steers

SJ Conway, 16 Angus	398kg	\$3.82	\$1520
J & P Fleming, 13 Angus	392kg	\$3.95	\$1550
Burfield Partners, 24 Angus	392kg	\$3.26	\$1280
Von Pace, 16 Angus	389kg	\$4.01	\$1560
Burfield Partners, 15 Angus	388kg	\$4.18	\$1620
Rangona P/L, 22 BB	380kg	\$3.95	\$1500
D & R Scott 13 Speckle Park	366kg	\$3.55	\$1300
JD Sawers, 13 Angus	359kg	\$3.93	\$1410
Q Brown 17 Limo X	359kg	\$3.52	\$1265
J & M Ainsworth 22 Angus	355kg	\$4.50	\$1600
A, B & N Moyle 20 Angus	347kg	\$4.32	\$1500
Rangona P/L, 26 BB	332kg	\$3.98	\$1320
WD Missen, 15 Angus	332kg	\$4.45	\$1480
JD Sawers, 21 Angus	325kg	\$3.96	\$1290
J & M Ainsworth 16 Angus	315kg	\$4.38	\$1380
BJ O'Loughlin, 22 Angus	315kg	\$4.16	\$1310
M & K Smith, 16 Angus	263kg	\$4.11	\$1080

Heifers

Von Pace 12 BB	485kg	\$3.83	\$1860
Von Pace 22 Angus	466kg	\$3.78	\$1760
D & H Bassed 12 Angus	462kg	\$3.52	\$1630
DC Bassed 12 Angus	442kg	\$3.60	\$1590
N & L Gregg 10 Speckle Park	401kg	\$3.25	\$1300
B & S Phillips 14 Angus	388kg	\$3.73	\$1450
Von Pace 25 Angus	384kg	\$3.85	\$1480
M & M Cattle Co 13 AA/BB	358kg	\$3.49	\$1250
NW Page 24 Angus	355kg	\$3.71	\$1320
RC Murphett 13 Ang Char	339kg	\$3.39	\$1150
M & M Standfield 18 Angus	334kg	\$3.74	\$1160
S Paragreen 10 Ang/Char X	328kg	\$3.50	\$1150
BJ O'Loughlin 22 Angus	315kg	\$3.33	\$1050
Ridgeline Ag, 20 Angus	280kg	\$2.89	\$810
E Bourke 19 Angus	270kg	\$3.22	\$870
H & J Bland 17 Charo	266kg	\$2.56	\$680
M.G Harrison 26 Ang/BB	246kg	\$3.27	\$805
BJ O'Loughlin 23 Angus	246kg	\$3.01	\$740
Manuka Ridge 20 Angus	221kg	\$2.71	\$600

Xbred & Dairy Steers

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Powlett River Primary School is part of a larger Powlett River/Kugerungmome Partnerships project being managed by West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority.

'Kugerungmome Kids' Day

THE students of Powlett River Primary were invited to the Powlett River Mouth on Tuesday, May 9 for the "Kugerungmome Kids" Day – an excursion to learn the importance of cultural heritage, vegetation, and water quality on the estuary.

The Powlett River / Kugerungmome Partnerships project managed by West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority with Kugerungmome being the Bunurong name for the Powlett River; the CMA gained approval for the Bunurong Land Council to dual name this three-year project that is funded until 2024.

Partners of the project include:

- West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
- Bunurong Land Council
- BirdLife Australia and Friends of the Hooded Plover – Bass Coast
- Parks Victoria
- Bass Coast and South Gippsland Landcare Networks
- Trust for Nature.

Principal of Powlett River Primary School Wendy Nicol was grateful to be a part of the conservation development and said, 'this is exactly what our school is all about; learning of cultural heritage and sustainability, and having the children involved in a significant community project is wonderful.'

The 44 students of Powlett



"Kugerungmome Kids" Day consisted of Powlett River Primary School students taking part in an environmental excursion at the Powlett River Mouth. Z03_2023

River from prep to grade 6 were welcomed by coastal waterways officer of CMA Callum Edwards, project coordinator of Bass Coast Landcare Joel Kilgour, and Bunurong Council water policy officer Adam Atkinson with landcare officer Naomi Barry.

The children took a walk from the Powlett River Mouth carpark to the entrance of the sea, with Callum leading a discussion on what an estuary is – describing that this coastal marine park is where the river meets the ocean.

Callum asked the students to observe the environment as

they strolled across the sand and said, 'if you have made a visit to this site before, make sure you identify anything that may have changed'.

This instruction initiated the children's thinking where they spoke of how there was less rubbish than their last visit, the change in the water colour in the estuary – where they learnt of the colour change from blue to brown due to the rainfall and Callum spoke of the importance of not touching the shells or removing the sand.

"Leave nothing but footprints, take nothing but photos," said Callum.

The Powlett River / Kugerungmome Partnerships project is funded by the Victorian Government's Our Catchments Our Communities program.

The focus was on cultural heritage and understanding the waterway through exploratory activities such as recording water measurements and identifying water animals.

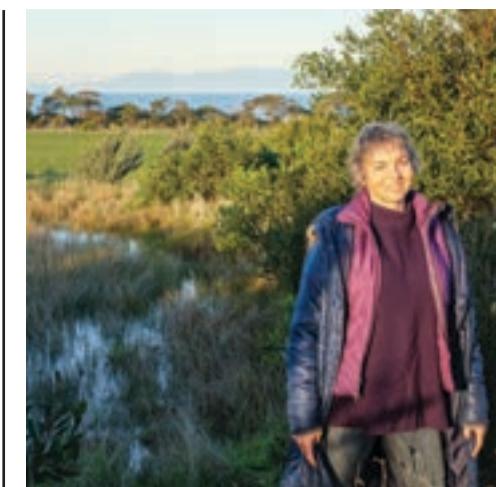
The project is a collaborative effort along the length of the river and its tributaries to protect waterways, create habitat, protect wildlife and work together to understand, protect and celebrate the Bunurong culture of the Powlett/Kugerungmome River.

Joel from Bass Coast Landcare said the team are working on fencing and revegetating the banks on the surrounding properties to help improve the water quality and erosion.

"Local farmers surrounding the catchment are on board, supporting the revegetation program – knowing that creating healthier water is creating healthier livestock."

"Fencing off these surrounding paddocks will eliminate the erosion caused by livestock drinking from the river and tramping along the banks."

To learn more about the Powlett River / Kugerungmome Partnerships project visit People Power for the Powlett | West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (wgcma.vic.gov.au)



Beef farmer, Jillian Staton, in front of a fenced off dam that provides clean water for stock and great habitat for wildlife.

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FARMERS are being encouraged to fence off farm dams to improve stock health, increase drought resilience and even reduce carbon emissions, but how do the numbers stack up?

That's the question being discussed at a free field day being held by South Gippsland Landcare Network at Cape Liptrap on Thursday, May 18.

Agricultural economist, Professor Bill Malcolm, will compare the costs and benefits of three different dam-management systems (open, restricted access and complete stock exclusion) operating on two nearby beef properties.

Property owners, Jillian Staton and Bruce Whittaker, will explain why they implemented the different systems, and share the costs, benefits and challenges associated with each.

Local vet, Dr Phil Poulton, will speak about the health and welfare aspects of stock drinking water from troughs compared to dams and Deakin University researcher, Ty Matthews, will look at the fish and invertebrates that can live in farm dams.

After lunch, a farm tour will allow participants to see for themselves the three different systems and ask any questions about their design and construction. Resources will also be available to help farmers decide how to fence off and/or create restricted access points in their own dams.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Registration is essential at tarwinlowerfarmdams.eventbrite.com.au

For more information contact cassie@sgln.net.au or 0448 739 559.

The field day is funded by Food & Fibre Gippsland which is the South-East Node lead for the Victoria Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub.

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ABRIOLA, Maria: Passed away at Rose Lodge on May 6, 2023. Loved wife of Paolo (dec.). Loving Mum and mother-in-law of Gerry and Bernie, Anna and Ricky, John, Mick and Sandi, Gianna and Duane. Adored Nonna to all her grandchildren, great grandchildren and their extended families. <i>Forever in our Hearts</i>	CALDER, Jeff: Dear friend and neighbour for many years to the Draper family. Condolences to Lisa and all the Calder family. Will be sadly missed.	GREENWAY, JOAN: Passed away peacefully on 07.05.2023. Now reunited with Dad. You will be greatly missed. R.I.P. Love always Kess and Gav, Dana, Teryn, Kalsie, Campbell, Hattie and Buck.	HUNT, Jennifer Irene (Jenny): Dearly loved wife of Barry. Loving mother of Andrea, Matthew and Kirsten, and Michael. Dearly loved Grandma of Ava, Spencer, and Arlowe. Rest In Peace.	INTERLANDI, Gaetano (Tony): Passed away peacefully at Koorooman House, Leongatha after a short illness. -- Loved son Tony, grandchildren; Jessica, Matt, Tye, Stevie-Rose, and great grandchildren. Now sleeping peacefully.	INTERLANDI, Gaetano (Tony): 05.01.1926 - 12.05.2023. Aged 97 years. Retired peacefully with his family by his side. Late of Strzelecki and Korumburra. Loving husband of Lucia (dec.). Loved father of Tina, Gianna (dec.), Bruno, Silvana (dec.) Loved father-in-law to Steve and Margaret. Cherished Nonno of 8, and Biz Nonno of 7. For Funeral Details please visit www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au	SHEEAN, Kay Lynette: What an adventure it's been having you, Dad in our life. We will miss and love you forever. In our hearts always. Your loving daughter Tina and Son-in-law Steve, Grand and Great Grand children	ABRIOLA: Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Mrs. Maria Abriola will be offered at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi on Thursday May 18, 2023, commencing at 11:30am. At the conclusion of Mass, the funeral will leave for the Wonthaggi Cemetery.
BOURKE, Craig: Passed away peacefully at Korumburra District Hospital on May 11, 2023. Much loved Dad to Caelan and Aidyn. Friend and neighbour of Lyne, Stan and Brent Barrett and Daniel Wilson. "Hold onto your memories, and let them guide you during this time of sadness". R.I.P.	DORRITY, Phillip: 10.09.1970 - 11.05.2023. Sadly, passed away suddenly. Loved son of Robert and Barbara. Father of Josh (dec.), Shae, and Charli. Now at rest. For Funeral details please visit www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au	GREENWAY, JOAN: 08.11.1947 - 30.04.2023. Army 3793683 The President, Committee and members of the Inverloch RSL Sub-Branch mourn the passing of Rob. Our condolences to Patsy. Lest We Forget	GREENWAY, Joan Mary: 09.02.1938 - 07.05.2023. Remembering Joan as a generous and kind woman with an easy laugh. Much loved mum, nan and great nan. Love to Kerrie, Dana, Teryn, Kalsie, Tony, Gavin, and families. She will be missed. -- Sharyn Kerslake and family.	GREENWAY, Joan: To Crow and Coral you were Joan. The billy lids Donna and Janie knew you as Aunty Joan. The camping trips to the Blue Pool, Carneys Creek and your tent pitched on snob hill were wonderful times. Yarrawonga trips, Glenmaggie and Licola in the snow were awesome times too. The days of you sunbaking in baby oil are unheard of now. The laundromat back in the day - the building still remains. A genuine and down to earth good woman will be sadly missed but you leave us with a lifetime of golden memories we shared as families. You will remain in our hearts forever. Do we say goodbye? No, I think Geronimo is more appropriate. Rest easy Joan and say gidday to Paul for us. Condolences to Tony, Kerrie and Gavin (Gavijoe), and family. Love always - Crow, Donna, Janie, Jason, and family.	GREENWAY, Joan: 03.12.1989 - 27.04.2023. Tragically taken too soon. He leaves behind his loving family. Mother - Debbie Sister - Rachael Twin Brother - Cameron He was a loving Father to Phayton. Loving Uncle to Isabella and Olivia. Much Loved and Never Forgotten.	TAYLOR (nee Johnston), Maureen Margaret: 16.04.1926 - 10.05.2023. Passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones at Fairview, Warragul. Aged 97 years. Dearly loved wife of John (dec), mother of Alan, Gordon and Mark, loving mother-in-law of Heather Johnston. She will be sadly missed. Thank you to the staff at Rose Lodge and the people of Wonthaggi for their care and support of Maureen over many years. Special thanks to Leeanne Pendlebury, Lisa Scott, and Kay Blundell for their personal care. See Handley & Anderson Funerals for funeral details.	GREENWAY: Funeral Prayers for Mrs Joan Mary Greenway will be offered at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi on TODAY, TUESDAY May 16, 2023, commencing at 11:30am. At the conclusion of Prayers, the Funeral will leave for the Wonthaggi Cemetery.
BOURKE, Craig: Passed away May 11, 2023. He was a loving father to Caelan and Myslef. He was always a kind and generous person to all. You will be dearly missed. Forever in our hearts. -- Aidyn and Caelan.	FLEMING, Rose (Rosamond) Ann: 26.11.1943 - 11.05.2023. Passed away peacefully at Korumburra hospital with family. Will be sadly missed by family and friends. As per her wishes to be privately cremated with no funeral.	GREENWAY, Joan: 03.12.1989 - 27.04.2023. Tragically taken too soon. He leaves behind his loving family. Mother - Debbie Sister - Rachael Twin Brother - Cameron He was a loving Father to Phayton. Loving Uncle to Isabella and Olivia. Much Loved and Never Forgotten.	PACKHAM, Travis Neil: 01.01.1933 - 13.05.2023. Passed away peacefully at Alchera House on May 13, 2023, aged 90 years. Born in Woudenberg, Netherlands, arrived in Australia, March 1957. Dearly loved husband to Cornelia (dec.), father to John, Tony, and Susan, father-in-law to Joanne, Mary and Michael, Opa to Hannah, Georgia, Mitchell, Damon, Joshua, Nicholas, Despina, and Anthony. ROUGHEAD, Carly Louise: 14.06.1985 - 10.05.2023. Passed unexpectedly, aged 37. Much loved daughter of Wendy and Frank (dec), sister to Steven and friend to many. Always in our hearts, fly high Angel.	WOLSWINKEL, Gerrit: 01.01.1933 - 13.05.2023. Passed away peacefully at Alchera House on May 13, 2023, aged 90 years. Born in Woudenberg, Netherlands, arrived in Australia, March 1957. Dearly loved husband to Cornelia (dec.), father to John, Tony, and Susan, father-in-law to Joanne, Mary and Michael, Opa to Hannah, Georgia, Mitchell, Damon, Joshua, Nicholas, Despina, and Anthony. ROUGHEAD, Carly Louise: 14.06.1985 - 10.05.2023. Passed unexpectedly, aged 37. Much loved daughter of Wendy and Frank (dec), sister to Steven and friend to many. Always in our hearts, fly high Angel.	HUNT: A Funeral Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs Jennifer Irene Hunt will be held in our Leongatha Chapel, cnr South Gippsland H'Way and Bellingham Street, Leongatha on Thursday, May 18, 2023, commencing 1.30pm. At the conclusion of the Service the Funeral will leave for the Leongatha Cemetery.	MYORS, John Martyn: 16.10.1931 - 16.05.2020. My partner and friend for 67 years. Love always -- Margaret and family.	
							IN MEMORIAM
							HODGSON, William (Uncle Bill): I feel your guiding hand at the farm as you are always with me. Love Bub (Kristine) and family.
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The family of John Edward Amor, Jillian, along with David, Margaret, Robert, Andrew and families

We wish to thank you most sincerely:

Dr. Mamdouth Georgy and Staff,
Dr. Fiona Brown,
Prof. Scott Williams,
Palliative care team at Warragul Hospital and Doctors and Nurses of 3rd floor, Warragul Hospital.

Due to your long term care, which was over and above anything we could have imagined, you will always hold a special place in our hearts.

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- Salary: \$91,418 - \$103,725 (Plus Superannuation)**
- Fixed Term until 30 June 2026**
- Usual hours of work: Full Time (flexibility may be available)**
- Usual work location: Gippsland Region (flexibility may be available)**

The Dairy Biosecurity and Business Resilience Officer position will work within a multi-disciplinary team delivering regional and state-wide services achieving increased economic growth, supporting farming systems and sustainable land management practices for the Victorian dairy industry.

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The position reports to the Southeast Regional Manager, Dairy Services. The successful applicant will work effectively as a member of a supportive and experienced Dairy team and boarder Agriculture Services team, you will be well connected through a network of state-wide colleagues, undertake a wide variety of work across the division and enjoy flexible working arrangements.

For a confidential discussion, please contact Del Delpitiya, Regional Manager Dairy Southeast on 0436 649 860.

How to Apply

Please visit the www.careers.vic.gov.au website and search under position number **100475**. As part of the application process, you will need to provide a copy of your resume and a cover letter addressing the key selection criteria outlined in the position description.

Applications close at midnight on 31 May 2023.

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Bass Coast Health

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Safety and RTW Consultant

Permanent Full Time – Closes 31/05/2023

Fundraising and Events Officer

Permanent Part Time – Closes 18/05/2023

Physiotherapist

Permanent Full Time, Permanent Part Time – Closes 28/05/2023

Registered Nurse HITH

Permanent Full Time, Permanent Part Time – Closes 31/05/2023

Referral Clerk

Fixed Term Full Time – Closes 19/05/2023

Pharmacist

Permanent Part Time

Support Services Assistant

Casual – Closes 26/05/2023

Registered Nurse Acute

Permanent Full Time, Permanent Part Time, Casual – Closes 19/05/2023

Registered Nurse Sub Acute

Permanent Full Time – Closes 19/05/2023

Registered Nurse ED

Permanent Full Time, Permanent Part Time, Casual – Closes 31/05/2023

Integrated Family Services Practitioner

Permanent Full Time, Permanent Part Time – Closes 12/06/2023

Senior Drug & Alcohol Case Worker

Fixed Term Full Time – Closes 28/05/2023

Instrument Technician Team Leader

Permanent Full Time, Permanent Part Time – Closes 31/05/2023

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Permanent Part Time, Casual

Registered Nurse & Enrolled Nurse – Day Surgery

Permanent Part Time, Casual

Enrolled Nurse – Aged Care

Permanent Part Time

Associate Nurse Unit Manager – Emergency

Permanent Part Time, Fixed Term Part Time

To find out more about working at Bass Coast Health and to apply, visit the Careers page on our website or contact our HR team on hr@basscoasthealth.org.au or 5671 3151



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Applicants should have excellent communication and organisational skills with competent computer knowledge (Word, Outlook, Excel).

Contact Jenny Garnham (jgarnham@jjglaw.com.au) at 63 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi, 3995, Tel: 5672 2144.

Applications close 5pm Friday, May 26, 2023.

LB0956



Admissions and Client Manager

Banfields Aged Care is part of the family-owned Australian Aged Care Group (AACG), which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged, with a mission to excel in providing quality care services and accommodation.

We are currently seeking a motivated Admissions & Client Manager with aged care experience to join our friendly team at Banfields. In this pivotal role, the Admissions & Client Manager will engage with current and prospective residents and families; advise on suitable care and service options and provide support through the resident's journey, whilst staying at Banfields. This exciting role has the opportunity to develop further with AACG's future growth strategy.

What you will be doing:

- Supporting planned and unplanned transitions, advising residents and families of the most suitable care/service options to meet their needs
- Providing a meaningful and seamless experience for the resident; focusing on their goals and facilitating a warm transition to care
- Maintaining and maximising occupancy levels; monitoring referrals/sales, ensuring targets are delivered and customer experience is upheld
- Engaging with local communities, promoting Banfields
- Building an eco-system of Service Providers, Health Professionals, Community Groups and other partners to support referrals

About you:

- A warm and compassionate individual with a customer-centered focus
- Demonstrated experience in Aged Care; background in Admissions, Nursing, Social Work or Allied Health preferred
- Strong sales and communication skills with the ability to build working relationships and convert referrals/consultations
- Knowledge of Aged Care funding, experience in Residential Aged Care sales would be beneficial
- Proven ability to think outside the box when identifying and engaging referral channels
- Strong empathy and understanding

What you will need:

- A current influenza vaccination
- Three COVID-19 vaccinations
- A current Police Check
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence

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Occupational Therapist

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We are a retailer based in Wonthaggi, Victoria and our clientele are Aged Care Home Care Packages, DVA and NDIS Clients. You will be required to complete some home visits and assessments as required.

You will need to have registration with AHPRA, be fully vaccinated and have a current police check.

To be considered for this role you must be able to demonstrate:

- Great organisational skills
- Ability to work under pressure
- Ability to show care, empathy and understanding for all customers
- Ability to follow policy and procedure
- Ability to work both autonomously and as part of a team
- A great sense of humour (mandatory)

We are happy to discuss flexibility for work hours and wage. Currently we are looking at casual but this is up for discussion to fit in with the right applicant.

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Sales Manager

South Coast FM

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Applications close 31 May 2023.

LB0952



Lecturer in Clinical Skills Education

Monash Rural Health Churchill

Job No.: 645291

Employment Type:

Part-time, fraction (0.2 - 0.6)

Duration:

Continuing appointment(s)

Remuneration:

Pro-rata of \$107,311 - \$127,432 pa Level B (plus 17% employer superannuation)

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The Opportunity

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We are looking for individuals with medical qualifications (i.e. MBBS or MD) recognised in Australia and have significant clinical experience and hold current medical registration with Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Applicants must have a Fellowship or are working towards one, from a recognised Australian College (i.e. RACGP, FACP, etc).

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Enquiries

Dr Sean Atkinson, +61 3 9902 7106

Closing Date

Thursday 18 May 2023, 11:55pm AEST

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Part Time

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Occupational Therapist

Full Time

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We currently have a great opportunity for an experienced Heavy Vehicle Mechanic based in our new workshop in Leongatha.

- Carry out machine servicing, diagnostics and repairs.
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Skills & Qualifications:

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- Current drivers licence
- Current High Risk Work Licence - Forklift is highly desirable
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Attributes:

- Highly motivated with a positive 'can do' attitude
- The ability to work well within a team as well as using your own initiative
- Able to maintain a safe clean workplace
- Reliable and punctual

What we can offer you:

- Attractive wage reflective of the skill level and experience of the successful candidate.
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For further information on this exciting role contact Ben Judd on 0457 437 733 or email your resume to ben.judd@goldsmith.com.au

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Grounds and Maintenance Manager

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Applications close 9am
Monday, May 22, 2023.

LB0947



Mary MacKillop
Catholic Regional College

Teachers

Mathematics – Years 7-10

Fixed term - 6 months Part time
(possibility of Full Time)

Vis Com Design/Product Design – Years 7-10

Fixed term - 6 months Full Time

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Applications close 9am
Tuesday, May 30, 2022.

LB0953



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To find out more about the Victorian Desalination Plant, please visit www.aquasure.com.au

LB0954

Employment

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Chef

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The Cape Tavern is looking for an experienced full time Chef to join our established kitchen team.

We are a busy family run business in Cape Paterson and we have a strong focus on our local community.

If you have a passion for food and the ability to work as part of a team in a fast paced environment then we would like to hear from you.

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND AIR CONDITIONING

Refrigeration Mechanic Apprentice

Local Air Conditioning Company looking for a first to fourth year apprentice to join our team. We are looking for someone that will be dedicated, reliable, punctual and have a passion to learn to be a refrigeration mechanic.

Working under supervision of a technician and assisting them with maintenance, service installation and repairs of R/C wall splits, ducted systems, and commercial air conditioning equipment in a variety of places.

Must be responsible, neat, tidy appearance and have good customer communication skills.

The successful applicant must be prepared to go to school.

Current probationary or drivers licence, and own hand tools essential which can be brought over a period of time. This is a permanent position.

Applications close: Wednesday, May 31.

Please forward resume to:

The Manager,
South Gippsland Air Conditioning,
PO Box 275 Korumburra 3950 or
mick@sgair.com.au

HM10259

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

Will this planning application affect you?

The land affected by the application is located at: **5 Boags Road, Leongatha, VIC, 3953**

The application is for a permit to:
Use and development for a residential aged care facility

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application Number: **2022/179**
Address: **5 Boags Road, Leongatha, VIC, 3953**
Applicant name: **Woorayl Lodge**

For Further reference contact:

Robyn Begg Ph: 5662 9200
Email: council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

How can I find out more?

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application at the office of the South Gippsland Shire Council at 9 Smith Street, Leongatha. This can be done during office hours and is free of charge.

You can find more details or make a submission regarding this application by scanning the QR code below or by visiting the link to view more details: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/planning

How can I make a submission?

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to comment to the responsible authority. If you object, the responsible authority will tell you its decision. This application has not been decided and you can still make a submission before a decision has been made.

An objection must:

- be made to the responsible authority in writing
- include the reasons for the objection and;
- state how the objector would be affected.

The responsible authority must make a copy of every objection available for any person to inspect free of charge until the end of the period during which an application may be made for review of a decision on the application.

The responsible authority will not decide on the application before: Wed, May 31, 2023



Find out more:
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South Gippsland
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LB0987



Automotive Accessories Fitter

Autopro Wonthaggi is a locally owned and run business with 40 years of providing great service to the community and is looking to grow its existing fitting service. The successful candidate will be responsible for fitting a wide range of automotive products including 4wd accessories, stereo equipment, lighting, and roof racks.

Successful candidate will also have:

- Automotive experience
- Be dedicated and have a passion for all things Automotive
- To have a high ability to communicate in a team environment
- High level of customer service
- A willingness to learn new skills and a flexible approach to work tasks
- Neat and tidy presentation

If you believe you have what it takes to be a member of our team, to work within a positive work environment with a healthy work culture, then we would encourage you to present your resume with references to either Peter or Gavin at our Wonthaggi store. If you are unable to present in store, please email your resume with references to gavin@wonthaggi.autopro.com.au

Above award wages offered.

Previous applicants need not apply.

Autopro Wonthaggi
4 Murray St Wonthaggi 03 5672 3333



New look for NAB Wonthaggi

MORE than \$900k has been invested in the refurbishment of the Wonthaggi NAB branch.

This includes a new open plan teller space, digital education area and two new customer meeting rooms equipped with video conferencing technology.

As well as additional new smart ATM inside the branch, while the existing external Smart ATM is still available 24/7.

"We are really excited to have our branch refreshed and open to serve our community," said Wonthaggi Branch Manager, Catherine Spradbury.

"We're seeing lots of construction across Wonthaggi and our team are having plenty of conversations with customers from the broader Bass Coast region about home loans and savings options."

PUBLIC NOTICES



CARING FOR SAM'S CHILDREN

Please support the fundraiser for Sam Fraser's children, to help cover the cost of their care and education. To donate, go to gofund.me/b6e777cb, or search gofundme.com for "Caring for Sams Children".

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

Will this planning application affect you?

The land affected by the application is located at:

Units 2 & 3 / 46 Drysdale Street, Wonthaggi, VIC, 3955

The application is for a permit to:

- Remove the building envelope restriction

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application Number: **220408**
Address: **Units 2 & 3 / 46 Drysdale Street, Wonthaggi, VIC, 3955**
Applicant: **C/- Beveridge Williams & Co Pty Ltd**

Please note, in accordance with *Planning and Environment Regulations 2015* the name of the applicant is required to be omitted if the applicant is an individual.

Phone number: 1300 BCOAST (226 278)

How can I find out more?

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application free of charge at: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/planningads.

You may also call 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or via the National Relay Service (for people with speech/hearing difficulties) on 13 36 77 to arrange a time to look at the application & any documents that support the application at the office of the responsible authority, Bass Coast Shire Council (76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi).

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Tuesday, May 30, 2023

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The Factory – ensemble lead by Willy Wonka (Billy Soumilas). Photo: Andrew Hamilton.

A sell-out crowd for closing night

BASS Coast College saw a sell-out crowd for their closing night of the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory production held at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.

The well-loved storyline with some dark and humorous undertones, the morality of the story still stands true today, it's a mirror to society of some of its worst aspects, but with a redeeming opportunity for us all to be more like Charlie – gracious, not greedy, selfless, and kind – which ultimately makes the world a better place.

The production was co-directed by Dan Moldrich and Brad Boucher and choreographed by Danielle Taylor – generously giving their time to the 2023 performance.

Dan and Brad instantly recognised that the renowned narrative of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory would not only attract an audience but attract interest within the student community – allowing a larger ensemble with the Oompa Loompas and thus giving additional opportunities to include students

who are relatively new to performing.

"This was before I became aware of how technical the show is and the scale to which it aspired.

"I based set design on several influences seen in larger professional productions, the use of backdrops allows more stage space for a larger ensemble to participate – backdrops credit to Adam Cochrane – our Graphics Teacher," said Brad.

"We decided to cast the show at the end of last year, reaching out to primary schools asking grade six students to audition then, and the leads have had their resources since then, rehearsals have been twice a week since the start of term one, with an extra few scheduled on occasional Sundays, as well as two full workshop days during the school holidays.

"The aim has always been to encourage student involvement at all levels, I'm very proud that we have had representation from all four campuses, across all year levels from 7 – 12."



Bucket Shack, Grandparents from left to right (Frankie Murray-White, Laura Smith, Neva Cleary, Joe Wilkinson), Mrs Bucket (Asha McMahon) and Charlie (Felix Maund). Photo: Andrew Hamilton.



The Candyman (Billy Soumilas) in his candy shop. Photo: Andrew Hamilton



The Spectralink Go Live support team has been helping Bass Coast Health staff adapt to the new Spectralink clinical handsets. From left, Andre Toussaint, Harley Nicholls, Karryn Panoutsopoulos (Wavelink), Nathan Louwijk, Michael Beverley (GHA), Phuc Nguyen (Wavelink) and Dean Poore (ArchiTech).

New technology introduced for Bass Coast Health Service

BASS Coast Health (BCH) has invested in new clinical handsets that are integral to the operation of a safe and sophisticated sub-regional health service.

The handsets are used by medical and support services staff to communicate via internal and external voice calls, to ensure BCH get the right care in the right place, and they also provide alerts for staff if someone needs help or if there are clinical risk or duress situations.

The new Spectralink handsets will replace the very dated ASCOM handsets across all sites including Wonthaggi Hospital, San Remo and Phillip Island Health Hub, to ensure staff have the latest technology to help them to provide the best care to the community.

RIGHT: Gabby O'Connor from Bass Coast Health's Learning and Development team tests a new Spectralink clinical handset.



Annabelle offers classes on the beach at Inverloch 'when the weather gods allow it' and led a class at the Bass Coast Yoga Festival over the weekend.

Immersed in Yoga

FOR locals who wanted to stretch out, bliss out and experience something new in yoga, the Bass Coast Yoga Festival was held recently in Inverloch.

Beginners and experienced yogis could attend for one or two days and try out a wide range of classes led by teachers both locally and from across the state.

Slow and gentle classes were available for first timers or beginners, or for those wanting a Zen experience, with Hatha, Yin and Yoga Nidra on offer.

Experienced yogis who were looking to deepen their practice or more challenging flows could extend themselves with dynamic Vinyasa flows, Kundalini, and multiple classes.

Others might have gone to just bliss out in a meditation class or a sound bath session, or even to try a different flavour of yoga for the first time, like Japanese yoga, Qi Gong or Chair Yoga.

Annabelle, a local yoga teacher and founder of The Yoga Stylist, has been teaching in the Bass Coast region since 2017, and offers classes on the beach, when the weather gods allow it, and regular classes from Soul Space in Wonthaggi. She led, what she calls a 'luscious' session on Saturday at the Festival.

While Louisa, a teacher from Yea, returned again after having a great experience last year at the Festival. She taught Japanese Yoga, a more corrective yoga, accessible for people that don't have great flexibility and may not be able to twist or get themselves into strange positions, according to Louisa.

Meenyan Town Tavern Night this May

MEENIYAN will once again be rocking out to local Gippsland artists this May. Nine local musicians will perform three songs each in the iconic and acoustically perfect Meenyan Hall for the Meenyan Town Tavern night.

The evening is held four times a year and organised by Tarnya Wilson and Jane Coker as part of the Meenyan Progress Association fundraising activities.

"What is really good about Tavern nights is that we tend to have more and more students and their teachers. We've had an extremely talented violinist and we had a young boy playing a harp and it's a great platform. It gives them a very safe environment because the audience is very quiet and attentive and appreciative and encouraging so it's a really safe place for young students to perform," Tarnya said.

Tarnya and Jane took over Tavern Nights from Bill Mould in 2020, who started, and ran the event for 35 years.

She said local artists donate their time and are happy to contribute to the evening as they know funds go towards helping to support the town and the local community.

Funds raised go into various projects or events to improve the town, like new park benches, street lighting, advocating for car-parking, tourist maps, subsidising plaques around the town, Christmas decorations, banners, signage, the Garlic Festival and the Meenyan newsletter which supports local traders, businesses and events.

The Meenyan Town Tavern night will be on Saturday, May 27 at 7.30pm (please be seated by 7pm), at Meenyan Hall, Whitelaw St, Meenyan, 3956. For more information go to the Facebook page Meenyan Town Tavern Nights and tickets for \$10 can be booked at <https://www.ticketebo.com.au/meeniyantavernight>.



Korumburra Ambrose winners Ian Cash, Tim Fowles, Jake Fowles and Barry Kerr.

FOSTER

Ladies

GOOD to see a reasonable roll up for the postponed May medal, the weather did not disappoint.

May medal winner was Frances McGlead who handled the heavier conditions well.

Dianne Walker A Grade (26) 80. Frances McGlead (32) 77. B Grade.

NTP Judy Bacon 6th and Barb Britten 17th.

Scratch score A Grade Barb Britten 97 and Frances McGlead B grade scratch 109.

BDTL Judy Bacon (33) 78 and Barb Britten (16) 81.

The 9-hole competition was won by Helen Fulton 13 points.

Thank you to Elisa Nudelman for sponsoring the day and supplying the raffle, which was won by Annette Garrow.

KORUMBURRA

WEEKLY Men's Winners.

Tuesday, May 9

Stableford 24 Players

A Grade: Rob Gallagher (10) 39 Points. B Grade: Joseph Salvatore (31) 34 Points

NTPs: 1st Roland Rees, 7th Ian Cash, 10th Barry Kerr, and 13th Ross Besley

Thursday, May 11

Stableford: 19 Players. Winner: Joseph Salvatore (30) 38 Points

NTPs: 1st Ross Besley, 7th Jai Van Dyk, 10th Noel Ladgrove and 13th Joseph Salvatore

Saturday, May 13

Sponsor: Brian Pope

4 Person Ambrose: 48 Players

Winners: Tim Fowles, Ian Cash,

Jake Fowles & Barry Kerr: 55.125

NTPs: 1st Barry Kerr, 7th Roy Fleming, 10th Ian Cash and 13th Ian Gibson

Ladies

LAST Wednesday, we had the qualifying round of the McLaren Memorial 4BBB Par event. Well done to Kath Welsh and Julie Brannaghan, who finished with a great score of +8. Kath and Johanna van den Heiligenberg also went well, +5, to be runners-up. Placegetters were Karen Sorrell and Shelley Snooks, +2, and Lee Clements and Merrissa Cosson, +1. Merrissa was NTP on the 1st and 13th greens.

Four members played in the Meenian Ambrose on Friday and, although no golf wins, Lyn Leppin and Deb Wrigley won raffle prizes.

Jenny Blackmore won Saturday's comp with 27 pts and Maree Wittingslow was runner-up, 26 pts. BDTL went to Diarne Maskell and Kerri Besley was NTP on the 13th.

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TUESDAY Stableford Comp

A very cold and wet day saw a much smaller than usual field take on the tough conditions.

Kevin Cresp was the overall winner with a score of 36 points,

runner up was Tony Golding with 35 points.

Ball rundown to 33 points. Wednesday Ladies Stableford Winner was Heather Payne with 38 points, Runner up Chris Caig with 35 points

Ball rundown to 34 points

Nearest the pins: 9th – Heather Payne, 15th Heather Payne

Thursday 2BBB/Stableford Comp Stableford Winner: Alan Courtney with 41 points by countback to Runner up Robert Maskiell

Ball rundown to 36 points

2BBB Winners: Robert and Robbie Maskiell with a massive 50 points, Runners up Lionel Mahony and Richard Oldham with 46 points

Nearest the pins: 5th Warren Krahe, 9th Gino Manfredi, 12th Lindsay Knowles, 15th Dave Austin

Saturday Stableford Comp Division 1: Richard Briggs with 39 points, Runner Up Stephen Rawlings with 38 points, Third placegetter Craig Venville with 37 points

Division 2: Winner Jason Herbert with 39 points, Runner up Trevor Cridland with 38 points, Third place Chris Kelsall with 37 points

Division 3: Winner Ash Mueller with 42 points, Runner up Ray Dalrymple with 39 points by countback to Third place Dennis Barnett

Ball rundown to 34 points

LEONGATHA

Tuesday Stableford Event

On Tuesday 50 golfers played in this Stableford Round.

A Grade Winner: Alan Starkey with a score of 42 points. R/Up: John Simon with a score of 35 points on a countback

B Grade Winner: Tony Roberts with a score of 34 points. R/Up: Tim McCarthy with a score of 33 points on a countback

NTP 14th: John Simon at 1.80m. 16th: Christopher Leaver at 1.60m

Thursday Stableford Event

On Thursday 89 members/guests hitting off on a shotgun start at 9am, played in this Stableford event.

A Grade Winner: Michael Westaway with a score of 37 points on a countback. R/Up: Christopher Leaver with a score of 37 points on a countback

B Grade Winner: David Forbes with a score of 35 points. R/Up: Ron Findlay with a score of 33 points on a countback

C Grade Winner: Will Norden with a score of 36 points. R/Up: John French with a score of 34 points

D Grade Winner: Bryan McCorkell with a score of 33 points. R/Up: Peter Waters with a score of 32 points

Great score also celebrated by Christopher Leaver with an Eagle on the 18th.

NTP 14th: Grant McRitchie at 1.37m. 16th: Winton Knop at



Meenian ladies' May Monthly Medal Winner Jo Graeme.

1.08m

Saturday Stableford Event

On Saturday we had a brilliant turnout of 102 golfers take to the course for this Stableford event.

A Grade Winner: John Ryan with a score of 37 points. R/Up: Malcolm Gin with a score of 36 points on a countback

B Grade Winner: Barry Attwood with a score of 35 points. R/Up: Ron Findlay with a score of 34 points on a countback

C Grade Winner: Phil Edwards with a score of 36 points. R/Up: John Belli with a score of 35 points

D Grade Winner: Graeme Clark with a score of 34 points. R/Up: Anne Gibson with a score of 32

Great score to be celebrated by Ben Chapman with a Hole in One on the 14th.

NTP 14th: Ben Chapman Hole in One. 16th: Alan Starkey at .64m

Ladies

EIGHTY-ONE women from the South Gippsland district and visitors further afield from Traralgon, Yarra and Moe competed in the annual Leongatha Ambrose Shield in perfect weather conditions.

This event has been very generously sponsored by club member Evelyn Indian for the last 21 years.

Evelyn not only provides the winners trophies but also a vast array of prizes for the raffle: this year over \$400 was raised.

The Ambrose Shield was won by a Leongatha team, very similar to the winners in 2022. The winning combination were Rebecca Thomas, Dot Stubbs, Wendy Brown and Karen de Groot with a score of 62.875 nett.

In second place, from Meenian Golf Club, were Lyn Jennison, Jo Graeme, Heather Poletti and Faye Le Page with 63.75 nett.

Third place also went to Meenian Golf Club : Sheila Constantine, Jenny Cope, Sue Hoskin and Gayle Browne with 64.125 nett.

The nearest the pins were won Rebecca Thomas on the 4th, Yvonne Everitt on the 7th, Jennifer Loughnan on the 14th and Michelle Roberts on the 16th.

Down the line balls were won by the following teams: Merryn Dear, Dawn Judkins, Marg Johnson and Jan Beaumont (Wonthaggi), Heather Grist, Jennifer Loughnan and Kerri Beasley (Korumburra), Fay Quilford, Marg Griffiths, Colleen Touzel and Neryl Hopcraft, (Leongatha) and Beth Curram, Trudi Prue, Barb Warren and Jennifer Alexander (Foster Golf Club).

A reminder to everyone that the next district event is at Meenian this Friday May 12.

Thirty-two women competed in the Nancy Sperling 4BBB Par board event last week. Nancy, a Life Member of the club has been a member of Leongatha for 60 years.

The winners of this event were Debbie Miller and Karen Bear finishing +3. An excellent score given the heavy conditions. Lyn-



Leongatha Ambrose Shield winners Dot Stubbs, Evelyn Indian (Sponsor), Rebecca Thomas, Karen de Groot, (absent) Wendy Brown.

da Bassett and Alison Strong were runners up, on a count back, finishing +1.

The following partnerships won a ball down the line: Else Gedye and Glenyce McRobert +1, Ashleigh Hutton and Chris Lay +1, Helen Mackenzie and Kay Dumbleton +1, Jenny Teasdale and Marea Maher even, Ev Indian and Wendy Fletcher - 1 and Fay Quilford and Vicki Milner -2.

Trish Miller had the best score in the 9 hole competition, finishing with 16 points. Jill Steer and Marie Sands each had 12 points to win a ball.

MIRBOO NORTH

SATURDAY, May 13, Stableford. A Grade: Tim Traill (4) 37pts c/b B Grade: N Bickerton (18) 31pts c/b

DTL: S Bickerton, M Payne 37, G Renwick 35, R Scurlock 34.

NTP: 4th R Jenkins, 6th D Evans, 13th M Payne, 16th C McKay Birdies: 4th P Cummaudo, J Smeriglio, R Jenkins, 6th, M Payne, 16th C McKay.

Eagles: Tim Traill 17th.

Thursday, May 11, Stableford.

Day winner: A Liebe, (15) 36pts.

DTL: M Payne 33, S Bickerton 32 c/b.

NTP: 6th, S Hill-Smith, 16th A Liebe.

Birdies: 6th, R Matthews, S Hill-Smith. 16th A Liebe.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

ON WEDNESDAY in showery weather and a very wet course we played stroke and the first round of the 2023 championships.

And the May monthly medal which had been postponed from last week due to the weather.

Our wonderful sponsor for the championships is Meenian IGA. The Weekly Winners were – A Grade Irene Holm (18) 95 -18 77 nett, B Grade and Medal - Jo Graeme (24) 99 - 24 75 nett.

C Grade - Jenny Cope (37) 116 - 37 79 nett

Putting went to Irene Holm with 27.

BDL: Heather Poletti 78 nett and Andrea Thorson 79 nett.

Next week is second Round of Championships. Meenian Ladies held their annual Joan Beaumont Plate on Friday, nine teams competing on a beautiful autumn day. After all the recent rain we decided to reduce the event to 12 holes to protect the newly sown fairways. There were no complaints by any of the 36 players. The winning team was Meenian 1 with Heather Poletti, Jenny Cope, Kasey Thorson and Lyn Jennison. The runners up were Meenian 3 with Jo Graeme, Sue Hoskin Louise Vuillermin and Nancye Hammet. Down the line balls went to Wonthaggi 2 Catherine Boldring, Anne Walker, Marg Ryan and Anne Poulton, Wonthaggi 1 Carole Sartori, Wendy Cross, Marg

Johnson and Merryn Dear, and Meenian 2 Faye LePage, Tanya Thorson, Gail Browne and Pam Erving, the nearest the pin on the 2nd Jo Graeme Meenian and 8th Anne Walker Wonthaggi.

A huge thank you to Bendigo Community Bank, Toora and District and Foster Branch for their continued sponsorship of this event, it was a pleasure to have a Director in Jan Bull attend the day and tell us all the great pleasure that the Community Bank get out of supporting/sponsoring the local communities and sporting clubs.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND

THE inaugural Country Week Teams Fundraiser event was held at Phillip Island Golf Club on Sunday, May 7.

A fantastic turnout of golfers from around the South Gippsland District and beyond participated in the four person Ambrose format.

The 'island' certainly turned on some wonderful weather for the 26 teams despite other areas in close proximity receiving hail and rain during the morning - everyone remained dry and even blue skies appeared.

The support received from local businesses was greatly appreciated and acknowledged on the day – thanks to Hartley Wells Beta Home Living, BJS Insurance, Shans Lingerie and Drummond Golf Traralgon who made great contributions. There was sought after raffle prizes also that had been donated - with rounds of golf from Cranbourne Golf Club & Settlers Run. We thank all these businesses and to Irene Holm for her personal donation of a Drummond's Voucher.

There also were many 'takers' for the 280 metre Pro Drive that was made available on the 14th tee for a nominal fee – it was a popular purchase giving a birdie or even an eagle chance to better the score.

In the women's event the winners were the team of Andrea, Kasey & Tanya Thorson (Meenian) along with Anne Walker (Wonthaggi) with a score of 59.625 nett. DLB's going to the Phillip Island team with 62.625 nett Lorraine Hammon, Vicki Roff-Smith, Vicki Ramage and Jeanette Diss along with the Korumburra team of Debbie & Aliasha Wrigley, Shelley Snooks and Merrissa Cosson 63.375.

In the men's event the Korumburra team of Roy Fleming, Jason King, Matt Wrigley and Ryane Avery were the winners with 57.25 nett. DLB's going to the Phillip Island team of Heath Kolac, Neville Thurgood, Jake Wright and Adrian O'Gorman with 58.25 and from Amstel GC Grant Baylis, Peter Kane, Jamie and Angus Ricardo 58.375 nett.

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South Gippsland men's team winners.



South Gippsland women's team winners.

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The mixed event was won by the team of Sharyn & Peter Rayson (Woorayl), Shaun & Jodie Mays (Lang Lang) posting a score of 56.5 nett. DLB's going to Rebecca, Ryan & Lachie Thomas along with Norm Hughes (Leongatha) 58.25 nett and the Phillip Island team of Lesley Meadowcroft, Adrienne Anglin, Ross Payne and Steven Sloss with 62.625nett.

There was a best runner up, over all sections given and this went to the mixed team of Sue Van Gaal, Warren Krahe (Lang Lang), David Pearce (Warragul) and Geoff Cohen (Aussie Golf Ranch) with a score of 57 nett

Nearest the pins Women: 5th Aliesha Wrigley (Korumburra), 7th Deb Orr, 10th Vicki Roff-Smith, 17th Helen Coghlan (Phillip Island) Men: 5th Gordon Rippon-King, 7th Brian Potter, 10th Wayne Kennedy, 17th Geoff Cohen.

The Best Dressed team was convincingly won by the 'Ski Bunnies' aka Mary Taylor, Vicki Amato, Marlene Gibson, Christine Riley from Phillip Island.

The event was held to assist with funding for the South Gippsland men's and women's teams who participate in Country Week each September - this year it will be held in the Latrobe Valley from September 25-27 with the Traralgon, Traralgar and Yallourn Golf Clubs hosting players from all over Victoria who represent their districts.

WOORAYL

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the first round of the Shirley and Brian Thomas stableford pairs aggregate board event sponsored by Leongatha Optometrists.

Fifteen players left the clubhouse with fingers crossed we would be lucky enough to enjoy fine weather.

We almost got our wish.

The winners today were Pauline Lancaster and Janet Thompson with a combined score of 54 points. Closely followed by Ann Poole and Jo Fennell with 53 on a countback

from Heather Sullivan and Anne Grist.

BDL were Heather and Anne and the other pair are Di O'Connor and Elly Berryman.

NTPs 8th Inge Giliam, 11th and 17th Elly Berryman.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S Results Saturday, May 13, S.R 72

Competition type: Ken Chisholm First round 4BBB Par A Grade: Ian Baker and Glenn Moresco +5 C/B

Runner Up: Jason Sartori and Julian Wintle +5

B Grade: Geoff Prowd and Ross Yann +8

Runner Up: Ross Lovett and Shaun Stirton +7

BDL to +5.

NTPs: Peter Dell 2nd, Sam Dennis 4th, Connor Ireland propin 8th, Sam Dennis 13th, Peter Dell money hole 17th.

Men's results Thursday, May 11.

Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole, SR. 71

Winner: Ian McNish 38

Runner Up: Philip McCrimmon 37

BDL to 33 C/B

Competition type: Stableford 9 hole 10 to 18, SR. 36

Winner: Norm Burne 22

BDL to 16.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was May monthly medal and while the start of the day dawned wet, the day turned out fine and dry.

We had a field of 24 players and the round of the day and C Grade winner was a very happy Simone Lindsay 114(39)75 net.

This included a chip in birdie two on the 8th.

A grade winner was Merryn Dear with 91(15)77 net. Merryn also took out best scratch score, putting (31) and NTP on the 2nd.

B Grade winner was Pam Hanley with 107(30)77 nett.

Other NTP 8th Lisa Brusamarello, 17th Catherine Bolding

BDL Heather Wintle, Catherine Bolding on 76, Carole Sartori, Marion Walker and Dawn Judkins all 77.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club Saturday winners Heather Blanch, Sheila Ormerod and Frank Seaton.



Wonthaggi indoor bowlers Pat Novak, Judy Sweetnam and John Rook.

INVERLOCH

MEMBERS need to be aware that when work begins on installing our lights for the greens, disruption to activities at the club may be affected. Please check your email regularly for notices about this.

Those members wishing to play pennant for the coming season should register their names on the sheets provided in the clubroom. There are two sheets one for Midweek Pennant and one for Saturday Pennant.

Those members wishing to play Social Bowls as well as participate in our Bowl Over Cancer Day event should place their names on the sheets in the clubroom. Bowl Over Cancer Day sheet is at the main entrance to the clubroom. (Please be aware that these events may need to be postponed due to the lights installation.)

Social Bowls on Thursday saw 39 bowlers roll up to perfect bowling weather. 12 teams competed for the day's honours. three teams ended the day with two wins. The hard luck story for the day was the team of Bill Massier (skip), Doug Archer and Di Selby on 31 points. Runners Up finishing on 32 points was the team of Keith Cousens (skip), Jon Justin and Jenny Slater. The winners for the day finishing on 34 points was the team of Mal Marshall (skip), Jeff Gilbert and Joyce Arnold.

KORUMBURRA

WE had a fairly hectic couple of days last weekend with counter teas on Friday, which were interrupted by a phase of our power dropping out. A big shout out to Walker Electrical.

After all the dramas, some 60 people enjoyed a nice meal thanks to Keith and his helpers.

Saturday in beautiful conditions we held our annual Skins tournament once again sponsored by Edneys of Leongatha with 24 teams competing it was an extremely successful day.

Winners on the day were Leongatha team of Dot Jarvis John Hall and Anthony Collyer.

Runners up were Shane O'Loughlin Ron Burge and Neil Green.

Well done to Ken Cecil and Graeme Freestone on the organisation of the day.

LEONGATHA

The 'salad queen' steps down after 15 years

A REGULAR monthly feature of the Leongatha Bowls Club is the function known as the "Kitty Club Counter Tea".

A feature of these events has been a large table of beautiful salads and these are served with top quality barbecue.

These nights are very popular with members and guests.

At our recent function a presentation was made to the lady affectionately known as the "Salad Queen" Diane O'Connor who has stepped down from the role of leading the ladies who prepare the beautiful salads.

Diane was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a beautiful brooch in appreciation for her years of service.

As one door closes another opens MC John O'Connor announced that popular club member Karen Fidler has agreed to take up the position.

Karen received a hearty welcome from members and guests.

MIDWEEK

GREAT to see so many of our bowlers turn up at Corinella Bowls Club.

Our good friend Phil opened up and set up the green for us, as well as looked after the kitchen and bar. Not sure how he manages to do so much and still has time to play. Phil, we thank you for all your hard work.

Winners on 35 points (on a countback) were:

Tony Heppleston (S), David Talbot (3), Bill Williams (2), Shirley Corcoran (L)

Runners Up (also on 35 points) were: Vern Elliott (S), Sue Stanford (3), Michael Saunders (2), Margaret McConville (L)

Best One Game on 23 points were: Denis Talbot (S), Laurie Bell (3), Bev Elliott (2), Max Williams (L)

Next week we will be meeting at San Remo to once again fight it out for team of the week.

If all players could be on site by 10:00am to allow Peter enough time to select the teams.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

ANOTHER amazing week of bowling, indoors we don't have to worry about our ever-changing weather.

We had a total of 48 players this week, 23 on Tuesday and 25 on Friday.

Tuesday's winners with a plus 22 were Helen Rook Thelma Kavanagh and Sylvia Mattock, winning both their games. Well done ladies.

Runners up on plus 8 also winning both games were Judy Sweetnam, Allan Ireland, Brian Newman and Ken Peterson.

Friday's winners on plus 11 winners of two games were John Rook, Judy Sweetnam and Pat Novak.

Runners up with a win and a draw on plus 5 were Sylvia Mattock, John Bird and John Mervyn.

There were close games by all teams on Friday.

Riders lap up fun circuit

THE LEONGATHA Cycling Club had a really enjoyable afternoon for the cyclo cross event at the Dowel property at Leongatha South.

The event was held in open paddock and bush circuit, including a bit of mud and water.

The circuit was around 1.6km in length.

The senior riders rode for 40 minutes and the quickest riders managed to clock up nine laps.

The evergreen David McFarlane was able to show the younger riders how to chalk up the laps.

Chris Baillie was the second rider home after nine laps followed by the rest of the field at various gaps.

The Club even had a rider from Shepparton take part in the senior group.

In the junior event, Zak Dowel and William Langford-Jones get each other company over the 25 minutes of riding and four laps whilst the younger duo of Tom and Charlie enjoyed the outing.

With the great weather there was a sizeable spectator group including a 1964 Olympian keeping an eye on the event.

Thanks to all those that helped make the day possible including some sponsorship from Morgan Barnes of Wheelheat at Wonthaggi and John Kennedy of Bicycle Fit at Korumburra.

Keep an eye on the club web site or Facebook page.

Our next event will depend on the weather and being able to access the paddock.

Phillip Island Bridge

ON MONDAY, May 8 there was a tie for first place between Lois Dywer and Anne Gibson and Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman 61.46%. Bron Sund and Michael Dooley were second on 58.85. Just behind by a whisker were Marnie Myall and Graham McKergow on 58.33%.

Wednesday, May 10 was a quieter day with several of our members still playing in sunny Noosa. Two husband and wife teams took first and second place, Wendy and Graham McKergow on 62.50% and Clare and Jim Murphy 59.17% respectively. Karen Klym and Paul Waylen came third on an even 50%.

Congratulations to Caroline Shaw and Marnie Myall who came third nationwide on Wednesday, May 3, with 69.44%.

Leongatha Table Tennis

LEONGATHA has four teams entered in this year's Victorian Country Championships or as it was known, Country Week.

This year it is being held in Traralgon over the long weekend in June so if you want to see some cracking table tennis, spend a couple of hours cheering our players. We will have the venue details in the coming weeks.

A Grade results:

Baboons 8-24 def Dodos 3-12
Eagles 7-21 def Labradors 4-15
Wilderbeests 6-22 def Frogs 5-19

Leading players:

Michael C 24, Braden A 22, Phil M 21, Case DeB 18, Michael W 18, Neil C 18

A Reserve results: May 10

Triceratops 7-21 def Stegosaurus 4-13
Raptors 6-21 def Teradactyl 5-16
T-Rex 8-25 def Brontosaurus 3-12

Leading Players:

Aiden H 23, Ian T 23, Trent B 22, Jesse P 18, Bob C 16



Every Saturday there are so many roles and opportunities for parkrunners.

Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun celebrates local 'Change Makers'

NATIONAL Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering, taking place from May 15-21, 2023.

This year's theme is The Change Makers, recognising the contribution of volunteers around the country and encouraging others to consider volunteering.

Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun, which takes place every Saturday at 8am at Mirboo North has been a volunteering success story since it launched on April 27, 2019.

During that time, 194 different people have volunteered at Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun, carrying out a combined total of 1,224 different volunteer roles. Their volunteer contribution has supported 1,224 people to complete the 5k course on 4,348 occasions.

What's more, 117 people who have completed Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun did fewer than 30 minutes of moderate physical activity weekly when they first signed up with parkrun. This means local volunteers are increasingly supporting people to take the first steps in their physical activity journey, which has major health and economic impacts for the community.

Parkrun events are free and open to anyone. People can walk or run the 5km course, help out as volunteers, or simply spectate and socialise. Participants can push a pram, bring their dog on a short lead or take part with their family. There is no time limit and nobody finishes last, thanks to volunteer 'Tail Walkers' who provide support and

encouragement on the course.

Julia Groves, volunteer Run Director at Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun, said everyone in the community is invited to give parkrun volunteering a try.

Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun is one of 470 parkruns across Australia, with more than 143,000 different people volunteering at the free weekly events since the country's first parkrun in 2011.

Parkrun registration is free at www.parkrun.com.au/register

If you are interested in volunteering you can email the event at grandridge@parkrun.com, message them through the Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun, Mirboo North Facebook page, or simply come along on a Saturday morning.

Carbon neutral fishing in Western Port

By Stephen Brend - project officer

YOU are no doubt aware, virtually every activity carries with it a carbon footprint. Achieving net zero means reducing that footprint as much as possible and then offsetting the elements that can't be cut out.

Recently, the Biosphere Foundation has been considering the carbon footprint of recreational fishing and how that can be reduced.

From the outset, let me make it clear, we are not against fishing.

Far from it. Recreational angling is an important element in the sustainable use and development of Western Port. Nevertheless, it is in everyone's interest to minimise any environmental impact.

There are some obvious carbon emissions: travel to the launch site; engine

fuel; refrigeration. All of these can be tackled in the same way as anything else involving an internal combustion engine and the electricity grid. For fishing, however, there was one standout source of emission and that is damage to seagrass meadows, predominately through anchor damage but also

from boats missing the navigable channels at low tide. Individually, the impact may not be great but, given the thousands of boats that visit Western Port, the collective impact may be significant. So how to stop it?

One idea we had was to see if the act of anchoring could also be used to replant the seagrasses.

Imagine a little hessian sack filled with sand and

seed attached to the anchor line. When the anchor hits the bottom, the sack would detach, and the seed could take root. We would need to test the idea in practice, but it has some appeal. For the fishers, it would mean they would be adding fish habitat every time they fished plus the amount of carbon being absorbed by the seagrasses wouldn't change.

Another intriguing but more expensive idea is stopping anchoring all together. There are now small electric engines, connected to a GPS system, that will keep a boat in the same spot without ever needing to drop anchor.

Our sense is that will be a bit too high-tech and costly for most people. Still, it is good to know the ideas are out there.



Wonthaggi former junior Zach Anstey had some great wins in the Bendigo State Championships recently. He took out both the Open Singles and Open Doubles Titles. Well done Zach.

Wonthaggi Table Tennis results

AT Wonthaggi Table Tennis A Grade last week close finishes were the order of the night.

The top three teams went down to teams 5, 6 and 7.

Currently the ladder is as follows:

Chipping Away (Justin Licis, Andy Chetcuti)

Underground Police (Braden Andrigutto, Andrew Fremantle)

Union (Michael Chang, Sean Michael)

Thunderbox (Mark Donohue, David Kimmens)

Miners (Bruce Harmer, Charley Donohue)

Pit Ponies (Dirk Holwerda, Fred Debono)

Diggers (Jack Duff, Warren Wilson)

Leading players: Justin Licis, Michael Chang, Bruce Harmer, Jack Duff, Braden Andrigutto, Mark Donohue, David Kimmens.

A Reserve:

Matches continue to be close every week and the start of the second round of matches is just as unpredictable.

Ladder: ET (Michael Steenbergen and Luke), Terracotta (Sean Michael, Leigh Allamby), Pebbles (David Kimmens and Harvey), Purple Wombats (Andy Chetcuti and Ryan), Blue Dinosaur (Jason Meyer and Jay), Lazy Lambs (Leanne Costello, Poppy Duff), Toiling Leprechauns (Brad Andrew and Rhyder)

Leading Players: David Kimmens, Michael Steenbergen, Brad Andrew, Andrew Chetcuti, Sean Michael, Jason Meyer, Leanne Costello.

Two Wonthaggi Table Tennis legends have been making waves in Australian and Victorian events in recent weeks.

Mick Wright (our outstanding veteran player for many years) won three gold medals, one silver and one bronze medal in the New Zealand Open Veteran Championships.

Events were in the Over 70 and Over 75 range.

Zach Anstey (former Wonthaggi junior player) won both the Open Singles and Open Doubles at the Bendigo Victorian State Championship Event.

Great results!

Wonthaggi Table Tennis continues to keep on winning in the big arena.

Juniors' night at Wonthaggi is on this week from 6 pm.

New players from eight years of age very welcome.

\$5 per night, all equipment provided.

Social/practice continues on Wednesday and Saturday from 12.00 mid-day.

For further information please contact Trish on 0407 502 441 or Brad on 0432 311 047.

TIDE GUIDE

TUESDAY
May 16

1.19am
0.69m
8.15am
1.37m
1.34pm
0.70m
8.46pm
1.46m

WEDNESDAY
May 17

2.33am
0.63m
9.40am
1.42m
2.48pm
0.80m
9.44pm
1.45m

THURSDAY
May 18

3.46am
0.55m
10.52am
1.52m
4.08pm
0.85m
10.41pm
1.45m

FRIDAY
May 19

4.49am
0.46m
11.56am
1.62m
5.23pm
0.86m
11.34pm
1.47m

SATURDAY
May 20

5.42am
0.38m
12.51pm
1.72m
6.21pm
0.84m

SUNDAY
May 21

12.23am
1.48m
6.29am
0.33m
1.40pm
1.78m
7.08pm
0.82m

MONDAY
May 22

1.08am
1.50m
7.12am
0.31m
2.23pm
1.80m
7.49pm
0.80m

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Mixed results for Wonthaggi soccer

WONTHAGGI U8 Wombat's played Phillip Island. Lachie and Teddy were brilliant goal scorers, with Blake and Jarvis as super goalies. The Wombats showed great defence.

Ollie captain/coach for the day, fingers crossed for a game next week after being out with a broken arm.

The Wonthaggi U10s played the Lang Lang team, short a few players, Wonthaggi players volunteered to help take on their teammates. Wonthaggi was fired up, maintained possession for most of the first half and Daniel scored a sweet goal!

Porscha tried her hand at goalie, had an awesome save and many powerful kicks to her teammates. By the second half of the game Lang Lang came back strong - Aayush, Ethan and

Lucas are serious competitors!

With Cassius as keeper, a header by River, and some near goals by Wonthaggi, Lang Lang came out victorious in the end with a score of 3 - 1.

The weekend's glorious weather continued Sunday as the Wonthaggi Under 12s for their first home game of the season, took on a strong Phillip Island side.

At the half break with no goals on the board both teams came back firing. Wonthaggi's Hayden scored the first goal of the day from a corner kick. Jaxon, Chase and Ollie tried their best in defence, but Phillip Island managed a goal to tie the match. Phillip Island's attempt to score again were shut down with Aroura's keeper skills being put to the test.

Wonthaggi's mid and forward

line worked hard with Loui and Eli working well together, but it was Hayden's goal from mid field the saw Wonthaggi take their first win of the season, 2-1.

As the crowd enjoyed the brilliant Autumn sunshine, the Women's match was heating up.

With both teams yet to score a win this season, everyone wanted that Mother's Day glory.

An early goal saw Phillip Island take the lead, converting a perfect corner kick. Both teams battled hard. Kicking dangerously gave Wonthaggi a free kick near the halfway line, which Zoe Allen placed perfectly in the top corner to level the scores. Phillip Island took back the lead after a strong run from Striker Kelly Wall.

Both defence lines held, with the ball swapping sides continuously. A contentious goal from

Wonthaggi's Alycia Marotta gave Wonthaggi the equaliser, seeing both teams head to the half time break with two goals each.

Wonthaggi started the attack early, challenging the Phillip Island keeper and winning the corner ball. Zoe Allen placed the ball perfectly for Wonthaggi's Shanah Lower to score a brilliant header goal, giving Wonthaggi the lead. Once again, a free kick awarded to Wonthaggi gave Zoe Allen another chance to put her skills to use, scoring Wonthaggi's forth. With only 10 minutes to go, Phillip Island pressed, but the Wonthaggi defence line was too strong. Confusion allowed Phillip Island to sneak one more goal past the line, but it was too late, Wonthaggi scoring a hard fought 4-3 victory.

GSL Round 4 Scores

Saturday, May 13

Senior Mens: Drouin Dragons 3 drew Trafalgar Victory 3
Mens Reserves: Trafalgar Victory 3 d Drouin Dragons 1

Sunday, May 14

Senior Mens: Korumburra City 7 d Lang Lang United 3, Leongatha Knights 10 d Mirboo North United 0, Phillip Island 16 d Wonthaggi United 0

Senior Womens: Leongatha Knights 18 d Mirboo North United 0, Wonthaggi United 4 d Phillip Island 3

Mens Reserves: Phillip Island 4 d Korumburra City 0

Under 17 Mixed: Drouin Dragons White 5 d Inverloch Stars 0

Under 14 Mixed: Korumburra City 6 d Leongatha Knights White 0, Leongatha Knights Blue 5 d Mirboo North United 1, Phillip Island 5 d Wonthaggi United 2, Inverloch Stars 2 d Drouin Dragons White 1

Under 12a Mixed: Leongatha Knights 4 d Mirboo North United 3, Wonthaggi United 2 d Phillip Island 1, Korumburra City 4 d Lang Lang United 0

Under 12b Mixed: Drouin Dragons Yellow 8 d Inverloch Stars 3, Drouin Dragons Maroon/Yellow 8 d Trafalgar Victory 2

GSL Round 5 Fixture - Sunday, May 21

Senior Mens - 3pm

Mirboo North United v Wonthaggi United, Drouin Dragons v Leongatha Knights, Phillip Island v Korumburra City, Inverloch Stars v Trafalgar Victory

Senior Womens - 1pm

Mirboo North United v Wonthaggi United, Drouin Dragons v Leongatha Knights

Mens Reserves - 1pm

Drouin Dragons v Leongatha Knights, Phillip Island v Korumburra City, Inverloch Stars v Trafalgar Victory

Under 17 Mixed - 9:30am

Drouin Dragons Maroon v Leongatha Knights, Phillip Island v Inverloch Stars,

Under 14 Mixed - 11:20am

Mirboo North United v Wonthaggi United, Drouin Dragons Maroon v Leongatha Knights Blue, Phillip Island v Korumburra City, Drouin Dragons White v Leongatha Knights White

Under 12a Mixed - 10am

Mirboo North United v Wonthaggi United, Drouin Dragons Maroon v Leongatha Knights, Phillip Island v Korumburra City

Under 12b Mixed - 11:30am

Drouin Dragons Maroon/Yellow v Phillip Island Blue, Inverloch Stars v Trafalgar Victory, Phillip Island Red v Korumburra City

MiniRoos - Saturday, May 20
South West/Bass Coast Hub are playing at Wonthaggi

North East/South Gippsland Hub are playing at Korumburra.

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Leongatha Knights triumph over Mirboo North

SENIOR men's match report:

Following their win against neighbours Korumburra last week, Leongatha Knights Senior Men sought to win at home against Mirboo North this round.

With perfect weather, the Knights were slow off the mark to find their rhythm however, their first goal in the back of the net courtesy of midfielder and man of the match Blake Moorscript against a newly returned to the league Mirboo North outfit jump started Leongatha back into momentum.

Striker Aidan Hall scored four

goals over the course of the match, cementing his place as top goalscorer of the league for another week.

Newly returned from injury, Ollie Buckley made a triumphant return to the pitch with a goal.

Special mention to defenders Ed Benedict and Luke Knights who played the second half in the midfield and forward respectively, proving themselves just as handy in attack.

RIGHT: The Knights' John Stephen outpaces his Mirboo North opponent.



Age Champions (L to R): B Cooper Quaife, Rex Brocklesby, Will Simmons, Zac Sherar, Mostyn Lumsden, Hayden Barnes. Middle: Sienna Hunt, Freya Berry, Callum Hackett, Sophie McKenzie, Olivia Holmes, Sienna Matheson. Front: Ethan Lynch, Emily Croatto, Austin Lynch, Abbie Saario, Rahni Matheson. Absent: Josie Richer and Gemma Cook.

South Gippsland Bass swimmers celebrate a fantastic season

THE mood was one of celebration as South Gippsland Bass (SGB) wrapped up their 2022/23 season with their presentation night at the Wonthaggi Workmens Club on Saturday, May 13.

It has been a successful year for the club, with their largest teams ever going to both Long and Short Course Countries, Long and Short Course Age State Championships, Nationals and State Sprints. The fourth place finish at the Short Course Countries followed by the third at Long Course Countries was the highest placing the club had ever had.

"This club gives something for

all swimmers, from our grass roots swimmers to those striving for Nationals," said president Janelle Croatto.

"There is something for all, no matter your swim goal and that is what makes it a great place to be."

Awards were given out for the age champion male and female swimmers of each age group.

Club Champions were Zac Sherar and Olivia Holmes.

Age group Champions:

8 &U: Abbie Saario and Austin Lynch

9 &U: Josie Richer and Ethan Lynch

10&U: Emily Croatto and Callum Hackett

11 &U: Gemma Cook and Rex Brocklesby

12 &U: Sienna Hunt

13 &U: Olivia Holmes and Will Simmons

14 &U: Rahni Matheson and Zac Sherar

15 &U: Freya Berry and Mostyn Lumsden

16 &U: Sienna Matheson and Cooper Quaife

17 &O: Sophie McKenzie and Hayden Barnes

Coaches award:

Dylan: Asha Chalmers

Sam: Amy Hodson

Lorri: Lachie Grimes

Sarah: Olivia Allen

Caiden: Billy Fisher

Most improved: Amalia Lofgren



Club Champions Zac Sherar and Olivia Holmes.



Milestone game: Robert Quaife 100 games, Paul Harper 400 games, Jacob Lamers 100 games and Adam Busana 100 games.



A1 awardees Jaxon Hayes, Nick Auddino, Ethan Lamers.

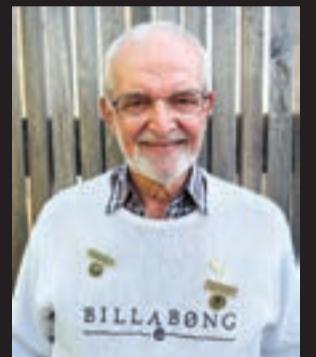
Proud day for OMK cricket

ON SUNDAY, April 30, OMK Cricket Club held their presentation day at the Korumburra Middle Hotel.

Thanks to Ben Fisher and his staff for hosting the day.

Congratulations to all award winners and to C2 on a successful season taking out the premiership.

Life member of OMK, Warwick Hayes was presented a Life Membership of the LDCA at the league presentation night. Congratulations Warrick.



OMK life member Warwick Hayes was presented Life Membership of LDCA at their 2023 presentation night.



Most promising U/21 Ethan Lamers, most dedicated Jacob Lamers, most improved Clayton Quaife and best club person Peter Dell.



B2 awardees Robert Quaife, Paul Harper, Justin Greenwood. Absent David Jeffries.



C2 awardees George Lomagno, Noah Furness. **B1 awardees** Mitch Sawyers, James Paterson. Absent Andrew Sorensen.



Riders and support crew gather after the 2023 Lions Ride for Sight.

Ride improves future vision

LAST month's 'Lions Ride for Sight', based in Korumburra, was a great success despite the disappointment of organisers having to cancel the final day due to poor weather, with close to \$78,000 raised for research into and treatment of vision loss.

Three sisters, all of whom have early stage macular degeneration, smashed their target of bringing in \$10,000 for the cause, more than tripling that goal.

One of them, Sharon Oates of Inverloch, said on Wednesday the funds raised through sponsorship of the trio is nudging \$31,000.

As reported in the Sentinel-Times prior to the ride, Sharon and two of her sisters, Kerry Fitzgerald and Leesa Willmott, were inspired to form 'Team Sisters' by their parents Colin and Pam, long-term Lions Club members who both have age-related macular degeneration.

Colin didn't let his blindness hamper his fundraising efforts,

with Pam acting as his driver.

Sharon drew on her many contacts, boosting the total raised.

The sisters faced different challenges in tackling the riding adventure.

Sharon had not ridden a bike since childhood but committed to completing the required training.

"Fail to prepare, prepare to fail," was the motto that drove her on.

Once the ride commenced, she enjoyed the assistance of an electric motor, in contrast to Kerry who was almost defeated by a big hill coming out of Loch.

"She was that exhausted she couldn't even cry," Sharon said.

Sharon had her own doubts after a tough day's riding.

It took a hearty cup of soup and salad roll to restore her enthusiasm after the draining challenge of keeping pace with other riders, with that culinary boost staving off thoughts of quitting.

However, such was the sister trio's commitment to completing

the event, the cancellation of the final day prompted them to tackle the last stage of the ride at a later date, something they successfully negotiated.

Despite the arduous nature of the 'Ride for Sight', Sharon appreciated the different perspective she experienced on a bike, saying in a car you don't get to enjoy seeing little birds or interesting plants by the roadside.

Around 164 kilometres were covered in the two riding days of the planned three-day event.

Seven people elected to tackle the four-week 'Ride for Sight' challenge instead, setting their own riding goals and contributing to the fundraising effort.

Team Sisters may tackle both the multi day ride and the separate challenge next year.

The support shown to riders by event volunteers and others, and the generosity of donors were greatly appreciated by all participants and organisers.

Jonah wins bronze and breaks records

THE LAST time we heard from Jonah Mercieca, (grandson of Lyn and Gilbert Kelly of Nyora) he had just been selected to represent Australia at FINA World Junior Diving Championships in Canada late last year.

According to his dad, Eddy, Jonah did quite well while there.

"He made the final for his individual platform event and finished tenth in the world for his age group.

He also competed in the synchro final, and they were in the running for second place, but the final dive didn't go so well, and they ended up finishing sixth. He was also a member of a team event where they have four divers, and they finished fifth overall in the team event."

Altogether, 12 divers representing Australia competed at the meet, with five from Victoria.

After this event Jonah was subsequently selected to represent Australia at the International Youth Diving Meet in Dresden, Germany and attended at the end of April.

He had great success, finishing third on the 10-metre platform to receive a bronze medal at the International Youth Diving Meet in Dresden, Germany.

Juniors, because the International Diving Meet has countries from Europe represented mainly; but also, Canada and Australia were there too," Eddy said.

"He had a great time over there in Germany and began to compete against some guys that were all juniors. This competition is generally seen as the second-best junior comp' for the season after World



Jonah Mercieca finished third on the 10-metre platform to receive a bronze medal at the International Youth Diving Meet in Dresden, Germany.

gym work at the VIS and pool work at MSAC.

In between attending comps and winning medals, Jonah has also had success at the APS school sports and at the start of the year broke another diving record for the under 16's.

Jonah is planning to continue working hard and hoping to take his talent to the next level.

"He's in the 28:32 Dream Squad, which is like the Australian junior team that they're targeting for the Olympics of 2028 and 2032. We're hoping that he'll make the national squad by the end of this year - the Senior Squad, and then possibly, the next big competition will be the Commonwealth Games in 2026. While Paris in 2024 would be a dream come true, we're sort of hoping that the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne will be his senior debut."

Eddy isn't sure where Jonah gets his drive, energy and talent from.

"When he was a little kid, he used to jump off the couch and he did a little bit of gymnastics. He just had lots of energy and lots of beans in him and we just found a sport that attended to those needs and had a little bit of danger and risk, which he was happy to undertake - diving off a ten-metre platform, so the sport matched him."



Under 10 boys with coaches Tarkyn Walker and Xavier Lindsay, and team manager Louise Fisher.



Under 16 boys coach Sid Mewett, James Tuckett (MVP) and Lucas Jones (Best Utility) Absent – Hamish Gill (Runner-up MVP).

Wildcats' junior celebration

KORUMBURRA Basketball Association held its Junior Wildcats Presentation at the end of April, bringing all the club's junior teams together to celebrate the season.

It was another terrific campaign on court, with most of the teams making grand finals or semi finals at Country Championships and the Under 18 girls taking out the Division 1 title, making them the number one team in Country Victoria.

That made it back-to-back for the girls, as they took out the Division 1 title last year.

It's a proud list of achievements for a small association up against regional cities such as Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo.

Award winners are outlined in photo captions, other than for the Under 16 girls who were not present.

Megen Cooper was the MVP for that age group, with Maddi Rogers Runner-up MVP and the Coaches Award went to Heidi Nicholas.

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Junior Service Award recipients Amber Walker, Siena Lane, Tarkyn Walker, Xavier Lindsay and Zac Mabilia.

Under 12 girls coach Macey McGlead, Claudia Boulter (MVP), Mackenzie White (Coaches Award), Pearl Cruickshank (Runner-up MVP) and assistant coach Sarah Van Stokrom.

Under 14 girls coach Rory Butters, Ruby Ogilvy (MVP), Lacy Fennell (Most Improved), Leah Kirkbride (Coaches Award) and assistant coach Kelly Ogilvy.

Under 16 boys coach Sid Mewett, James Tuckett (MVP) and Lucas Jones (Best Utility) Absent – Hamish Gill (Runner-up MVP).

Under 18 girls coach Chloe Hogg, Ella Cocksedge (Coaches Award), Chelsea Fox (Most Determined) and assistant coach Felicity Fox. Absent – Krystal Arnason (Most Consistent).

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Roberts Family Clubperson of the Year Priscilla Fox is congratulated by her daughters Chelsea and Felicity.

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Under 18 boys Zac Mabilia (MVP), Tarkyn Walker (Most Determined), Dellis Humphrey (Coaches Award) and coach Matt Kennewell.



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RESULTS

A GRADE

Hill End 37 It Newborough 50
MDU 32 It Fish Creek 40
Foster 20 It Yinnar 54
Tarwin 39 It Boolarra 61
Morwell E 57 d Stony Cr'k 29

B GRADE

Hill End 33 It Newborough 57
Mirboo Nth 85 d Thorpdale 14
MDU 56 It Fish Creek 58
Foster 18 It Yinnar 54
Tarwin 41 It Boolarra 78
Morwell E 52 d Stony Cr'k 27

C GRADE

Hill End 34 d Newborough 32
Mirboo Nth 42 d Thorpdale 32
MDU 42 d Fish Creek 31
Foster 1 It Yinnar 81
Tarwin 32 d Boolarra 22
Morwell E 28 d Stony Cr'k 19

D GRADE

Hill End 25 It Newborough 28
Mirboo Nth 69 d Thorpdale 5
MDU 19 It Fish Creek 34
Foster 13 It Yinnar 64
Tarwin 38 d Boolarra 24
Morwell E 44 d Stony Cr'k 21

17 & UNDER

MDU 27 Fish Creek 19
Tarwin 20 It Boolarra 25
Morwell E 35 d Stony Cr'k 19

15 & UNDER

Hill End 44 d Newborough 7
MDU 58 d Fish Creek 31
Foster 2 It Yinnar 69
Tarwin 5 It Boolarra 85
Morwell E 21 d Stony Cr'k 19

13 & UNDER

Hill End 18 d Newborough 12
MDU 13 d Fish Creek 2
Foster 9 It Yinnar 27
Tarwin 8 It Boolarra 40

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Morwell East	232.00	18
Boolarra	234.12	16
Yinnar	185.06	16
Fish Creek	145.00	16
Toora	146.24	14
Tarwin	120.00	12
Mirboo North	118.71	8
Newborough	92.61	8
Stony Creek	63.13	4
Foster	35.16	4
MDU	57.07	0
Hill End	48.13	0

B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts
Yinnar	266.28	16
Boolarra	264.66	16
Fish Creek	187.97	16
Morwell East	172.73	16
Toora	153.61	16
Mirboo North	179.07	12
Tarwin	74.19	8
MDU	96.43	4
Newborough	81.62	4
Stony Creek	78.76	4
Foster	48.57	4
Hill End	46.69	0
Thorpdale	8.49	0

C GRADE

C GRADE	%	pts
Hill End	151.06	16
MDU	145.92	16
Yinnar	320.55	12
Tarwin	214.55	12
Morwell East	165.85	12
Toora	83.33	12
Boolarra	201.20	8
Fish Creek	143.62	8
Mirboo North	109.09	8
Newborough	100.83	8
Foster	6.69	4
Stony Creek	66.67	0
Thorpdale	21.94	0

D GRADE

D GRADE	%	pts
Yinnar	317.19	16
Fish Creek	292.65	16
Morwell East	207.14	16
Tarwin	200.00	16
Mirboo North	307.81	12
Boolarra	110.58	8
Newborough	89.26	8
Toora	50.56	8
Hill End	95.83	4
MDU	74.81	4
Stony Creek	46.84	4
Foster	23.83	4
Thorpdale	18.29	0

17 & UNDER

17 & UNDER	%	pts
Toora	390.91	16
MDU	223.68	16
Morwell East	91.23	16
Fish Creek	171.70	12
Yinnar	138.30	12
Boolarra	45.45	12
Stony Creek	80.25	8
Newborough	61.33	8
Tarwin	48.72	8
Mirboo North	18.00	4

15 & UNDER

15 & UNDER	%	pts
Mirboo North	868.75	16
Boolarra	490.48	16
Hill End	300.00	16
Yinnar	313.04	12
MDU	182.18	12
Fish Creek	123.68	12
Morwell East	105.97	12
Toora	63.64	8
Foster	23.43	8
Tarwin	6.86	4
Stony Creek	29.71	0
Newborough	16.42	0

13 & UNDER

13 & UNDER	%	pts
Yinnar	452.94	16
Boolarra	440.91	16
Mirboo North	300.00	16
Hill End	114.29	12
Toora	71.79	12
Foster	58.73	12
MDU	46.03	8
Fish Creek	20.69	8
Newborough	56.41	4
Tarwin	38.24	4

RESULTS

SPORT | NETBALL



Kilcunda-Bass' B grade player, Allison Carter passes to her team mate Jordan Kennedy in the goal circle.



Maddy Egglestone (C Grade) searches for an opening.



Elizabeth Krog plays strong defence in a fast paced first quarter against Bunyip. Z19_2023



Beth Pratt played well for her team in their win over MDU.



Kylie Wookey shoots for the net in the first quarter of the B Grade match against Bunyips Jade Taylor. Z21_2023



A Grade player Emily Mock looks to drive the ball into Kilcunda Bass's attacking third.



Kilcunda-Bass' Caitlin Stephens was strong in defence in her teams A Grade win against Bunyip.

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

A GRADE	%	pts
Cora Lynn	26 It Dalyston	46
Inverloch-K	93 d W'gul Ind.	17
Kilcunda-Bass	51 It Bunyip	28
KWR	43 d Phillip Island	43
K-Bena	58 d Garfield	9
NNG	41 It Tooradin-D	29
		54

17 & UNDER

17 & UNDER	%	pts
Cora Lynn	19 It Dalyston	34
Inverloch-K	52 d W'gul Ind.	3
Kilcunda-Bass	24 It Bunyip	28
KWR	18 It Phillip Island	43
K-Bena	63 d Garfield	9
NNG	32 d Tooradin-D	29
		54

15 & UNDER

15 & UNDER	%	pts
Cora Lynn	21 It Dalyston	22
Inverloch-K	23 d W'gul Ind.	21
Kilcunda-Bass	20 d Bunyip	11
KWR	11 It Phillip Island	31
K-Bena	32 It Garfield	18

LEONGATHA

Under 13: Our girls were too strong for their opposition. Our goalers were super accurate and that specialist training has paid off for them. It was difficult to pick the best players today as everyone had a great game. Score: Leongatha 41 def Morwell 11.

Under 15: Started a bit quiet in the first quarter but picked up intensity in the second. Quick and efficient passing made it super easy for the goalers to get on the scoreboard. All the girls should be super proud of how they played. Score: Leongatha 36 def Morwell 22.

Under 17: It was a hot and sunny day for netball. We came out strong from both ends of the court and maintained the lead for the entire game. It was a great team effort. Score: Leongatha 38 def Morwell 25.

C Grade: A well fought game by our C grade girls. It wasn't our day, but we still displayed a positive and disciplined attitude. Thanks to Audrey for stepping up into a tough game. Let's enjoy the week off. Score: Leongatha 21 def by Morwell 25.

B Grade: Great four quarters of netball girls! We fought hard all game, trying lots of different combinations. Great defensive pressure that resulted in goals. Well done everyone. Score: Leongatha 57 def Morwell 49.

A Grade: Grand final rematch was always going to be a battle until the final whistle and indeed it was. Everyone pushed until the very end and demonstrated we can bring it to the most difficult teams. Well done chicks! Score: Leongatha 43 def by Morwell 49.

WONTHAGGI

WONTHAGGI Power's A Grade netballers have battled their way back from a losing position at half time against Bairnsdale on Saturday to secure a memorable win on the road.

In superb conditions at Bairnsdale, the two teams came out hard and fast to score 12 goals to 11 by quarter time. But Bairnsdale settled better in the second quarter and with some wayward shooting by the visitors, they surged to what looked to be a winning lead of eight goals by half time.

But with the incentive of Chelsea Bowman's 50th game, they shuffled the positions at the break, moving Chelsea into defence and Courtney Young into goals and they clicked.

They hit 17 goals to Bairnsdale's six in a whirlwind third quarter and ultimately turned an eight-goal deficit into an eight-goal win by the end of the game; a terrific effort far from home.

Wonthaggi won the A Grade and Under 17s, while Bairnsdale were convincing winners in C Grade, the 15s and 13s.



Olivia Gilmour looks to work her way through the traffic as Wonthaggi Power A Grade battles back after a slow start at Bairnsdale.



Wonthaggi's Bella Anderson makes a good contest for the ball with Bairnsdale's Charli Young.



It's all hands as Bella Anderson makes it tough on her Bairnsdale opponent.



The anticipation builds as Dalyston shoots. Photo: Angus Chisholm



Poowong's Tiarna Blackwood (A Grade) makes a pass. Photo: Jeff Tull



Nyora's Jess Ayres (B Grade) looks for a shot.

ELLINBANK**RESULTS****A GRADE**

Nyora 44 It Lang Lang 61
Catani 37 It Nilma Darum 39
Buln Buln 59 d Yarragon 25
Poowong 28 It Trafalgar 60
Neerim Sth 87 d Longwarry 28

B GRADE

Nyora 24 It Lang Lang 40
Catani 41 d Nilma Darum 40
Buln Buln 58 d Yarragon 23
Poowong 19 It Trafalgar 77
Neerim Sth 66 d Longwarry 55

C GRADE

Nyora 10 It Lang Lang 43
Catani 30 It Nilma Darum 34
Buln Buln 44 d Yarragon 17
Poowong 26 It Trafalgar 39
Neerim Sth 32 d Longwarry 33

LADDERS

	A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	390.82	20		Catani	182.81	20
Trafalgar	169.71	20		Longwarry	160.98	20
Nilma Darnum	126.24	20		Trafalgar	208.64	12
Ellinbank	146.99	16		Ellinbank	173.03	12
Buln Buln	105.49	12		Buln Buln	123.74	12
Catani	102.12	10		Nilma Darnum	105.34	8
Lang Lang	96.24	10		Poowong	131.48	4
Longwarry	75.45	8		Lang Lang	52.41	4
Nyora	58.89	4		Yarragon	29.87	0
Yarragon	54.84	0		Neerim South	16.11	0
Poowong	39.51	0		Nyora	0.00	0

B GRADE

	B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Trafalgar	191.53	24		Buln Buln	248.57	24
Buln Buln	168.00	20		Poowong	203.75	20
Ellinbank	224.44	16		Yarragon	180.95	16
Catani	99.23	16		Longwarry	186.27	12
Neerim South	142.03	12		Nilma Darnum	104.72	12
Nilma Darnum	103.45	12		Trafalgar	100.00	12
Longwarry	92.33	8		Catani	100.88	8
Lang Lang	81.34	4		Ellinbank	64.96	8
Yarragon	68.44	4		Lang Lang	68.15	4
Poowong	50.18	4		Neerim South	44.89	4
Nyora	31.87	0		Nyora	6.10	0

C GRADE

	C GRADE	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Catani	137.87	20		Catani	395.00	24
Ellinbank	215.97	16		Buln Buln	243.48	24
Nilma Darnum	127.74	16		Poowong	334.38	18
Buln Buln	118.86	16		Longwarry	131.43	14
Neerim South	200.93	14		Yarragon	97.06	12
Longwarry	150.56	14		Neerim South	98.97	8
Trafalgar	137.50	12		Nilma Darnum	69.79	6
Lang Lang	80.00	4		Trafalgar	54.81	4
Poowong	62.20	4		Ellinbank	37.04	4
Yarragon	57.89	4		Nyora	23.64	4
Nyora	9.59	0		Lang Lang	36.64	2

GIPPSLAND**RESULTS****A GRADE**

Warragul 49 d Maffra 41
Morwell 49 d Leongatha 43
Moe 57 d Traralgon 45
Drouin 38 It Sale 42
Bairnsdale 46 It Wonthaggi 54

B GRADE

Warragul 53 d Maffra 47
Morwell 49 It Leongatha 57
Moe 41 It Traralgon 43
Drouin 47 d Sale 23

C GRADE

Warragul 26 It Maffra 48
Morwell 25 d Leongatha 21
Moe 30 It Traralgon 31
Drouin 41 d Sale 24
Bairnsdale 52 d Wonthaggi 22

LADDERS

	A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Morwell	140.67	22		Leongatha	163.76	24
Leongatha	144.61	20		Sale	181.42	20
Moe	141.41	20		Traralgon	179.47	20
Drouin	109.41	16		Maffra	116.46	16
Sale	87.04	12		Wonthaggi	161.96	12
Warragul	91.50	10		Morwell	102.21	10
Wonthaggi	81.25	8		Bairnsdale	82.59	8
Bairnsdale	76.79	8		Drouin	76.42	6
Traralgon	83.59	4		Warragul	45.39	4
Maffra	70.57	0		Moe	22.90	0

	B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Traralgon	129.03	24		Traralgon	448.78	24
Leongatha	145.96	16		Sale	208.76	24
Morwell	102.12	16		Bairnsdale	156.33	16
Moe	121.18	12		Leongatha	110.16	16
Drouin	108.53	12		Maffra	95.19	12
Maffra	96.19	8		Moe	74.62	12
Wonthaggi	82.26	4		Warragul	60.00	8
Warragul	77.74	4		Wonthaggi	64.93	4
Sale	60.56	0		Morwell	63.98	4
Bairnsdale	0.00	0		Drouin	28.26	0

	C GRADE	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Maffra	163.64	24		Traralgon	298.88	20
Leongatha	190.32	20		Sale	235.58	20
Drouin	133.92	20		Moe	190.00	16
Morwell	115.49	20		Leongatha	152.59	16
Bairnsdale	107.02	12		Bairnsdale	140.19	16
Moe	105.73	12		Maffra</td		

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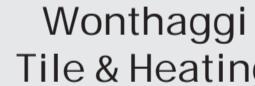
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Happy memories of South Gippsland footy success

TERRY Waycott has fond memories of representing the South Gippsland Schoolboys team in its charge to the 1963 grand final of the Under 15 Schoolboys Football Carnival held in Melbourne, despite 60 years having passed since the side's achievement.

Of all the teams competing in the Carnival, South Gippsland's was selected from the smallest population but its players won four consecutive games, claiming the scalp of Geelong to become country champions.

Terry played on a wing and remembers being surprised by the condition of his Geelong opponent after the match, who had his arm in a sling.

"He looked like he had a broken collarbone and I thought to myself, 'Maybe I did hit him a bit hard,'" Terry said, explaining it was a fair bump.

South Gippsland was outgunned in the grand final by a bigger Melbourne South combination.

"I recall Lou Richards wrote up the game in the Sunday newspaper," Terry said.

Neil Chandler from Welshpool went on to the greatest footballing success of the 23 players in the South Gippsland squad, making his senior Carlton debut in 1968, being part of a Blues' premiership that year and achieving the honour again in 1970 and 1972.

The last of those flags was won in just his 50th game and he retired from the VFL a couple of years later, aged 25, after



The South Gippsland Schoolboys team of 1963 earned the status of country champions. Terry Waycott is in the front row, third from the left.

76 matches for Carlton and six for St Kilda.

Terry reflected on the other members of the South Gippsland squad.

"Many went on to have success in the football world and to make a significant contribution to society in general," he said.

He played all his footy for Bena, only retiring at the age of 45.

There are lots of happy memories beyond the onfield success of that 1963 Football Carnival.

Terry remembers travelling to Melbourne by train and attending a reception at Richmond Technical School, with the next day a bigger highlight when the South Gippsland squad members were guests of Essendon Football Club at its match against Fitzroy.

"As a mad keen Essendon supporter, it was a memory I will never forget as we were able to be in the change rooms with the Essendon team," Terry said.

That was all the sweeter for

the fact the Bombers won by 61 points.

Essendon was coached by club great John Coleman, then just 34 years old.

"Our captain was the great Jack Clarke and legends such as Ken Fraser, John Birt and Charlie Payne also played," Terry said of the Bombers that day.

The South Gippsland players' Saturday frivolity continued at Luna Park, a new experience for many of the country kids, before they got down to business with a Sunday training

session at Essendon.

The squad of 23 featured representatives from a number of South Gippsland schools.

Leongatha and Wonthaggi had seven and five representatives respectively, with Korumburra (four), Mirboo North (three), Yarram (two), and Poowong and Foster one each.

Dumbalk East primary school teacher Ted Hook was team manager and coach, with the late Jack Charlton playing a significant role as selector.

Terry played in all South Gippsland's games for the Carnival.

"Sadly, Schoolboys Carnivals are a thing of the past, but I cherish the memories of a once in a lifetime experience I was lucky enough to enjoy," Terry said.

The South Gippsland Schoolboys squad for the 1963 Football Carnival by school:

- Foster High School – W. Backman
- Korumburra High School – T. Waycott, J. Kerville, N. Thomas, G. Clements
- Leongatha High School – T. Johnston, M. Leitch, J. Hickey, F. Hanly, G. Fennell (captain), B. Jardine, B. McMaster (vice captain)
- Mirboo North High School – J. Kiss, P. Jervis, A. Prowse
- Poowong Consolidated – R. Kenny
- Wonthaggi Technical School – C. Brown, C. Aitken, R. Hamilton, J. Geyer, T. Ware
- Yarram High School – N. Chandler, G. Holt

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Tess, Jess and Carly celebrate their 50th match.

Bass Coast Breakers play with pride

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While there are quite a few players in the team who have reached this milestone, this trio were the first players to reach 50 games in which all games were played at the Breakers.

A tale of two Tess's

There were two players named Tess who reached a milestone on the weekend but their football journeys have been very different.

Veteran Tess Angarane played her 50th game following on from a solid 300 A grade game netball career.

First pulling on the boots in 2017 (in her 30s) in the Breakers inaugural season - and now with two babies in toe - she has finally reached her first milestone.

On the other hand, youngster Tess

Wingfield celebrated her 100th game (which she actually played as a 17 year old in last year's grand final) a feat which had been virtually unheard of in the Bass Coast region, but hopefully will become the norm with more pathways opening up for women and girls to play locally.

Tess started her football playing for Wonthaggi Power in U/11s playing with the boys before moving on to the Wonthaggi Power and Dalyston Youth girls and then Bass Coast Breakers Women's Team last year once she was old enough.

She had an instant impact for the team with the opportunity to play from juniors right through to women's evident in her silky skills, poise and great game sense.

Tess is currently also playing for Gippsland Power in the Coates Talent League.

Poowong suffers another setback

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG welcomed Trafalgar in all four grades, an important game in the Seniors for both clubs trying to get into the top five, conditions were great for football.

Poowong had one late change and it gave Rhys Butler the opportunity to play his first senior game, congratulations Rhys.

The second quarter started with both sides hard at the ball with the ball moving around.

Trafalgar forwards were getting on top with the ball being delivered quickly into the forward line and they were able to outmark Poowong's young defence adding five goals with Poowong's only goal coming from Damon Hansen.

Poowong would need to work hard cutting off the delivery into Trafalgar's forwards and improve their entry into their own forward line requiring players to create more run.

Both sides had early opportunities, only points resulted, Poowong had an opportunity but Hazendonk's kick to CHF was spilt and resulted in the ball going forward for Trafalgar's eighth followed by a mark on the point post for their ninth.

Poowong would have to lift and make the most of their opportunities as the third quarter approached.

Trafalgar went forward with the shot punched clear by Poowong's defence.

Trafalgar took the ball forward for a goal off the ground, Poowong had more chances including a mark by Connor Cunningham at CHF but kicked out of bounds.

The defenders were working hard clearing kicks for goals



Micah Williams pushes forward with the ball. Photos: Jeff Tull

with Trafalgar managing two points, Alex Henshall grabbed the ball and kicked Poowong's fifth.

Jack Hazendonk grabbed the ball in the centre and with two bounces kicked to the square unfortunately, Poowong could not hold the mark, then from a boundary throw in Poowong kicked another point.

Trafalgar took it forward from a turnover for their 12th goal, then both sides managed late points.

Trafalgar deserved their win but what might have been the result if Poowong had kicked straight with one goal, eight points and two out of bounds with at least six shots definitely gettable.

The seniors will have a couple of players back from injury this week so hopefully they will stiffen the team.



The mark was just within Poowong's Steven McInnes reach.

Saints overcome Tigers with first victory for the season

AFTER five straight losses some would think the group would be downhearted, however, the feeling around the club was ecstatic!

The Saints all had a good feeling that this week was the week, and after taking on Lang Lang, they finally got their first taste of victory.

Over the last few weeks, they have started to play more and more on brand Nyora footy.

"We knew it was coming we just had to be patient. We had four changes from the week prior that gave the group a completely new look. The boys that came up played their role well and allowed others to excel in other positions," coach Dylan Heylen said.

"Our first full four quarter effort got us the result we have been searching for.

"We are confident the belief amongst the group has reached a point where we can get a few wins in row.

"The group is still learning week to week about how to handle tough situations during the game. This week was no different and we took a lot from it.

"We need to stay focussed and continue to improve for next week against Yarragon. We hope to make it two wins in a row and get our year back on track."

RIGHT: Dylan Harkin celebrated 100 senior games over the weekend.



ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS							ROUND 6													
SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON	
Buln Buln	6	0	197.18	24	Neerim South	4	0	600.00	20	Buln Buln	5	1	204.26	83.3	Neerim South	5	0	388.79	100	
Trafalgar	5	1	131.02	20	Ellinbank	4	1	388.14	16	Neerim South	4	1	232.54	80.0	Trafalgar	5	1	258.62	83.3	
Ellinbank	4	1	174.04	16	Lang Lang	4	1	335.66	16	Ellinbank	3	1	282.79	75.0	Ellinbank	4	1	342.06	80.0	
Neerim South	3	2	252.36	12	Catani	4	2	127.91	16	Yarragon	2	2	135.43	50.0	Longwarry	4	2	97.97	66.6	
Yarragon	3	2	104.43	12	Trafalgar	3	3	223.66	12	Longwarry	2	3	66.49	40.0	Lang Lang	3	2	256.67	60.0	
Longwarry	3	3	69.68	12	Buln Buln	3	3	123.45	12	Trafalgar	2	3	55.97	40.0	Buln Buln	2	4	61.00	33.3	
Lang Lang	2	3	110.93	8	Longwarry	3	3	93.24	12	Poowong	1	4	29.93	20.0	Yarragon	1	4	40.20	20.0	
Poowong	2	3	56.67	8	Nyora	2	4	48.16	8	Lang Lang	0	4	30.91	0.0	Poowong	0	5	25.33	0.0	
Catani	1	5	67.25	4	Yarragon	1	4	44.51	4	Catani	0	0	0.00	0	Nilma Darnum	0	5	17.63	0.0	
Nyora	1	5	62.90	4	Nilma Darnum	1	4	27.34	4	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0	
Nilma Darnum	0	5	51.39	0	Poowong	0	5	8.11	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	

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POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

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TRAFalgar

POOWONG

Trafalgar 2.2 7.4 106 12.8 (80)

Poowong 1.1 2.4 4.6 5.14 (44)

GOALS, Trafalgar: Matthew Swenson 4, MacLean McInnes, Klay Butler 2, Blake Radford, Curtis Baker, Mathew Devon, Dylan Farrell 1 each

BEST: Mitch Virtue, Daniel Baker, Jamie Hines, Klay Butler, Mathew Devon, Matthew Swenson

GOALS, Poowong: Damon Hansen 2, Connor Cunningham, Micah Williams, Alex Henshall 1 each

BEST: Thomas Robertson, Connor Cunningham, Steven McInnes, Micah Williams, Matthew Cozzio, Michael Robertson

RESERVES

Trafalgar 4.5 13.11 17.17 27.23 (185)

Poowong 1.0 1.0 3.0 3.0 (18)

GOALS, Trafalgar: Brett Cameron, Blake

Zimora 5, Cooper Minichiello 4, Keegan Tullett 3, Zack Brown, Angus Templeton 2, Kynan Noonan, Jackson Noonan 1 each

BEST: Keegan Tullett, Angus Templeton, Connor Dastey, Cooper Minichiello, Blake Zimora, Zach Gopalan

GOALS, Poowong: Jake Lewis 2, Aaron Cole 1

BEST: Jake Peacock, Gavin Broad, Daniel Whelan, Caspian Jackman-Riches, Jake Lewis, Bryce Townsend

THIRDS

Poowong 3.5 4.7 6.8 8.9 (57)

Trafalgar 2.1 2.3 3.6 3.12 (30)

GOALS, Poowong: Tommy Burgess 5, Benjamin

Fowler, Harry Cecil, Kohen Mandemaker 1 each

BEST: Harry Cecil, Tommy Burgess, Taryn Taylor-Wilton, Bryce Townsend, Reuben Foster, Conor Avery

GOALS, Trafalgar: Jordan Chapman, Oliver Hennessy, Mitchell Claridge 1 each

BEST: Toby Radford, Jordan Chapman, Oliver Hennessy, Noah Tunks, Owen McLeod-Agland, Jacob Angus

FOURTHS

Trafalgar 2.2 5.3 6.5 7.8 (50)

Poowong 0.1 1.1 3.3 4.4 (28)

GOALS, Trafalgar: Liam Coulthard 3, Oliver McQualter 2, Angus Carlson, Dylan van de Stoep 1 each

BEST: Toby McCabe, Brock Gill, Thomas Boelen, Dylan van der Stoep, Juddson Ryan, William Bremner

GOALS, Poowong: Gavin Monson, Kohen

Mandemaker, Marty Cook, William Dixon 1 each

BEST: Jett Blackwood, Henri Bott, Aaron Damon, Marty Cook, Kohen Mandemaker, Bryce Broadmore, Kohen Mandemaker

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

76

48

NYORA

LANG LANG

Nyora 2.6 7.6 9.8 10.11 (71)

Lang Lang 3.2 3.4 5.4 7.6 (48)

GOALS, Nyora: Nick Anderson 4, Scott Pugh 2, Kallan Rigby, Rhys Grange-Lylak, Adam Pugh, Marvin Sellars 1 each

BEST: Nick Anderson, Jordan Anderson, Samuel Dixon, Dylan Heylen, Marvin Sellars, Max Mattock

GOALS, Lang Lang: Chaise Jordan 4, Geordie Wells 2, Lachlan Barwick 1

BEST: Kaden Finlay Smith, Brett Kirkham, Jason Stokkel, Brad Harding, Chaise Jordan

RESERVES

Lang Lang 3.2 9.5 11.5 16.6 (102)

Nyora 0.0 1.0 3.1 4.1 (25)

GOALS, Lang Lang: Jack Jenkins 3, Mark Penn, Liam Edgar, Daniel Makepeace 2, Bryce

Ridsdale, Jess Hand, Luke Clark, Bryce Fraser, Brett Kelly, Troy Miller, Lachlan Howie 1 each

BEST: Jack Jenkins, Kobee Dore Wilson, Brent Miller, Jesse Hand, Daniel Makepeace

GOALS, Nyora: Rob Moxon 2, Shaun Lamb, Andrew Dike 1 each

BEST: Shaun Lamb, Rob Moxon, Andrew Dike, Dylan Harkin, Tyson Shiell, Gavin Doig

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Neerim Stn 22.22.154 d Longwarry 1.9.15

Buln Buln 19.14.128 d Yarragon 6.6.42

Catani 12.11.83 d N-Darnum 3.7.25

RESERVES

Neerim Stn 20.18.138 d Longwarry 2.1.13

Buln Buln 18.16.124 d Yarragon 3.0.18

Catani 16.12.108 d N-Darnum 3.3.21

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TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

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TARWIN **122** BOOLARRA **99**Tarwin 10.3 11.3 16.6 19.8 (122)
Boolarra 2.1 8.3 13.4 15.9 (99)**GOALS, Tarwin:** Matthew Williams 5, Jamie Cann, Ryan Waddell 3, Harry McInnes, Jonathan McMicking, Kaj Patterson 2, Ben Ellen, Dale Lawton 1 each**BEST:** Matthew Williams, Nathan McRae, Fergus Warren, Jamie Cann, Hugh Suckling, Ben Ellen**GOALS, Boolarra:** Sam Mazou 7, Luke Marriott 3, Brendan Mason 2, Shaun Falla, Aidyn Sheers, Daniel Wilson 1 each**BEST:** Simon Noy, Sam Mazou, Brendan Mason, Luke Marriott, Nic Dowse, Matthew Windsor

RESERVES

Tarwin 6.3 13.4 19.6 23.10 (148)
Boolarra 0.0 0.0 0.1 2.1 (13)**GOALS, Tarwin:** Timothy Gedye 9, Todd Lomax 3, Gabriel Brennan, Max Dyball, Daniel Hales 2, William Blundy, Travis Cameron, Daniel Cardy, John Kilsby, Nick Tucker 1 each**BEST:** Timothy Gedye, Nick Tucker, Adam Bell, William Blundy, Todd Lomax, Travis Cameron**GOALS, Boolarra:** Michael Murden, Eddy Stanton 1 each**BEST:** Thomas Beamish, Thomas Holley, Kenneth Towt, Ben McCormack, Jacob Carnes, Michael Murden

THIRDS

MDU 2.1 4.3 5.7 9.10 (64)
Fish Crk/Tarwin 1.1 2.3 4.7 6.8 (44)

**See MDU v Fish Creek Results

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

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YINNAR **58** FOSTER **38**Yinnar 3.1 4.3 7.3 9.4 (58)
Foster 0.4 0.6 1.10 4.14 (38)**GOALS, Yinnar:** Josh Bugeja, Ben Cheffers, Luke Cheffers, Sebastian Famularo, Daniel Johnson, Dean Johnson, Stuart Patten, Tige Renwick, Flynn Schill 1 each**BEST:** Dean Johnson, Ben Cheffers, Mark Stolk, Flynn Schill, Harrison McColl, Brendan Chapman**GOALS, Foster:** Tom Bartholomew, Michael Cooke 2**BEST:** Matthew Clark, Mitchell Allott, Tom Bartholomew, Oliver Callcott, Michael Green, Jake Thornell

RESERVES

Yinnar 5.4 6.9 11.13 12.17 (89)
Foster 0.0 0.0 0.2 2.2 (14)**GOALS, Yinnar:** Nicholas Linton, Ryan Mayo, Archie Mills, Matt Nelson 2, Lachlan Alexander, Jesse Berryman-Lambert, Lachlan DeBeer, Reece Malcolmson 1 each**BEST:** Archie Mills, Ryan Mayo, Nicholas Linton, Reece Malcolmson, Gabe Olver, Wayne Rowley**GOALS, Foster:** Jason Midwinter 2**BEST:** Ben Smith, Jake Chaseling, Ethan Lavis, Simon Gibson, Jason Smith, Ollie Cox

THIRDS

Foster 1.5 4.7 8.11 10.12 (72)
Yinnar 2.2 5.6 6.10 7.11 (53)**BEST, Foster:** Adam Janssen, Ashton Janssen, Flynn Lomax, Nathan Gundrill, Leevi Lidstone, Aaron Judd**BEST, Yinnar:** Presley Podmore, Oliver McColl, Harvey McKay, Lukas Seath, Parker Mason, Mack Rieniets

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

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MORWELL EAST **73** STONY CREEK **34**Morwell East 1.5 6.7 8.11 10.13 (73)
Stony Creek 1.2 3.4 4.7 4.10 (34)**GOALS, Morwell East:** Dustin Heyden 3, Isaac Abas, Kaleb Chapman, Matthew Cunningham, Brendan Evans, Brandon Francis, Jay Francis, Zachary Mangion 1 each**BEST:** Eric Semmler, Zachary Mangion, Brendan Evans, Brandon Francis, Isaac Abas, Tony Nicholson**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Cody Loughridge 2, Jacob Byrnes, Chris Verboon 1 each**BEST:** Cody Loughridge, Troy Sinclair, Hayden Funnell, Oscar Bowler, Matt Brown, Jack Stuart

RESERVES

Morwell East 2.4 4.7 8.11 8.11 (59)
Stony Creek 2.4 2.4 2.5 6.6 (42)**GOALS, Morwell East:** Hamish Towns 2, Kai Dixon, Hayden Dwyer, Brad Gibson, Tanner Higgins, Liam Little, Izayah Terrick 1 each**BEST:** Jake Birchall, Tanner Higgins, Dylan Pappas, Izayah Terrick, Zac Brown, Bradley Semmler**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Adam Atkins, George Batten, Glenn Gray, Wally King, Ryan McKnight, Colby Michael 1 each**BEST:** Sam Bright, Adam Atkins, Cade James, Nick Svenson, Ryan McKnight, Shaun Cope

Sharks and Demons battle it out



A tight contest between Tarwin and Boolarra leaves the Sharks with a high scoring win in round four. Z38_2023



Ryan Waddell gets the ball out of the scrap and kicks it down to Tarwin's fifty to retain the lead. Z37_2023



Jamie Cann gets a free kick and sends it straight through the middle in the final term against Boolarra. Z35_2023

BOTH of these two teams had come off heartbreaking three point losses in their last match and both to the same side in Foster.

Tarwin, who had a bye in between, were super keen to bounce back with a victory at home over the Demons.

In somewhat of a shootout, it was the Sharks' that got the job done.

"Well we jumped out of the gate well! Then got complacent and the Boolarra lads turned up the dial a little bit. It was a well ground out win for us and each week we keep learning about ourselves and also the competition, I thought we moved the ball the best we have this year so that's promising," Troy Hemming, Tarwin coach said.

The Sharks' 10 goals to two was super impressive, but equally impressive was the way the Demons didn't give it up and fought back to put themselves into contention.

The Demons have shown they can mix it with the very best sides in the competition, but sooner rather than later they will also need to win games of footy.

Costly match for Foster

By Rob Popplestone

IN THE fortnight leading into their weekend clash with the reigning premiers, Foster had claimed two victories, both by just three points and both against quality opposition.

Their round four clash, hosting Yinnar, was expected to produce yet another nail biting encounter, but it was bad kicking that proved to be costly, very costly.

"What do they say about bad kicking... It was going to catch up to us after the last few weeks and today it did. More scoring shots and just as much of the ball, they beat us on the ground and got a few easy ones which was deflating for the group. The Yinnar boys had plenty to say so there's a good little rivalry building," said Sam Davies, Foster coach.

Yinnar are slowly getting their "mojo" and with that come their confidence, and with that comes their premiership winning form.

Most sides in the competition seem to have improved on what they offered in 2022, and the fact that Yinnar are winning games that last season they may have lost, sends a message to all in the competition that they believe they are capable of going back to back.

Morwell East continues winning ways

By Troy Sinclair

STONY CREEK ventured across the hills to Ronald Reserve on Saturday to take on the undefeated Morwell East.

The first quarter was a tight tussle, with both teams having stages of dominance and showing some great signs, however the Hawks were able to head into the first break with a narrow 3-point advantage.

During the second quarter the Hawks started to slightly get on top of Lions, with Eric Semmler and Zachary Mangion getting on top throughout the midfield.

Cody Loughridge was doing all he could to go head to head in the middle of the ground, and his goal late in the second quarter sent the lions into half-time with some momentum.

The third quarter was split even, with both sides only managing two goals apiece.

Stony Creek's backline did a fantastic job at repelling a lot of consistent footy coming in from the Hawks, with Troy Sinclair and Matt Brown intercepting and rebounding well off the half-back line. The last quarter went the way of Morwell East, with a two goal to zero final quarter enough to give them a 6 goal win.

Semmler, Mangion, Evans, Francis and Abas were the best for the Hawks, while for the Lions Loughridge was fantastic in the middle all day, with good help from Hayden Funnell and Jack Stuart, while down back Sinclair and Brown, along with Oscar Bowler, did their best to defend and then generate attack from the defensive 50.

Tigers left 'blue' after Thorpdale victory

By Rover

THORPDALE led at every chance to win a drama-packed nail-biter by three points over Mirboo North at Tigerland, in Saturday's lovely 17 degrees late autumn sunshine.

Although Thorpdale also won the reserves footy match, Mirboo North retained the annual Bright / St Ellen Memorial Shield, after victories in the three netball clashes between the clubs.

Thorpdale's second win at Mirboo North since 2001 was a triumph for playing coach, Jason Winderlich, who masterminded a game plan to limit the Tigers' quick running capacity and kick to one-on-one marking contests wherever possible.

After beginning his junior career with the Mirboo North Cats, Winderlich's first senior game with Thorpdale was as a 15-year old, before making 129 appearances for Essendon from 2003 to 2015.

Proceedings began at fever pitch, with Thorpdale five points in front at quarter time and leading by the same margin at the long break.

Thorpdale had two goals on the board after eight minutes of the opening term, before Damien Turner booted Mirboo North's first major with a clever snap from close range.

Although the Blues soon lost Winderlich to a hamstring strain, the visitors headed to the sheds with Shannon Pickering, Ray, Matt Powell and Mitchell Gorman causing Mirboo North plenty of headaches in the opening half.



The Tigers' Ben Campbell looks to break through the pack. Photos: Annie Holland

Thorpdale's buffeting in the packs, fierce tackling and strong overhead marks were impressive features of their play.

Joel Lambourn, Taj Wilkins and Shannon Kennedy were solid on the last line for the mighty Tigers, as their defence was frequently tested to the limit with multiple forward 50 entries by the Blues.

As well, Jesse Chila, Ben Campbell, Hudson Kerr, Jake Nash, Beau Peters and Max Woodall ran the ball fast and their Thorpdale opponents ragged, whenever Mirboo North spread the Sherrin into open spaces.

Within 20 seconds of the start of the third quarter, Mirboo North committed a 50-metre

penalty breach, from which the Blues scored a behind.

Shortly after, another penalty, this time a double 50, immediately advanced the ball 150 metres with one kick towards Thorpdale's goal, but it was turned back by the Tigers.

Successive snapped majors from Mitchell Chopping and Kieran Rice increased Thorpdale's lead to 18 points, before Powell goaled again after Rice and Chopping combined to find him.

The Tigers looked rattled, but scoring two of the next three majors was an adrenaline lifter and allowed them to go to the last change three goals in arrears.

The second of these majors came from Max Woodall who

brilliantly intercepted an in-bound Thorpdale pass across half back and sprinted over 100 metres bouncing the ball as he sped closer and closer towards the big white sticks.

Mirboo North fought back hard in the final term, with consecutive goals from Jordan Cummaudo, Justin Pellicano and Kerr, that gave the Tigers the lead entering time-on.

Then a shot from Mirboo North's Tyron Stevens went left of the wide opening, after which a self-inflicted disaster torpedoed it, when more loose lips sank the Tigers' battleship.

With time on the wing and a 50-metre penalty to assist it, Thorpdale ferried the ball to Ray with one last flurry forward.

Fish Creek no threat to MDU

CLUBS have worked out very quickly the clashes that are of most importance, finals like, for want of a better description, and this match was touted to be one of those.

Two sides, seemingly evenly matched and both desperate to start and put some distance between themselves and those "middle of the ladder" teams.

MDU standing tall and signalling they will be a finals contender in 2023, decimated Fish Creek.

"We had a really good day as a group, moved the ball well and the most pleasing thing was turning the forward entries into scores," said Nathan Allen, MDU coach.

Fish Creek would have given themselves a chance of securing a win, but the result

highlights the need for teams to be either on their game or paying the price.

Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach added, "We got shown up by a pretty slick and well coached outfit. It was a great day for footy and Meeniyan's skill and work rate shone through. Some good learnings for us to take from the game, so it's time for us to roll up the sleeves and start putting in the hard yards."

At this early stage of the season, it appears that some "new faces" will be putting their hands up for a place in the league's top six, MDU is certainly one of those, but a week is a long time in football and there are still fourteen long weeks to go.

RIGHT: Fish Creek coach Jarrod Walker tackles his MDU opponent.



MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 4

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Newborough	4	0	214.51	16	Newborough	4	0	375.82	16	Mirboo North	3	1	265.08	12
Morwell East	4	0	190.53	16	Tarwin	3	0	552.24	12	MDU	3	1	131.47	12
Yinnar	3	1	109.87	12	MDU	3	1	338.89	12	Yinnar	2	2	143.39	8
MDU	2	2	146.48	8	Morwell East	3	1	147.85	12	Fish Creek/Tarwin	2	2	138.86	8
Mirboo North	2	2	128.40	8	Toora	2	1	175.00	8	Foster	2	2	88.03	8
Tarwin	2	1	112.61	8	Yinnar	2	2	113.14	8	Newborough	0	4	11.11	0
Foster	2	2	91.84	8	Thorpdale	2	2	96.89	8	Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Fish Creek	2	2	67.28	8	Fish Creek	2	2	96.65	8	Hill End	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	1	3	86.01	4	Stony Creek	2	2	83.90	8	Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra	1	3	85.31	4	Hill End	1	3	50.16	4	Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Stony Creek	1	3	73.04	4	Boolarra	1	3	29.97	4	Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	1	2	52.83	4	Mirboo North	0	4	37.74	0	Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End	0	4	52.23	0	Foster	0	4	21.57	0					

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MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB



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THORPDALE

MIRBOO NORTH

Thorpdale 3.2 6.5 10.7 11.8 (74)

Mirboo North 2.3 5.6 7.7 10.11 (71)

GOALS, Thorpdale: Matthew Powell 4, Mitchell Chopping 2, James Holland-Burch, Shannon Pickering, Lachie Ray, Kieran Rice, Jason Winderlich 1 each

BEST: Shannon Pickering, Lachie Ray, Mitchell Gorman, Daniel Holt, James Holland-Burch, Travis Patten

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Justin Pellicano, Max Woodall 2, Jordan Cummaudo, Hudson Kerr, Beau Melbourne, Jake Nash, Josh Taylor, Damien Turner 1 each

BEST: Hudson Kerr, Joel Lambourn, Josh Taylor, Ben Campbell, Jake Nash, Max Woodall

RESERVES

Thorpdale 2.2 4.3 7.4 9.5 (59)

Mirboo North 2.2 3.3 3.6 6.6 (42)

GOALS, Thorpdale: Zane Danger, Robert Harrington, Kaden Latcham 2, Jake Atkinson, Michael Chapman, James Sinclair-Stanley 1 each

BEST: James Sinclair-Stanley, Benjamin Hotchkiss, Paul MacKenzie, James Pecotich, Brylie Carpenter, Robert Harrington

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Robert Devine 2, William Lewis, Tarmah Little, Mitchell Richardson, Brayden Wilson 1 each

BEST: Nicholas Cummaudo, Tarmah Little, Simon Busuttil, Jasan Hysen, Mitchell Richardson, Harry Dobson

THIRDS

Mirboo North 6.5 9.9 12.14 15.18 (108)

Newborough 0.0 1.1 1.1 1.1 (7)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Max Woodall 6, Hayden Barnes 3, Harrison Austin, Zac Jones 2, Oliver Budd, Jack Jagusch 1 each

BEST: Ollie Mahoney, Oliver Budd, Hayden Barnes, Noah Bradley, Jack Jagusch, Sam Bradley

GOALS, Newborough: Tom Wolf 1

BEST: Tom Wolf, Ryan Mellon, Cooper Hanson, Joe Varsaci, Seth Coady, Brody Young

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



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MDU

FISH CREEK

MDU 7.5 10.6 14.11 19.12 (126)

Fish Creek 0.2 2.7 4.8 6.9 (45)

GOALS, MDU: Darren Sheen 4, Brendan Tomada, Samuel Wilson 3, Ashleigh Allen, Jayden Deas, Wayne Stewart, Jacob Whiteside 2, Nathan Allen 1

BEST: Samuel Wilson, Billy Evers, Nathan Allen, Brendan Tomada, Jarrod Hoy, Thomas Corry

GOALS, Fish Creek: Levi Cocksedge, Jordan Shaw 2, Pat Pekin, Bradley Perks 1 each

BEST: Thomas Cameron, Lachlan Gale, Tom Valenta, Pat Pekin, Willem Voorham, Levi Cocksedge

RESERVES

MDU 2.3 6.4 9.6 17.9 (111)

Fish Creek 0.0 0.0 1.1 1.1 (7)

GOALS, MDU: Martyn Beacham, Jack Dunn 3, Matt Harris, Timothy Harris, Benjamin Maxwell 2, Ben Cantwell, Mitchell Hooper, Neil Mathieson, Charlie McInnes, Blake Moscript 1 each

BEST: Matt Harris, Timothy Harris, Mitchell Hooper, Benjamin Maxwell, Martyn Beacham, Aaron Trease

GOALS, Fish Creek: Brent Cooper 1

BEST: Owen Straw, Angus Harding, Archie Brewer, Peter Mueller, Brock Stefani, Jake Staley

THIRDS

MDU 2.1 4.3 5.7 9.10 (64)

Fish Crk/Tarwin 1.1 2.3 4.7 6.8 (44)

GOALS, MDU: Angus McInnes 3, Billy Trotman 2, Rylan Bell, Finn Dunn, Hunter Fennell, Harry Scrimshaw 1 each

BEST: Tyson Harris, Angus McInnes, Hunter Fennell, Billy Trotman, Jarvis Lacy, Harry Scrimshaw

GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Oscar Bright, Joseph Rysko 2, Tommy Bartels, Zak Bright 1 each

BEST: Joseph Rysko, Ryan Gwin, Tommy Bartels, Oscar Bright, Zak Bright, Rory Standfield

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Newborough 17.21.123 d Hill End 3.16.34

RESERVES

Newborough 16.16.112 d Hill End 2.1.13

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WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

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WONTHAGGI BAIRNSDALE

Wonthaggi 3.3 8.9 12.15 18.21 (129)
Bairnsdale 5.1 7.1 8.3 8.7 (55)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Brodie Mabilia 4, Isaac Chugg, Troy Harley 3, Jarryd Blair, Tom Davey 2, Harry Dawson, Jye Gilmour, Cooper McInnes, Jake Thomas 1 each

BEST: Toma Huther, Brodie Mabilia, Ryan Sparkes, Jarryd Blair, Isaac Chugg, Aiden Lindsay

GOALS, Bairnsdale: Logan Austin, Brayden McCarrey 3, Lachlan Byrne-Jones, Thomas Hudson 1 each

BEST: Logan Austin, Brayden McCarrey, Will Mitchell, Link McKenna, Byron Vickery, Kieran Vickery

RESERVES
Bairnsdale 1.4 6.6 7.6 8.10 (58)
Wonthaggi 1.1 3.2 4.4 5.5 (35)

GOALS, Bairnsdale: Tyran Rees 3, Daniel Eastman 2, Nicholas George, Ridge Peters, Jarrod Stewart 1 each

BEST: Jamie Dore, Oscar Clarke, Lucas Lakay, Nicholas George, Campbell Moresi, Ethan Taylor

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Adam Busana, Ollie Dawson, Wayne Luke, Reeve Moresco, Kyle Yann 1 each

BEST: Kyle Yann, Ryan Cornell, Reeve Moresco, Kurt Brown, Kane McCarthy

FOURTHS
Bairnsdale 7.3 12.7 16.17 21.21 (147)
Wonthaggi 2.0 5.0 5.1 5.2 (32)

BEST, Bairnsdale: Jesse Bills, Brayden Fenner, Jobe Froud, Ryan Cullinan, Harry McGuinn, Oliver Emmett

BEST, Wonthaggi: Ayden Fawaz, Sam Carter, Jaxon Brouwers, Lucas Ton, Jayden Burns, Jackson Glen

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

 **84**  **48**

LEONGATHA MORWELL

Leongatha 2.3 4.9 7.14 11.18 (84)
Morwell 3.2 4.2 7.4 7.6 (48)

GOALS, Leongatha: Thomas Marriott 3, Aaron Heppell, Aaron Turton 2, Jesse Burns, Kim Drew, Jenson Garnham, Jack Ginnane 1 each

BEST: Thomas Marriott, Cade Maskell, Aaron Heppell, Jake van der Pligt, Ben Willis, Aaron Turton

GOALS, Morwell: Brandon McDonald 5, Riley Lopreste, Tristen Waack 1

BEST: Ryan Hearn, Brandon McDonald, Tristen Waack, Tyler Brown, Burkeley Macfarlane, Brandon McAuliffe

RESERVES
Leongatha 4.1 5.7 6.11 11.14 (80)
Morwell 2.1 2.3 3.3 4.3 (27)

GOALS, Leongatha: Hayden Lindsay 4, Noah Fixter, Levi Hickey, Reegan Kemp, Flynn Materia, Kyle Materia, Joshua Schelling, Lachie Wright 1 each

BEST: Hayden Lindsay, Steve Forrester, Noah Fixter, Joshua Schelling, Darcy Berryman, Lachie Wright

GOALS, Morwell: Zac Cheffers, Damien Hough, Mitchell Lovison, Nicholas Wilson 1 each

BEST: Levi Dalziel, Mason Porykali, Lachlan Tactor, Mitchell Lovison, Damien Hough, Reese Adams

THIRDS
Leongatha 4.0 8.2 13.4 14.7 (91)
Morwell 3.0 3.1 3.2 5.2 (32)

BEST, Leongatha: Julian Callahan, Ben Fort, Tadhg Gannon, Beau Grabham Andrews, Zavier Lamers, Joshua Smith

BEST, Morwell: Connor Seymour, Alex Lovison, Leigh Effenberg, Arlo VanDerVelden, Zac Cheffers

FOURTHS
Leongatha 2.3 4.7 6.12 10.16 (76)
Morwell 2.0 2.0 2.0 4.0 (24)

BEST, Leongatha: Klayton McGrath, Angus Livingstone, Isaac Bolge, Timothy Hibberson, Campbell Reid, Fletcher McLennan

BEST, Morwell: Mackenzie Blewett, Tane Kirk, Jerremi Beath, Tanner James, Rileigh O'Neill

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS
Maffra 8.14.62 d Warragul 6.11.47
Traralgon 13.12.90 d Moe 11.9.75
Sale 16.13.109 d Drouin 9.9.63

RESERVES
Maffra 23.14.152 d Warragul 1.1.7
Moe 13.7.85 d Traralgon 6.10.46
Sale 12.14.86 d Drouin 5.4.34

THIRDS
Maffra 5.5.35 d Warragul 3.12.30
Traralgon 11.14.80 d Moe 1.7.13
Drouin 10.6.66 d Sale 8.6.54

FOURTHS
Maffra 7.5.47 d Warragul 3.5.23
Traralgon 10.6.66 d Moe 6.8.44
Drouin 12.11.83 d Sale 5.13.43

Power finds their mojo on the road



This way, that way, Wonthaggi's Brodie Mabilia wrongfoots his Bairnsdale opponents on his way to a near best-on-ground performance.



Wonthaggi Power coach Jarryd Blair marks the ball at Bairnsdale on his way to another inspirational performance.

Parrots prevail over Tigers after a tight early tussle

LEONGATHA'S final quarter control of proceedings against Morwell enabled the Parrots to escape with a six-goal win in a match that appeared likely to have a last gasp victor.

With Leongatha leading by little over a goal early in the third term, a yellow card shown to Parrot Tallin Brill, for a seemingly minor incident, threatened to give the already highly competitive Morwell a match-winning advantage.

While the Tigers edged ahead in the dying moments of Brill's enforced 15-minute absence, the Parrots maintained ferocious pressure, preventing Morwell from fully

capitalising on its one-man advantage.

Leongatha's star goal kickers of recent weeks, Jenson Garnham and Jack Ginnane, were held to just a major each for the day, with Morwell's Ryan Hearn leading a disciplined and organised defence and taking impressive intercept marks.

However, such is the spread of the Parrots' talent, others rose to the occasion, with powerhouse onballer and skipper Tom Marriott booting three goals, and a couple of Aarons, Turton and Heppell, capping their solid games with two majors each.

Leongatha stepped up its

level in the last term, ensuring the footy was rarely far from its goal during the remainder of the match.

Maintaining its approach of keeping numbers back, Morwell's defence kept up its intensity, repelling many attacks.

The Tigers were still just three goals adrift 24 minutes into the final term, but appropriately Marriott pounced and rammed through the goal that made a Parrots' win certain.

Parrots' coach Trent McMicking reflected on the challenge his side faced throughout the game, with Morwell's disciplined adherence to its game plan and the effort it

took his side to score despite having the ball in its forward line for much of the day.

"They had lots of numbers behind the ball and intercepted so many of our entries, with their pressure causing us to turn the footy over a lot," he said.

Leongatha's Cade Maskell worked hard to set up opportunities for teammates, slotting in behind Marriott on the winning side's best players list.

Leongatha will again need to be on its game when the Parrots host second-placed Moe, with the Lions smarting after their first defeat of the season at the hands of Traralgon.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 6

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	6	0	240.00	24	Leongatha	5	1	295.27	20	Traralgon	6	0	360.76	24	Traralgon	6	0	287.65	24
Maffra	5	1	170.59	20	Maffra	5	1	200.00	20	Leongatha	4	1	131.16	16	Maffra	5	1	245.32	20
Moe	5	1	175.10	20	Moe	5	1	175.10	20	Maffra	4	1	103.70	16	Bairnsdale	5	1	205.40	20
Sale	4	2	139.35	16	Traralgon	4	2	181.86	16	Warragul	3	3	146.67	12	Moe	4	2	178.24	16
Wonthaggi	2	3	61.64	10	Wonthaggi	4	2	152.05	16	Bairnsdale	2	2	102.73	10	Leongatha	4	2	164.81	16
Bairnsdale	2	4	80.12	8	Bairnsdale	3	3	90.78	12	Moe	2	3	51.08	8	Drouin	4	2	111.62	16
Wonthaggi	2	4	80.12	8	Morwell	2	4	82.25	8	Morwell	1	5	62.30	4	Warragul	1	5	78.07	4
Bairnsdale	2	4	80.12	8	Sale	1	5	61.79	4	Drouin	1	4	48.64	4	Sale	1	5	33.53	4
Wonthaggi	2	4	53.52	8	Warragul	1	5	26.65	4	Sale	0	4	77.94	2	Wonthaggi	0	6	34.52	0
Bairnsdale	2	4	53.52	8	Drouin	0	6	22.43	0	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Morwell	0	6	18.39	0

Panthers down 'Dogs

KILCUNDA BASS, coming off their impressive season-reviving win welcomed the struggling Bunyip to town on what was an absolutely tremendous day for footy at the Bass Recreation Reserve.

The Panthers once again went into the game with several injury clouds, with their entire starting midfield missing due to minor complaints, but the hosts were buoyed by the senior debut of 16-year-old Will Campbell in defence and the return of Kye Benson from his hamstring injury.

The Bulldogs showed their heart throughout the contest, starting the game with two goals to put early pressure on Killy-Bass.

The Panthers responded beautifully though, finishing the opening term with four unanswered as Taylor Gibson once again looked ominous at centre half forward, helping his side take a 10-point lead into quarter time.

Despite having the lead, Kilcunda Bass didn't appear to have the momentum going into the main break as Bunyip were the team who were up and about after a decent fightback in quarter number two.

Heading into the rooms at half time, the Panthers were frustrated they couldn't get the game on their terms.

The third term provided much of the same in terms of play, as both sides continued to trade goals and every time the Panthers would pull away the Bulldogs would find a way to bring the margin back down within reach.

Eventually though the hosts were able to lift, thanks in no small part to the returning Benson, who was moved forward and booted three goals in a matter of minutes to spread some confidence throughout the Panther line up.

The hosts finally gained the majority of play on their terms in the fourth quarter, with the ball spending quite a bit of time in their forward 50.



Kilcunda-Bass' Cam McKenzie looks to handball under pressure.

They eventually kicked two goals to extend their lead over four straight kicks, which was enough to seal the win regardless of Bunyip's late charge, kicking the last two goals of the game.

The Bulldogs will have to be happy with that effort, potentially their best of the year so far, despite missing out on the four points, they'll now look ahead to a massive test at home this Saturday against fellow Bulldogs, Phillip Island.

For the Panthers, they would have been expecting to win by more, but with the key outs they had, head coach Lee Rowe told them to celebrate the win, their second on the young season.

RIGHT: Kilcunda-Bass' Jake Weightman accelerates with the ball and sends it into his team's forward 50.



Stars shine over Giants in final quarter flurry

AFTER suffering a tough loss on the road, Korumburra Bena shifted their focus to clinching their second win of the season when they hosted Garfield at the Korumburra Showgrounds on Saturday.

In a hot and evenly contested first term, both sides were able to create plenty of goal scoring opportunities but were unable to make the most of them.

The Giants defence was strong withholding plenty of dangerous Stars drives as the ball pinged end to end in the opening stanza.

Eventually both teams got themselves on the board with their first majors as Giants player coach Paul Fermanis put one through after Garfield drew first blood, young full back Blake Webb was once again undersized but playing

his heart out for the home-town Giants.

Korumburra Bena then lifted their pressure inside forward 50 but lost their heads for a brief period, giving away a couple of crucial free kicks and a 50-metre penalty to see the Stars to their third goal, as cries of "keep your heads up Giants" could be heard around the ground.

With the encouragement from coach Fermanis to hold their structures and keep at it, the hosts looked reenergised to start the second quarter but were forced to soak up more Stars pressure early.

It became, as many predicted, a true arm wrestle between two hungry sides, with the back six of both teams showing their strength and determination.

Nicholas Besley's continuous

effort eventually led to another opportunity for the hosts, and it wasn't wasted by Kodie Walker, who snapped truly after grabbing the crumbs.

The third quarter started well for the hosts as their skipper Matt Kennewell found his coach Fermanis early and he did not disappoint, sending home a huge roost for his second of the day.

The match then tightened right up with several repeat stoppages, the teams becoming wary of the stakes, the Stars struck a behind to level the scores as Dixon lifted once again in defence for the Giants, leading beautifully through action and direction, but the visitors managed to bang on a huge goal to take the lead again before three quarter time.

The Stars sitting just sev-

en points ahead at the final change of ends when Fermanis gave his final address, urging his men to bring it home.

With pressure building the next three scores were all Garfield behinds and Besley lifted once more to try and propel his side over the line and it worked briefly, as Cuman's snap found Tane 'Dozer' Derrick whose kick put the lead back in the hands of the Giants.

The Stars though, once again replied soon after, the lead changing hands again, as it had so many times in the second half, but in the end, the visitors never gave it back, despite a couple of flying shots from Fermanis, who finished with four goals, and saw his side level the scores, but it wasn't enough.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 5

KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

 **98**  **85**

KILCUNDA-BASS

BUNYIP

Kilcunda-Bass 4.1 8.4 12.7 15.8 (98)

Bunyip 2.3 5.8 10.9 12.13 (85)

GOALS, Kilcunda-Bass: Taylor Gibson 5, Kye Benson 3, Dean McRae 2, Marcus Baxter, Darcy Clay, Anthony Daraio, Lochlan Scott, Mitchell Wood 1 each

BEST: Kye Benson, Dale Gawley, Cam McKenzie, Lochlan Scott, Daniel Mock, William Campbell

GOALS, Bunyip: Chase Saunders 5, Ned Ashton 3, Connor Steel 2, Reid Jenkin, Jason Williams 1 each

BEST: Ben Stewart, Adam Banks, Chase Saunders, Ned Ashton, Seth Ashton, Darby Craven

RESERVES

Kilcunda-Bass 3.0 7.3 10.4 14.8 (92)

Bunyip 0.0 1.0 1.2 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Kilcunda-Bass: Christopher Lacey 3, George Blum, Toby Challinor 2, Gerard Giacco, Harry Maclean, Joshua McPherson, Myles Owens, Isaac Sinniah, Robert Taylor, Owen Thomas 1 each

BEST: Leyton Cartmel, Harry Maclean, George Blum, Myles Owens, Gerard Giacco

GOALS, Bunyip: Mitchell McKenzie 1

BEST: Ben Osborne, Tyler McMillan, Patrick Davis, Mitchell McKenzie, Kash Bishop, Jamie Hallpike

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

 **96**  **72**

GARFIELD

KORUMBURRA-BENA

Garfield 4.3 6.8 9.11 14.12 (96)

Kor-Bena 2.3 6.3 9.4 11.6 (72)

GOALS, Garfield: Angus Emery 4, Jonathan Sauze, Jack Tenace-Greenall 3, Nicholas Lang 2, Ethan Sauze, Lachie Spinks 1 each

BEST: Angus Emery, Jonathan Sauze, Cooper Reilly, Ethan Sauze, Isaac Braaksma, Lachlan Sauze

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Paul Fermanis 4, Joel Cuman 2, Tane Derrick, Jasper Macri, Byron Walker, Kodie Walker, Zach Walker 1 each

BEST: Rhys Dixon, Joel Cuman, Jay Walker, Paul Fermanis, Zach Walker, Nicholas Besley

RESERVES

Garfield 1.5 4.9 6.1 9.16 (70)

Kor-Bena 0.1 0.1 1.1 2.1 (13)

GOALS, Garfield: Scott Simpson Brewer 3, Josh Collins, Ryan Dalton, Zach Dalton, Jahmain Harrison, James Martin, Jack Salan 1 each

BEST: Sam Cheeseman, Josh Collins, Ryan Dalton, Jason Pisa, Ben Hower, Jack Salan

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Alessi Green, Jesse Harris 1 each

BEST: Codie Anderson, Nash Beavis, Tyler Newton, Mitchell Sawyers, Josh Checkley

THIRDS

Garfield 5.3 9.7 11.11 13.14 (92)

Kor-Bena 0.0 1.0 1.1 2.1 (13)

GOALS, Garfield: Jake VanDenBerghe 5, Aaron Braaksma 3, Cam Jenkins 2, Archer Burgmann, Sean Marsh, Ben Tenace-Greenall 1 each

BEST: Aaron Braaksma, Ben Tenace-Greenall, Jake VanDenBerghe, Archer Burgmann, Raymond Borgonovo

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Jake Fowles, Tanner Walker 1 each

BEST: Mitchell Hobbs, Josh Checkley, Zac Graham, William Croatto, Charlie Carew, Tanner Walker

FOURTHS

Kor-Bena 3.4 5.5 7.9 8.10 (58)

Garfield 1.0 1.0 2.0 2.0 (12)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Jack Crocker, Andrew Nowell 2, Noah Belvedere, Indie Cameron, Sam Hill, Lucas Jones 1 each

BEST: Mitchell Hobbs, Bryce Riddell, Thomas Walker, Jack Crocker, Max Fowles, Andrew Nowell

GOALS, Garfield: Taijani Koesemans, George Morgan 1 each

BEST: Joachim Hayward, Kai Kelsey, Kaiden Carr, Darcy Grimsted, Diesel Ashe, Maarten Braaksma

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Tooradin-Dal 17.14.116 d Nar Nar Goon 3.11.29

RESERVES

Nar Nar Goon v Tooradin-Dal - CANCELLED

THIRDS

Tooradin-Dal 10.13.73 d Nar Nar Goon 3.6.24

FOURTHS

Nar Nar Goon 10.4.64 d Tooradin-Dal 7.4.46

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 5

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

97 22



INVERLOCH-K

WARRAGUL IND

Inverloch-K 2.1 7.6 10.9 14.13 (97)
Warragul Ind 1.0 2.2 2.2 3.4 (22)**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Toby Mahoney, Oscar Toussaint 3, Taite Cumming 2, Nicholas Baltas, Jordan Bertacco, Will Hams, Liam O'Neill, Jordan Tomas, Marcus Toussaint 1 each**BEST:** Tate Short, Will Hams, Oscar Toussaint, Joe Soumilas, Bailey Patterson, Marcus Toussaint**GOALS, Warragul Ind:** Travis Ogden 2, Kane Taylor 1**BEST:** Michael Debenham, Travis Ogden, Shane Brewster, Matthew Herbert, Thomas Commaudier, Sam Russell

RESERVES

Inverloch-K 4.2 8.5 13.6 23.11 (149)

Warragul Ind 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.4 (10)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Lucas McMillan 7, Lachlan Crook 5, Jamieson Soumilas 2, Jaxon Hayes, Ashton Hewitton, Xavier Hughes, Matt McCaughan, Callum McKenzie, Campbell Scott, James Scott, Emmet Taranto, Dylan Taylor 1 each**BEST:** Josh Williams, Lucas McMillan, Lachlan Crook, James Scott, Campbell Scott, Jack Butcher**GOALS, Warragul Ind:** Tom Turner 1**BEST:** Kyan Willis, Stephen Joyce, Lachlan Pyle, Todd Watson, Brody Turner

THIRDS

Inverloch-K 3.1 5.2 7.4 10.7 (67)

Warragul Ind 2.2 3.3 4.4 5.5 (35)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Rem Dal Pozzo 3, Jarvis Harvey 2, Cade Brown, Bayleigh Cowell, Blake Green, William Turner, Oscar Ward 1 each**BEST:** Callan O'Flynn, Harry Butcher, Bayleigh Cowell, Zak Box, Luca Gleeson, Jai Williamson**GOALS, Warragul Ind:** Noah Rogers 2, Arli Fleming, Toby Goswell, Jed Pinkerton 1 each**BEST:** Noah Rogers, Arli Fleming, William Brewer, Jed Pinkerton, Campbell Gibbons, Angus O'Neill

FOURTHS

Warragul Ind 2.3 4.4 7.8 9.11 (65)

Inverloch-K 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5 (11)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Rylan Butler 3, Samuel Grummisch 2, Regan Awty, Tom Logan, Noah McDonald, Jarrod West 1 each**BEST:** Regan Awty, Samuel Grummisch, Benjamin Allsop, Nathan King, Zac Tepper, Thomas Vickery**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Jasper Cousins 1**BEST:** Archie Terlich, Patrick Dwyer, Lucas Allen, Andot Mankhong, Jasper Cousins, Augustus Finsterer

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, MAY 20

ELLINBANK

ROUND 7

Lang Lang v Poowong
Trafalgar v Neerim South
Longwarry v Ellinbank
Yarragon v Nyora
Nilma Darnum v Buln Buln
Catani - BYE

GIPPSLAND

BYE ROUND

MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 5

Stony Creek v Toora
Yinnar v Tarwin
Newborough v Morwell East
Fish Creek v Foster
Thordale v Hill End
Mirboo North v MDU
Boolarra - BYE

WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 6

Bunyip v Phillip Island
Dalyston v Inverloch-Kongwak
Kilcunda-Bass v Garfield
Korumburra-Bena v Tooradin-Dalmore
Nar Nar Goon v Cora Lynn
Warragul Industrials v Koo Wee Rup

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Dalyston 12.8.80 d Cora Lynn 9.15.69

Inverloch-Kongwak 14.13.97 d Warragul Industrials 3.4.22

Kilcunda-Bass 15.8.98 d Bunyip 12.13.85

Phillip Island 20.9.129 d Koo Wee Rup 6.11.47

Garfield 14.12.96 d Korumburra-Bena 11.6.72

Tooradin-Dalmore 17.14.116 d Nar Nar Goon 3.11.29

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Sea Eagles 'Dust' off Warragul for revenge

INVERLOCH KONGWAK were primed and ready on Saturday afternoon when they welcomed the Warragul Industrials down the road for a rematch of last season's Elimination Final.

Warragul were without star goal kicker Mason McGarrity, who finished towards the top end of the league's goal scorers list in 2022.

As many had expected the match itself began as an arm wrestle inside, with neither team really asserting any ascendancy in the opening moments, although the host's half backs racked up plenty of the ball early.

The sensational trio of Tom Hams, Lewis Rankin and Tate Short were the first ones to really take control of the contest, counterattacking the Dusties' drives and setting IK up going the other way.

The opening 10 minutes of the second term were much the same as both sides kept crashing in hard on the inside and tried to move the ball with speed into the space on the outer, but neither could do so with any real consistency.

Because of this, the game was at a tipping point at the halfway point of the second quarter, as tension grew around the ground, all those in attendance just got the feeling that the side who gains control and consistency with the ball could really break away and open the floodgates.

And that's exactly what Inverloch Kongwak did, finding their feet they got their trademark run and carry going, linking up beautifully from defence thanks again to the likes of Rankin, Hams and Short to pour on four goals in just under 15 minutes, opening up a 40-point lead.

This flurry of goals showed just how potent and dangerous the Sea Eagles can be when given the opportunity, but it didn't deter the brave Dusties, who answered late in the term with Ogden's second major.

This gave them a slice of momentum going into the main break, even though there were visible cracks in their dam wall, going in 34-points down.

Despite Ogden's momentum stealing goal to lead Warragul into halftime, they failed to mount any sort of comeback in the third, which was well and truly owned by the home side.

It was a complete team showing in the third to set up the big, incomparable lead, even debutant Bertacco getting his fair share of the action, competing admirably up forward alongside Mahoney and Oscar Toussaint who were superb, each finishing with three majors.

But the Dusties scoreless third term was all thanks to the IK defence that looked impenetrable, especially due to their self-inflicted wounds, as a result of continued disconnection between midfielders and forwards and poor skill errors.

The host's 55-point three quarter time lead was extended to a 75-point win as Rankin and the Sea Eagles ran rampant in the fourth.

IK now move to five and zero on the young season and sit a win clear on top of the ladder, setting up an interesting clash with the second placed Dalyston this weekend on the road.



Clint McCaughan sinks in the slipper with a shot at goal in the first half against Warragul z31_2023



Jordan Bertacco gets the ball out of Warragul's fifty to keep the lead in the second quarter. Z33_2023

Magpies withstand the Cobra's strike

DALYSTON collected their first big scalp of 2023 by taking down perennial contenders Cora Lynn by eleven points at the Cobra Dome.

With four wins on the trot the Magpies are building, and the better teams will be looking over their shoulders realising that a game against Dalyston is no longer a certain four premiership points.

Saturday's result showed the improvement the black and white fans have been longing for.

Leading from the outset, Dalyston matched their hosts in all facets of the game. The first term was an even contest with both sides sparring to gain ascendancy. Jake Barry posted the first goal, with a steady set shot, to reward the Magpies' early flurry.

Joe Alexander and Brad Monson were defending strongly and the team was boosted by Kurt Thomas, returning for his first game, after recovering from his ACL injury. Dangerous Ryan Gillis had a couple of chances to counter for the Cobras but muffed both including blowing a major chance from the goal square.

The scoreboard echoed the inaccuracy of both attacks with Dalyston leading 1.3 to 0.5 to finish the term.

Cora Lynn's attempts to



Steady under pressure, Louis Armstrong clears the ball for Dalyston. Photo Angus Chisholm

work forward with a patient possession game fell victim to Dalyston's willingness to move the ball quick, long and direct to an open forward line.

The triumvirate of key targets, Storr, Wallis and Carew capitalised on the neat entries with a goal apiece in the first ten minutes of the second. Then Mitch Davey joined in on the party, cutting off an errant Cobra kick to add more pain.

Twenty minutes gone off the clock, Cora Lynn's Nathan

Gardiner finally saluted for his team's first and Gillis soon after found his radar to add another.

But a late goal, in red time, by Carew was the settler the Pies required as they entered the long break 21 points clear.

The walls didn't need ears as coach Shaun Sparks gave his boys a proper spray between halves and in the third term Cora Lynn gave their all to regain a foothold in the contest.

Playing with more urgency

they drove the ball forwards at every opportunity with Matthew Briggs and Luke Ryan the catalysts of many forays from their back half.

Six goals were scored in this entertaining period, however it proved to be poor return by Cora Lynn with 3.6 while Dalyston efficiently countered with 3.1 to maintain a 16-point margin at orange time.

With their pressure valve shooting through the roof Dalyston posted the first three goals of the final term. The first to Monson then Storr chipped in two more and the result appeared to be a lay-down misère.

To their credit the Cobras didn't throw in the towel and Heath Briggs, Rout and Monckton started to fire for a late surge.

No beating around the bush, every attack was direct to three-time leading league goalkicker Nathan Gardiner. The behemoth stood tall in the final ten minutes and kicked four on end.

But late desperation acts by Armstrong and Marotta typified Dalyston's total team buy-in and they remained worthy winners on the day. This amazingly now sets up a top two clash against the unbeaten Sea Eagles this Saturday at Dalyston while the Cobras visit the Goon.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND
5

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

DALYSTON 80 **CORA LYNN** 69

Dalyston 1.3 6.5 9.6 12.8 (80)
Cora Lynn 0.6 2.8 5.14 9.15 (69)

GOALS, Dalyston: Mason Storr 3, Jake Barry, Blake Carew 2, Mitchel Davey, Mitch Hallahan, Brad Monson, Curtis Murfett, Hayden Wallis 1 each

BEST: Michael Marotta, Mason Storr, Louis Armstrong, Brad Monson, Jake Barry, Kurt Thomas

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Nathan Gardiner 6, Ryan Gillis, Jai Rout, Nathan Villegas 1 each

BEST: Jeremy Monckton, Tristan Warkuss, Matthew Briggs, Heath Briggs, Luke Ryan, Nathan Gardiner

RESERVES

Cora Lynn 3.4 6.4 8.10 12.12 (84)
Dalyston 1.4 3.4 3.5 5.8 (38)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Josh Wilson 4, Jayden Frazer 3, Lynden Banting 2, Lachlan Cove, Ryan Spierings, Liam Taylor 1 each

BEST: Sadares Gardner Lefau, Lachlan Cove, Matthew Ferguson, Jake Ross, Jake Bocca

GOALS, Dalyston: Jake Heller, Lachy Ireland, Hayden McLean, Beau Van Veenendaal, Jake Woolan 1 each

BEST: Jesse Orchard-Moore, Timothy Gallert, Benjamin Robinson, Lachy Ireland, Stewart Beaumont, Darren Gardiner

THIRDS

Cora Lynn 1.5 3.7 5.8 10.11 (71)
Dalyston 0.1 0.1 0.2 0.2 (2)

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Ryan Davelaar, Connor Gilbertson 3, Chaipat Pincharee 2, Bailey Brougham, Kade Perkins 1 each

BEST: Thomas Kervin, Chaipat Pincharee, Ashton Hermanus, Caelan Addis, Ryan Davelaar, Logan Fox

BEST, Dalyston: Sebastian Ori, Ryda Kay-Darts, Ryan Gray, Keyva Kay-Darts, Noah Martin

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

PHILLIP ISLAND 129 **KOO WEE RUP** 47

Phillip Island 4.3 9.6 15.7 20.9 (129)
Koo Wee Rup 3.4 4.7 5.10 6.11 (47)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Cameron Pedersen 5, Travis Woodfield 4, Max Blake, Jack Papas, Jack Taylor 2, Cameron Brown, Hayden Bruce, Mark Griffin, Billy Taylor, Max Walton 1 each

BEST: Daniel Pearce, Daniel Bourke, Max Walton, Hayden Bruce, Damien Holmes, Jason Tomada

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Luke McMaster, Nathan Voss, Jason Wells 2 each

BEST: Nathan Voss, Mitchell Cammarano, Matthew Voss, Timothy Miller, William Battams, Fletcher McMillan

RESERVES

Phillip Island 1.3 1.4 5.6 6.8 (44)
Koo Wee Rup 2.1 4.1 5.2 6.5 (41)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Jordy Patullo 2, Tom Aylett, Noah Bee-Hickman, Tully Dickie, Coby Olarenshaw 1 each

BEST: Tully Dickie, Coby Olarenshaw, Tom Aylett, Samuel McRae, Noah Bee-Hickman, Tyce Kleverkamp

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Ryan Wilby 2, Shoaib Akbar, Samuel Cox, Dante Di Pietro, Benjamin Miller 1 each

BEST: Jesse Cammarano, Cody Miller, Jacob Crossley, Moomen Amin, Ryan Wilby, Benjamin Miller

THIRDS

Phillip Island 5.1 7.4 12.8 15.13 (103)
Koo Wee Rup 1.0 3.3 3.3 3.3 (21)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Jack Huther, Jack Johnston 5, Kohen Beaumont 2, Sonny Merryfull, Noah Muller, Leo Savona 1 each

BEST: Noah Muller, Benjamin Chihotski, Jack Huther, Jack Johnston, Brayden Kleverkamp, Brady Ross

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Brody Allen, Mack Brown, Ethan Neill 1 each

BEST: Robbie McMahon, Declan McFarlane, Dante Di Pietro, Luke O'Keefe, Zane Stanton, Ethan Neill

FOURTHS

Phillip Island 1.2 5.2 6.3 8.5 (53)
Koo Wee Rup 0.2 1.3 2.5 2.5 (17)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Xavier Williams 3, Noah Williams 2, Harrison Carlon, George McCausland, Charlie O'Garey 1 each

BEST: Xavier Williams, Charlie O'Garey, Noah Williams, Jack Briggs, Bailey Hennessy, Joel Robinson

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Kynan Dore-Wilson, Harley Monckton 1 each

BEST: Merrick Stewart-Wells, Chevy Simpson, Max Monckton, Seth Lawler, Luke Brigant, Cullen Anderson

Island proves too hot to handle for the Demons

ON A spectacular sunny May Saturday, the Bulldogs ventured up the road to Koo Wee Rup to take on the Koo Wee Rup Demons for Round 5.

Pre-game saw the presentation of the famous No 31 jumper to debuting young-gun Tom Niven, fresh up from last years Under 18s and some excellent reserves footy.

Quarter one began in beautiful sunshine, and it was soon clear that the boys from Koo Wee Rup had come to play. The usual firm of Cam Pedersen, Hayden (Pencil) Bruce and Eli Richards led the way for the Bulldogs.

Jason Wells was showing his class in the forward line for the home team, testing the combined skills of Alex Duyker, Sauce Tomada and Tarcis Macmillan who were tested to keep things even. Zac Walker was repelling attacks regularly from defence, and with Jack Papas, Max Blake and Bryce Hindhaugh goaling, the scores were a close 27-22 at the quarter time break.

The locals continued to be competitive, and after an early Bulldog goal, the locals pushed hard and evened things up



The Bulldogs' Bryce Hindhaugh has the ball just within reach. Photo: Carol Ratcliff

with an excellent goal. Midway mark saw the margin still within 10 points, and some concern from the Bulldogs bench. Some changes to personnel saw Pedersen head to full forward, which saw the beginning of the Daniel Bourke and Pencil show. Taking over in the middle, young Bourke was able to direct the ball to his on-ballers at will and the Bulldogs took charge. Goals

to Travis Woodfield and coach Pedersen saw the Doggies up 60-31 at the big break.

For the first part of the third, the locals fought hard. Captain Cammarano took the bull (and some bulldogs) by the horns and led the charge and the Voss boys stepped up, with early goals going to the Demons. But then that Bourke and Pencil show resumed – aided and abetted by a

sublime performance from Daniel Pearce, in concert with Eli Richards and Max Walton. The Bulldogs surged with goals from coach Pedersen, captain Taylor and Travis Woodfield amongst others. Ball movement from end to end on several occasions also resulted in goals, and a 97-40 lead at three quarter time.

The last saw continued clean ball movement, switches, and precision kicking across the field. Captain Taylor took over completely wherever he was on the ground, coach Pedersen doing as he pleased and Travis Woodfield continuing his way. The locals clearly tired as the final progressed, offering relatively little resistance. The Bulldogs finally running out clear winners by 82 points.

So, it appears that the question posed at the beginning of the day has an early pointer.

The Bulldogs of 2023 are playing a game style that – when executed as directed by coach Pedersen – suits the wide-open spaces on the larger grounds even more than in 2022.

An exciting ride beckons for the rest of the year!

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

ROUND 5

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Inverloch-K	5	0	316.86	20
Dalyston	4	1	139.18	16
Tooradin-Dal	4	1	135.58	16
Phillip Island	3	1	138.54	14
Cora Lynn	3	2	126.00	12
Nar Nar Goon	2	2	126.45	10
Warragul Ind	2	3	121.50	8
Kilcunda-Bass	2	3	69.47	8
Garfield	2	3	68.81	8
Koo Wee Rup	1	4	72.54	4
Kor-Bena	1	4	54.01	4
Bunyip	0	5	42.57	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Inverloch-K	5	0	506.25	20
Tooradin-Dal	4	0	596.10	18
Cora Lynn	4	1	303.95	16
Nar Nar Goon	3	1	241.13	14
Dalyston	2	3	158.33	8
Warragul Ind	2	3	103.11	8
Koo Wee Rup	2	3	99.13	8
Garfield	2	3	70.76	8
Phillip Island	2	3	59.16	8
Kilcunda-Bass	2	3	42.79	8
Bunyip	1	4	20.25	4
Kor-Bena	0	5	13.40	0

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av
Inverloch-K	5	0	232.12	4.00
Phillip Island	4	1	181.62	3.20
Garfield	3	1	258.97	3.00
Cora Lynn	3	2	180.33	2.40
Tooradin-Dal	3	2	161.88	2.40
Warragul Ind	2	2	120.41	2.00
Kilcunda-Bass	2	2	95.02	2.00
Dalyston	1	3	31.74	1.00
Koo Wee Rup	1			



The Breakers and Pearcedale came together after the match to celebrate their second annual Pride match over the weekend.

Breakers play with pride



Siena Lane finds some space.

THE Breakers welcomed Pearcedale for their second annual Pride match.

With support from the Bass Coast Shire, the ground really set the scene for a great celebration of the LGBTQIA+ community within and beyond the club with rainbow 50m arc, lights, and flags around the venue.

A shower of rain before the game made conditions difficult but didn't stop the large crowd who were treated to a fierce but good spirited contest.

With both teams taking a while to adjust to the conditions, it was 11 minutes before the Breakers managed to hit the scoreboard through Tayla Tatterson with Ella Cargill slotting one from tight in the pocket shortly after.

The home side rounded out the quarter with their third goal coming via a set shot from Siena Lane just before the siren.

After a fast paced but erratic first

quarter midfield coach Sophie Bolding urged her charges to be more controlled and the team responded well.

The Breakers continued to dominate the play, however, the pressure from Pearcedale meant they didn't get any easy opportunities and despite four scoring shots they only added one major through Immy Bradford which came early in the quarter.

The Breakers came out firing in the second half - led by Chelsea Connell who was at her usual hard running, pack bursting best - setting the tone for her team.

Siena Lane looks to have taken a leaf out of her book with her attack on the footy creating a number of opportunities for her team.

Immy Bradford found Tess Angarane alone in the forward 50 resulting in the Breakers second goal for the quarter.

Pearcedale started pressing but the Breaker's defence held strong

with Nico Randall and Jac Van Rooy shutting down their advances.

Pearcedale did all of the attacking at the start of the third quarter - getting some good looks inside 50 before the Breakers got back on top.

Chelsea Connell shifted the momentum with a goal on the run for the home side.

A good chain of handballs saw Shay Campbell set up Immy Bradford's second goal while Ahlee Penry put the icing on the cake right on the siren.

Final Score: Breakers 10.6-66 def Pearcedale 0.2-2

Milestone galore for the Breakers

There was a lot to celebrate for the Breakers with three players from the inaugural 2017 Bass Coast Breakers team - Carly Heislers, Jess Bolding and Tess Angarane - reaching their 50 game milestone on the weekend.

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