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SOUTHERN LIGHTS ILLUMINATE OUR SKY

Aurora Australis put on a show for the ages on Saturday night. Anna Carson (@Seabraise Photos) was at Eagles Nest to witness this rare occurrence, she has been photographing these displays in our local region for the past nine years and this has been by far the biggest she claims, "There are no words to describe it." See a full gallery of photos from our readers on page 26.



PUBLIC CRITICISM

- Government must pay for Wonthaggi's pain

THE Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale, is facing the biggest test of her political career and the outcome of Wonthaggi's alleged "contamination" issue will almost certainly decide her fate at the next election, even this far out from the November 2026 poll.

But everything matters when you are sitting on a margin of 202 votes, in Victoria's most marginal electorate.

And Ms Crugnale didn't shirk the issue when 200 people attended a public

meeting in the town last Saturday to highlight their concern about the retrospective imposition of a highly-restrictive planning overlay, on upwards of 500 blocks of land, many of them well-established with houses in Wonthaggi's north-east residential growth area.

Having raised the planning blunder in State Parliament last Tuesday, May 7, with the Legislative Assembly packed before the Budget session, she was also invited to speak at the meeting,

repeating her earlier declaration that affected residents "shouldn't have to foot the bill".

"As you all know, there's been a couple of statements that I've put out. I just want to acknowledge that this has been really stressful and frustrating for all of you. And I want you to be reassured that when I first learned about this about three weeks ago, now three and a half weeks ago, I raised it with my Minister.

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Former local MP Alan Brown came out of his active retirement to address Saturday's public meeting on the state government's planning blunder that is impacting homeowners, block owners and the local construction sector.

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Question of timing, asks Crugnale MP

BASS MP Jordan Crugnale has wasted no time in raising the alleged contamination problem at Wonthaggi and the imposition of hundreds of highly-restrictive Environmental Audit Overlays in State Parliament last week.

In the last session before the Treasurer Tim Pallas handed down his 10th Budget, last Tuesday, May 7, with the Legislative Assembly filled with expectant MP, Ms Crugnale asked a constituents' question stressing how important it was that authorities addressed the issue ASAP.

"My question is to the Minister for Planning is what are the timelines for working with the residents impacted by the Wonthaggi north-east environmental audit overlay?

"This issue is causing concern for residents. Understandably residents are anxious to understand what impact this has on their properties and are keen to have information on any possible contamination of their properties.

"Residents covered by the EAOS have organised a community meeting to discuss these issues.

"They want to get the information. Many have contacted me directly. They are concerned, as I said, about the potential contamination of their properties.

"I have been pleased to hear that all agencies, including Bass Coast Shire Council, the Victorian Planning Authority and EPA, are working together to work with affected residents.

"I want to stress how important this issue is to my community. I am absolutely focused on getting this sorted and with urgency, and I thank the Minister and her department for working on it as well."

Ms Crugnale didn't get the opportunity to expand further but she told the Sentinel-Times that she would have liked to add the following:

"The Minister, her Department, Bass Coast Shire Council, the VPA, the EPA, and myself are all working together to resolve this issue, and I know residents are eager to understand when they can expect updates and next steps."

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for more from the
public meeting**



Bass MP Jordan Crugnale, sitting on the most-marginal seat in Victoria, attended last Saturday's public meeting in Wonthaggi, about the town's planning controversy, staying around afterwards to answer some difficult questions.

Public criticism - Government must pay for Wonthaggi's pain

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"And speaking with council, I know the council, the VPA, the EPA, the minister, the minister's office and her department are all working with this as a matter of urgency and priority.

"The Bass Coast Shire Council have a website and they post updates. There was one the other day, around their discussions with the EPA, and I just encourage everyone to go onto the website and register if you haven't already for those updates, because it is a communication that's happening very regularly.

"We want this sorted and we're all working in the background, and I want to acknowledge Councillor Tessari is here as well from Council, that we're all working on this."

Ms Crugnale referred to a letter from Bass Coast CEO Greg Box last Friday, ahead of the public meeting, in which he reported significant progress:

"The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) provided Bass Coast Shire Council and the

Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) with an update late yesterday afternoon (Thursday 9 May). They are continuing their work to review the information available, specifically the 2016 GHD background report, to provide advice to VPA about whether the land requires an EAO. The EPA confirmed in this meeting that they will need until May 22 to finish this process."

"I won't try and summarise it, but just please know that we're actually working on it and I'm here as your local state member, I've been working on this for three weeks now with my Minister and we're in constant communication with the council, the VPA and the EPA as well," Ms Crugnale concluded.

Asked by the MC for the meeting, former local MP Alan Brown, if she still stood by her view that impacted locals shouldn't have to pay, Ms Crugnale said it remained her view.

"I know that you are on the public record recently as saying, this is a really unfortunate scenario,

which is causing a lot of stress to affected property owners in Wonthaggi's North East Precinct, 'and my view is that they shouldn't foot the bill'. I think everybody here will agree with you that it's a very unfortunate situation but do you know yet whether your government will foot the bill for the expense that I know, there's some young people now having assessments done on blocks of land they've bought before their builders are able to start," Mr Brown put to Ms Crugnale.

"I know that people have lost value on their properties. I know there's a lot of money being spent right now to address this issue. So, is your government trying to compensate these people, do you know if that's supported by your government?"

"That's my view and everyone is working together to make sure that these families aren't impacted", Ms Crugnale confirmed.

Earlier the meeting had been addressed by the Member for Narracan, Wayne Farnham, representing Liberal leader John

Pescutto, who undertook to chase the government down on the issue in State Parliament, and the Member for Eastern Victoria, Renee Heath who committed to do likewise.

Several residents and property owners impacted by the retrospective nature of the Victorian Planning Authority's decision provided their own harrowing experiences of how the sudden imposition of the EAOS had affected them.

The meeting passed a motion calling on the government to rescind the decision as a matter of urgency with Mr Brown saying that soil testing in the area had so far reveal "zero contamination across 80 acres".

They also formed a representative committee headed up by former local mayor John Duscher, Alan Brown and two local residents, Pru Scholtes and Helen Povall with the power to add. And they plan to launch a new members' only Facebook page to keep residents and property owners informed.

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TUE | May 14

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Wind PM: W 15-20km/h

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THUR | May 16

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

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FRI | May 17

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

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SAT | May 18

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Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: W-NW 15-25km/h

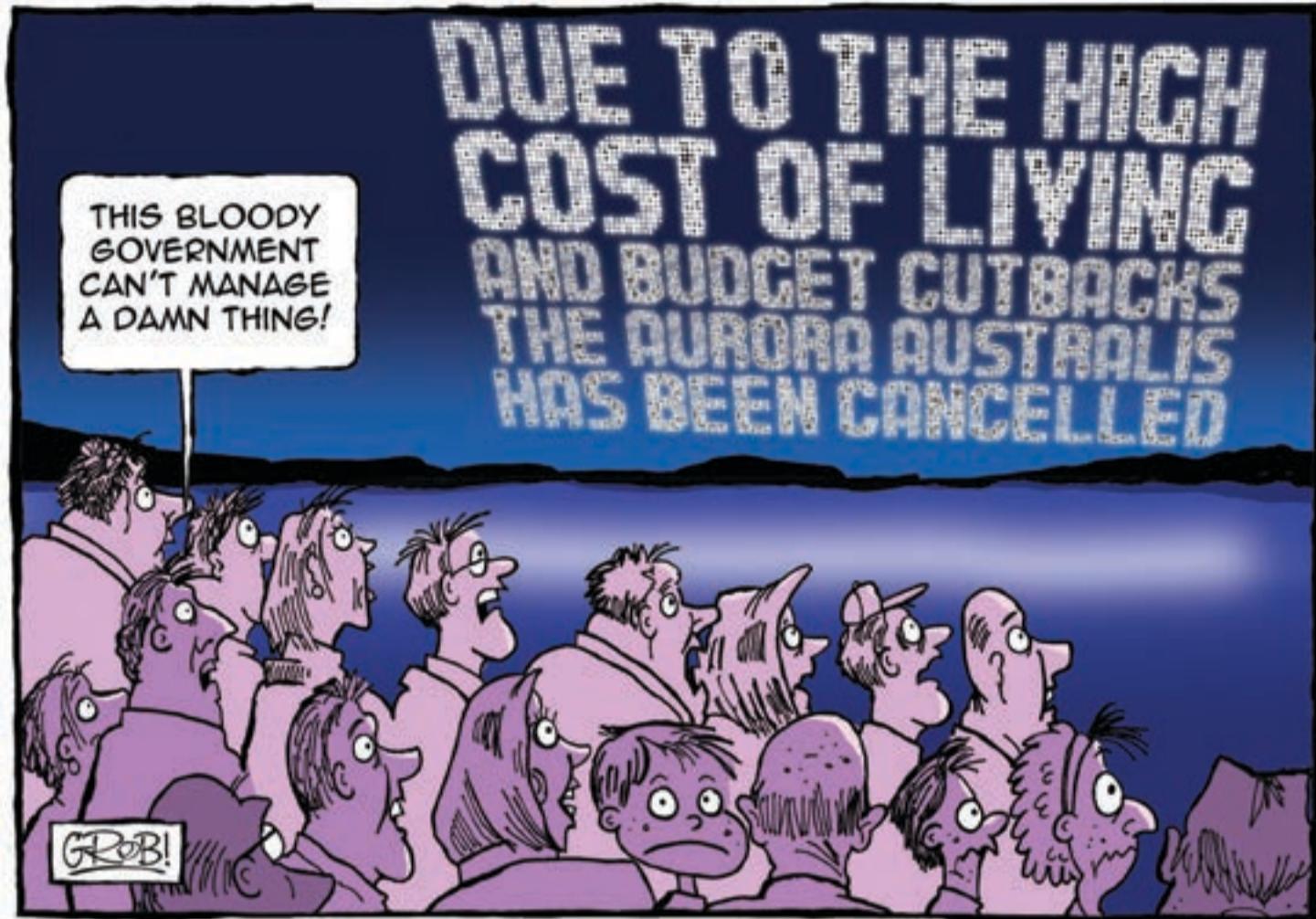
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Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

IN BRIEF

\$1.8m drainage project for Inverloch

FOLLOWING an investigation of ongoing stormwater flooding affecting properties near Bayview Avenue, Garden Crescent, Corsair Grove and Pier Road, Inverloch the Bass Coast Shire Council is looking at a \$1.8 million project to address the issue.

At its meeting this week, Council will vote to delegate the Chief Executive Officer authority to award a contract for the 'Bayview Avenue Inverloch Drainage Renewal and Flood Mitigation Project' up to the value of \$1.8 million.

Council will also vote on a funding allocation.

Council's 'refinancing loan' of \$12.5M

THE Bass Coast Shire Council will be asked to approve a refinancing loan of \$12.5 million from Treasury Corporation Victoria at this week's council meeting.

As well as refinancing existing borrowings, it will allow for an additional \$4.574 million that is tied to the delivery of capital works projects, specifically:

- Berninniet \$2.2 million
- Cowes-Rhyll Road \$673,500
- Surf Parade \$600,000
- Wonthaggi-Inverloch Path \$500,000
- Cowes Activity Centre Plan \$600,000.

Council acts on road petition

THE Bass Coast Shire Council is responding to a petition it received in November last year to upgrade Baillieu Street

West in Wonthaggi.

The shire will consider committing \$122,618 from capital works savings, at its council meeting this Wednesday, to upgrade of a 60-metre section of Baillieu Street West in line with the petitioners' request.

There will however be a contribution request of \$3065 from each of the affected owners.

Most traffic using this road is from the school drop-off and pick-up times with parents/carers travelling between Cameron Street and Drysdale Street to access the Wonthaggi Primary School and Kindergarten.

Section of Surf Parade to become one-way

FINALLY, it seems that the final stage of the Inverloch foreshore pathway, from Ozone Street to Goroke Street will go ahead.

But according to local council representative, Cr Leticia Laing, it may not be the option that everyone wanted.

The motion to be voted on at the council meeting this Wednesday is for a one-way section of Surf Parade from Ozone to Goroke to enable 73 parking spaces but without the loss of foreshore vegetation.

"DEECA would never go for any loss of vegetation on the dunes, so we have to work with that. It isn't the option that's going to please everyone but I believe it's the best available, taking into account safety and function," said Cr Laing during the week.

"I've met with the head petitioner and attended all the meetings, but the reality is that if the road continued as

two-way for this section, there would be no parking."

There is \$620,000 available in the 2023/24 Capital Works budget for the construction phase of this project, but it is anticipated that an additional \$350,000 may be required to complete construction for either option.

A petition containing 564 names was tabled at the December 2023 Council meeting requesting Council not go ahead with the current two options but council is being asked to support the one-way option with parking for the Ozone to Goroke section.

'Our Rates, Our Rights, Our Rules'

THE Aussie Outdoor Emporium are holding a 'Bass Coast Shire We Are the People' rally on Sunday, May 19 at Berninniet (91-97 Thompson Avenue, Cowes) from 12pm to stand up for their rights as ratepayers. The owners of the decade long run business are asking the community to "stand with us and make them listen."

Nyora supermarket plans heading to VCAT

WHILE plans for a Nyora supermarket, to be located at 29-31 Davis Street, were approved by South Gippsland Shire Council late last year, there are issues to be ironed out regarding certain conditions stipulated in the Planning Permit granted in January 2024.

Discussions are set to occur at a Compulsory Conference on

May 29, with a formal hearing being held on July 24 and 25 at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT).

That follows the lodgement of an Application for Review to VCAT by the property's owners, through their appointed consultant, challenging various conditions of the permit.

The appellants seek amendments to certain conditions and the removal of others.

In the leadup to VCAT proceedings, councillors will vote at Wednesday's May meeting on a recommendation to authorise council officers to negotiate outcomes at the hearing.

Council's meeting agenda details the consideration council officers have given to the points in dispute.

"Council officers have conducted a comprehensive review of the conditions under dispute and have concluded that certain conditions may be suitably amended or removed; however, there are conditions which council officers deem essential for inclusion in the permit, and these will be advocated for during the VCAT proceedings," council states.

Learn about the history of doctors during Leongatha's first 100 years

DR TIM Lowe will speak at the Leongatha Mechanics' Institute on Sunday May 19 about the doctors who served the town during its first century.

The Leongatha Historical Society event commences at 1.30pm, with all welcome.

Free 3D Hands 2024 Victorian budget charity

TREASURER Tim Pallas has chosen Free 3D Hands as the Victorian Budget 2024/25 charity – confirming the selection with a donation made last week.

The charity designs and provides high-quality, low-cost assistive devices for people with upper limb differences, completely free of charge to anyone, anywhere in the world.

"I'm proud to nominate Free 3D Hands as the Victorian Budget 2024/25 charity, to help it continue the amazing work it does in changing lives around the world," Treasurer Tim Pallas said.

Founded by Phillip Island-based engineer Mat Bowtell in 2019, Free 3D Hands recognises that there are more than one billion people around the world who require assistive devices – and for 90 per cent of those people, access to assistive technology remains limited.

"We are very grateful to the Treasurer for choosing Free 3D Hands as his Budget charity," Mat Bowtell said.

"More than anything it's a good reminder, a pat on the back of sorts, that we are heading in the right direction. The announcement has injected lots of energy into the team and encouraged us to keep advancing. As a charity it is always hard when you don't know where the next support is coming from."

Mat and his team of engineers are currently immersed in the final stages of perfecting a kinetic arm, a project they've been diligently developing for two years; with testing and trials taking place over the past 12 months.

"We're finalising the instruction manual to share on open source. There are over 10,000



Thanks to the advocacy, Phillip Island Mat Bowtell's Free 3D Hands has been nominated by the Treasurer Tim Pallas as his annual budget charity, an initiative he has adopted for each of his 10 budgets. Tim Pallas, Mat Bowtell and Jordan Crugnale at the announcement of the successful charity.

people around the world making our designs – we have the strength in design and share that with the community – that's how we can reach an exponential number of people."

Free 3D Hands shares all of their designs under open-source licences to empower others around the world to make and repair them, and to encourage further innovation in this field.

"Mat Bowtell and his team are all heart, all community – and these 3D printed devices are bringing joy and confidence to children, young people and adults here in Victoria and right across the world," Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale added.

Ms Crugnale was instrumental in introducing Free 3D Hands to the Treasurer, Mat explained, noting she has

been an amazing support and had earlier introduced Lily D'Ambrosio to the charity, and it was through that introduction and advocating that it found its way in front of the Treasurer.

To date public speaking opportunities have brought in funding for the team of two biomedical engineers and two mechatronic engineers who work alongside Mat in developing the technology.

"We are exploring avenues for corporate sponsorship on an ongoing basis, so we can expand our engineering team capabilities," Mat explained noting that community donations go directly to the manufacturing of the devices.

"All donations to Free 3D Hands go directly towards the research, design and development of open-source assistive

devices and getting them to those who need them. We believe in a world where everyone has equal access to assistive technology, and we are incredibly grateful for any support we receive."

The Treasurer has nominated a charity at each of his 10 Budgets, making a personal contribution and supporting fundraising within the community.

"For those people in a position to make a donation, I urge them to give generously," Mr Pallas said.

Victorians interested in contributing to the important work of Free 3D Hands can do so at free3dhands.org.

"A lot of charities are doing amazing things and it's encouraging to have been selected – we must be doing the right thing," Mat concluded.

Penguin promotion at risk as tourism funding slashed

THE State Government has slashed tourism sector funding and promotion of Victoria's number one international tourism drawcard, the world famous Penguin Parade, is at risk.

Victoria is already lagging behind interstate rivals, recovering after COVID and the budget cuts have come at the worst possible time.

Despite the tourism sector's key position in supporting local

jobs and economic activity, the 2024-25 State Budget revealed significant cuts to tourism related funding, including:

- A \$286 million cut to Tourism and Major Events funding.
- A \$17 million cut to the Destination Victoria program.
- A total of \$393.9 million cut to the Visitor Economy initiatives, including for industry support, regional tourism, events and infrastructure.

These cuts come as recent

visitor survey data from Tourism Research Australia confirmed Victorian international tourism spending is at 73 per cent of pre-pandemic levels, compared to 96 per cent in New South Wales and 94 per cent in Queensland.

This aligns with recent statements by Destination Phillip Island General Manager Kim Storey.

Shadow Minister for Tourism, Sport and Events, Sam Groth,

claimed Labor's financial mismanagement had completely hamstrung the sector's ability to sell Victoria to the world.

"It's clear that this government and the Minister for Tourism have no idea how destination marketing works. If they engaged with anyone in the sector, they would know that major events are only a small piece of the puzzle for attracting visitors to the State," said Mr Groth.

Retrospective 'blunder' says Brown

THE community pushback on the State Government's disastrous planning blunder in Wonthaggi's north east development precinct has begun in earnest.

On Saturday afternoon, May 11, 200 people turned out at a public meeting in the town's Wishart Reserve and resolved not to rest until the government had rescinded its controversial Environmental Audit Overlays (EAOs), especially where it has been applied retrospectively to established homes and residential blocks.

And it is a fight, according to the main speaker on the day, former local MP Alan Brown, that the affected community members can win, mainly due to the ultra-marginal status of the local state electorate of Bass.

Mr Brown started out by saying why he had been asked to address the meeting, by listing his experience in local government, state government, the construction industry and public life.

"Now I can tell you from my experience, that what has happened here is unprecedented. It's a basic tenant of government, you only legislate or regulate retrospectively on the most important public issues like immigration, maybe sex offenders, things like that, you'll turn the clock back," Mr Brown said. "In my 60 years of public life, I've never seen an issue that equates to this one that's hit these people in North Wonthaggi. To me it is unbelievable."

"When I took the phone call two weeks ago, I was coming back from Melbourne in my car, and I said to the guy who phoned me, you won't have it right. It will be from when they announced it going forward. He said Alan, I'm telling you, it goes back five years and the house I've built there has a blight on the title. And to add insult to injury, he said, I wasn't even informed. They just put it on a government website."

"Ladies and gentlemen, it's not only unbelievable, it's unacceptable. Now, I've been around long enough to tell you this, this is a fight this community, without question, can win because there's no justification."

"The seat of Bass, this local seat is the most marginal seat in Victoria... the government will want to keep this seat and they've burnt their own colleague and local member with this unbelievable decision and I'm sure we can win and have them overturn it."

"I say that unequivocally. But they need to get a message loud and clear. We won't lie down unless and until it is overturned."

Mr Brown went on to give examples about how the retrospective introduction of a highly-restrictive planning overlay was impacting the mental health and wellbeing of those impacted, while also prompting others to cancel building projects and try to rescind the purchase of blocks and houses.

He said one of the developers had gone ahead as a precaution and had all the assessments done on the bulk of his land and found no issues of contamination.

"So, if you think that through, it's unlikely there's pollution on your land, but it's got a blight on it now on the title," Brown said.

"So, today is about getting an outcome that gets the government to say, we have made a massive blunder, they made a mistake, and we want them to do one thing and that's rescind it, withdraw it and let people get on with their lives. And I'm talking about the retrospective element of it."

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DEAR Bass Coast community,

Last Monday we unveiled the newly renovated croquet pavilion at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve. This project, made possible through collaborative efforts and community support, stands as a testament to our commitment to enhancing our local amenities for the benefit of all.

The upgraded pavilion boasts accessible amenities, a versatile social space, modern toilets, ample storage, and a convenient kitchenette. The total cost of over \$700,000 was made achievable through various contributions, including a generous grant of \$440,000 from the Victorian Government Stimulus Program, a \$240,000 contribution from our Council, and a commendable \$25,000 donation from the Wonthaggi Croquet Club. Such partnerships exemplify the strength and unity within our community.

During the opening event, I had the pleasure of meeting with members of the Wonthaggi Croquet Club, including the dedicated volunteers who are the lifeblood of our community. Volunteers play an indispensable role in shaping our communities. Their selfless contributions, whether in sports clubs, charitable organisations, or community initiatives, are the very essence of what makes our region thrive.

As we approach Volunteer Week from the 20th May, I am thrilled to announce that Victorian State Treasurer Tim Pallas has chosen local Newhaven based charity Free 3D Hands as the beneficiary of the Victorian Budget 2024/25 Charity. This reflects the incredible global impact of Free 3D Hands and their commitment to improving lives through innovative and open source solutions. I extend my congratulations to Mat Bowtell and his team for their remarkable work and the positive change they bring around the world.

This year Volunteer Week celebrates "Something for Everyone" and provides us with an opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation for the invaluable contributions of volunteers. Their dedication, passion, and generosity are the cornerstone of our community's strength and resilience. I encourage everyone to join me in celebrating and recognising the remarkable individuals who embody the spirit of service and compassion and be inspired to get involved in the coming week so that you can also consider volunteering.

Cypress trees removed after being deemed unsafe in San Remo

THE Bass Coast Shire council began undertaking tree works and tree removals in San Remo this month, with the cypress tree in front of the bakery in San Remo (Beachside Bakehouse) on Marine Parade and one on the northern side of Phillip Island Road, opposite Back Beach Road removed.

Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead confirmed that she put forward a notice of motion to the councillors in the February meeting for these trees to be investigated after large branches had fallen from the trees and were seen as unsafe being in a high traffic area.

"The notice to motion was rejected; however, I am glad I continued to take action because in working with council officers and having the trees assessed by an arborist it was returned that they were unsafe and in poor condition," said Cr Halstead.

"It's always sad to see large historical trees removed; however, they were not safe for the community."

Cypress trees opposite Back Beach Road in San Remo, will receive pruning and an uplift of branches.

In an effort to ensure



Bass Coast Shire requested the removal of a Cypress Tree in Marine Parade, San Remo after an arborist inspection identified it to be in poor condition and a potential safety issue for pedestrians. Z01_2024

sustainability, wood taken from trees on Marine Parade will be retained for reuse in the future for use as open space artwork or furniture.

"The 100 year old trees do hold historical significance to San Remo, so even though we couldn't keep them for safety reasons there was a call out from the community to ask to keep the trunks and have them carved into something, the trunks will now be left in storage

to cure for up to three years," Cr Halstead explained.

"At the moment were going through the Townships Structure Plan and they'll come out as part of the future for short development of San Remo when the Structure Plan is complete."

Replacement planting of between three to four trees will be planted promptly following the removal, supporting Council's Urban Forestry Strategy objectives.

Whilst trees are being removed, the replacement with suitable species will have a net benefit to canopy cover.

"Council's Urban Forestry Strategy, commits Council to investing in our Urban Forest, including protection, planting and maintenance and management of trees in our urban landscape" said Mayor, Cr Clare Le Serve.

For further information please visit Urban Forest Strategy | Bass Coast Shire

Major culvert relining works on Loch-Kernot Road



Major culvert relining works will be taking place on Loch-Kernot Road, between Stewart Road and Garry Road, Kernot commencing this week.

What to Expect

- Relining of the existing 2400mm diameter by 43.0 meters long culvert pipe, including grouting works, installation of new headwalls, rock beaching, and minor vegetation removal.
- A construction zone will be established for safety purposes. Approved traffic measures

will be in place throughout the construction period. All necessary works approvals and permits have been obtained from relevant agencies.

• Utilisation of heavy plant and machinery, including activities such as earthworks and the use of trucks/cranes for transporting concrete, culverts, and materials to the site.

• While we understand that these works may cause inconveniences to nearby properties, we kindly ask for patience during this period. Our contractor will make diligent efforts to minimise disruptions. Traffic will be limited to one lane throughout the works, so we advise planning your commute accordingly. Emergency vehicle access to properties will be maintained at all times. The community, local residents, businesses, and other stakeholders will receive regular updates about the project through Council's website and letterbox drops/mail-outs as applicable. For inquiries or assistance, please contact:

- APS Drainage and Civil – Site Foreman: Troy McDermott – 0410 525 041
- Bass Coast Shire Council's Infrastructure Delivery Team – John Armstrong at 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211. Email: bass-coast@basscoast.vic.gov.au. Website: basscoast.vic.gov.au for project updates.

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Carpark closures at Wonthaggi Hospital

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is alerting the community to carparking changes at Wonthaggi Hospital.

While parking for patients remains available as per usual, patients presenting for appointments at Allied Health and the L. Rigby Cancer Centre may have previously parked in the far western row of parking separated from the main Allied Health carpark by a road; in the old helipad; and near sheds at the rear of the hospital. Patients are advised these parks are now closed.

The road linking the front and western carparks is also closed. Patients wishing to park in the Allied Health carpark and to access the L. Rigby Centre should enter via the hospital's rear entrance, accessible from Baillieu Street West.

The closures come after BCH received a geotechnical report following recent geotechnical survey work as part of Stage 2 of the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion.

The report identified some areas where there was a high-risk of subsidence from undermining that occurred during coal mining in the past. These

areas are included in the carparking now closed.

BCH CEO Jan Child said BCH and the Victorian Health Building Authority agreed these areas needed to be closed, effective last week.

"We understand there is already a shortage of carparking at Wonthaggi Hospital. Our staff have been asked to keep parking close to the new hospital available for patients to ensure patients can access care and appointments with minimal inconvenience," she said.

"To help make it easier for our patients to find a carpark, our staff will park in other areas on-site and in surrounding streets, and where possible, car pool and travel to work via means other than driving.

"While the carpark closures are an unfortunate side effect of the preliminary works for Stage 2 of the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion, the safety of our community members and staff is most important.

"We will look to rectify this inconvenience and assure the community that we are acting to ensure they can find a park in a timely manner."



Geotechnical reports have highlighted areas at high-risk of subsidence at Wonthaggi Hospital because of undermining, the following map of Wonthaggi Hospital indicating the areas closed to carparking.

Detox your Home is coming to Wonthaggi

Detox your Home is Victoria's free, safe way to dispose of unwanted household and garden chemicals – without harming your health or the environment.

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Putting rights first

GIPPSLAND Disability Advocacy Inc work together with people with a disability to assist them to achieve freedom, respect, equality and dignity.

Executive Office Leanne Wishart said, "people with a disability have the right to live free from abuse and neglect and at Gippsland Disability Advocacy we value each community member and listen to their concerns and needs."

"Together we are working to support our clients so they can work towards independence and the chance to do things for themselves and make the best choices."

Those living with a disability in Bass Coast and South Gippsland are eligible for the service and help is available from the Wonthaggi office.

Advocacy for individuals is delivered in different ways, some may need information to help them advocate for themselves, some need support to help them resolve an issue and others may require representation from a GDA advocate.

GDA are a professional advocacy service driving change and empowering people living with a disability to live a good life and to help them achieve social justice and equal opportunities.

This means giving everyone the chance to be informed, take risks, speak out for their rights, and have friends and a variety of relationships.

Priority is given to those who are unable to articulate their needs without support and may be experiencing potential abuse, discrimination or negligent treatment, denial or infringement of their rights or social isolation.

Gippsland Disability Advocacy Inc's Wonthaggi Office is now at Bass Coast Adult Learning, 239 White Road, Wonthaggi, VIC 3995

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Campaign launched to get San Remo Primary School its funding

PROMISED funding of \$5.3 million for the San Remo Primary School to go out to tender for the start of the new school rebuild wasn't included in the State Budget announced last Tuesday, May 7.

But they haven't given up.

The school community, led by school council president Josh Thompson, has backed a letter-writing campaign to "imploring" the government to reconsider its decision and reinstate the funding this year.

"It means that if we get funded in next year's budget we could not start the building works until 2026 and probably would not be in the buildings until 2027," he said, in reference to the shock omission from the budget and the rate at which the school is growing on the back of a building boom in the town.

The 150-year-old San Remo Primary still has one of the 100-plus year old buildings relocated to the site when they moved over from the police station land in the 1800s and has long since passed its fit-for-purpose date.

There are 171 children at the school, and growing at 10 or more students annually, they would reach the new building capacity around the same time it is opened if delayed.

The problem for San Remo is that Stage 1, which would involve setting the school up for the four-stage project, needs to start in December-January in order that the school can continue functioning.

They would lose the library and admin buildings initially and add two new classrooms while re-establishing the office in the well-being room and the staff in a special classroom.

The other stages of the \$5.3 million rebuild would then be able to follow on but funding for the first foundation stage is crucial.

Josh is urging the community to email local MP Jordan Crugnale Jordan.crugnale@parliament.vic.gov.au, Education Minister Ben Carroll ben.carroll@parliament.vic.gov.au and Premier Jacinta Allan allan.jacinta@parliament.vic.gov.au "imploring them to reconsider the decision and reinstate the funding so that we can build this year".

It's a worthy campaign for a worthy, much-needed project but the reality is they're not on their own.



Local MPs Harriet Shing and Jordan Crugnale jumping for joy ahead of the announcement that San Remo Primary School had secured \$5.3 million for its rebuild, however despite being ready to go to tender, the funding wasn't confirmed in last Tuesday's budget leaving the school community devastated but determined to see that it gets a reprieve and the project can go ahead as planned at the end of the year.

According to the State Opposition, the Allan Labor Government has failed to provide funding for 29 promised school upgrades across Victoria in Tuesday's State Budget.

Prior to the 2022 State Election, Labor promised to deliver \$850 million to upgrade "at least" 89 government schools across Victoria.

"Despite this promise, after two State Budgets 29 of these promised school upgrades remain unfunded raising serious concerns about if these projects will actually be delivered by 2026," said an opposition spokesman.

The unfunded projects include upgrades at:

- Belmont High School.
- Broadford Primary School.
- Carrington Primary School.
- Caulfield South Primary School.
- Colac West Primary School.
- Collingwood College.
- Drouin Secondary College.
- Edenope College.
- Gardenvale Primary School.
- Hampton Primary School.
- Hazel Glen College.
- Kurunjang Secondary College.
- Lakes Entrance Primary School.
- Leongatha Secondary College.
- Lismore Primary School.
- Manorvale Primary School.
- McKinnon Primary School.
- Melba College.
- Melton South Primary School.
- Mordialloc College.

• Mount Eliza North Primary College.

• Mount Erin College.

• Mullauna College.

• Orchard Grove Primary School.

• Rangebank Primary School.

• San Remo Primary School.

• Stawell Primary School.

• Wangaratta High School.

• White Hills Primary School.

"Labor's failure to fund these promised school upgrades comes as the budget confirmed a further increase in Victoria's record debt, which is now set to reach \$187.8 billion by 2028, with interest repayments to reach almost \$26 million a day over this same period."

Shadow Minister for Early Childhood and Education, Jess Wilson, said: "Labor's financial mismanagement is denying students the quality learning environments they need to achieve their full potential."

"After two budgets, Labor is yet to fund 29 promised school upgrades and communities across Victoria are rightly concerned about these projects becoming yet another Labor broken promise.

"Labor cannot manage money and students, parents and school communities are paying the price."

Bass MP Jordan Crugnale echoes the dismay felt by San Remo.

"I so share the San Remo

school community's absolute disappointment in not getting the allocation in this budget," Jordan Crugnale MP stated.

"It took a concerted and collective effort over four years to get the commitment to upgrade this beautiful local school and we were successful with the election commitment and thrilled with the subsequent 2023 budget to receive planning funding to get started.

"I am meeting with the Education Minister this week and have requested an update on where the appointed architects are at with the planning and preparation of construction ready designs, the timelines they were working towards for getting the project builder tender process underway and what this may mean now in terms of delay times. I will provide a further update on this.

"We do fund school infrastructure in stages, with funding often allocated across multiple budget cycles – I want our community to know, we will deliver on our commitment in this electoral cycle and I am still in their fighting to make sure it is sooner rather than later.

"I want to thank the many parents and carers of students at this school for also reaching out directly expressing their disappointment as well – I will absolutely convey this to the Minister this week."

Strengthening governance and integrity in councils

NEW legislation has been introduced to improve council governance and integrity standards, so Victorians can have confidence in the local governments that serve them.

The reform of the Local Government Act 2020 introduced into Parliament on May 1 will elevate governance and integrity standards in Victoria's 79 councils, to be in place for the new council term following the local government elections this October.

Since the last council elections in 2020, 56 councillors have resigned and 11 councils have had municipal monitors appointed, with one council suspended and one dismissed as a result of governance issues.

Following extensive consultation with the sector, councils will have a uniform councillor code of conduct to create consistent standards of behaviour and increase accountability. A program of mandatory training will also be introduced for councillors and mayors, including annual professional development.

The Bill will introduce stronger sanctions for councillor misconduct and improved processes to resolve conduct matters earlier. The Minister for Local Government will also have strengthened powers to deal with councillors who are putting health and safety at risk or are preventing their council from performing its functions.

Good governance is critical to ensure councils make sound decisions and deliver the services their communities need, and the expanded powers to address councillor misconduct will discourage poor behaviour.

The reforms have been developed in response to reports and recommendations of IBAC, the Chief Municipal Inspector and other interventions which highlighted the need for stronger processes and powers to resolve conduct issues, and better training so councillors can perform their roles effectively.

The Labor Government has consulted with councils and local government peak bodies about the proposed reforms, most of which will take effect following the October 2024 local government elections.



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South Gippsland
Shire Council

South Gippsland Shire Council News

Winter is Coming

Winter in South Gippsland is a wonderful season of festivals, markets, live music and events, as well as an abundance of indoor and outdoor activities. With the cool season just around the corner, here is a brief guide to the ultimate staycation here in South Gippsland.

Summer is synonymous with music and festivals, and winter is no different. South Gippsland's many regional halls come alive with song and sound from both local and visiting talent. You can also catch the sound of the region at one of our many festivals and events. So be sure to save the date, as some of our region's biggest winter events are just around the corner, including:

- Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival (Saturday 18 to Sunday 26 May)
- Loch Village Food and Wine Festival (9 June)
- Mirboo North Winterfest (Saturday 3 to Sunday 4 August)

Plan out a hearty winter meal and shop the

ingredients at local farmers' market. You'll find that rain does not deter stall holders and market goers, as winter is the perfect time to collect seasonal farm fresh produce and handmade delights. With markets on every weekend, make a morning of it while you brush shoulders with the local community. If farmers markets aren't your cup of tea, the region plays host to artisanal and makers markets that are sure to spark inspiration and creativity.

Winter in South Gippsland brings with it an air of entertainment and joy. Rug up and be part of the many celebrations and community events happening this coming cool season.

If you're looking for something to do in our region this winter, please head to visitsouthgippsland.com.au or give our friendly staff a call at the South Gippsland Visitor Information Centre. They will be able to provide you with an itinerary of activities to keep those winter blues away. You can call the team on 1800 630 704 or email infocentre@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Chat to VicGrid



Head over to Memorial Hall in Leongatha on Wednesday 22 May to chat to VicGrid about their Draft Renewable Energy Zone Community Benefits Plan.

You can either attend the drop-in session from 3.00pm to 5.00pm or register for the community workshop from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available.

To register for the community workshop, please visit: engage.vic.gov.au/victransmissionplan

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 15 May 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

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

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a new job? We might have the perfect position for you!

Check out our current vacant positions here:

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IDAHOBIT DAY

You are invited to join South Gippsland Shire Council this International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (otherwise known as IDAHOBIT Day) as we raise the rainbow flag.

When: Friday 17 May

Where: At the flag poles out the front of Council's main office (9 Smith Street, Leongatha)

Time: 10.30pm

Everyone is welcome to wear something rainbow to show respect and support to the LGBTQIA+ community.

There is no need to RSVP, just head over to Council's main office to be part of IDAHOBIT Day.

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

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

Tender closes 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 21 May 2024.

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

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Communication the key to hoped-for Grow Lightly solution

GROW Lightly board chair Becky Banks is keenly awaiting a meeting with South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis in early June to discuss possible solutions to the current impasse over the organisation's premises.

If a resolution can't be found, Grow Lightly must vacate its home next to the Coal Creek carpark by the end of June.

Ms Banks wants to work with council, making sure it understands Grow Lightly's structure and how it operates, including the fact all profits are returned to the running of the business.

Those at Grow Lightly wish to learn what specific work council believes is required on the group's current premises to keep the building operational, and how much that would cost.

While Grow Lightly has expressed willingness to share its premises with another community group and to contribute to maintenance costs, council is so far refusing to budge on its decision not to renew the group's lease.

Ms Ellis commended Grow Lightly on its willingness to co-locate but is adamant the group must move elsewhere to do so.

"The building is not suitable in the longer term and it would cost us a lot of money to continue to maintain," she said.

The question is how much money?

The Sentinel-Times requested specific details from Ms Ellis of required maintenance and costings for the Grow Lightly hub.

"Council has identified works that need to be undertaken on



Grow Lightly board chair Becky Banks, one of the organisation's founders Gil Freeman and South Gippsland Shire Councillor Nathan Hersey outside the Grow Lightly hub.

the building, including painting, updated entrance access, ramp installation etc," Ms Ellis stated, without providing any estimated costs.

While she said Grow Lightly is "seeking improvements such as replacement solar batteries and Starlink", Becky explained that is a misunderstanding following a meeting with council officers.

"We said we would be happy to get a grant, upgrade our solar and get a Starlink on (the building), then we'd be

available as a resilience centre in blackouts," Ms Banks said, with that seen as a way of boosting the community value of the Grow Lightly hub.

She elaborated that council was not asked to fund that initiative or any improvements to the building itself.

Ms Ellis said council is doing its utmost to help Grow Lightly find a suitable new home.

"We've got both our building team and our economic development team working to support Grow Lightly's

transition," she said.

One of the challenges is that council and Grow Lightly haven't reached consensus on what constitutes a suitable home for the community organisation that provides fresh produce.

The need to be able to accommodate a cool room and for appropriate storage space is proving a major sticking point, as is the lack of detail on the anticipated costs for council of Grow Lightly remaining in its current home.

Support for Coastal Hazard Risk Assessments in South Gippsland

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council will initiate Coastal Hazard Risk Assessments in key locations along the South Gippsland coastline after securing \$200,000 in funding support from the Victorian Government through the Victoria's Resilient Coasts grants program.

The assessment of coastal hazards is a first step in identifying how best to plan, manage and prepare for future climate change impacts.

"Council would like to thank the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) for helping to progress our Coastal Strategy objectives," Cr Williams, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council said.

"The \$200,000 will enable the delivery of important coastal risk assessments that will inform Council and the South Gippsland community and help us prepare for future coastal challenges, together."

The need for Coastal Hazard Risk Assessments in South Gippsland was identified in the 'South Gippsland Coastal Strategy'. The Strategy calls for the prioritisation of new or updated hazard risk mapping and policy changes to identify current and anticipated coastal hazard risks in coastal areas. This recommendation provided the foundation for Council's successful 'Waratah Bay Coastal Hazard Assessment' grant application.

The assessment will cover

the area from Cape Liptrap to Shallow Inlet and investigate the impacts of rising sea levels on coastal townships and other assets in the area like the historic Walkerville Lime Kilns and sensitive dune environments. Coastal hazard assessments have recently been completed for Wilsons Promontory and Cape Liptrap to Cape Paterson. The Waratah Bay Coastal Hazard Assessment will fill the gap area and provide a continuous assessment of the South Gippsland coastline for the area west of Wilsons Prom.

The Coastal Hazard Assessments will complement Council's work with the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA)

and the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) on a project that will progress another Coastal Strategy action related to risk management in our coastal townships. This project is being funded by the Victorian Government and is expected to be completed later this year.

These projects also align with Council's advocacy efforts and a forthcoming Motion that will be presented to the Municipal Association Victoria State Council this month which calls on the Victorian Government to "fund and complete updated coastal hazard mapping across Victoria by 2025 and implement hazard mapping data into all affected Victorian Planning Schemes."

Free disaster waste disposal extended at Mirboo North Transfer Station

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council has received confirmation from the Minister for Environment, Steve Dimopoulos, that funding support to assist with the free disposal of disaster waste at the Mirboo North Transfer Station has been extended.

"Thank you to the Minister for Environment for this important announcement," Cr Williams, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council said.

"This extension allows the residents of Mirboo North and surrounds - who were heavily

impacted by the storm event - to continue to drop-off disaster waste for free at the Mirboo North Transfer Station. I'm sure this news will be welcomed by the local community."

Disaster waste is defined as any material deposited on a property by an emergency (green waste generated by the emergency), or material damaged by the emergency that is required to be disposed of as part of the recovery from the emergency.

This extension has been

provided due to the significant scale of impacts on the Mirboo North and surrounding area.

In order for disposal to be covered under this extended program, people disposing of disaster waste at the Mirboo North Transfer Station will need to provide the property address of where the waste has come from.

The extension ends on June 30.

To support this, the Mirboo North Transfer Station will be operating under extended

hours until June 30, 2024. These hours are:

- Monday and Tuesday - Closed.
- Wednesday - 1pm to 5pm.
- Thursday - Closed.
- Friday - 1pm to 5pm.
- Saturday and Sunday - 9am to 4pm.

If you have any questions about the extension, please contact Council on 5662 9200. To find updates on the storm event, including support services, please visit: southgippsland.vic.gov.au/stormeventupdate

Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams



HELLO South Gippsland.

Since the announcement of my appointment as President of Australian Local Government Women's Association - Victoria (ALGWA), I've been thinking about how this all happened. The support of my fellow Councillors and our amazing South Gippsland community have truly meant a lot to me. I would like to thank everyone who has sent me messages and commented on social media posts congratulating me on this appointment. I am really looking forward to using this opportunity for the benefit of South Gippsland.

I would also like to remind you that the May Council Meeting is on Wednesday, May 15 at 2pm in Council Chambers, Leongatha. If you can't make it, or want to watch it when it suits you, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Proposed 2024/25 Budget Engagement

Thank you to everyone who provided their feedback on the Proposed 2024/25 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan. Once again we have seen our community enjoy the opportunity to provide their feedback, something this Council has prided itself on. This will all now be considered before the final Budget comes to Council at the June 26 Council Meeting.

IDAHOBIT Day

IDAHOBIT Day (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia) marks the removal of homosexuality from the World Health Organisation's Classification of Diseases, but members of our LGBTQIA+ community are still discriminated against. Wear something rainbow and join Councillors and Council staff to raise a rainbow flag on Friday, May 17 at 10.30am outside Council's main office.

Community Training Opportunities

Our Community Training workshops so far this year have been well attended, but there are still plenty more to come!

The next two Community Training sessions will explore innovative strategies to attract and keep volunteers. South Gippsland has terrific rates of volunteerism, but learning how to encourage more people to do so is important for the ongoing viability of many organisations and groups. If you're a not-for-profit organisation, community group or a person who is interested in volunteering - this is a perfect opportunity to learn. To find out more and to register for this and any other upcoming workshop, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining

Stand for Council Workshops

All Councils across Victoria will have elections happening later this year. If you are thinking of standing as a candidate for Council, but aren't quite sure if it is for you, there are plenty of upcoming workshops where you can learn more about the role of a Councillor. It will also give you some information about local government, the election process, what you can expect as a new Councillor, and the opportunities for training and development.

Multiple organisations will be hosting these workshops, so keep an eye on Council's website for sessions that may be of interest to you.

Estate Planning

- Inheritance Tax

By David Caporale,
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

In Australia a death duty tax used to be paid by beneficiaries who inherited assets from a deceased estate until 1982 when this tax system was abolished by the Government and replaced with capital gains tax instead. Capital gains tax is paid when an asset is sold and a profit is realised, rather than a person's death triggering a tax bill.

So whilst there are no inheritance taxes payable there may be some tax obligations for beneficiaries and the deceased estate, depending on the nature of the assets and form of distribution. This editorial will explore inherited assets from a deceased estate and the various tax obligations.

The last will of a deceased person will specify the beneficiaries who are to inherit the estate's assets. If the will does not define what assets go to whom, then it is up to the executor to administer the estate's assets including distributions. In administering the estate the assets are usually transferred or liquidated (sold).

In the case of the latter, the selling down of assets such as property (real estate) or shares usually results in a tax bill that is payable by the estate prior to distributing monies to beneficiaries. The tax rate that applies to a deceased estate is the same marginal income tax rates for individuals. The same also applies to any income earned by estate assets for the first 3 income years. In the fourth and subsequent income years the tax rate is different.

The exception to this rule is the principal place of residence (PPR) of the deceased. If the deceased's PPR is sold by the estate within 2 years of the deceased's death, then the estate is fully exempt from payment of capital gains tax on the PPR.

Unless you are a non-tax resident, no tax applies to the beneficiary for any cash assets (i.e. bank accounts or term deposits) that are transferred. However any interest earned in relation to this money will be taxed in the estate's final tax return.

Investment property assets that are transferred to one or more beneficiaries are also not subject to tax (except for non-tax residents) at the time when

the title is transferred to them. However, the beneficiaries carry the "cost base" of the property asset at the time it was acquired by the deceased. The cost base is used to determine if any gain is made when the asset is disposed of. If there is a gain, then capital gains tax will apply and the beneficiary will be liable for this.

The same rule applies to shares. Once the estate is fully administered and assets are distributed than any income derived from property (i.e. rent), shares (i.e. dividends) or cash (i.e. bank interest) will be added to the beneficiaries' assessable income, and income tax may be payable depending on the individual's tax position.

Conversely, if the beneficiary receives income from the estate before it is fully administered, they are considered to be presently entitled to it and therefore are responsible for including their share of the net income in their own tax return and pay any tax owing.

Finally, one asset of the deceased that may bypass the will and be received directly by a beneficiary, is superannuation. Tax on a death benefit from superannuation varies but a major factor will depend on whether the beneficiary was a dependent of the deceased under tax laws.

Dependents are usually a spouse or child(ren) under 18 who receive it tax free, however if paid to a non-dependent such as a child age 18 or over then tax is deducted from the payment and paid to the Australian Taxation Office. The tax rate (including medicare levy) is 17% on the taxable component and 32% on any untaxed element of the super fund.

This could result in a significant tax bill to non-dependent adult children however there is a strategy that can significantly reduce this potential future tax bill and advice should be sought from a financial advisor and/or accountant to take advantage of this.

To conclude, there are various tax implications in managing a deceased estate and distributing the assets and/or income to its beneficiaries, therefore it is important to seek the advice of professionals (solicitors, accountants and financial advisors) to ensure your estate planning needs are in order.

The information above does not constitute financial or other professional advice and is general in nature. It does not take into account your specific circumstances and should not be acted on without a full understanding of your current situation and future goals and objectives by a fully qualified financial advisor. Before you make any decision about whether to acquire a certain financial product, you should obtain and read the relevant product disclosure statement.

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New Homelessness Coalition

ON TUESDAY May 7 a dynamic collaboration between local groups and volunteer organisations planned a response to the homelessness crisis in Bass Coast.

Housing Matters Bass Coast hosted the meeting, with the venue kindly provided by the YES Youth Hub.

Jessica Harrison from Housing Matters Bass Coast said, "Housing is a human right. Although some housing is underway as part of the Big Housing Build, we desperately need more emergency housing to help people who will be camping or sleeping rough this winter. Our solution, which we

discussed today, is a Winter Shelter program. Community spaces or church halls are already running these programs in Frankston and Ringwood, staffed by volunteers. We would love more people to join us in this project."

"CWA Wonthaggi Owl Women are passionate about helping our local community and right now we are hearing that emergency housing is a top priority," Heidi Vanzet Branch President CWA Wonthaggi Owl Women added.

"We look forward to being a part of this collective, connecting into other community groups, and contributing

as much as we can."

"It was great to meet everyone and discover what our clients have in common. It is very important to work together to tackle this problem," said Leslie Adams, Manager of Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre.

Housing Matters Bass Coast is auspiced by Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre.

The next meeting of the Homelessness Coalition is Tuesday June 11 from 10am to 12pm at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, 6 Murray Street, Wonthaggi. All welcome. More information: housingmattersbc@gmail.com

THE ROUND-UP

Korumburra Round Table news

Korumburra Roundtable April '24

THE Korumburra Roundtable held their April meeting at the Korumburra Hub.

Council representative was Christine Legg, Coordinator Communications and Engagement and provided the following information –

- Christine advised the exciting news that VicTrack have decided to lease the refurbished Korumburra Railway Station to allow a commercial arrangement in addition to community use of the station. To ensure the building is occupied and can benefit the community and visitors, VicTrack have made this decision with the support of Council. Previously the criteria was for "not for profit" enterprises only, but suitable tenants could not be found. The additional issue is the repair works that need to be completed on the Station platform. Hopefully these works will soon be completed in the new financial year.

- A heritage permit will shortly be issued to allow Council works on the Railway precinct to proceed.
- The new toilet block and rotunda will shortly be installed, replacing the existing toilet block, with the existing rotunda being moved further down the railway precinct.

• Our KRT submission in support of Coal Creek was submitted to the Assembly along with other submissions for their consideration.

• Korumburra's streetscape has commenced with works currently focused on the area around the Austral Hotel. Once this area is completed works will move to Radovick Street to allow the Water Board replace water mains in Commercial Street. The streetscape project will not be finished until early 2025.

Whilst it is great to see the Streetscape project underway, another problem looms for Korumburra with the closure of the Pakenham Victorian Livestock Exchange on June 30 this year. The same company also owns the Koonwarra saleyards, with Pakenham staff being transferred to Koonwarra and the prospect of more cattle truck movements through Korumburra and Leongatha to become a reality. There is also a site at Longwarry that is planned to be developed as saleyards, but the finish date for this project is two – three years away, assuming planning applications are approved.

So we can expect a fair amount of short-term pain while the streetscape project is implemented!

On a positive note, it is terrific to see the mural on the entrance to the railway subway that artist Melanie Caple has created. Certainly adds colour to the area and Melanie is to be congratulated on her great work. Once Council completes the additional works required on the subway, we will end up with a unique area of beauty, compared to the existing graffiti ridden eyesore that the subway is at present.

Graffiti in Korumburra is getting out of hand. It seems a small minority have no respect for public property and think it is ok to tag and vandalise public spaces. Korumburra, we are better than this! Cameras and anti-graffiti coatings are options we have to enforce to combat this menace.

Some of the other issues discussed were a report from Nigel Hutchinson Brookes on Transport issues raised at a meeting he attended, a proposed working bee to remove weeds and rubbish from the Railway precinct is to be organised, signage for the Hub is soon to be implemented and noted that picnic tables are in the process of being installed around the Hub outdoor areas.

Terry Waycott, President, KRT



Soula and Tony Tiganis and Mairead Hannan from Venus Bay shop at Grow Lightly, with one of the organisation's founders Meredith Freeman and supplier and market manager Julie Riley providing friendly service. A12_2024

Grow Lightly intensifies campaign to halt its eviction

KORUMBURRA'S Grow Lightly used Saturday's Coal Creek Farmers Market to inform people of its impending 'eviction', urging them to write to South Gippsland Shire Council to encourage it to renew the group's lease.

Grow Lightly founder Gil Freeman was at the entrance meeting people as they arrived and chatting about the situation, offering cards featuring his paintings of produce that they could use to write to council.

The organisation's board chair Becky Banks urges people to send polite, positive letters or emails to council CEO Kerryn Ellis letting her know what Grow Lightly means to them and urging council to give it more time at its current home.

The organisation, which operates on a not-for-profit basis is currently being told to vacate its premises by the end of June.

Grow Lightly's other founder Meredith Freeman's spirits were boosted by a busy market day and the positive community response to the organisation's call for assistance.

"I feel reasonably optimistic because there's such a groundswell of support for Grow Lightly," she said, being keen to ensure those at council are made aware of the organisation's importance in the community and how many people are behind it.

Local Jasmin Cashin chatted to Mr Freeman on the way in to check out the fresh produce on offer, hitting out at council's decision not to renew the lease.

"It's despicable, and it's quite frightening because once council make up their mind it's very hard to persuade them otherwise," she said.

While the decision is in the hands of council officers rather than councillors, Cr Nathan Hersey



Grow Lightly's Gil Freeman chats to locals Jasmin Cashin and Stuart Cilia about the organisation's situation and shows them one of his cards on which to write to council. A11_2024

recently met with Ms Banks to discuss Grow Lightly's concerns.

He would like to see the organisation given more time to find an alternative home and has asked CEO Ellis to consider that possibility.

She has agreed to meet with representatives of Grow Lightly in early June.

Ms Banks told the Sentinel-Times that Grow Lightly would like to come to an arrangement with council for the organisation to help with maintenance of its current premises, allowing it to remain there long term.

However, if that doesn't prove possible, a lease extension of at least a year would greatly boost hopes of finding a suitable new home and preparing for the move.

Cr Hersey is supportive of council's commitment to financial sustainability and the need for consolidation of community groups into fewer buildings to reduce council maintenance costs, and considers Grow Lightly's building is underutilised.

Nonetheless, he acknowledged it is not just a matter of what should happen with the building but also the process involved.

"I think what's clear to me, as a councillor in this instance, isn't that

the process doesn't need to occur; what's clear is that it's about how it's done and how people in the community are taken along for the journey," Cr Hersey said.

The comments of community members at Grow Lightly on Saturday, along with many Facebook posts and over 300 signatures on a change.org petition to halt the group's eviction, suggests many people don't feel that has occurred.

Venus Bay's Mairead Hannan, who was one of those buying produce from Grow Lightly during Sentinel-Times' visit, considers it serves an important community function offering healthy food and other benefits.

Korumburra's Jo Timms, who used to work in the now Grow Lightly premises when it was the town's visitor information centre, pondered what council would do with the building if the organisation is forced to leave.

She said she saw mention of the situation in the paper and wanted to come down to find out more about what's going on, saying council needs to be held accountable, having taken one of Gil's cards in an envelope addressed to:

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Councillors to vote on controversial Korumburra development

A CONTROVERSIAL proposed development at 99 Bena Road Korumburra comes before South Gippsland Shire councillors on Wednesday, with a recommendation before them to refuse the current Development Plan application for the project.

"The proposal does not meet the South Gippsland Planning Scheme's requirements," council states.

It notes the intended development is currently expected to provide 170 residential lots and 1.5 hectares of residential aged care in eight stages.

Council expresses concerns over stormwater management, bushfire risk and management, topographical considerations, traffic access and connectivity to the broader area, off-site development infrastructure, and biodiversity.

However, the second part of the recommendation before councillors, contained in council's May meeting agenda, is to grant council officers delegation to consent to a future alternative Development Plan if it satisfactorily addresses the areas of concern.

An approved Development Plan is required for the site before any subdivision can occur.

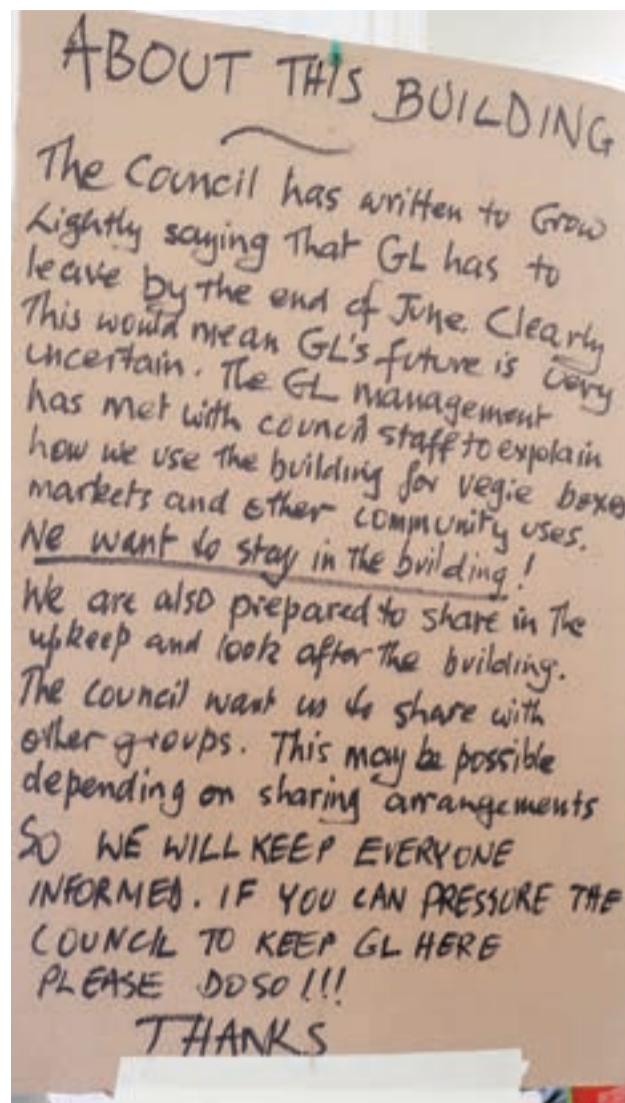
Sentinel-Times previously reported the concerns of locals about the proposed project.

These included the development's excessive density for rural living, the inability of Bena Road to handle the volume of traffic that would result, and the impact on its various intersections.

The period to make submissions has now closed.

The developer, Hillview Rise Pty Ltd, applied to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) for approval of its Development Plan, with VCAT sending the decision back to council.

Communication the key to hoped-for Grow Lightly solution



Grow Lightly shares its perspective on council asking it to vacate its premises by the end of June.
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GROW Lightly board chair Becky Banks is keenly awaiting a meeting with South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis in early June to discuss possible solutions to the current impasse over the organisation's premises.

If a resolution can't be found, Grow Lightly must vacate its home next to the Coal Creek carpark by the end of June.

Ms Banks wants to work with council, making sure it understands Grow Lightly's structure and how it operates, including the fact all profits are returned to the running of the business.

Those at Grow Lightly wish to learn what specific work council believes is required on the group's current premises to keep the building operational, and how much that would cost.

While Grow Lightly has expressed willingness to share its premises with another community group and to contribute to maintenance costs, council is so far refusing to budge on its decision not to renew the group's lease.

Ms Ellis commended Grow Lightly on its willingness to co-locate but is adamant the group must move elsewhere to do so.

"The building is not suitable in the longer term and it would cost us a lot of money to continue to maintain," she said.

The question is how much money?

The Sentinel-Times requested specific details from Ms Ellis of required maintenance and costings for the Grow Lightly hub.

"Council has identified works

that need to be undertaken on the building, including painting, updated entrance access, ramp installation etc," Ms Ellis stated, without providing any estimated costs.

While she said Grow Lightly is "seeking improvements such as replacement solar batteries and Starlink", Becky explained that is a misunderstanding following a meeting with council officers.

"We said we would be happy to get a grant, upgrade our solar and get a Starlink on (the building), then we'd be available as a resilience centre in blackouts," Ms Banks said, with that seen as a way of boosting the community value of the Grow Lightly hub.

She elaborated that council was not asked to fund that initiative or any improvements to the building itself.

Ms Ellis said council is doing its utmost to help Grow Lightly find a suitable new home.

"We've got both our building team and our economic development team working to support Grow Lightly's transition," she said.

One of the challenges is that council and Grow Lightly haven't reached consensus on what constitutes a suitable home for the community organisation that provides fresh produce.

The need to be able to accommodate a cool room and for appropriate storage space is proving a major sticking point, as is the lack of detail on the anticipated costs for council of Grow Lightly remaining in its current home.

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Smaller class sizes and evidence-based approaches has led to consistently strong performances in numeracy and literacy at Tarwin Lower PS, often surpassing state averages.

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- AUSLAN has been a fantastic addition to the school with all P-6 students participating in weekly sessions to practise their skills.
- Large grounds, great facilities and excellent range of sporting equipment enables the experienced physical education staff to focus on high quality programs that maximises opportunities for students to gain a love of being physically active and build on their skills and knowledge of how to play a variety of sports.
- ART provides strong ties to the community with the exciting opportunity to be a part of the ArtCube South Gippsland initiative.
- Kitchen Garden community relationships with Landcare, Bunnings, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program and Resource Smart Schools.
- Music – weekly sessions for all P-6 students incorporating introductions to percussion instruments, vocals and small group learning.
- Mobile Area Resource Centre visiting library provides opportunities for students to borrow library books.



Students engage in a wide array of physical education sports including swimming.



Engaging activities are not only teaching students life skills but also contributing academically in a fun way.

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VICSPELL is again up and running. Originally called Gippspell, it was founded in 2004 by Gippsland volunteer teachers and is open to all students from years 5 to 8. Its aim is to 'promote and reward good spelling'.

This spelling bee, celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year, is organised by its founder Trevor Sowdon.

"Participating in the spelling bee isn't just about showcasing words. It's about cultivating a love for language and the power of precision. I'm immensely proud of this event, not just for its competitive spirit, but for the doors it opens in young minds," Trevor said.

The zone finals are based on shire boundaries. Colour certificates are awarded for each school representative and a handsome glass trophy for zone winners. State final winners win bigger trophies and the Oxford two-volume National Dictionary. Importantly, students only compete against their own year level.

Past state final winners from the shire include the late Emma Riviere (Wonthaggi PS, 2005), Jessica Purvis (Wonthaggi PS, 2007), and Gemma Forster (Loch PS, 2015).

Each school pays a one-off annual fee of \$20 covering each student participant. This fee (which barely covers the trophies) has remained unchanged since 2004 thanks to the generosity of Vicspell's sponsors: Oxford University Press, Community Bank Neerim District and Triangle Trophies.

The zone finals are conducted in August and the State final on September 3. The South Gippsland and Bass Coast zone final will be at San Remo PS on Monday, August 12.

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Korumburra soccer and cricket get a boost

SPORTS participants in Korumburra are set to benefit from a \$300,000 State Government funding commitment through Tuesday's Budget, with Upper House Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh in town to share the good news.

The money will go towards establishing a multipurpose training facility with a synthetic surface at Korumburra Recreation Reserve. The facility, to be located in the area currently occupied by disused netball courts, will be used by Korumburra City Soccer Club and Korumburra Cricket Club.

Retractable nets will be ideal for cricket training, while five-a-side soccer and other training activities will also take place on the artificial surface.

New cricket nets are much needed, with the existing couple of training pitches insufficient for current demand, and the metal poles in the net structure presenting the risk of ricocheting cricket balls.

The new area will be lit for nighttime use.

President of Korumburra City Soccer Club Tony Gardner, and Glen Barrett who is Chair of Korumburra Recreation Reserve and secretary of Korumburra Cricket Club welcomed the pleasing news, both expressing their appreciation to Tom.

"It's great to hear we've got the grant; it's probably been five or six years in the planning," Glen said.

In addition to the \$300,000 State Government contribution, the soccer and cricket clubs are each chipping in \$20,000 towards the project, with \$30,000 from Cricket Victoria through Cricket Australia's infrastructure fund.

"Our ambition is to make this the premier sporting community facility in South Gippsland," Glen said of the Recreation Reserve, with the new training facility another step towards that goal.

Tom said it is great the project will benefit more than one club, noting the State Government has previously contributed to other improvements at Korumburra Recreation Reserve, investing in the change rooms and lighting upgrades.

STEM programs advancing children's knowledge of the digital world



Dylan, Lenny and Tyler delight in learning about coding, with Lenny saying, "We're creating things." A09_2024



Paige, Hannah and Harper work building dragonflies. A07_2024

KORUMBURRA Primary School teaching staff are proudly implementing new STEM programs to assist students with digital technology.

Grade three students were learning to create dragonflies following a 'steampunk' approach, using old technology to create something new, under the guidance of art teacher Rachel Warren last week when the Sentinel-Times popped in.

Korumburra Primary School strives to develop each student by nurturing their academic, social and emotional growth, and as STEM teacher Samantha Bush noted, diverse subjects are helping students learn new technologies in their early years of primary education.

"They're very excited because it's one of their favourite subjects," Samantha said of students learning computer coding as part of their curriculum.

"Scratch, developed by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), introduces students to coding language, and they can create animations and add sound.

"They can make games such as ping pong, as there are instructional videos and step by step instructions."

While Scratch is suited for use from Grade 3, Scratch Junior caters to those from Prep to Grade 2 – allowing the junior grades to adapt their learning to modern technologies.

Through these STEM programs, Korumburra Primary School is fostering a generation of tech-savvy students who not only learn coding but also explore creative ways to apply it.

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Musical Mother's Day lunch for Newhaven College mums

IT WAS a wonderfully musical pre-Mother's Day lunch last Friday for the mums and grandmothers of Newhaven College, hosted by Misha and Nick Say at the Phillip Island Winery, and compered by college principal Tony Corr.

While the food and conversation, down three long, decorated tables, was the centrepiece of the afternoon, the guests of honour were royally entertained by two soloists from the college, Cecily de Gooyer and Aoife O'Connell, who started the event with stirring renditions of 'Anything Goes', the title track from the Broadway musical, and 'I have confidence' from the Sound of Music.

Mr Corr provided the mums and grandmothers of students at the college with a report on the "really exciting times" at the school with a number of projects and programs completed and more on the way.

"One thing we are really proud of is adding a 12th bus route to the college this year, picking up students from Tooradin. We want to be seen as an independent school for the whole of South Gippsland, not only Phillip Island and I think it's a great endorsement of what the school has to offer that we have students coming to us from wide area," Mr Corr said.

He went on to highlight that the college had recently complete construction of its observatory, at the rear of the Year 9 area, which offered optimal viewing conditions, away from light pollution, and would soon be open for the use of everyone from fascinated little preps right through to Year 12 science students.

"I'm also excited to be accompanying a group of twelve Year 10 and 11 students to Cambodia over the next holidays, going across there as part of a Projects Abroad initiative to teach English and to be involved in some of their projects there.

"Our young people are so fortunate with the opportunities they are offered but when much is given, much is also expected."

He also spoke about the establishment of the Mountain Bike Academy and the work done by the students, parents and staff on the pump track with a flow track around the whole school grounds to follow, for running, walking and also bikes.

"We are fortunate to have 33 hectares of parkland environment and as an independent school, to be able to respond to the needs of our community."

"And we're working on our early years school as well and hope to have 'Little Haven' open in 2026 again responding to the needs of the community not only by offering Prep



Newhaven principal Tony Corr provides an update on progress at the college for the mothers, grandmothers and supporters at a Mother's Day lunch last Friday.



Among those enjoying their early Mother's Day lunch at Phillip Island Winery last Friday were Newhaven College mums and grandmothers Kelly Latham, Sue Hahn, Alisha Hill and Glenys Dempster.

to Year 12 here but also having three and four year olds running around here as well.

"So, to all the young mums out there, it's never too late to get the benefit of our facilities," he said raising a hearty laugh from the big happy lunch crowd.

On a show of hands it was agreed to make the first Newhaven College Mother's Day lunch an annual event.

Newhaven College Celebrates Mother's Day

Newhaven College celebrated Mother's Day in many ways last week. Starting with the ubiquitous Mother's Day stall run by the Parents and Friends Association, where students purchased lovely gifts for their mums, grandmothers and

other special people in their lives. The Mother's Day Raffle, also run by the PFA, was won by two students, for their mums, Year 4 student Olivia Clark and Year 7 student Lucy Thompson. The prizes included lots of lovely goodies and \$50 vouchers generously donated by Saltwater Restaurant in Newhaven.

On Friday morning, Junior School students welcomed their mums and special people with a hot coffee and muffin before inviting them into their classroom to create some lovely artworks. This event coincided with a College charity fundraiser for the Cancer Council, with students across the College wearing pyjamas to school. This made for a relaxed and fun environment for the Muffins and Mums event.



Stacey and Mandy are the proud new owners of Little Wren café and are looking forward to bringing exquisite favourites to Wonthaggi. C17_2024

Amazing food and new faces

LITTLE WREN in Wonthaggi has undergone a transformation in recent weeks under the new management of Mandy Giliam and her daughter Stacey.

The family-owned business's menu is filled with all the favourites from homemade slices, sausage rolls, quiches and frittatas to fruit salad, chicken schnitzels, focaccias, sandwiches, salads and breaky burgers to tantalise the tastebuds.

"It's the same concept that customers loved about Little Wren, with a renewed focus on customer service and an updated premises," owner Mandy smiled.

"We're really focused on ready to go, fast service – having products available for individuals to pop in and walk out again quickly on their lunch breaks."

With hot winter specials on their way the team have a homemade soup available daily as well as wedges, chips and sweet potato fries, amongst other hot food.

"We are really looking forward to changing it up," Mandy added, noting that options will continuously change under Stacey's watchful eyes, with both Stacey and Jazz creating the delectable treats on offer.

"Today we've got jelly, apricot, cherry, salted caramel, and peppermint slices, but we try to mix it up.

"Stacey's pasta salad lasted a blink of an eye the

other day. Every couple of days we'll have something new and different."

Both Mandy and Stacey have backgrounds in hospitality with the duo previously in Leongatha before Mandy headed north to Darwin.

"We're excited," Mandy stated.

"Stacey previously worked for Brent Sinclair Catering in Leongatha and I'm happy to be back in Gippsland, working alongside Stacey."

And whilst the delectable fare is eye-catching, it would be remiss to exclude the upgrades. From a new coffee machine serving Godfather coffee beans from Common Folk on the Mornington Peninsula to new salad bar and cabinets and a fresh new kitchen.

"It's looks different, but we've just streamlined. We've got a new kitchen – all stainless steel, a new dishwasher. Everything flows."

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The Little Wren team also offers catering for events, their offerings include sweets, sandwiches, and hot food.

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EdConnect volunteers support local primary students

WONTHAGGI North Primary School has recently joined the school-based volunteer program run by EdConnect Australia. EdConnect Australia connects volunteers who want to make a difference, with young people in school who need extra help and guidance, be it mentoring or learning support.

Kathy Jones, Wonthaggi North Primary School Assistant Principal, is delighted to have recently partnered with EdConnect Australia to help support the students.

"The appeal of the EdConnect program is having local volunteers, who are trained and supported by EdConnect, provide further assistance for our students," said Kathy.

"We have many students who would benefit from that one-to-one connection with an older role model who they can trust and build a positive relationship with," Kathy continued.

EdConnect volunteers are drawn from all walks of life, including past educators, professionals, tradespeople, parents and grandparents, or students.

Giving their time and the benefit of their lived experience, volunteers share a passion to make a positive difference in young people's futures.

Melinda Spiteri, EdConnect Australia South East Liaison Officer said the difference volunteers make to students is amazing.

"I consistently hear about the changes in students who work with volunteers, whether it is mastering something they struggled with or feeling less anxious at school, it is clear that volunteers make a huge difference. We know that support from volunteers makes a real difference to student self-esteem, confidence and engagement at school as well as their academic achievements," she said.

"We are currently seeking local volunteers to support students at Wonthaggi North Primary School. By giving as little as one hour of your time each week, you can make a real difference in a young person's life," she finished.

Visit edconnect.org.au/volunteer or contact edconnect@edconnect.org.au 1800 668 550.

Something for everyone at the Volunteer Expo event

WHAT do a hospital, CFA, Lions Club, Flying Doctor Service, community house, op shop, visitor information centre and food sharing project all have in common? Volunteers.

There's a lot that happens in the towns around Corner Inlet that can only be done because volunteers have stepped up to be part of creating a great community and in the lead up to National Volunteer Week South Gippsland Hospital and Manna Gum Community House have teamed up to build on an event first held in 2023.

The Corner Inlet Volunteer Expo, being held at FWMAC in Foster on May 18, promises to be the perfect place for those who enjoy the life of our local towns to be 'in the room' with many organisations that rely on volunteers.

"I've always felt that great things happen when people can be face to face, when those spontaneous conversations occur and connections can build in a slightly random way," says Elizabeth Collins, who is coordinating the event.

Attendees will have laid out before them a sizeable offering of ways to give a little (or more) assistance, and there's Something for Everyone – which is the main theme of the 2024 National Volunteer Week. Whether you enjoy baking cookies, helping during emergencies, driving someone



Head along to Foster on May 18 for the Corner Inlet Volunteer Expo – you might just find the perfect opportunity to volunteer.

to an appointment, growing food, chatting to people, or helping out behind the scenes, there's a huge range of activities to choose from."

Being a volunteer can be tailored to suit the individual and doesn't necessarily require year-round commitment. The Royal Flying Doctor Service, for example, tends to need a few more backup drivers during the winter months. It gives the RFDS more confidence to know that their rosters are solid, and that they can continue to offer a service that is so vital to many in the community who rely on their help to get to medical appointments further afield.

Social connection is a huge part of staying happy and healthy no matter what age. Ron and Ve Kennie, from Toora, are the Royal Flying Doctor Service's oldest volunteers, with Ron turning 90 this year.

Co-ordinator Nat Jones says, "They are an amazing duo, who just love driving our clients to their appointments and the clients love them too. I had a client say to me, 'I didn't want to get out of the car, I was enjoying their company so much. I had such a lovely afternoon. I even forgot about my procedure because of them."

"Being a volunteer driver and navigator means we can work together to give back to our community, make a positive difference to our elderly and not so elderly, as well as remaining useful at our age – we love being volunteers," says Ron.

Those attending can look forward to chatting to representatives from all sectors of the community: Foster Fire Brigade, Foster SES Unit, South Gippsland Hospital, Toora Lions, Prom Country Visitor Information Centre, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Rotary, Foster

Op Shop, Tree Project, Prom Country Aged Care, U3A, Manna Gum Community House and Project GreenPlot, with a few more yet to be confirmed.

Thanks to the financial support of South Gippsland Shire Council this free event will be held in the main hall of the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre on Saturday May 18 from 10am to 1pm with the Prom Country Produce Market buzzing away just outside – attendees can chat to Manna Gum Community House staff who'll have food and coffee vouchers to hand out on the day.

"As we approach National Volunteer Week 2024, this is the perfect opportunity for people to recognise the efforts of so many volunteers who pitch in," says Paul Greenhalgh, CEO South Gippsland Hospital, "and also to find an activity that suits them as a volunteer by having a chat to some really special people."

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A section of the crowd at Saturday's public meeting calling on the State Government to immediately rescind the retrospective application of a highly-restrictive planning overlay on property in Wonthaggi's north east housing precinct.



Alan Brown addresses a public meeting of between 150 and 200 people in Wonthaggi on Saturday about the alleged contamination controversy.



Pru Scholtes, one of the members of the residents' committee which includes John Duscher, Alan Brown, Pru Scholtes and Helen Povall, addresses the meeting on Saturday.



One of the impacted property owners Rex Ellingham said the group may need a slush fund for FOI requests if they wanted to get to the bottom of the alleged "contamination" controversy.



Glenn Cant of Inverloch said residents should consider objecting to their council rates as part of the current annual budget review.



Narracan MP Wayne Farnham, with committee member Pru Scholtes, is thanked by Alan Brown for attending.

Unprecedented and must be overturned

THREE weeks ago, hundreds of residents in North Wonthaggi became aware for the first time, that their properties had been identified of possibly having contamination and that as a result, their titles would have a blight placed on them requiring expensive tests to be carried out at their full cost, before any building works can be carried out.

This Government decision has unreasonably created terrible stress, concern and potential large costs for all affected. Without doubt, this is impacting the health and wellbeing of numerous local residents. Apparently, this action was undertaken by Government on the premise the areas of land in question were previously farmland and they consider there may be contamination on the land involved. This decision was not made on any basis of fact.

I point out there is no known contamination anywhere on the land blighted by the Government decision. In November and December last year, an extensive environmental assessment was carried out on 80 acres of land in the area designated and approved for development and the outcome was zero contamination. Zero.

Tragically, toward 20 new homes with contracts signed and ready to be built have been stopped unless and until audits have been conducted on the effected properties, all at the landowner's expense.

This is an outrage and many of the homes ready to start are to be built for first homeowners who have now

had their dreams shattered. Many are extended to their maximum financially and are unable to fund audits and assessments which can run into tens of thousands of dollars just to prove there is zero pollution on their land.

In something I have not previously seen in my long career, this determination has been implemented retrospectively and will go back five years. In other words, if you purchased your land and built your house five years ago, this blight will still be on your title. This is outrageous. The blight on titles doesn't only cover new housing estates but has also been extended to cover numerous properties where homes have been built decades ago. I am aware of one property impacted where the house was built 35 years ago. I entered Local Government 54 years ago and was a member of the Victorian State Parliament for 18 years and have never seen anything previously to equate with this decision.

It is the norm that Government does not legislate or regulate retrospectively and the decision of Government to do so in this case is indefensible.

This action by the State Government is unprecedented, indeed an outrage and must on any reasonable assessment be overturned immediately.

To that end, on Saturday (May 11) I addressed a public meeting in Wonthaggi.

Understandably, there was a large turnout and the anger and concern

was palpable. To her credit, Jordan Crugnale, the Local Labor State Member of Parliament attended and addressed the gathering and committed to doing what she can to have the matter addressed. Two Liberal Party Members of Parliament also attended and expressed their concern and vowed to fight for the residents to have the Government decision overturned.

The outcome of the public meeting was that a motion was moved and carried unanimously to appoint an Executive Committee to assist and support the work of the Residents Action Group to have the Government decision overturned as soon as possible.

Well-known and respected local, John Duscher OAM, a former Wonthaggi Mayor and long-term councillor was elected as chair and spokesperson for the committee and Pru Scholtes and myself were elected to the committee. We will identify two other locals, like Pru, directly affected by the Government decision to join the Executive Committee.

There are hundreds of properties affected by this issue and most are owned by couples. Along with their families well over 1000 people are directly impacted by this clearly unacceptable Government decision. I can commit that I will work for as long as it takes to support the Residents Action Group to achieve their aim of having this terribly stressful, unfair and unacceptable situation for those impacted by the Government decision overturned.

Hon Alan Brown, Wattle Bank

Bath calls on Minister to intervene in Wonthaggi 'contamination' crisis

WONTAGGI North East housing precinct planning problems made its way to the Legislative Council in state parliament with The Nationals Melina Bath urging Labor's Minister for Planning to intervene on May 2.

Ms Bath labelled the problem 'unacceptable' saying the possible site contamination issues must be resolved and not at the expense of unsuspecting residents.

Ms Bath urged the Minister to intervene, review the process, and find a successful resolution to support residents. She also sought a review of the cost imposts while maintaining environmental protections.

"Residents purchased land and built homes in the new Wonthaggi

North East estate in good faith and have found themselves impacted by planning bungles involving multiple government agencies," said Ms Bath.

"The estate was to be a fast track housing development for a rapidly growing community, but four years later state government planning laws are causing onerous delays and increasing building costs - residents are justifiably frustrated."

Ms Bath said the Environmental Audit Overlay introduced in 2024 by the state government impacts over 250 lots, possibly up to 1000.

"At a time when Victoria is in the midst of a housing crisis and building costs continue to rise, we need less red tape, not more."

"It's clear an arbiter is needed for those residing in and with aspirations to build a home in the Wonthaggi North East estate.

"The Minister for Planning has a responsibility to intervene - while local Member Jordan Crugnale should be using her direct line to the Minister to expedite an acceptable resolution.

"It's unacceptable that Labor cannot find and implement a successful resolution to support building developments in the Wonthaggi North East estate while maintaining environmental protections."

Members of Labor's Ministry for Planning response to Ms Bath is due on June 1.

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Connect with the Inverloch Tourism Association

THE Inverloch Tourism Association (ITA) will be hosting its first mixer on May 24.

The "informally informative" conversation and presentation will run from 4.30pm to 7pm at the Inverloch RACV Resort.

Connect, Celebrate and Grow will inform business owners of the ITA's services, online presence and plans for Inverloch moving forward.

Some of the initiatives include the continued growth of the Digital Guide for Inverloch and free Wi-Fi for the centre of town.

Inverloch Digital Guide was launched late last year and can be found at visitinverloch.co.

The guide is a comprehensive and categorised list of businesses, activities and destinations to enjoy in Inverloch.

Categories include, but are not limited to, eateries, health and beauty, accommodation, recreation, arts and information, events and school holiday activities.

"We created the website when we came together as the ITA. The Digital Guide is a one stop shop for everything Inverloch has to offer, including activities for kids and opening hours for businesses," committee member Mick Asbury said.

"A lot of work has gone into it, and our objective is to ensure everything is easy for people to find so it will be a forever-evolving project."

The mixer will be a great opportunity for the Digital Guide to be discussed at length, and attendees will be asked for their input on new content.

Although conversations will be informal, the ITA hopes attendees will get a good idea of how the association operates, and its ideas to keep Inverloch sustainable and a favourite hotspot for tourists.

Attendees can find out more about becoming a member of the ITA or a promotional partner for growth and collaboration and provide input on Inverloch's biggest priorities for the months ahead.

This mixer is set to be the first of two monthly events.

As well as business owners, the event will be attended by Bass Coast Shire Council councillors, Destination Gippsland and Bass MLA Jordan Crugnale.

Tickets are free but spaces are limited, so you must book via the event ticket link on Facebook.

All current ITA will receive a complimentary drink upon arrival.

Nibbles will be provided and drinks are at bar prices.

Get into AgSTEM program in full swing for school year

AGRICULTURE Victoria's free Get into AgSTEM education program is underway with schools across the state participating.

Agriculture Victoria Community Education Manager, Anna-Leisa Vietz, said the suite of practical and hands-on free workshops is popular with schools because it links directly to the Victorian school curriculum.

'Our Get into AgSTEM workshops are suitable for students from Grade 5 through to VCE and our delivery model is very flexible,' said Anna-Leisa.

'We can deliver them from AgriBio, our main research centre in Bundoora, or any of our regional SmartFarms with some select workshops available online.'

Students visiting our research centres gain firsthand experience in a professional research facility where science and technology are applied to agricultural scenarios.

For more information on the Get into AgSTEM programs, visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/education/get-into-agstem or email getintoagstem@agriculture.vic.gov.au



Isaac Meyer, Tristan Beel and Anna Gebhardt punch out some lapel buttons for Do It For Dolly day at Bass Coast Secondary last Friday.



Kalahai Barnes and Wendy Ashmore make lapel badges for the anti-bullying 'Do It For Dolly' Day at the Bass Coast Secondary College last Friday, May 10.



Krystal Gatherum and Sophie Bergman-Stanes supported the Do It For Dolly awareness day at Bass Coast Secondary College last Friday.



South Gippsland Hospital celebrates International Day of the Midwife

TO RECOGNISE International Day of the Midwife this year South Gippsland Hospital (SGH) again chose to celebrate with some of the babies that their amazing midwives helped bring into the world.

The midwives, together with some of the multidisciplinary

team, and mums and dads with their babies, gathered at the hospital for a morning tea on May 7. It was a celebration filled with anecdotes, laughter and lots of noise!

Our experienced midwives and GP Obstetricians ensure local women can have their

babies within their local community, when safe to do so.

SGH has about 50 births per year and supports women before and after birth, whether they birth with us, or at a higher level facility.

SGH provides wrap-around peri-natal care, supported by

on board with the Do It For Dolly campaign," said college representative Ross Bramley.

"All week we've had a focus on bullying and the fact that the school community takes the issue very seriously. We've focused on the message of being kind to combat bullying mindful that there needs to be a community-wide approach to bullying, which is why the whole region has been encouraged to get involved."

There are telephone and online support services for people affected by mental health issues, with targeted services on particular issues or for particular groups in the community; including Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636, Lifeline 13 11 14, Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800, Headspace 1800 650 890 and Parentsline 13 22 89.

Students impacted by bullying, and those who witness bullying are urged to contact their school authorities which have programs in place.

Bullying: Just don't do it!

BULLYING at school has always been a problem but the 24/7 access to social media has supercharged the problem leading to the death by suicide of a 14-year-old Queensland teenager Amy Jayne "Dolly" Everett in January 2018.

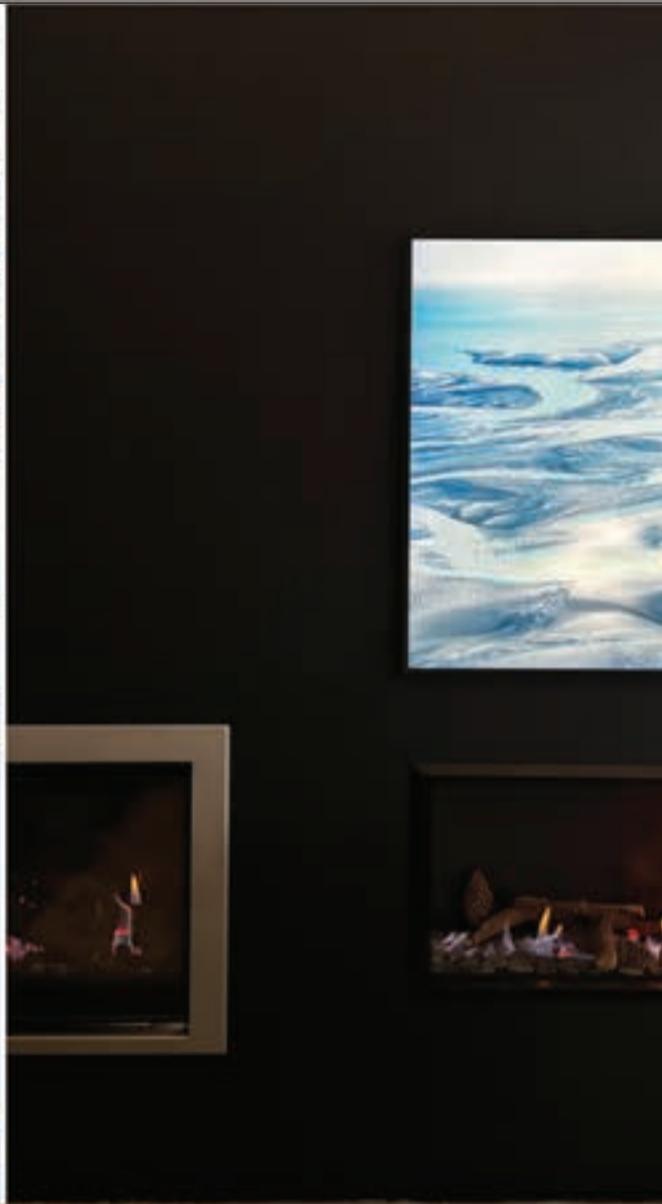
But in order that their daughter's death would not be in vain, Dolly's parents launched a foundation and an awareness campaign titled Do It For Dolly.

Last Friday, May 10 was Do It For Dolly Day and schools and organisations across the region combined to organise activities that would take the anti-bullying message forward.

Bass Coast Secondary College joined the campaign with several student-led awareness initiatives with the emphasis on friendship and fun but also raising awareness of bullying and the fact that help is at hand.

"We were contacted by Bass Coast Youth Resources Officer Megan Krause who encouraged students to get

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Lighten Up cast Julie Cadusch with president Trish Oostendarp and cast Genevieve Trigg at the inaugural Mother's Day fundraiser. Z10_2024

Bringing joy and laughter through the arts

THE president and cast of Lighten Up Theatre held their inaugural Mother's Day high tea fundraiser at Newhaven Hall on Saturday, May 11 in support of the upcoming show *Mystery on the Orient Express*.

With a passion for bringing joy and laughter to the community through the arts, founder of Lighten Up Theatre Trish Oostendarp put out expressions of interest for the theatre group last year and was overwhelmed by the response.

The cast will present their orient express-themed production, providing a comedic twist featuring Sherlock Holmes and Inspector Gadget trying to solve a theft case – a storyline with high level audience interaction and adult humour at the Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club from July 26.

"The performance has zany characters – you'll never know what's going to happen," said Trish. Set as a cabaret – there will be plenty of audience interaction, and fast comedy.

"I have directed this performance twice before, but the first with this cast under 'Lighten Up Theatre'. The show is always well received, and it will showcase a passion of performing."

Guests at the high tea were welcomed with champagne, before indulging in homemade sweets and sandwiches, whilst being entertained by Michael Sorensen on guitar and Sharon Buxton on vocals.

Trish expressed her excitement and awe at the successful fundraising event. Showing her

gratitude towards the community for their support, including the local businesses who generously donated to the fundraising raffle.

"It was a sold-out event with 62 attendees, and we hope to run it again next year," said Trish.

The *Mystery on the Orient Express* will perform at the Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club on July 26 and 27 at 8pm, a matinee on July 28 at 2pm. Followed by final shows on August 2, and August 3 at 8pm. Tickets on sale soon.

Wonthaggi Citizens' celebrates 10 years in band room

THE Wonthaggi Citizens' Band celebrated the 10th anniversary of the current band room on Billson Street with a big weekend of music, community and connection!

The festivities began with a cabaret-style evening at The Clubhouse on Friday night. A full house of nearly 100 supporters enjoyed a two-course meal and entertainment by the 30-piece brass band, playing a variety of well-known jazz and popular songs. A highlight was local vocalist Tom Green singing with the band for a few numbers in each set, moving the audience to tears with 'Bridge Over Troubled Water' and getting everybody up on their feet with 'Can't Take My Eyes Off You'.

Stephen Scimonello from the Wonthaggi Club presented a cheque to musical director Craig Marinus, continuing their generous sponsorship of the band.

On Saturday, band and supporters gathered at the band room for reminiscing, catching up, enjoying afternoon tea and another roof-raising performance from the band.

President Michael Kershaw also presented a number of Victorian Bands League Service Awards to long-standing



Wonthaggi Citizens' Band raised The Clubroom roof on Friday night with a number of hits to a packed out room.

members, including Nick Beale and Annette Scimonello (30 years), Stephen Scimonello, Phil Richards, and Michael Kershaw (40 years) and Susan Marinus (50 years).

Susan, a life member of the band, joined the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band in 1972 as a young girl playing cornet. She is currently a percussionist,

with her husband Craig, children Alicia and Adam, and granddaughter Emerald also involved with the band.

The Wonthaggi Citizens' Band is committed to supporting brass band music at all levels. Lessons and Training Band are available for students at Inverloch and Wonthaggi Primary Schools as well as beginners of all

ages from the wider community, and the Wonthaggi Youth Brass and Citizens' Band are always happy to hear from keen brass and percussion players.

Contact the band at wonnicitizensband@gmail.com or Secretary Fiona Moldrich on 0407 299 738 for more information about any of the band's programs.

Kids clean up Australia

UNILEVER Australia, maker of household staples, has joined forces with Clean Up Australia, Cool.org and Coles to supply free Clean Up Kits and online educational resources to schools in South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

With 44 per cent of young Australians rating the environment as their most pressing concern, schools are increasingly looking at how they can equip students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to address the complex challenges of our world.

To help support this, Unilever is donating \$150,000 to Clean Up Australia, which is being used to update five lesson plans on Cool.org – an online platform which supports Australian teachers to bring the real-world into the classroom through curriculum-aligned resources.

The updated lesson plans cover key topics including how litter affects nature; what a circular economy is; the Australasian Recycling Label; and how to dispose of waste correctly.

The donation will also be used to supply up to 1000 free Clean Up Kits to schools across the country.

"From pristine beaches to lush rainforests, Australia has some of the most beautiful landscapes, and we want to keep it that way," Unilever Australia and New Zealand Head of Country Nick Bangs said.

"We're taking actions across our business to reduce our environmental impact – from redesigning our packaging to use less plastic and using renewable energy to reduce our emissions. But we can't do it alone and educating our future generation about protecting and conserving the environment will be essential to galvanising a more sustainable future for us all. We're really proud to be working with Coles, Clean Up Australia and Cool.org on this."

Cool.org CEO, Thea Stinear said, "Sustainability education is a vital component of the Australian school curriculum. Through our lesson plans we aim to make it easier for teachers by equipping them with the knowledge and resources they need to inspire their students. With Unilever's support, we estimate we'll reach around 30,000 students".

Unilever's donation is made possible thanks to South Gippsland and Bass Coast Coles shoppers.

Between May 1 and 28, whenever shoppers from South Gippsland and Bass Coast buy one of Unilever's participating products at Coles supermarkets or online, 10 cents from each purchase will go towards the total \$150,000 donation.

This is the fifth consecutive year the initiative has run and with the help of Australians, Unilever has donated over \$400,000 to Clean Up Australia which has helped supply more than 6000 free Clean Up Kits.

"At Clean Up Australia we often talk about the small steps individuals can take to help improve the environment. With this wonderful campaign, it's a matter of small 10 cent donations adding up to something big and impactful. This donation is critical to the work we do. It will both help us to educate our future generation on sustainability practices and enable Australians to continue to get out and take positive, practical Clean Up action to improve our environment any day of the year," Clean Up Australia CEO, Jenny Geddes.

To mark World Environment Day on June 5, Unilever and Coles are encouraging teachers in South Gippsland and Bass Coast to register for a free Kit and organise a Clean Up to go into the running to win one of three \$1000 Coles gift vouchers. For more information on the competition and to register for a Clean Up Kit, visit: cleanup.org.au/schools.

"By joining forces with Unilever on this important campaign, we're providing a simple way for our customers to get involved in raising much-needed funds for Clean Up Australia and help to create a more sustainable future," Coles General Manager of Sustainability Brooke Donnelly said.

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COMMENT

Wonthaggi uncertainty needs to be addressed

ONE of the Bass Coast Shire Councillors asked the Sentinel-Times this week what was actually achieved at last Saturday's public meeting for residents impacted by the State Government's planning blunder, aided and abetted by the complete lack of advice and engagement by the local council?

It's a stupid question, of course.

What that meeting was, is an absolute indictment on the authorities; the Bass Coast Shire Council, the VPA, EPA, State Government Ministers and yes, our local member of parliament Jordan Crugnale, for allowing and continuing to allow the retrospective imposition of a new planning overlay on blocks of land that have long since been titled, sold and in many cases built on five years ago, one of them 20 years ago.

As the former local of member of parliament Alan Brown so eloquently put it, when he spoke to the meeting: "It's a basic tenant of government, you only legislate or regulate retrospectively on the most important public issues like immigration, maybe sex offenders, things like that, you'll turn the clock back. In my 60 years of public life, I've never seen an issue that equates to this one that's hit these people in North Wonthaggi. To me it is unbelievable."

Yes, it's unbelievable that this has happened, and it needs to be shouted from the rooftops that these overlays, on titled and sold land in Wonthaggi, must be removed.

There's no indication, beyond a desktop study that there's even any "contamination" in the whole area.

"Shouting it from the rooftops" and detailing the implications for ordinary mum and dad homeowners, who didn't need this stress, worry and expense is something the council should have done and should be doing now.

But what have we heard from them? What have they been told to say? Nothing!

The reason people came to that meeting, councillor, is that many of them simply don't know what else to do until Steve Dimopoulos, the Minister for the Environment (EPA) and Sonya Kilkenny, the Minister for Planning, come out and do the only decent thing they can do and put them out of their misery.

And do it now... not on May 22 or some other "kick the can down the road" date.

If you can't see how wrong this is, it doesn't say much for the rest of the decision-making by these authorities.

Active management, not neglect

THE Nationals are opposed to the creation of new national parks and believe that the Victorian Government should focus on taking care of the existing ones. We argue that public access to state forests should be maintained.

The Victorian Government has disregarded the interests of bush user groups and traditional recreational activities such as hunting, four-wheel driving, horse riding, trail-bike riding, camping, dog walking, and prospecting and fossicking. These activities not only contribute to the revenue of rural towns and regional centres but also have a positive impact on people's well-being.

The decision to shut down the native timber industry was socially, economically, and environmentally irresponsible and immoral. The Allan Government is now holding public consultations post that closure. Despite the rhetoric, sceptics among us know this is code for 'lock up' our state forests. Recently 250 frustrated Victorians voiced their opposition to new national

Vox Pop

Is bullying at school and on social media an issue and is there enough being done about it?



Olivia Bramley

Bass Coast College

"Yes, it's an issue but there's a lot more awareness about it now."



Sienna Tiziani

Bass Coast College

"I know some kids who have been affected by it. It's important to listen to them and be supportive."



Caitlin Kibble

Bass Coast College

"It is an issue but the school provides a lot of support and those affected should ask for help."



Baia Pugh

Bass Coast College

"I've not seen any examples of it myself but it's something we need to be aware of and be ready with support."

parks in Drouin. Bush users provided the 'Great Outdoor Taskforce Eminent Panel Chair' a clear directive – No further restrictions on access to our state forests!

The Department of Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Water (DEECA) has a majority of its workforce based in metropolitan Melbourne, which raises concerns about the neglect of public land. The annual report indicates that 60 per cent of DEECA staff are located in Metropolitan Melbourne, only 11 per cent are field officers. We need less suits and more boots.

Neglecting public land leads to overgrown tracks, the proliferation of invasive weeds, and feral pests, which degrade the environment and pose a threat to vulnerable species. Locking up public forests increases the risk of bushfires coupled with the loss of experienced native timber harvesters and their specialist equipment, placing our regional communities and environment in greater peril.

The Labor Government, in collaboration with the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council, has a history of disregarding public sentiment.

The mental health benefits of engaging in outdoor activities and connecting with nature are well-documented. Restricting access to traditional recreational areas can have negative impacts on people's mental and physical wellbeing, leading to increased presentations to hospitals and clinics.

Sensible Victorians recognise the need for balance between conservation, recreation, and productivity in public estates. The current government is driving further imbalance.

As The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria, I have advocated the merits of our regional industries, the rights of bush users and responsible access for all Victorians.

I will continue fight for public access to public land.

Melina Bath, The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Public Land Use.

Support Grow Lightly

I AM writing in support of Grow Lightly having its lease reinstated for the premises it has been operating from outside of Coal Creek.

Grow Lightly has been an impressive community organisation – making important contributions in numerous ways to the people of the surrounding areas. It provides an exceedingly important social function – bringing together people from all over the region. Its present facilities outside Coal Creek are crucially important for it to provide this service. Considering the growing mental problems occurring in our communities these days

the importance of activities which bring people together in productive co-operative endeavours is increasingly vital.

Grow Lightly brings people together through their involvement in food – either producing it or consuming it. Its work has set up an infrastructure for food security in the region which has been an inspiration to communities throughout Australia. It brings producers – both small and large – together. Likewise with consumers – meeting at the very accessible and congenial Grow Lightly Hub. It plays an important part in social cohesiveness – linking together young and old, rich and poor, country and city. It would be difficult – if not impossible – for Grow Lightly to achieve the great work it does without such appropriate facilities. Of course, Grow Lightly have expended considerable effort in improving the facilities (e.g. commercial kitchen, solar power, repainting) – which is an impressive contribution for a community organisation to make.

Grow Lightly has also made an important contribution to environmental awareness and practice. With its emphasis on organic produce and on local self-sufficiency it is demonstrating practical steps towards a more sustainable future which we are all transforming towards.

As a local resident observing the excellent work Grow Lightly has been doing over many years – I believe it is to the whole community's benefit that they are allowed to continue to operate at their current location outside of Coal Creek.

Noel Blencowe, Kardella

Anti-semitism will not be tolerated

I AM quite an elderly person, along with many of my contemporaries, we feel terrible alarm at the rise of anti-semitism on a worldwide basis and here in Australia. It is so very extraordinary that our own Jewish people are now living in such fear, in their own country of their birth, and that our political masters seem so weak to come down heavily on their oppressors.

The Jewish people have given so much to all of us with their brilliant input into so many fields of human endeavour, punching far above their weight. The world would be so much the poorer without their clever minds and the wonderful self-deprecating Jewish humour. They will never allow the holocaust again and will fight to the very last breath for survival.

We must never waiver in our support for these brave and unique people.

As Bob Hawke once said and I quote ("If the bell tolls for Israel it tolls for all of us".)

We need strong and fearless politicians elected to government to save democracy and the world our grandchildren will inherit.

Heather Webster, Corinella

No logic to the overlay and GHD contamination report

AFTER studying all the relevant documents relating to the Environmental Audit Overlay for over a month now, I find it a total waste of time and money to conduct Preliminary Risk Site Assessments using the 2016 GHD contamination report.

The normal procedure for a development would be, based on the findings of the contamination report, a Preliminary Risk Site Assessment would be conducted, which is usually a desk top study, drawing on the GHD contamination report, aerial photos and any other local knowledge they can obtain to identify areas of contamination.

The information from the Preliminary Risk Site Assessment would be used to ascertain whether an Environmental Audit is required.

I would think that prior to any earth works commencing the development would be surveyed and areas of potential contamination mapped out and dealt with accordingly.

In the case of most of the land that the EAO has been placed on, these logical steps have not taken place. No assessments were done, earth was dug up for roads and services, blocks levelled and cut, topsoil stock pilled and moved around, possibly moved to other estates rendering a lot of the information in the GHD report useless.

Also, the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure plan is the guiding document for the development. Looking at section 3.4 Biodiversity, threatened species and 3.6 Integrated water management and utilities, both have requirements and guidelines that could not have been met without first addressing the issue of potential contamination at the very start of the development.

This logical approach is, however, taking place with the development of 135 blocks at McGibboney's Road Wonthaggi, the most eastern section of the Environmental Overlay. The Preliminary Risk Site Assessment was started on January 23, 2023 and completed on April 12, 2023. The Preliminary Risk Site Assessment has advised that an Environmental Audit be done. It states, Reason for Audit, Planning System Requirement. These documents can be viewed on the EPA website, Environmental Audit and Preliminary Risk Site Assessment Register.

So why was this approach not taken with the rest of the land affected by the Environmental Audit Overlay?

Viewing these documents highlights just how ludicrous and expensive it is to be conducting these assessments on every single titled block rather than one on the whole development, there is definitely an economy of scale at play here.

We have spoken to at least a dozen companies that do Preliminary Risk Site Assessments and Environmental Audits and all are bewildered by what has happened here in Wonthaggi.

Let us hope that logic can produce a satisfactory outcome for all concerned.

Darren Martin, Inverloch



Friends of Leongatha Library members Mary-Louise Detering, Prue Timpson and Jenny Allen, Myli Libraries branch manager Bee van Waterschoot, Friends of Leongatha Library members Sue Wakefield, Michael Hogan, Sybil Smith, Margaret Hook and Vicki Osborn. A05_2024

Leongatha Library clients benefit from team effort

LEONGATHA Library offers more activities and learning materials to children and adults thanks to the support of Friends of Leongatha Library, which in turn has benefited through a collaboration with the local Rotary club.

Michael Hogan who ran libraries in South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires for the then West Gippsland Library Corporation, and who belongs to the Friends of Leongatha Library and to Leongatha Rotary Club, was instrumental in organising \$3000 of funding.

That money was raised through Rotary's shop at Leongatha's old fire station.

The shop, which sells furniture and books, received a generous donation of books from

Friends of Leongatha Library.

The organisation has run book sales over the years and had books in storage for that purpose but lost its storage shed due to a property sale.

Rotary took the books on the understanding some of its annual funds would be invested in the library through the Friends group.

Friends of Leongatha Library has existed for 32 years, raising funds through its book sales and annual Mother's Day and Christmas raffles.

It has sponsored the Big Summer Read, encouraging children to keep up their reading over the holidays, and provides educational resources to be used in the library's early years programs.

The Friends group has also contributed supplies for adult activities to help people connect through craft and other skills-related sessions.

Sensory tiles, musical instruments, games for children and indigenous items for library programs are among the impressive collection of items purchased by Friends of Leongatha Library on the Library's behalf through the Leongatha Rotary Club funding.

Myli Library Programs Officer Kate Lochlin was busy running a session for young children during Sentinel-Times' visit, using the new sensory tiles that are ideal for children's story time and baby rhyme time.

She explained that whereas

kids previously ran around everywhere, they are now engaged by the tiles, encouraging them to stay put while they play, providing them with stimulation and allowing parents to relax.

Myli Libraries branch manager for Leongatha and Korumburra, Bee van Waterschoot, expressed her appreciation for the ongoing support provided by Friends of Leongatha Library and the contribution of Leongatha Rotary Club.

Friends of Leongatha Library president Sue Wakefield thanked Michael for his efforts in organising funding.

For those keen to join Friends of Leongatha Library, membership forms are available at the library, with annual membership costing just \$5.

Refugee integration and settlement fundraiser

THE Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group (BCRSG) has been around for several years. Originally set up to help refugee families settle into Australia.

This concept is associated with Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot (CRISP) of which has a relationship with the Department of Immigration.

So far, the small group of volunteers – working out of Mitchell House in Wonthaggi – have helped two Syrian families – the Ali's and the Al Habra's – to settle into Wonthaggi.

A short film was made about the arrival of the Ali's – to watch visit refugesponsorship.org.au/humankind.

The group helped both families by picking them up from the airport, finding them accommodation, helping them to arrange education for their children, and health related items for all of them, helping them to set up their Centrelink and banking, helped them get drivers licenses and assisted in finding employment.

Peter Ghys of the BCRSG said, "we too became their close friends! We are only a small

group, so we welcome anyone to become involved to volunteer."

"In doing this work there is a requirement for our time, but also for money. Hence every now and then we have a fundraiser," said Peter.

This year the BCRSG are holding a night of music and dancing on Saturday, May 25 at the Warrawee Club, Inverloch (22 A'Beckett Street).

The music will be provided by Lionel Loves Vinyl, a dynamic group of Gippsland guys who play a great mix of rock hits from the 70's, 80's, 90's & 00's.

"This being a fundraiser we

will hold a raffle and an auction. Tickets are \$40, and include a light supper provided by some of our multicultural community and drinks will be available at bar prices. We recommend booking your tickets early!"

Doors open at 7pm, and we aim to finish the evening by 10.30pm. Why not get a bunch of friends together and come along for a great time, whilst raising money for a worthwhile cause.

Tickets may be purchased from Try booking, visit trybooking.com/COVBW

Calls to support the Winter Appeal for The Smith Family

WONTHAGGI VIEW Club is urging the local community to give generously to The Smith Family's Winter Appeal this year.

The education charity is aiming to raise \$7.2 million nationally to help 17,000 additional students across Australia take part in its proven learning and mentoring programs.

It comes as a survey released by the charity found the majority of Australians have seen child poverty worsen in the last 12 months, with more than four out

of five people agreeing that extra support for education is key to helping children and young people experiencing disadvantage.

CEO of The Smith Family Doug Taylor said while inflation is affecting all Australians, the most vulnerable members of the community are faring the worst.

"It's been a particularly challenging time for the students and families we support, with the cost-of-living crisis affecting the price of housing, food and power," he said.

"Families are having to make impossible decisions about where they spend their limited funds. This could mean paying for school essentials like digital devices or paying for a meal on the table."

"By donating to the Winter Appeal, Australians can help young people most in need by giving them access to extra learning tools, so they can get the most out of their education and create better futures for themselves."

VIEW is also the largest

community sponsor of students on The Smith Family's Learning for Life program, with Wonthaggi club supporting seven students through its fundraising activities.

Members of the Wonthaggi club also help students by fundraising and a breakfast club, book presentation at local primary schools, Bunnings barbecues and more. For those who are interested to find out more about VIEW or who would like to join, visit view.org.au or call president Carmel on 0418 781 544.

Tune your wood heater for more heat and less smoke

EPA Victoria encourages everyone to avoid burning wood to heat their homes if they can, to reduce pollution and effects on people's health. And if a wood heater or stove is your only option, EPA says it's time to get it tuned so it produces less smoke and more heat.

EPA Gippsland Regional Manager Jessica Bandiera says wood smoke and calm winter weather can reduce air quality, but there are simple ways to make your heater safer, cleaner and cheaper to run.

"A wood heater or fireplace provides valuable heating for many Victorians, but maintenance is important, and one of the best things you can do is have the flue or chimney professionally cleaned," Ms Bandiera said.

"That can help to prevent flue fires and ensure the heater produces more heat and less smoke," she said.

"Checking the wood heater's operating manual can help you to get the best out of it and give you the know-how to choose the right fuel."

The best fuel is dry, seasoned, untreated hardwood, which burns longer and produces more heat and less smoke.

"Using even slightly damp wood means your wood heater will not operate at its best. You wind up paying for heat that is lost in drying out the timber before it can burn, and you get less efficient combustion that creates more smoke," Ms Bandiera said.

EPA Victoria's Chief Environmental Scientist, Professor Mark Patrick Taylor, added that reducing wood fire smoke will also help to minimise any health impacts.

"Wood smoke contains very small particles and gases that contribute to air pollution. This can cause problems for anyone with cardiovascular, breathing difficulties and respiratory conditions, resulting in symptoms for some people."

Professor Taylor encouraged people to reduce their use of wood heaters and fireplaces on still days, and to go outside occasionally to check their chimney for smoke to make sure the heater is working as well as it can.

"Overall, Victoria's air quality is very good. This is mainly due to initiatives introduced over the years that have reduced emissions from industry and motor vehicles. Another contributor to cleaner air has been the banning of backyard incinerators in residential areas," he said.

"While the impact of a single wood heater may be small, the cumulative effect is significant, particularly through autumn and winter and tuning your wood heater for most efficient operation helps reduce impacts on air quality, optimises heating your home and minimises health risks."

Tips for reducing smoke pollution include:

- Get a hot fire going quickly with plenty of paper and small dry kindling;
- Keep the air controls set high enough to keep the fire burning hot;
- Never overload a wood heater with too much wood; and
- Make sure you never leave the wood heater to smoulder overnight, as this starves the fire of oxygen, producing more smoke.

EPA also advises that you should never burn household rubbish, driftwood, treated wood such as pine, or old painted wood in your wood heater.

There's more information on wood burning and the environment on the EPA website: epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/environmental-information/air-quality/smoke-from-wood-heaters



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Celebrations and celebrities on show in Fish Creek



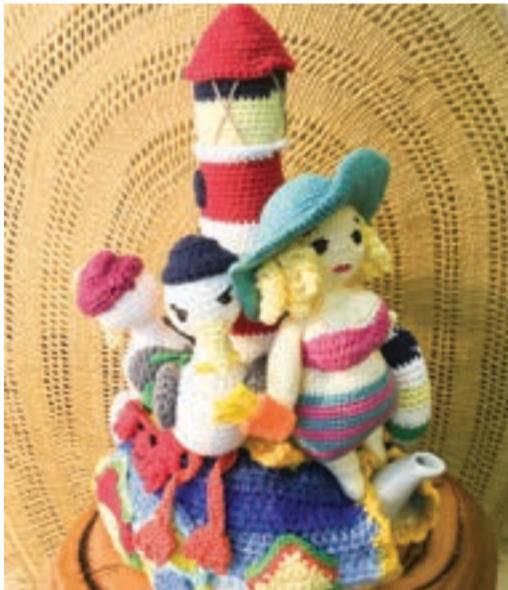
This year there have been over 200 tea cosies entered from across Australia and overseas with the festival theme of Celebrations and Celebrities proving popular.



The Leaves That Are Green Burn To Brown by Denise McCormick.



It's A Bloomin' Beauty by Tracey Fairfoot-Feeney.



Gal & Gulls by Alison Copeland.



Mice in a Sock by Megan MacAlpine.

THE seventh Biennial Fish Creek Tea Cosy commences May 18 and will enthrall visitors with the range of activities on offer until May 26. The festival seeks to showcase the creativity and hospitality of the community and 2024 promises to be the best yet.

The key event is the Tea Cosy Competition. Over 200 tea cosies entries have been received and will be exhibited every day. Entries have come from across the nation and overseas.

The festival theme of Celebrations and Celebrities and has proven popular. The Royal Family, the ABC Bluey Family and Gardening Australia's Costa, "I'm a Celebrity get me out of here", Muppets, Frieda Kahlo, Matt Preston, Collingwood's Darcy Moore and Dame Edna are just some of the celebrities that will be on display.

Many of the cosies don't use traditional methods and textiles – other media such as ceramics and recycled materials such as clock parts and aluminium can ring pulls have been used to create unique whimsical pieces.

Fish Creek, best known for being the last hotel before Wilson's Promontory in south east Victoria, has great cafes and galleries, all of which are hosting special exhibitions of local artists during the festival. There is even a chance to see wool being spun, knitted and made into a cosy.

Visitors can also engage in workshops, including how to create rope for recycled materials; learn how to paint landscapes and water colours or create Zentangles. While Tea Tonic's Food is Medicine promises to provide a whole new perspective on the power of a cup of tea.

For those that love country cooking, the weekends offer opportunities to enjoy Devonshire Tea, High Tea and all the treats of a Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

The ever-popular Bendigo Bank Village Market, street performances by dancers and musicians, jazz and soul music by 'The Purlers' at the Fishy Pub and even a Short Film Festival are other festival highlights.

Presented by a small band of enthusiastic volunteers to raise money for local projects (including the rebuilding of the Fish Creek Football Netball Clubrooms destroyed by arson), this festival has it all. If you are looking to brighten up your day or feel connected to a community – the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival is a must.

For more information visit teacosyfestival.com.au



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2024 Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival

Knotted artist this years guest judge

LOCAL Fish Creek artist Sarah Parkes is this year's Tea Cosy Festival special guest judge.

With a history in illustration, sewing, fashion and jewellery design, Sarah is best known for her work with rope and knots undertaking commissioned installations for the Hyatt, Hilton and Sheraton Hotels, Commonwealth Bank, Airbnb and Westfield through her business Smalltown established in 2008.

"I'm very honoured to be judging this year's festival!" Sarah exclaimed.

"It's a much-loved part of Fish Creek so I feel honoured to have been given the responsibility.

"I'm looking forward to viewing the entries with a more 'judging' eye rather than as a spectator."

Whilst there are many factors to consider when judging Sarah will be focused on creativity, concept and craftsmanship.

"(They) are three important factors, however, things don't have to be perfect, imperfection can be beautiful too."

As an added bonus Sarah will be holding a workshop on May 18 from 1pm – 4pm.

"In the Waste Knot workshop, we will be exploring the potential of transforming waste material into decorative and practical rope. There will be lots of experimenting with different materials while learning the basics of how to make rope.

"We'll learn the simple technique of hand twisting cord and then move onto my drill powered rope maker. I'll supply a range of materials such soft plastics, silage wrap, baling twine, and old fabrics such as clothes and sheets. Then we'll learn a couple of simple knots so participants can knot up the rope they make."

Participants can also bring along their own soft plastics, old clothing, textiles and paper to the workshop.

As for what propels the artist in a tradition that has been cemented in the present.

"I'm driven by an explorative approach to making, and working with knots and rope means I have endless possibilities and potential in what I can make," Sarah said.

"Most of my work is commission based and site specific, and I love the challenge of parameters and limitations while pushing myself creatively."

Bookings are essential for Sarah's workshop – sarah@smalltown.net.au \$30 (inc arvo tea)



Sarah Parkes is this year's Fish Creek Tea Cosy guest judge.

Something for everyone



There will be an incredible array of cosies on display with activities and events for all to enjoy.

WITH only a few days to go, there's a buzz of activity in Fish Creek gearing up for the arrival of the much-anticipated Tea Cosy Festival.

Nearly 200 entries have poured in, and creativity in 2024 shows no bounds, teapots have been transformed into works of art, from whimsical designs to intricate masterpieces, there's a cosy for every teapot, and a story behind every stitch.

Alongside all of this craftsmanship, there's a vibrant tapestry of workshops and events that also await visitors. Reserve your spot for hands-on workshops or indulge in the delight of the Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday, May 23, as well as Devonshire Teas and the Fish Creek cafes.

Another highlight, the Bendigo Bank Market Day on Saturday, May 25, will transform the Fish Creek streets into a hum of activity with stall holders, music and the varied Fish Creek galleries.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to be a part of something truly special where we'll raise our teacups high and toast to the magic of Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival – a celebration of creativity, community, and the simple joy found in sharing a cup of tea.

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Sublime Succulents by Sarah Paynter was an entry in previous years.



Tania Sabatino won the most popular prize in 2022 with her dragon.



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"I'd really like to thank the community for their continuous support and trust in local business."

Bass Coast Legal is the successor firm to Ian Symonds & Associates that had serviced the community for over 40 years.

And although their office is in Inverloch, the team can assist in an array of legal matters throughout Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

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"Our firm specialises in a wide array of legal services tailored to meet

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"It's important for people to have their affairs in order – including their Will and estate – to ensure assets are distributed as desired. In the absence of a Will, the estate

is distributed according to law. Not only does having an up-to-date Will safeguard your wishes, but it alleviates the burden on loved ones."

Jess can also assist those who are head over heels in love and looking to creating a pre-nuptial.

"It's less common for those entering into their first marriage at a younger age, however, for those who are entering second or so forth relationships, they may want to protect the assets and children that they take into a relationship."

The family-owned business are also the proud sponsors of Inverloch-Kongwak Football Netball Club, Inverloch Bowls Club and for players at Dalyston Football Netball Club.

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BUYING a home is a significant milestone – a representation of your hard work, dreams, and aspirations. It heralds a new chapter in life.

However, amidst the excitement, in our experience, one very crucial aspect is often overlooked: updating legal documents such as Wills and powers of attorney. While this may not be as thrilling as selecting paint colours or arranging furniture, ensuring that these legal documents are current is paramount for protecting your family and loved ones.

Why Update?

Your Will should be updated whenever there is a significant change in your life circumstances, such as marriage or divorce, entering or exiting a de facto relationship, when children or grandchildren are born, when an executor or beneficiary dies, when your financial situation substantially changes or upon retirement. The purchase of a home invariably alters your asset profile and should be a trigger for review. Similarly, updating your powers of attorney allows you to appoint trusted individuals to make financial and healthcare decisions on your behalf, in the event that you are unable to do so.

• **Asset Protection:** a well-crafted Will facilitates the smooth transfer of your assets after you pass away. By specifying how real estate holdings should be distributed, you can prevent potential conflicts and unintended consequences, such as your home passing to undesired beneficiaries or being subject to lengthy legal disputes.

• **Intestacy:** similarly, not having a Will at all means that you are considered to have died "intestate". This means that your assets, including your new home, may be distributed in accordance with a set legal formula decided by the government. Intestacy rules include a hierarchy of relatives that can inherit your estate depending on who is

considered the next surviving relative.

• **Guardianship and Minor Beneficiaries:** if you have minor children or dependents, your Will also enables parents and care givers to designate guardians for their minor children and dependents. Your Will can also capture your express wishes in relation to their care, in the event that you pass away unexpectedly.

• **Tax Efficiency:** estate planning is intricately linked to tax considerations. Consulting with legal and financial professionals can help you to navigate complex tax implications and devise tailored solutions aligned with your objectives, including setting up testamentary Will trusts to protect generational wealth.

• **Peace of Mind:** perhaps most importantly, updating your Will and powers of attorney provides peace of mind. Knowing that your affairs are in order and that your family and loved ones are adequately provided for can alleviate stress and uncertainty, allowing you to fully enjoy the benefits of homeownership without concerns about the future.

Taking Action

Updating your Will and powers of attorney need not be a daunting task. While the process may involve legal intricacies, seeking guidance from qualified professionals can streamline the process and ensure that these legal documents accurately reflect your wishes and circumstances.

In conclusion, the acquisition of a home marks not only a milestone but also underscores the importance of proactive estate planning. While homes may be built with bricks and mortar, legacies are crafted with foresight and careful planning.

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Celebrating Law Week 2024 in the Supreme

THE Supreme Court is celebrating Law Week 2024 with a variety of activities, exhibits and events.

Law Week is organised across Australia as a way to broaden understand of the law, the legal system, and individual legal rights and responsibilities.

The Court will mark the occasion with a bumper Court Education Program event that will see students pass through the doors and meet Justice Rita Incerti in the special session. The former teacher, solicitor and Associate Justice will talk about her career path and her role as a criminal and common law judge. In 2015, her Honour made history as the first Associate Justice to be appointed as a Justice in Victoria.

To learn about the important role Associate Justices play within the court process, visit the Associate Justices page.

Members of the public can learn more about the history of juries in an exhibit at Law Library Victoria, within the Supreme Court. The display showcases a number of interesting artefacts relating to the history of and laws governing juries in Victoria, including documents which predate the establishment of the colony of Victoria. These books, along with other historical memorabilia archived through the Supreme Court's 172-year history are available to view

8.30am-6pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am-5pm Fridays.

The Law Library Victoria will also be hosting several tours and legal research sessions throughout the week. More information about these events on can be found on the Law Library Victoria website.

Learn more about the Supreme Court of Victoria

There are many more informative resources available during and after Law Week that you can access anytime.

Listen to the Court's award-winning Gertie's Law podcast and learn about everything from the Court 4 ghost to the unknown history of the judge who sentenced Ned Kelly, to terrorism and defamation laws.

Watch a live court hearing from your couch by visiting the public livestream page, or watch a past sentence.

Check out the Virtual Info Hub to learn who's who in a criminal courtroom, or educate yourself with a deep dive into the Court's history.

For teachers and schools seeking more information about the Court Education Program and for resources for students visit supremecourt.vic.gov.au/going-to-court/for-students-and-teachers/court-education-program.

Learn about your legal rights

VICTORIAN Law Week (May 20-26) is a state-wide program of events that makes learning about the law easy.

We all need information about our legal rights and responsibilities.

Difficult neighbour? Boss underpaying you? Think you've been scammed?

Whether your problem is big or small, once in a lifetime or every day, learn how the law can help at Victorian Law Week.

With well over 100 community-run events running from May 20 – 26, you can find legal answers to everyday problems, get legal help and learn more about the law.

Events take place in-person and online across Victoria, and provide an opportunity to talk with experts and identify where the law can help in everyday life.

Victorian Law Week is also a chance to explore the Victorian legal system, who is driving change, and discover more about how the law works.

Whether it's a webinar to help you navigate a problem with your home, talking with a lawyer to solve a family issue or joining a discussion on rights and discrimination, there's bound to be an event that could help you.

There are plenty of topics available on demand at viclawweek.org including but not limited to, Know your rental rights, Ever heard of a JP?, How to make a public interest disclosure, Negligence: more than slips, falls and snails in bottles, General protections changes: family and domestic violence, and General protections changes: workplace delegates' rights.

Live online events also cover an array of topics from mastering trademarks to IVF and surrogacy, scams, starting a business, wills, AI, and youth injustice.

Gippsland In Person Events

Legal checklist for emergencies

Tuesday May 21, 11am – 3pm

Manna Gum Community House, Foster

Everyday problems are legal problems

Monday May 20, 9am – 4pm – Traralgon Neighbourhood House

Tuesday May 21, 9am – 12pm – Morwell Neighbourhood House

Wednesday May 22, 9am – 4pm – Churchill Neighbourhood House

Thursday May 23, 9am – 4pm – Morwell Neighbourhood House



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From the time Jenny started her legal career in Wonthaggi she has always

worked in property law, something she quickly developed a passion for.

After a long period in Melbourne, Jenny returned to Wonthaggi almost 10 years ago.

"My family grew up here and I'm now acting for the friends of my children who went to school locally, so it's a full circle," Jenny said of returning to the Wonthaggi community.

She explained that where it is not possible for clients to come to the office, home visits can be arranged in places such as Wonthaggi, Leongatha and Inverloch, with that service including

people in nursing homes and hospitals.

"I'll work weekends if need be if people are unable to get here Monday to Friday, or do after hours, so we've got a lot of flexibility to be able to service the clientele," Jenny said.

J Garnham & Associates has three other team members supporting Jenny.

Shelley Harvey assists with all property and conveyancing matters and is a law clerk.

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Serving the community



Proud to be a midwife

CARLY Boulter is proud to be a midwife and proud to share her passion for the profession.

The Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) midwife wanted to do something more creative to celebrate this year's International Day of the Midwife on May 5.

So, in addition to the usual afternoon tea at GSHS, on May 7 she organised an art therapy exercise that challenged her fellow midwives to paint portraits of each other.

"I wanted to keep the day light-hearted, with time together to appreciate our profession, the women we care for and each other," she said.

"But there was a deeper meaning and motivation behind painting each other's portraits and that was to stop, look deeply at the person in front of you, those that educate, guide, support and lift us and don't judge us for shedding tears when we are challenged," Ms Boulter said.

"We know that we give phenomenal care to women and our midwives aren't just doing their best, they are exceeding expectations for families in the community."

"Instead of just saying happy International Day of the Midwife, I wanted people to reflect on why they are a midwife and feel proud of their profession... I certainly am."

Ms Boulter started her health career as a nurse but has concentrated on midwifery since 2007.

She admits the past three years have been extremely difficult since the COVID pandemic placed even more pressure on an already strained system, but she would never change careers.

"My reason for becoming a midwife is first and foremost about women and caring for them in one of the most transformative experiences in their lives. Midwifery is not just a job for me, it is an innate requisite in my life, where I have made lifelong friends," she said.

"The term 'a calling' gets bandied about way too much but that is essentially what midwifery is for me."

"From the moment I entered the workforce my dad always and still says now, 'the greatest job you can have in the world, is one you enjoy.' So, I guess I am one of the lucky ones because I don't just enjoy being a midwife, I love it and I can't ever imagine doing anything else."

Carly said GSHS continued to provide a safe and reliable maternity service but relied heavily on a casual workforce.

Pain clinic in your pocket for women

ENDOMETRIOSIS Australia partnered with CHARLI app to launch the first Australian hybrid technology and real-world period and reproductive health tracking app that helps Australians take control of the diagnosis and management of debilitating and highly undiagnosed conditions such as endometriosis.

Associate Professor Anusch Yazdani, Medical Director at Endometriosis Australia and a co-founder said CHARLI app is the solution for the inequities in healthcare access and diagnostic support, especially in rural and remote populations, aiming to reduce the alarming delay from onset of the first symptoms and diagnosis – six years.

"We know there are many Australians living with the symptoms of endometriosis undiagnosed for years, especially in rural and remote areas."

CHARLI.app identifies abnormal patterns via self-logged data as well as information sources from wearables, such as Apple watch and FitBit. Based on data, the app promotes lifestyle change and alerts to user to talk with their doctor about important reproductive conditions including endometriosis, through user data driven AI algorithms.

One of the elements of the app – CHARLI.clinic (virtual clinic) – links users with real-world designated healthcare professionals. The virtual clinic also provides access to group support, including classes and webinars.



Carinya Lodge nurses celebrate International Nurses Day. A02_2024

International Nurses Day celebration at Carinya Lodge

INTERNATIONAL Nurses Day arrived a little early at Korumburra's Carinya Lodge on Thursday with aged care residents and staff enjoying afternoon tea to celebrate the occasion.

Those present tucked into cupcakes and watched a video starring members of the Carinya Lodge team reflecting on what they love about being aged care nurses.

That includes the chance to hear amazing stories of the residents' life experiences, opportunities for career development, being part of a close-knit community and good work-life balance and flexibility of shifts.

Earlier on Thursday, residents were engaged in conversation about famous nurses such as Florence Nightingale, discussion then shifting to renowned Australian nurses including those who served in

the World Wars.

Carinya's Executive Assistant Sarah Jackson thanked the nursing staff for their contribution, noting there are also four former nurses among the residents, a couple of them having worked at the Lodge as a Registered Nurse and Clinical Coordinator.

Carinya has 17 nurses, with the Sentinel-Times chatting to the Lodge's Care Manager Kate Billing about her experience in five years there.

"I've been nursing for 20 years but this is hands down the best job I've ever had," Kate said, describing it as a privilege and saying she loves being able to give back to the community, looking after people at their most vulnerable stages in life.

Originally from Melbourne, Kate started out as an Enrolled Nurse, becoming a Registered Nurse.

Her nursing experience before Carinya was largely in a hospital setting after starting off in aged care, including in the neurological ward and neonatal intensive care, and she began her time at the Lodge as a Registered Nurse and Clinical Coordinator.

Kate described her current wide-ranging role as Care Manager.

"I oversee the clinical care of the organisation in every aspect from governance to legislation, to the care that's provided to the residents on the floor, making sure we provide an environment that's tailored to the needs of the elderly population and they get the best quality care that they deserve," Kate said.

She spoke about the importance of International Nurses Day.

"It's just a chance for

everyone to recognise the hard work that nurses do; they provide such a caring warm environment, but they also have the critical thinking and knowledge to help you at a time in need," she said.

While saying it is good to be able to celebrate the care nurses provide, she stressed they are passionate about helping others and are not pursuing recognition.

Kate said seeing smiles on residents' faces makes the job rewarding.

The cupcake was a bonus, with Kate saying, "We always love a sweet cake."

International Nurses Day is officially observed annually on May 12 to acknowledge the contribution nurses make to society, with Sarah backing up that sentiment by saying they play a huge part at Carinya Lodge.

Palliative care service to gain designated beds



Eboney Devenie, Dr Ahmed Nagla, Dr Amanda Ormerod, Paul Marks, Dr Rawa Fadheel and Dr Lysa Jenkins are proud to be offering dedicated beds in palliative care.

MANAGEMENT for the patient, agitation in the home setting and to relieve some of the stress faced by the caregiver at home.

"This is a difficult time for the families and loved ones of the patient and we hope that this additional service makes this period a little easier for them," Dr Nagla said.

The introduction of the specialised beds comes after a

six-month trial on the Nicholson Unit where bigger rooms, access to a quiet garden space as well as lounges were found to provide a more helpful environment for patients and their families.

"We've always had the individual doctors and the nursing staff who have been able to provide excellent end of life care for patients," Chief Executive of LRH Don McRae said.

"What the formation of a specialised Palliative Care Inpatient Service does is more clearly identify it from a public point of view but also provides a clearer pathway for staff wanting to specialise in this field to maintain their training and see LRH as a place of career development providing exceptional care to the community," Mr McRae said.



Bass Coast Health pays tribute to its amazing nurses

ON INTERNATIONAL Nurses' Day, May 12, Bass Coast Health (BCH) celebrated their kind, caring and skilled nurses who care for the community.

Our Nursing team is dedicated, diverse and the backbone of our health service, looking after patients in our care.

BCH CEO Jan Child knows how incredibly hard nurses work and how special they are, having started her career as a Registered Nurse.

"Nurses work tirelessly to care for people when they are at their most vulnerable, so it's a career that requires compassion and a real love for people, as well as a broad range of skills given the many services and levels of care nurses provide," she said.

"Nurses choose this career because they genuinely wish to help people; not only the patients in their care but also patients' family and friends, and that takes an incredible amount of empathy."

While Nursing brings challenging times, nurses often finish their shift feeling proud that they've made a difference.

"Nurses are there for anxious patients awaiting prognosis, for when patients emerge from surgery that may change their lives and when new mothers give birth to their first baby," Ms Child said.

"Nursing is such a unique and remarkable career journey to follow, and we know how special our nurses are. On International Nurses' Day, we invite everyone to say 'thanks' to those who care for you."

Cassie Anagnostou, a Registered Nurse on our Kodowlinun Acute Ward, undertook her Graduate Year with BCH, where she worked on our Haemodialysis Ward and Acute Ward.

"I like being a nurse because it is a career that feels very meaningful knowing that I could have an impact on the lives of others," she said.

"In addition, nursing enables numerous career paths. At Bass Coast Health I have had the opportunity to transition into different areas of nursing. There is a lot of support and encouragement to follow whatever field of nursing interests you. Not to mention the lovely new building that we all get to work in."

Janet Lovett is an Associate Nurse Unit Manager in our Sub-Acute Ward at Armitage House, Wonthaggi, helping patients to recover from illness and injury, and also providing palliative care.

"I like being a nurse because I love caring for patients and their families, and BCH is such a caring, positive team environment," she said.

Carolyn Milnes is an Endorsed Enrolled Nurse at Griffiths Point Lodge at San Remo, looking after aged care residents.

"Nursing is the 'caring,



Nursing Students Karley Bentley, Kiera King and Emma Evans receive instruction from Undergraduate Coordinator Gabby O'Connor.

nurturing feeling' inside that no-one can take away from you," she said.

"The nursing of our elderly residents is a privilege. It's tinged with care, love, laughter and sometimes tears."

Registered Nurse Jenni McPhee has worked as a Dialysis Nurse for more than 20 years.

"Working in Dialysis means I see our patients on a regular basis and therefore get to know them well and feel very privileged to be able to care for them," she said.

"I have been lucky enough to meet and work with many nurses from a wide variety of different cultural backgrounds and some are now very dear friends. I have only worked at BCH for six months but have found it to be a wonderful experience with both the staff and patients making me feel very welcome."

Clinical Nurse Educator Liam Kennedy enjoys nursing because he loves working with people.

"I love meeting and speaking with our consumers, and being able to provide high quality nursing care to make their hospital journey a positive one," he said.

"My passion is in education, which I am very fortunate to work in as part of our amazing Learning and Development team. BCH has such a friendly and welcoming culture. I really enjoy working as part of our close-knit team at BCH."

Enrolled Nurse at Kirrak House, Naomi Johnston, said nurses "are the heart of Bass Coast Health".

"They empathise, encourage and offer emotional support, all while displaying the gentle art of healing. I love working at BCH working with such an inclusive team of nurses – angels in disguise," she said.

Dick Pendlebury is a client of the Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Group run by our Clinical Nurse Consultants, including Karen, at Wonthaggi YMCA.

"The nurses help me immensely with getting my muscle strength back and



Cardiac Clinical Nurse Consultant Karen Billman helps client Dick Pendlebury work through his rehabilitation session at Wonthaggi YMCA.



Endorsed Enrolled Nurse Carolyn Milnes chats with resident Bobbie Speed at Griffiths Point Lodge.

improving my energy levels, and they're all great people too," he said.

BCH Executive Director of Acute Clinical Service, Chief Nurse Chris Henderson acknowledges the extraordinary efforts and contributions made by members of the nursing profession over the past few years.

"Our nurses have gone above and beyond to provide high quality care to the members of our community, often in very challenging conditions.

Our nurses continue to work extra hours to ensure their colleagues have safe working conditions and good care can be provided," she said.

It is vital that we look after our nurses, the same way they step up and look after our patients, and empowering, supporting and growing our workforce is a key priority to ensure our nurses can continue to succeed and feel valued for years to come.

"Every day our nurses care, support and make a difference to individuals, families and communities. For that we say a huge 'thank you'."

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CONVERSATION with Claire



Write your story

By author Claire Chitty

I READ somewhere that being an author opens up portals. I like to think it as opening up to infinite possibilities to create a more positive outlook of life. Being clairaudient, I'm always receiving messages, downloads and ideas to share, and if I ignore these snippets of information, they disappear into the ether.

Often, I'll wake in the night with information and as we all know, when we dream, visions are crystal clear. Upon waking, the images quickly vanish as the brain attempts to recall fragments that were vivid minutes before. [Side note, I received the first line of a story a decade ago in a dream which began my writing career. Hence, the importance of pen and paper on the bedside table!].

Many years ago, I heard a speaker share, "I dislike having friends who are writers as they steal your words." I feel a writer has poetic license within reason and uses one's thoughts and passion to embrace a genre. Occasionally, I use personal experiences relevant to current societal issues, research the subject matter and ascertain if there is a gap in the market that needs to be filled.

There are days when the stories flow, and I trust the process. At other times, I have to course correct as the subject alters, and maybe you can relate. Have you ever felt that life is heading one way, then wham, a curve ball occurs? Perhaps the dream job loses its appeal weighed down with unrealistic expectations and stress; the bliss-filled relationship requires you/your partner to resolve conflict; the quiet obliging child turns into a belligerent teenager, and society rules and regulations have you questioning their validity.

Life is unscripted and ultimately, no matter what adventures appear unexpectedly, I believe most people simply want to be seen, understood and accepted by others as they cope with the challenges that the years bring. Consequently, my philosophy is to create thought-provoking concepts that inspire and encourage readers to find hope in times of uncertainty and to reassure individuals that they're not alone.

On that note, each day is a new opportunity to rewrite your story, create something amazing and be open to changing direction by trusting your inner guidance. What's your legacy or memoir you'd like to leave behind?

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Step up to help kids

STARLIGHT Children's Foundation has launched the brand-new Super Steps challenge that encourages Australians to step up and make hospital a happier place for sick kids.

From 1 May to 31 May, participants can choose to walk or run 10,000 steps each day and help raise \$700,000 to deliver happiness to nearly 18,000 sick kids through Starlight's vital hospital services, including Captain Starlight and Starlight Express Rooms.

Regardless of age and fitness level, Australians are invited to join the Super Steps challenge and can reach their goals in any environment they choose – be it a beach run, a bush walk, a stroll around their neighborhood or even on a treadmill. Participants can join individually or take on the challenge with friends, family or colleagues as a team.

Registrations are free and now open at supersteps.org.au.

Makers Market is back

THE popular Makers Market in Meenian is back on Saturday June 8 from 10am to 2pm. If you haven't been before, it's a fun indoor market with a selection of makers from South Gippsland and beyond. There will be a wide range of ceramics, woodwork, paintings, knitwear, basketry, soaps, jewellery as well as beautiful plants, flowers and of course the CWA with their delicious Devonshire teas.

The market celebrates the creative community of South Gippsland and brings visitors from far and wide to Meenian. It's a fun day and great opportunity for access the local creators and their wonderful work.

Follow (Instagram: [@clay.made_south_gippsland](https://www.instagram.com/clay.made_south_gippsland)) along for more info or get in touch if you'd like to be involved in future events.

• FAITH FACTOR

Being really tough!

By Rev. Graeme Liersch,
Anglican Church Wonthaggi/Inverloch

'WHEN the going gets tough, the tough get going'. These are the opening words of the song of the same name, sung by Billy Ocean back in the 1980's. And in a sense, never have truer words been sung or spoken.

While this song is a love song that illustrates one person's commitment to a relationship, and the lengths they'll go to show that commitment, it does illustrate that it is a tough world out there when it comes to communicating with people.

Misunderstandings, misinterpretations, and the inability to communicate well, often lead to things not going the way we expect, hope, or want, hence it means that if we want it to succeed then we need to tough it out and ultimately work through the difficulties of the relationship.

All reminds me of one person who lived roughly 2000 years ago, who was misunderstood, misinterpreted, and rejected by the ones He loved. He toughed it out and he proved to be very tough because in the end the love He had for His people cost Him His earthly life.

But that wasn't the end, according to the Holy Bible, He rose from death, ascended into Heaven, sent us a helper, the Holy Spirit, and now sits at the right hand of God the Father from where He declares who belongs to Him and who doesn't. (Acts 3:11-26, Luke 24:45-53)

What's His name? Jesus Christ, the Son of the most-high God.

So, how tough are you? Do you have the toughness, like Christ Jesus, to work an issue through to the end where the ultimate relationship is found? If not, then you need only to ask the Holy Spirit to help you and you'll be tougher than ever you could imagine and will be able to see it through to living in relationship with God and others, even the ones you have struggled with.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~



WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

WHAT is the main significance of this week? Well it is Neighbourhood Centre Week. A recognition of this great association and its myriad of houses across the land. The theme is Stronger Together and this is so true. Our Neighbourhood houses provide all sorts of services and groups to support and share with our communities, run and ably assisted by a great group of volunteers. Our special attraction this year is our Trash and Treasure Market at Mitchell House which will include raffle prizes. Come along and have a bargain hunt, you never know, there may be a

treasure just waiting for you to discover it! Proceeds will go towards supporting Mitchell House of the WNC. It's on Saturday May 18 from 10am to 12noon. Mitchell House is right next to Apex Park on Murray Street. We'll be looking out for you.

The following day is our monthly Fixit Café, Sunday May 19 with new operating times 10am – 12.30pm. It is a place and service that may be able to repair or repurpose an item which you value. The café is run through the fine combined resources and skills of the Wonthaggi Men's Shed and WNC volunteers (also known as fixers).

Now, forget that combine harvester that you want looked at, your item (one item per person) needs to be carried by you and booked in at least two days ahead of time, we need to check that we have a fixer with the skills for it. Spare parts are to be supplied by you. This month includes the special service of a volunteer who will be available to talk to people and help them resolve issues with their technology. This is not a chance to get your technical item physically repaired. Ring ahead and book in.

Please book in for your activities. We have lots going on at the WNC so consider



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■ WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

A well-maintained productive composting system is a boon for any edible garden.

Volunteers at the community garden take greens and browns, that is a range of garden waste and manures, from a fresh 'dump here' state to a ready-to-use rich, fertiliser ideal for fairly intensive vegie growing.

The garden's three-bay, open system needs regular attention and lots of chopping up mixing in.

Contributions come from the garden, as well as from the NDIS food prep and cooking group, who meet on Thursday mornings in the BCAL

kitchen. This allows them to visit the garden volunteers as the compost is being worked, and contribute food scraps and lots of coffee grounds to the mix.

Worms love the coffee waste mixed with torn up cardboard and whatever else is going.

To see the compost making in action drop into the garden on Thursdays between 10am and noon or contact tgordon@westnet.com.au for more information about getting involved at the garden. Contact BCAL on 5672 3115.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

We have discussed how many woodcrafters build their own toolboxes and workbenches.

One of the Monday woodturners is taking it to the next



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YES YOUTH HUB

BREAK Out was a huge hit last Friday. The Bass Coast YMCA led the way and partnered with the YES Youth Hub (YYH), GippSport & FReeZA to deliver this fantastic event. We would like to thank Bass Coast Shire Council for funding this free evening of climbing challenges at Clip'n'Climb on Millowl. Break Out was a smoke, vape, drug and alcohol-free event and it won't be our last. Bass Coast YMCA are planning on delivering two more events over winter, so be sure to follow our socials for updates on all upcoming events.

In other news, we will be launching a new magazine for young people, by young people. This will be done in partnership with the Bass Coast Youth Services Pro-

vider Network and state and local government. A small group of young people have already started to form what will be affectionately known as "ZINE CLUB". They are meeting each Tuesday @ YYH to help create and curate the zine. We would love to see more young people get involved, so please pop down if you are keen. Additionally, we recommend that any young person with some creative content submit it via yesyouth.hub@ymca.org.au. This is a great way to have your voice heard, art seen, and articles read.

Volunteer opportunity! If you are under 25 years old and interested in being part of our Pride Tribe please reach out to us via yesyouth.hub@ymca.org.au or just pop into the

YYH when Drop-In is open and talk to our lovely staff. We recently received a HEY Grant! Healthy Equal Youth (HEY), a partnership between Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVic) and the Victorian Government. This will mean that the YYH will be delivering three additional events for our young LGBTQIA+ community and their allies in our region.

So please come on down and check out the space during Drop-In.

Don't forget that we are now open on Thursday afternoons. Be sure to pop in and say g'day.

Be sure to check out our new fancy webpage: vicioyouth.ymca.org.au/y-spaces/yes-youth-hub. Also, please follow us on your socials. You can find us on Instagram or Facebook on the following handles @YESYouthHub @basscoast.freeza @basscoastskateparks @basscoastymca #engage!



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Neighbourhood House Week

Celebrating Leongatha Community House

LEONGATHA Community House is a vibrant hub nestled in the heart of Leongatha offering a diverse range of programs designed with our community in mind. Whether you're interested in educational workshops, social gatherings, fitness classes, or creative arts, there's something for everyone.

Leongatha Community House is more than just a physical space; it's a place where people of all abilities, backgrounds, and ages come together.

The Term 2, 2024 program is well and truly underway running until June 28.

From Tuesday's Women's Group to All Abilities Low Impact Self Defence and the NDIS Afterschool Social Group, to the Over 60's exercise classes and LCH Wednesday Walkers there is plenty on offer.

The community house offers a variety of craft groups. The Knitting and Crochet Group welcomes both beginners and experienced crafters to share their enjoyment of these crafts every first Sunday of the month. The Sewing and Patchworking Group is a

place to design, sew, and finish off your projects with others, and it meets every Tuesday. The Craft in Company group invites you to bring along your works in progress or unfinished objects to progress them in good company over a cuppa every Thursday. For those who want to learn how to sew, alter, or make clothes, the Beginners Sewing class is available every Thursday.

In addition to craft groups, there are also special interest groups. The Monthly Friendship Group meets every second Monday of the month for fun, laughter, and support. The Ukulele Jam is a place for both beginners and experienced ukulele players to practice and have fun every Monday. The Beginners Conversazioni in Italiano offers an opportunity to learn, practice, and improve your Italian fluency every Friday during the school term. The Leongatha Dungeons and Dragons Group invites you to join them for amazing adventures and to explore new worlds every Saturday. The LCH Photography Group meets every third Wednesday of the month for

those interested in photography. Other groups include Mahjong, LCH Solo Card Group, Creative Writing and Story Telling, LCH Gardening Group, and Book Club/Book Chat.

There are many ways to get involved with your local Community House.

- Become a member where your membership supports our programs and activities.
- Attend our workshops, classes, and events, learn new skills, make friends, and engage with others.
- Contribute your time and skills by volunteering. Volunteering is a rewarding way to give back to the community.
- Pop by for a cuppa and a chat. Our friendly staff and volunteers are always ready to welcome you.

Join us as we celebrate Neighbourhood House Week, we invite you to explore what Leongatha Community House has to offer. Visit us at 16 Bruce Street, Leongatha or give us a call at 5662 3962. Let's build connections, learn, and thrive together!

Leongatha Community House – YOUR community house!



Are you a craft enthusiast or just enjoy a good chat? Join Leongatha Community House for our Tuesday Craft in Company session. Bring along your own project and enjoy the company of fellow crafters.



Stronger Together this Neighbourhood House Week

NEIGHBOURHOOD House Week, happening across Australia in the second full week of May each year (May 13 to 19, 2024), is a nationwide initiative to celebrate the role of over 1000 Neighbourhood and Community Houses and Centres.

This year's Neighbourhood House Week is celebrating the theme 'Stronger Together'.

This week is a tribute to the incredible strength that blossoms when diverse individuals unite for a common purpose. As Helen Keller wisely said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Neighbourhood and Community Houses and Centres (NCHCs) all throughout Australia are the heart of the local community. We strive to embody the essence of togetherness. We bring people from all walks of life together to connect, learn, and play. Through collaborative initiatives, inclusive programs, and shared spaces, we cultivate an environment where every voice is heard, every story is valued, and every member contributes to the vibrant mosaic of our shared community.

This week, join your local Community House in simple acts of togetherness – whether it's a shared meal, a collaborative project, or just a friendly chat. Together, we'll explore the incredible strength that emerges when we stand side by side. Let's celebrate community, weaving stronger bonds that make our neighborhood a wonderous place to call home!



Milpara is inviting the community to join in a special luncheon on Thursday, with activities running throughout the week.

Join us to celebrate all things Milpara for Neighbourhood House Week.

We have a week of activities open for everyone to join in. Come and sample a class and join us for lunch.

MONDAY 13TH, 12PM - 1PM
CREATIVE WRITING
TUESDAY 14TH, 1PM - 3PM
GAMES & GIGGLES
WEDNESDAY 15TH, 1.30PM - 3.30PM
MILPARA SINGERS
THURSDAY 16TH, 1PM - 2PM
LUNCHEON (BOOK YOUR SEAT)
FRIDAY 17TH, 1.30PM
LEARN 500



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Find us at the Korumburra Community Hub
15 Little Commercial Street, Korumburra



Open Day

FRIDAY 17th, 10am - 5pm

Come and see displays and demonstrations, join in our jigsaw puzzle exchange and check out what else we have to offer.



It's your Community House!

**Come in and be part of it
Term 2 program OUT NOW!**

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Lighten Up Theatre cast Susan Hulme and Jodie Doman serving high tea for Mother's Day at Newhaven Hall. Z11_2024



Sharon Buxton and Chrissie Richards of Lighten Up Theatre assisted at their first fundraising event in Newhaven for Mother's Day. Z12_2024



Lighten Up Theatre cast Wayne Masters and Michael Sorensen assisted selling raffle tickets at the inaugural Mother's Day fundraiser. Z13_2024



Baby Levi with Mother Paige and Grandmother Tina of Scented Lights held a stall at the Mother's Day fundraiser. Z14_2024



Katrina Lawrence and her mum Robyn Kuys enjoy the inaugural Newhaven College Mother's Day lunch at Phillip Island Winery on Friday.



Enjoying an early Mother's Day lunch at Phillip Island Winery on Friday were Daniela Golic and her mum Lily Golic.



Vesna Kovacevic and daughter Tamara Van Haaster at the Newhaven College lunch at Phillip Island Winery on Friday.



Anne Johns and Megan Newman at the Mother's Day lunch at Phillip Island Winery last Friday.



Arlee Wilson and Linda Samuel at the Mother's Day lunch at Phillip Island Winery last Friday.

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Newhaven College Mother's Day lunch, Lighten Up Theatre Mother's Day high tea at Newhaven Hall and Inverloch Childcare Mother's Day Afternoon Tea.



Amelia and Amalea were joined by mums Regan and Charlotte for a special afternoon tea in celebration of Mother's Day. C15_2024



Mother's Day was celebrated in style on Friday at Inverloch Daycare with Cash (middle) joined by mum Aleesha and nanny Diane. C13_2024



Julie was welcomed for a special Mother's Day Afternoon Tea at Inverloch by daughter Willow. C14_2024



Leah joined son Henry at Inverloch Childcare's Mother's Day Afternoon Tea with little sister Eadie. C16_2024



Fiona King-Drummond and her daughter Robyn Hill enjoying the Newhaven College Mother's Day lunch at Phillip Island Winery last Friday.



Enjoying the Newhaven College Mother's Day lunch at Phillip Island Winery last Friday were Hayley Brebner with mother Tess Webster and mother-in-law Chez Rush.



Jenni Lewandowski and mum Jo Peacock enjoying the Newhaven College Mother's Day lunch at Phillip Island Winery last Friday.



Mary Rassos and daughter Pharrah Underwood at a Mother's Day lunch at Phillip Island Winery last Friday.

Wonthaggi Theatre Group brings Dr. Seuss to life

"SEUSSICAL: The Musical" transports audiences into the whimsical world of Dr. Seuss, where imagination reigns supreme and anything is possible. At the heart of the story is Horton (Lucas White) the Elephant, whose discovery of a tiny speck of dust sets off a chain of extraordinary events.

In this fantastical tale, Horton stumbles upon the minuscule world of the Whos, including the imaginative Jojo (Kayley Lockhart), who has been sent away for their excessive "thinks." As Horton endeavors to protect the Whos from perilous threats,

he finds himself entrusted with the care of an abandoned egg by the flighty Mayzie La Bird (Sarah Pedersen).

Through a series of trials and tribulations, the story delves into themes of friendship, loyalty, and the power of community. "Seussical" celebrates the resilience of the human spirit.

Seussical is playing at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre May 24 – June 9. Tickets at wtg.org.au

RIGHT: Mr and Mrs Mayor are played by Luciano Finsterer and Tilly Stecher.
Photo: Trevor Foon.



Talking Pictures with Paul Coulter and Bill Ten Eyck

Wicked Little Letters circulating Phillip Island

SUCH is the demand that this Wednesday night's screening of Olivia Colman's new film "Wicked Little Letters" (MA) is sold out. The Phillip Island Movie Club has a membership problem. Too many, they say. Such a problem, others say. Their Wednesday night screenings play to capacity and members are now required to book. Check their website for membership details. Fortunately, the programmers at Berninbeit have listened.

To meet the general demand for these quality films, Bass Coast programmers will screen more sessions for general attendance. Such is the case with "Wicked Little Letters". Set in 1920s Sussex, the script successfully folds a true crime tale into a delightfully profane and sweary farce. Starring the wonderful Olivia Colman, Jessie Buckley and Tomothe Spall, the film has been well described as a paean to British eccentricity (with a language warning). Check the Berninbeit website for session times.

Leongatha goes the full Ape

Following their massive "Star Wars" weekend, the Stadium 4 Cinemas now turn to more simian adventures.

The tenth outing of the Plant of the Apes franchise, "Kingdom



Olivia Colman and Jessie Buckley in Wicked Little Letters (2023).

of the Planet of the Apes" (M) has been hailed as one of the best. The quality of the motion-capture technology makes the animals seem real. Plot-wise however, the story may sound like "The Lion King" with a new tyrannical leader ape building his empire, while one young ape questions what he knows about the past and makes choices that will define the future.

Also screening in Leongatha is "Monkey Man" (MA) a very impressive writing-directing debut from Dev Patel. Taking no prisoners and starring a suitably ripped Dev Patel, this is a wildly over-the-top revenge action thriller on the teeming but uncliched streets of Mumbai.

Fabulous "Frida"

Screening at the Tarwin Lower Hall this Friday May 17 is "Frida" (M), based on the life of the extraordinary Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, best known for her uncompromising and brilliantly coloured self-portraits that deal with such themes as identity, the human body, and death. Presented by the Tarwin Lower Film Society short term membership is available. Check the website for details.

Wonthaggi movie lovers waiting

Wonthaggi movie-goers are desperately waiting for film screenings to return

to the Union Theatre. Yes, they understand that it is a multi-use venue, and those live shows are terrific, but many are patiently waiting for screenings to return in June. Fortunately, meanwhile the Bass Coast Shire programmers are providing a veritable feast at Berninbeit, Cowes.

"Talking Pictures" with Paul Coulter and Bill Ten Eyck on South Coast FM live or streaming. Due to forthcoming travel commitments, this Wednesday 15th at 11:05am will be the last session with Paul until September. "This must be Wednesday with Bill" continues.



Spinach Pasta Roll

By Meg Viney

Rotolo di pasta ala spinaci - Spinach pasta roll

Pasta:

- 2 eggs
- 2 cups strong (bread) flour
- Pinch of salt
- Approx 1 tablespoon water (wine/lemon juice/tomato juice)

In a food processor beat the eggs. Add the flour and salt and process to form breadcrumbs.

Then with the beaters on low, add the water and process until it forms a firm dough, turning up the speed if necessary. It may need more fluid but add slowly or dough gets too wet.

Remove and slap between your hands. It ought to be firm and silky.

Rest whilst making filling. Leftover dough can be refrigerated/frozen.

Filling:

- a bunch of fresh spinach or a packet of thawed and squeezed frozen
- 2 tablespoon butter
- 2 French shallots
- 2 cup fresh ricotta
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan

Seasoning:

Cook the spinach in the water clinging to the washed leaves, bring to the 'boil', turn, cover, turn the heat down and cook 7 minutes. Drain well, squeeze extra liquid out and set aside.

Melt butter in a pan, add chopped shallots and a pinch of salt. Cook, covered, over a low heat until golden brown. Add spinach and cheeses and mix well.

Roll the dough out so you have a rectangle 40 x 25 cm – you will need two strips, so moisten the sides of two strips to make them stick, to obtain this size.

Place the filling on top, then roll into a short roll. Place on an old tea towel, roll up and steam over boiling water (part submerged is good) for several minutes. Remove, cool slightly then unroll and place in a buttered dish.

Serve as is, cut into thick slices, or cut, place in buttered dish, cover lightly with fresh tomato sauce and parmesan and grill until golden and bubbly.

A seriously good dish this one!

Grenadilla Wood headline Phillip Island Jazz in May

THE name of the band Grenadilla Wood comes from the Grenadilla Wood (*Dalbergia Melanoxyton*) from Mozambique. This type of wood has been used since the end of the 19th century the beginning of the 20th century and is quite possibly the most popular wood used in the making of clarinets.

At the time of print the following are performing in Grenadilla Wood on May 19. Graeme Pender on clarinet, Frank Carter on trombone, Tony Orr on banjo, Peter on tuba, Cal Duffy on drums and we all remember the very young talented Aston Vaz who played on piano – and yes it will be great to see Aston performing once again.

May's gig is proudly supported by Ramada Resort Phillip Island.

Venue is at Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, Cowes. Entry for our Sunday Jazz is \$20.00 for Jazz Club Members and \$25.00 for visitors. For more information please ring Robin on 0432 814 407 or Jill on 0417 416 300.

Send us your photos

If you're having a 21st, club function, wedding, or other social event, take some photos, name the people in the snaps and email to news@sgst.com.au

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It won't cost a cent to see them in print!

WEDNESDAY 1pm - 3pm
THURSDAY 7pm - 9pm

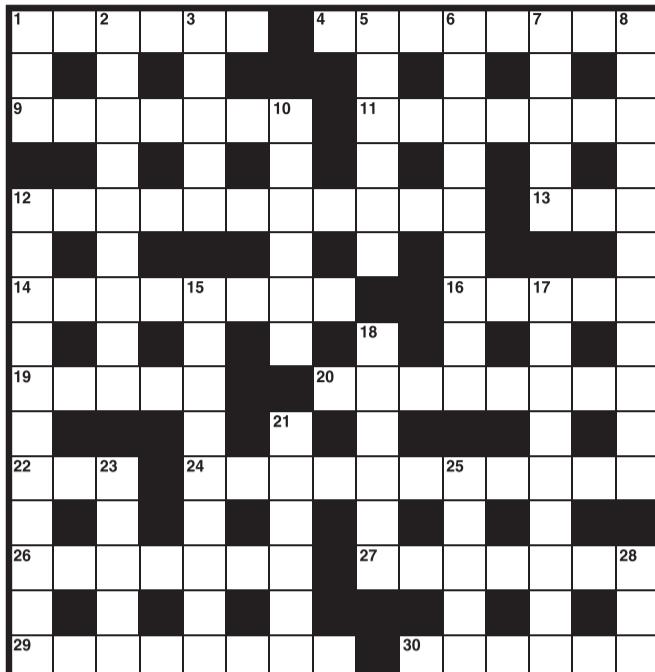
Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, 75 Graham Street
Come and join in the laughs at South Coast FM Bingo

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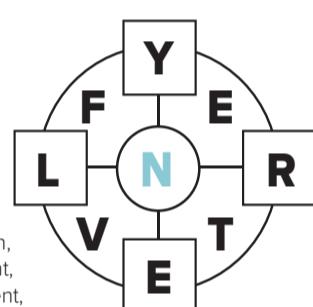
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9-LETTER

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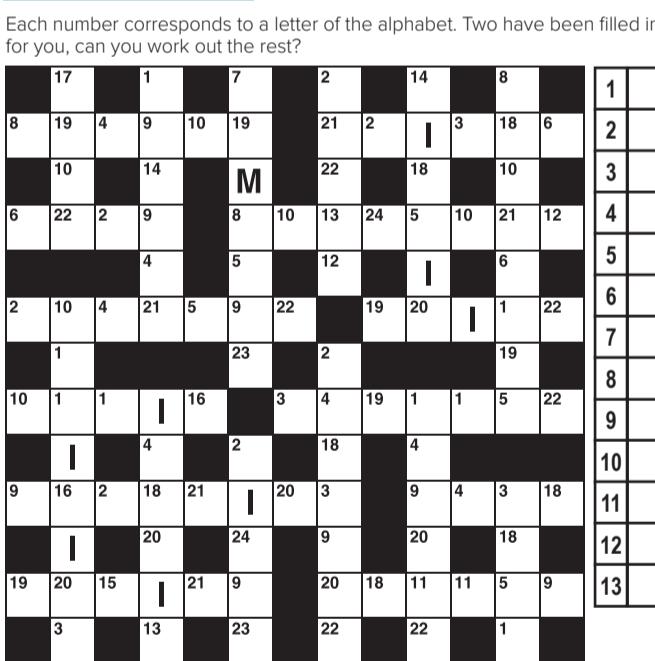
Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".

Today's Aim: enter, entry, envy, erne, even, evenly, event, fern, fervent, FERVENTLY, lent, nerve, nervy, never, relent, rent, teeny, tern, vent, venter



CODEWORD

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QUICK QUIZ

- Which country does soy sauce originate from?
- What is the maximum period of service for an Australian prime minister?
- In education terms, what does VET stand for?
- Endless Summer Vacation* is a 2023 album by which singer?
- Which 2003 film stars Julia Roberts, Kirsten Dunst and Julia Stiles (pictured)?
- True or false: mango trees can self-pollinate?
- Grenache, sangiovese, carignan and cinsault are all types of what?
- In which decade did the Melbourne Zoo first open?
- Jackson Pollock was a major figure in which post-World War II art movement?
- Elliot Page featured in a 2023 fragrance campaign by which luxury brand?



ANSWERS: 1. China 2. True 3. Vocalist 4. Milly Cyrus 5. Mona Lisa Smile 6. True 7. Wine grapes 8. 1860s 9. Abstract expressionism 10. Gucci

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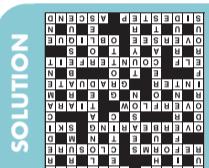
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BALLET
CAVE
NOZZLE
FATHER
PARTS
TERMINATION

DOWN

Possessive pronoun (3)
Distinct (9)
Low woody plant (5)
Feverish (6)
Extended (9)
Percussion instruments (5)
Plight (11)
Time of the year (6)
Pungent (11)
Predictions (9)
Ballet position with one leg raised (9)
Cave (6)
Nozzle through which air is forced (6)
Father of psychology (5)
Parts (for actors) (5)
Termination (3)



5 LETTERS

INNS
OATH
ONES
SCUM
SHES
ALONE
AMASS
AMBOS
ANGER
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AROMA
ARROW
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BARES
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CARVE
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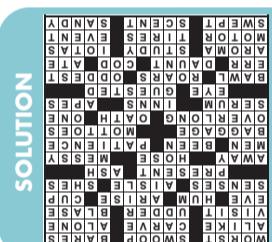
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SANDY

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7 LETTERS
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8 LETTERS
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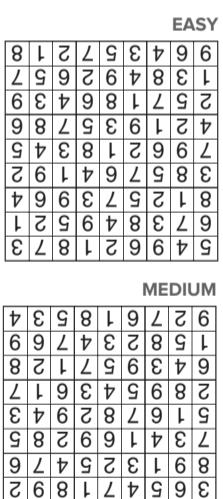


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SOLUTIONS



SUDOKU

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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



EASY



MEDIUM

CODEWORD: 1 = F, 2 = P, 3 = G, 4 = R, 5 = L, 6 = T, 7 = J, 8 = B, 9 = E, 10 = A, 11 = Z, 12 = H, 13 = C, 14 = V, 15 = W, 16 = X, 17 = Q, 18 = U, 19 = N, 20 = D, 21 = S, 22 = Y, 23 = K.

WORD SEARCH

No. 137



Can you find all the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.

BADUY	LOMBOK	TANA
BATU	LOVINA	TORAJA
BEDUGUL	MANADO	UBUD
BINGIN	MONKEY	ULUWATU
BOGOR	FOREST	WAE REBO
BOROBUDUR	MUNDUK	WATURAKASS
TEMPLE	NUSA DUA	
CANGGU	PASUT	
GILI ISLANDS	PENIDA	
GUNUNG	PURA TANAH	
RINJANI	LOT	
JIMBARAN	SANUR	
KOMODO	SASAK SADE	
KUTA	SOLO	

SECRET MESSAGE: The green emerald of the equator



Join Prom Coast Ecolinks on May 20 and view Hoddle Flora Reserve from the sky.

Hoddle Flora Reserve night drone survey

PROM Coast Ecolink is presenting a citizen science event for anyone who loves animals and technology!

Alastair and his team from Field Master Systems will be flying a drone through the Hoddle Flora Reserve and we will watch the footage in real time on a big screen at the boundary. There will be thermal and zoom footage of birds and animals we come

across and we will have ecologist Peter on hand to point out the heat signatures of the different creatures.

This is a free family friendly event – we will begin at 5.30pm and close at 7.30pm on May 20, although enthusiasts are welcome to stay on until 10pm, when the drone crew will wrap up. The date may need to be postponed if the weather is unsuitable, so make

sure you register your attendance on our website promcoastecolink.org or via ParkConnect, so we can contact you in case of date alteration.

This is the final citizen science event in the Hoddle Flora Reserve through our current Parks Vic Volunteering Innovation Fund Grant.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to see nocturnal animals in their natural habitat!

Homes for the Kongwak Hills' Wildlife

COME Spring, birds, marsupials and bats are ready for nesting and creating families – bringing us the next generation of our unique Australian wildlife.

But tree hollows for the wildlife that need them, are hard to find.

It takes a large forest tree 80 years to develop broken branches and hollows to provide adequate nesting homes.

Victoria has lost 50 per cent of its native vegetation since European settlement and still loses 4000 habitat hectares per year to clearing and bushfires despite efforts to revegetate farms and backyard. The remaining habitat is isolated and strongly contested by local wildlife and introduced species.

With the support of a Victorian Government

Community and Volunteer Action (CVA) grant to support biodiversity protection and recovery actions, Kongwak Hills Landcare Group is supporting wildlife by providing artificial nesting hollows until trees become mature habitat.

They do this by building and monitoring nest boxes and educating the community about managing the boxes. To help them, they have award-winning environmental activist Gio Fitzpatrick providing guidance about the success and efficacy of nest boxes.

He will provide his valuable insights in a public presentation at The Outtrim Hall on Saturday May 18, 10am-1pm, complemented with hot soup and savoury pastries. KHLG also has handmade, non-toxic nest boxes available to order, in

five different designs. Orders can be taken on the day or via their website: basscoastlandcare.org.au/kongwakhills

Gio will also visit with the children of Kongwak Primary School on Friday May 17 to observe and assist the children's nesting box project designed by teacher Damian Howard, part of their innovative Sustainable Kongwak program, thanks to South Gippsland Shire Council.

If you want to advocate for Victoria's unique and wonderful wildlife, come along to the Outtrim Hall and be inspired by Gio Fitzpatrick – you can become an environment activist too.

RSVP essential via trybooking.com/CRGGW or emailing kongwakhillslandcare@gmail.com

Insurers struggle to meet timeframes

THE general insurance industry continues to struggle meeting claims handling timeframes, according to the latest report from the General Insurance Code Governance Committee (CGC).

The Annual Data and Compliance Report highlights more than 45,000 claims handling breaches of the industry Code of Practice in the 2022-23 reporting period.

This is an increase of 16 per cent.

"We know that insurers were dealing with greater volumes of claims but claims handling timeframes are crucial for customer wellbeing. It is troubling that we saw such significant numbers of breaches in this reporting period," CGC chair Veronique Ingram said.

"The issues appear to stem from insufficient resourcing, training and

technology investment by insurers, and they must do more to address these."

The report found a small cohort of insurers were responsible for most of the breaches, while other insurers successfully reduced breaches related to claims handling timeframes.

"We welcome the positive steps, and we know that some insurers have worked hard on reducing breaches in this area in recent from Deloitte, ASIC and the CGC," Ms Ingram said.

"We encourage all insurers to continue reviewing and enhancing claims handling procedures and customer communications."

The Annual Data and Compliance Report also noted a 61 per cent increase in reported complaints – the fourth consecutive year of increases.

"The increase this year can be attributed in part

to an expanded definition of complaint, but we have seen these numbers go up for several years now, which is a worry," Ms Ingram said.

"It is a consequence of the increase in claims-handling breaches. As we see the breaches go up, we see more complaints come in."

"Insurers should be analysing their complaints data to pinpoint areas for improvement, particularly regarding claims handling and communication delays."

The report also urged insurers to adequately resource their complaints handling functions and invest in technology to streamline and improve processes.

The full Annual Data and Compliance Report 2022-23 can be read at insurancecode.org.au/resources/industry-data-and-compliance-report-fy23/.

Check before transferring settlement money

SCAMMERS are hacking email accounts of conveyancing professionals and tricking Australian property buyers into transferring them hundreds of thousands in settlement money, compensation lawyers warn.

Julijana Todorovic, from Slater and Gordon Lawyers, said the firm had received an increasing number of enquiries from property buyers who had fallen victim to the payment diversion scam, also known as conveyancing fraud.

The con usually followed a data breach that enabled the scammer to intercept emails between the parties and request that funds be deposited into a different account, she said.

"This type of scamming is unfortunately happening right now across Australia and those unlucky enough to fall victim are losing significant amounts of money," Ms Todorovic said.

"We've been approached by an increasing number of people who have unwittingly transferred large sums of money – many hundreds of thousands – in accordance with detailed instructions they've received via email purporting to be from their conveyancer.

"But to their horror, they've learned that the email was from someone pretending to be their conveyancer. They've then discovered that the funds had not been transferred to the conveyancer's trust account at all, but rather gone straight to a

malicious actor.

"While some bank customers are able to get their bank to block transfers if the fraud was discovered promptly, in other cases it was too late."

She said chasing compensation for those scammed was a lengthy process that required proof of inadequate cyber security measures in place on the part of the conveyancer that enabled the scammer to intercept the emails in the first place.

"It can take months to obtain the evi-

dence required not to mention it being an incredibly stressful time for the property buyers involved," Ms Todorovic said.

She urged anyone buying a property who was engaging the services of a conveyancing professional to take precautions so they did not fall victim to fraud.

"Double-check the email address of any payment instructions you receive from your conveyancer, and if the address differs from previous correspondence you've had from them, you may be being scammed," she said.

"Taking steps such as speaking to your conveyancer to check that the request for payment is legitimate and the bank details are correct is also advised before transferring any funds to the nominated account."

She encouraged conveyancers to strengthen their cyber security measures as well to ensure that they weren't easy targets to fraudsters.

"This type of scamming is unfortunately happening right now across Australia and those unlucky enough to fall victim are losing significant amounts of money,"

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'Mixed bag' for the building and construction industry

MASTER Builders Victoria (MBV) says Tuesday's Victorian State Budget delivered a 'mixed bag' for the Victorian building and construction industry.

MBV CEO Michaela Lihou says while the organisation understands the Government's need to rein in the budget and decrease spending, it was disappointed that more specific measures to tackle some of the industry's current challenges had not been considered for funding.

"Obviously we're keen to continue working with the Government on the ongoing challenges for our industry and the broader Victorian community but had hoped for more specific measures in this Budget to support the stabilisation and forward growth of an industry facing ambitious building targets set by both the State and Federal governments," she says.

"We do welcome the additional funding provided to support a program of rapid reform to strengthen the powers of the Victorian Building Authority (VBA) to deliver a building regulator that Victorians can trust, and we look forward to working with the VBA to ensure they are a pragmatic and transparent regulator.

"Additionally, we also welcome the announcement of reform delivery to support the use of modern methods of construction and the development and delivery of a new legislative model, which we have long advocated for.

"And the \$11.4 million announced to continue support for apprentices, trainees, and their employers to meet Victoria's workforce priorities, including through Apprenticeships Victoria and the Apprenticeship Support Officer program is a great step on the right direction."

However, Ms Lihou says MBV was disappointed there was no announced change in stamp duty for the domestic sector of the market, a smaller increase in payroll tax exemptions than it had hoped for, and a major reduction in overall infrastructure expenditure, which would impact the industry.

"We do welcome the increased funding to the VPA to facilitate the delivery of new communities and create more employment opportunities in Melbourne and regional Victoria, however it remains unclear exactly what this will translate as," she says.

"And while there was no mention of the creation of a new portfolio for a specific Minister for Building, Construction and Infrastructure, we remain convinced of the importance of such a role and will continue to actively lobby for it."

Ms Lihou says MBV understands the Government's prioritisation of fiscal restraint but remains hopeful of working with Government to develop meaningful strategies to deliver tangible results in the face of the current funding limitations.



Taking a break from filming Dan (The Block), Maureen Mortlock (past president), Fiona (The Block), Ruth Hunt (guest speakers officer) and Duncan (The Block) at the recent monthly Probus meeting.

The Block visits the Probus Club of Phillip Island

DAN and Duncan from The Block took a break from their arduous schedule to visit The Probus Club of Phillip Island at their club meeting in April.

They kept members entertained for over an hour with their "Block banter" and many humorous anecdotes from their long involvement with the popular TV show.

One of the club's female members, a local historian, declared that Justice Road has seen its share of celebrities through the years (including Gregory Peck), but Dan was

definitely the best-looking man ever to grace that area.

"We were thrilled to be able to share Dan and Duncan's many tales with the Probus Club last month," production manager of The Block, Fiona Lowe said.

"Our entire crew and building team has moved to the island for the show, so we really feel like we are part of the community.

"The boys loved giving everyone who attended some insider stories about life on The Block.

"I really enjoyed the day and

meeting everyone, it was a lovely day."

The club is grateful to Fiona from The Block for coordinating and to the club's guest speaker officer, Ruth Hunt.

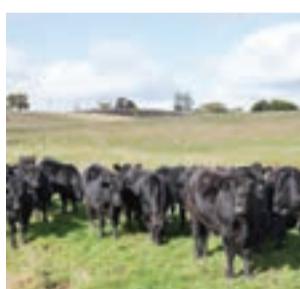
The Probus motto is "Friendship, Fellowship and Fun" in retirement through a variety of social activities. The club meets at 10.30am on the fourth Wednesday of each month (hosted by Cowes RSL) and includes highly entertaining speakers. Visit probusphilipisland.com for more information.



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MARKET REPORT

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CLAAS Harvest Centre 

Feeder cattle hold firm

By the SGSA

AGENTS yarded just under 6000 head at last Fridays VLE Leongatha store sale in an outstanding yarding of cattle.

The offering consisted lane after lane of mostly Angus grown steers and weaners and included some good Herefords and a few pens of Euro cross types with only about 250 Xbreds and dairy types in the yarding.

Prices remained steady for the heavy feeder cattle with all of the feedlot buyers active and securing a large portion of the offering with graziers buying a few pens.

Weaners were generally just a whisker cheaper by around 10 cents than the last sale but there were a few sales selling at similar rates.

Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, May 10, 2024

Grown Steers

R Taylor 11 Angus	685kg	\$3.35	\$1960
P O'Malley 14 Angus	665kg	\$3.00	\$2000
N Littlejohn 19 Angus	661kg	\$3.32	\$2200
R Taylor 13 Angus	653kg	\$3.06	\$2000
Warrambine 10 Angus	641kg	\$3.08	\$1980
P O'Malley 16 Angus	627kg	\$3.28	\$2060
Warrambine 16 Angus	585kg	\$3.24	\$1900
N Page 21 Angus	577kg	\$3.20	\$1850
J Knight 18 Angus	573kg	\$3.12	\$1790
D Clark 14 Angus	562kg	\$3.34	\$1880
N Page 20 Angus	560kg	\$3.30	\$1850
G & G Martin 12 Angus	552kg	\$3.44	\$1900
N Page 22 Angus	543kg	\$3.31	\$1800
Street Farms 15 Angus	535kg	\$3.53	\$1890
N Page 21 Angus	529kg	\$3.38	\$1790
R Stephens 19 Angus	516kg	\$3.56	\$1840
N Page 19 Angus	506kg	\$3.41	\$1730
M Landry 22 Angus	502kg	\$3.64	\$1830
Hollywoods Pastoral 23 Angus	500kg	\$3.54	\$1770
C Baird 14 Speckle Park	500kg	\$3.00	\$1500
N Page 19 Angus	499kg	\$3.46	\$1730
T & L Morrison 18 Angus	496kg	\$3.66	\$1820
C Stockdale 21 Angus	480kg	\$3.70	\$1780
High Voltage 23 Angus	479kg	\$3.59	\$1720
I Ripper 21 Angus	476kg	\$3.65	\$1740
R & S Holt 15 Angus	472kg	\$3.51	\$1660
H Mathies 14 Angus	467kg	\$3.51	\$1640
Melaleuca Past 17 Angus	455kg	\$3.64	\$1660
P Joyce 16 Angus	452kg	\$3.42	\$1550
High Voltage 21 Angus	435kg	\$3.54	\$1540
T Lee 20 Angus	415kg	\$3.37	\$1400
P Sutton 18 Angus	407kg	\$3.43	\$1400
S Brar 15 Angus	407kg	\$3.31	\$1350

Weaner Steers

Lester Farms 17 Angus	380kg	\$3.36	\$1280
Cookaburra Farm 24 Angus	380kg	\$3.27	\$1270
G & D Lane 20 Angus	379kg	\$3.61	\$1370
Spring Valley 20 Angus	376kg	\$3.11	\$1170
J & S Kelly 21 Angus	369kg	\$3.79	\$1400
Otway Ridge 18 Hereford	364kg	\$2.88	\$1050
R Castello 16 Angus	361kg	\$3.49	\$1260
Northside 27 Angus	354kg	\$3.53	\$1250
Lester Farms 18 Angus	350kg	\$3.08	\$1080
Spr L & B Bastin 14 Ang & Bb	325kg	\$2.70	\$880
Ing Valley 18 Angus	335kg	\$2.86	\$960
Kullingral 12 Hereford	322kg	\$2.95	\$950
Northside 33 Angus	312kg	\$3.04	\$950
J & S Kelly 15 Angus	312kg	\$3.55	\$1110
Oakbank 20 Angus & BB	312kg	\$3.39	\$1060
Tullaree Past 28 BB	294kg	\$3.57	\$1050
Otway Ridge 17 Hereford	288kg	\$2.98	\$860
T & J Waters 18 Angus	280kg	\$3.25	\$910
M Van Berkel 15 Angus	270kg	\$3.59	\$970
T & J Waters 22 Angus	234kg	\$2.34	\$760

Heifers

D & M Lee 22 Angus	440kg	\$3.25	\$1430
D & P Whiteley 22 Angus & BB	424kg	\$3.18	\$1350
D & M Lee 16 Angus	415kg	\$3.18	\$1320
D & P Whiteley 14 Angus & BB	374kg	\$2.54	\$950
G & V Lane 13 Angus	386kg	\$2.53	\$980
Spring Valley 26 Angus	350kg	\$2.80	\$980
Lester Farms 18 Angus	344kg	\$2.76	\$950
Spring Valley 22 Angus	316kg	\$2.78	\$880
White 12 Angus	280kg	\$2.60	\$730
T & J Waters 19 Angus	276kg	\$2.86	\$790
M Van Berkel 23 Angus	238kg	\$2.98	\$710
T & J Waters 19 Angus	232kg	\$2.97	\$690

Cows & Calves

T Bunn 9x9 Angus/Friesian	\$1850
M Berry 8x8 Angus	\$1300
Briarsview Beef 13x13 BB	\$1150

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, May 6, 2024

Jersey & Jersey x	.....	\$12 to \$40
Friesian Bulls	.....	\$25 to \$75
Friesian Heifers	.....	\$50 to \$85
Beef Bulls	.....	\$25 to \$190
Beef Heifers	.....	\$30 to \$85

Number of Calves: 298

Number purchased to rear: 64



Nutrien's Brian McCormack auctions during Friday's Leongatha Store Sale. A14_2024

Heavy cattle and steers attract buyers in Leongatha

HEAVY cattle sold well at Friday's Leongatha Store Sale.

There was keen feedlot competition for cattle over 500 kilos to go on the feed, Simon Henderson said.

The Phelan & Henderson partner and president of the South Gippsland Stock Agents Association was impressed with the quality of the yarding, with a little over 5600 head available.

"Once you get off the top, if you get into cross bred and bits and pieces, the prices slip away quickly and this is all because we're still waiting on a lot of rain in other areas that buy a lot of cattle," he said.

He elaborated that the Western District, East Gippsland and the

Simon said.

He put that gap down to the fact steers are currently quite affordable, prompting people to purchase them and not pay much attention to the heifer sale.

Simon highlighted the big disparity between well bred cattle and the rest, elaborating on the reasons.

"Once you get off the top, if you get into cross bred and bits and pieces, the prices slip away quickly and this is all because we're still waiting on a lot of rain in other areas that buy a lot of cattle," he said.

He elaborated that the Western District, East Gippsland and the

Riverina are all dry.

"We're just in a little green patch in South Gippsland doing very nicely, but of course a lot of our local people are either dairy farmers or breeders and not cattle traders, so there's not a huge demand for store cattle just at the moment," Simon said.

With the Pakenham Saleyards destined to shut at the end of June, Pakenham agents are already making the switch to Leongatha.

One of those, Everitt Seeley and Bennetts significantly boosted the number of head available at Friday's Leongatha Store Sale, yarding about 1300.

Livestock Sales

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Mitch Cochrane 0438 078 000 Brian Vuillermin 0429 436 040

LEONGATHA Dane Perczyk - Livestock Manager 0408 176 063 Rob Ould - Livestock Manager 0408 595 183

WARRAGUL Neil Darby - Livestock Manager 0418 595 265 David Setches - Livestock Manager 0409 443 473

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Sophie Lester at Friday's Leongatha Store Sale with a pen of steers sold by her family. A10_2024

Sophie Lester sets sights on farming future

FARMING is in Sophie Lester's blood, the Mardon 17-year-old committed to making it her career.

She is already working towards that goal by undertaking a VCE Vocational Major (VM) at Leongatha Secondary College.

Sophie combines school time with working a couple of days a week for her parents Rhonda and Warren who farm beef cattle and sheep.

Additionally, she works one day a week at the saleyards in Koonwarra, weighing cattle, and is completing her Certificate III in Agriculture.

Doing something different every day and working with livestock appeals to the young farmer.

Marking lambs, weaning calves or fixing a fence are just a few of the tasks Sophie enjoys tackling.

She spoke about the value of the VM for her as opposed to the traditional VCE.

"You can get work experience and get your foot in the door a bit quicker," Sophie said, adding that taking that path also offers more options.

Gaining experience on an outback cattle station is something she is keen to do down the track.

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Book early for Ballarat sheep and beef conferences

EARLY bird tickets are now available for BestWool/BestLamb and BetterBeef conferences to be held on June 19 and 20 in Ballarat, at The Goods Shed.

Agriculture Victoria Senior Specialist, Lyndon Kubeil said this was the first time since 2019 that the two conferences would be held together and in the new location of Ballarat.

'We are holding everything under the one roof this year – the sheep and the beef industry conferences, the dinner and the trade displays will all be at The Goods Shed, an exciting new venue near Ballarat Railway Station,' said Mr Kubeil.

The event will start on Wednesday June 19 at 9am with registrations for the BestWool/BestLamb conference, followed by a combined dinner for the beef and sheep industries at 6pm that night.

The BetterBeef conference will be held

the following day on Thursday June 20.'

The program will include keynote addresses and concurrent sessions, giving participants the ability to tailor their time to suit their needs and interests.

Mr Kubeil said there will be an excellent line up of presenters, including agribusiness professionals John Francis from Agrista and Cam Nicholson from Nicon Rural Services, who are presenting on both days and are sure to draw a crowd.

John Francis' session "Thriving under pressure – are you ready for the next challenge?" will help producers make more informed decisions when faced with obstacles impacting their farm business.

Cam Nicholson's presentation on "Grazing Management – balancing the compromise" will show us how to make better decisions and find the right

strategic balance between the plant and the animal in a grazing enterprise.

Ticket sales will be capped this year to accommodate the size of the new venue.

'We encourage people to book early and be rewarded with early bird discounts on tickets, with a one-day conference ticket only \$80 and a full package two-day conference and dinner ticket for \$200.'

Early bird tickets will close on Friday May 31. To secure an early bird ticket discount, visit www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1211584.

Contact Lyndon Kubeil on 0418 532 085 or visit the Agriculture Victoria events page to learn more.

This event is delivered in partnership with Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) and is supported by Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) and Farm Business Resilience program.

Wonthaggi buzzing this June

VICTORIA'S major event for beekeepers will be held at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club from June 4 to 6.

The 123rd annual Conference of the Victoria Apriarists' Association (VAA) is expected to attract up to two hundred members of the State's honey production and crop pollination industry at a crucial time for the vital apiculture sector.

The industry's biggest risk the pest varroa destructor, known as the varroa mite, which was first detected in Australia around Newcastle in June 2022 and is likely to reach our state within the next twelve months.

Australia has been one of the only countries in the world to not have the mite when beekeeping countries around the globe have experienced the mite for almost fifty years.

VAA President John Van Weeghel says that the industry through the work of AH-BIC (The Australian Honey Bee Industry Council, the DPI, the VAA and the Victorian Department of Agriculture and other relevant bodies, is relatively well prepared for varroa and has a Transition to Management Plan already in place.

He says, "we have known for some years that the mite, which has the ability to infect and kill honey bees and completely destroy bee hives was a potential risk, however it is important that we focus now on the science of varroa and the practical solutions which every beekeeper, regardless of whether they operates one or one thousand beehives, needs to be informed about".

"In consequence the VAA has arranged a powerful list of presenters and professionals so that every attendee will leave the Conference with a full list of information and some practical solutions they can implement".

The opening day Wednesday June 4 is devoted to honey and protecting Australian honey from adulteration.

A list of speakers will address topics like the business and logistics of a national honey library, unpacking the Q in quality, and the fight against imported honey – since most imported products, often sold cheaply in supermarkets, are demonstrated to

contain adulteration by corn or rice syrups or similar substances.

On the evening the Conference will be officially opened by the Hon. Jordan Crugnale MP, local Member for Bass in the Victorian Legislative Assembly.

On Thursday prominent members of the Symposium devoted to Varroa – Sharing the science will be a combination of local and active beekeepers from both local and abroad by zoom will include Dr Kaira Waggoner from Optera LLC on selecting varroa resistant honey bees, Dr Cameron Jack from the University of Florida on varroa control options, followed by Dr Zac Lamas from the Bee Research Laboratories also at the University of Florida.

They will be followed by presentations from AgVic on transitioning to management and from industry bodies AHBIC and Agri-Futures.

The afternoon concludes with practical sessions from Dr Richard Hall a senior adviser to Honey Bee Health NZ, and finally sessions on business economics, the ins and outs of crop pollination, with the day completing with the VAA Annual Dinner sponsored by major almond producer Olam Orchards.

"Our organising committee has created a topical and informative program of events of significant interest and relevance to all practical beekeepers," John van Weeghel said.

"The VAA is pleased to have the support of a range of industry sponsors including suppliers and their products, as well as from the Shire of Bass Coast and the Shire of South Gippsland".

He notes that Gippsland region has several significant beekeeping operations that also undertake crop pollination contracts including the annual seasonal transfer of their hives to the almond districts in north west Victoria.

Late conference registrations (at a cost of \$320) can be made at the VAA website at vicbeekeepers.com.au or VAA President John Van Weeghel is available at 0419 542 479.

Victorian Livestock Exchange sales dates and times

FURTHER to their announcement on January 29, 2024 the VLE confirm that commencing July 2024 all sales conducted by the VLE will be held at our Leongatha Saleyards with the first prime sale being held on July 2 and the first store sale on July 4, 2024.

The weekly sale days and times will be as follows:

Prime (fat) Sales – Tuesday each week commencing at 8.30am

Store Sales – Thursday each week commencing at 9am.

Other sale days including dairy and

sheep sales will be held as required and announced in due course.

Additional discussions were held with cattle buyers and again with the SGSA and various options put on the table. It was determined that the type of sales and the days listed above are the most suitable for a wider group of stakeholders and broader industry participants. There was a broad range of views expressed during the consultation process and all welcomed and respected.

All enquiries should be directed to VLE Managing Director, Brian Paynter on 0407 140 562.



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Monday, May 27 at 11am
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**Friday May 17, 2024
at 10.30am**

A/c - B & F Manintveld

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Tractor & Farm Machinery: Claas 146RX tractor with loader forks & bucket 4980 hours, Celli 5m folding mulcher, Claas Volto 900T tedder (one season old) Lely 320m 8 disc mower, Rapid spray 1000L water trailer with pump, Vicon super spreader Rotaflow 900kg, Silvan 800L boom sprayer, Burder soft hands, Silocut silage shear grab, Agri spread trailing fertiliser spreader (behind ATV) Truline trailing hay feeder (needs new hyd. motor) 3PL rear hay forks (new) carry all, John Deere L110 ride on mower, Masport ride on mower (needs new deck) Black diamond 40T log splitter.

Sundries & Tools: Gerni (12 months old) Air liner air compressor, garden cultivator, Advantage round bale feeder, ATV 5x3 tipping trailer, Stihl MS380 chainsaw, Silvan 15L back pack sprayer, Captive bolt device, electric cattle clippers, hip clamps/pelvic lifter, trolley jack, plastic culverts 6m x 5, arc welder, numerous electric fence reels, angle grinders x 2, socket set x 3, jumper leads, fencing sundries, lawn mower trailing fertiliser spreader, half pallet of magnesium chloride bags, silage plastic wrap rolls x 2 (for pit silage) calf trailer x 2, electric fence pig tails, feed hopper, ride on lawn mower trailer, new roll of ring lock, 8 teat poly feeders x 2, 12 teat poly feeders x 3, calf grain troughs x 4, alloy motorbike ramps, trailing lawn mower boom sprayer, tool box, poly fittings, Gallagher wire strainers, surge protected jumper leads, old cast iron sink, old farm gates, Haier chest freezer, numerous other sundry items.

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South Gippsland is famous for its natural environment. It is home to unique threatened species like the Strzelecki Gum and it provides habitat for a myriad of wildlife including the Giant Gippsland Earthworm, found nowhere else on earth. However South Gippsland faces significant environmental challenges, with only a third of the region's former native vegetation intact, and 10 per cent of flora and fauna species under threat.

SGLN has brought together a

group of regional stakeholders including South Gippsland Shire Council, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, Department of Environment Energy and Climate Action along with many other important organisations that manage land or work with landholders to protect natural values. These organisations have contributed to the BPP development and will be forming a committee to implement the plan.

"We've taken a collaborative approach to developing the BPP because we want everyone in the community to be able to play a part in protecting our natural assets, and to ensure we are all working towards the same goals," said Jillian Staton, Chair of the South Gippsland Landcare Network.

"We've engaged with a broad cross-section of the community, from large organisations to small community groups and individuals to discover what can and needs to be done to protect South Gippsland's natural environment. This final consultation phase is to make sure we have developed a robust and easy-to-use framework for identifying, carrying out and measuring actions to achieve that goal" added Jillian.

The draft BPP is nearing completion, and a community consultation period will commence in June.

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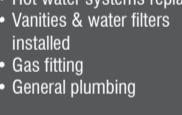
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A wonderful wife of 52 years. A wonderful mother of Gareth, Wesley, Rohan, and Marcus, and their families. Great companion of Lucie.

"If tears could build a stairway, And memories build a lane, I'd walk right up to heaven, And bring you back again."

A true Saint of seventy three years.

I hope you can rollick along the beach at Harmers now with your beloved Lucie.

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-- Gerald.

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ABRAHAMSON, Margaret:

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Hi Grandma, it's Max,

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I love you Grandma, and I also love your snack boxes.

-- Charlie.

DEATHS**ABRAHAMSON, Margaret Ann:**

Mum, you were a friend to everyone except opposition supporters at Saints games.

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Beach? Woof Woof!

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ABRAHAMSON, Margaret Ann:

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Also from niece Michelle Watson: all of Townsville.

A courageous life of service and love.

ABRAHAMSON, Marg:

Goodbye Marg.

Remembering the good times and special get togethers.

We will miss you.

Love Jill, Heather, and Carol.

DEATHS**ABRAHAMSON, Marg:**

Your courage and strength was inspirational.

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DEATHS**ABRAHAMSON, Marg:**

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Former nurse, colleague and respected team member.

Friend to many.

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ABRAHAMSON, Marg:

Long time and loved friend of the Salmon family.

Saints tragic, and birthday almanac.

Brave fight finally over.

ABRAHAMSON, Marg:

Died 08.05.2024.

Deepest sympathy to Gerald, Gareth and Aliesa, Wes and Michelle, Rohan and Di, and Marcus and their families.

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ABRAHAMSON, Marg:

We had many a laugh and cry over your Saints and my Tigers.

Thanks always for being you.

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ABRAHAMSON, Marg:

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is given for Public meeting to be held on

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

with the purpose to establish and incorporate the Bass Coast Mountain Bike Association.

It is proposed at this meeting to elect President, Secretary Treasurer and committee for this new Association.

All Interested persons are invited to attend.

Venue: Kilcunda Hall starting at 7.30pm

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The Midwifery team at Bass Coast Health includes, from left, Midwifery Unit Manager Relle McMillin with Midwives and Students, Lou Cruickshank, Gem Murfett, Paige Wainwright, Min Hopkins, Jane Clarkson, Bree Moore, Amie Brinkman, Brenda Buckland, Lauren Yann, Elin Murray, Pauline Humbert, Sarah Long and Maddy Butler.

Bass Coast Health celebrates Midwives on their special day

Bass Coast Health (BCH) was proud to celebrate the amazing role our Midwives play in caring for families on International Day of the Midwife, Sunday, May 5.

Our Midwives care for families during the ante-natal, birth, post-natal and early years periods, in the Maternity Ward at Wonthaggi Hospital and in the community as Maternal and Child Health Nurses.

BCH Midwifery Unit Manager Relle McMillin said the day recognises the uniqueness of what a Midwife does.

"We are present for the most fundamental changes for a woman and her family as she transitions into parenthood," she said.

"The vulnerability and trust women place in their Midwives to guide them through this process, keep them safe and support them to birth their babies is indescribable. It is an honour to walk this path with each family, with every family and birth teaching you and leaving a footprint in your memory."

"This day I get to celebrate those that have come before me: my colleagues, and the students and junior practitioners."

BCH offers three modern birthing suites and four post-natal beds at Wonthaggi Hospital, as well as providing ante-natal and post-natal care and early years care across the Bass Coast.

The BCH Maternity leadership team has placed a huge focus on recruitment and in the past 15 months, has recruited 13 new staff.

"Our recruitment videos on our social media captured the heart and passion of BCH Midwives which provided the basis of the drive to recruit Midwives by showcasing our team to Midwives in the wider community, across Victoria and even interstate," Relle said.

"The Maternity team is a cohesive unit with the shared goal of providing safe, individualised, and woman-centred care to the women of our region. This unifies the team and provides all members with assurance in their colleagues. Each staff member, from student midwife to our clinical director, is valued in their skill set and what they bring to the team."

"We're also prioritising the upskilling or reskilling of all Midwives to enable Midwives to work to their full scope of practice. We are inclusive, flexible, and supportive of one another, all while having fun."

Our Midwives also support two Bachelor of Midwifery Graduates, Bec

Adams and Paige Wainwright, Double Degree Graduate Elin Murray, Post-graduate Midwife Kyra Celebrine, Second Year Postgraduate student Shawnte Smith and First Year Post-graduate student Jane Clarkson.

"The BCH Maternity Department is committed to growing our own workforce as well as recruiting more experienced staff," Relle said.

"All graduates and students have been assigned a preceptor (a senior Midwife) to give them guidance and support. We are committed to supporting the Midwives to have long and successful Midwifery careers, with autonomy and confidence in their clinical skills and women centred approach."

Our Maternal and Child Health nurses are Registered Nurses and Midwives, with Maternal and Child Health Nurse qualifications, who work with families from birth to school age.

Families are invited to bring their children into our centres to have assessments at two weeks and four years.

"These appointments are referred to as key age and stage assessments and include an assessment for growth and development as well as parental and family support as needed, specific to age," Kathryn Anderson, Maternal and Child Health Nurse/Team Leader, said.

"We assess children to check that they're meeting their developmental milestones and families feel supported."

As Midwives, the MCH Nurses also help women with their postnatal recovery and adjustment to parenthood and offer breastfeeding and maternal wellbeing support.

They also link mothers in with new mums' groups, young mums' groups and sleep settling groups to provide social, educational, and parenting support.

The MCH team has offices in Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Bass Valley, Grantville, San Remo and Cowes, where they see clients by appointment and offer home visits for the newborn and provide outreach as part of the program.

MCH client Natasha Zavan brings her daughter Rayah to the Wonthaggi centre.

"The MCH service is thorough, lovely, and observant. They understand and they're helpful, that's for sure," she said. "It's women supporting women. We've been happy."

If you're a Midwife looking for a change, please express your interest by emailing hr@basscoasthealth.org.au.

Leanne makes triumphant return

WHEN the din of the present lifted to a low roar upon the arrival of a latecomer, players wondered if Japanese table tennis heroine Mima Ito was here.

It was, after a prolonged absence, Leanne "Backhand Boomboom" Costello. Her contribution to Blue alongside Justin's blistering best topped top of the table Yellow.

Leanne's permanency now has the bookmakers licking their chops.

Blue is primed for a serious crack at the title. Welcome back to the room-room, Boomboom.

Brown downed Pink with Beau's come from behind victory over Warren proving to be a key match.

Two young gunslingers locked horns, Rhyder knocking over Dillen in four entertaining sets.

White, despite losing both doubles matches, conquered Green. Shane's 12 to 10 win in the fifth over Charley was a decisive game.

Blue defeated Yellow 6 to 5; Brown defeated Pink 7 to 4; White defeated Green 6 to 5; Green bye.

Ladder

Yellow 16, Pink 16, White 12, Blue 12, Black 8, Green 8, Brown 8

Leading players: Braden 15, David 13, Dirk 12, Brad 12 and Justin 11.

Exciting darts showdown

IN A night filled with tension and thrilling action, Round 8 at the darts centre delivered a spectacle for the ages, with two fiercely contested battles that had fans on the edge of their seats until the final dart was thrown!

The Breakers narrowly edged out the Jammers in a heart-stopping encounter, clinching victory with a 4-3 triumph. Meanwhile, Joes Hornets soared to victory over Storm, also securing a hard-fought 4-3 win that went down to the wire. Both contests were decided in the electrifying final doubles leg, leaving spectators breathless with anticipation.

But the excitement didn't end there! The Vikings showcased their dominance with a commanding 5-2 victory over the Riverboys, while That's All continued their reign at the top of the ladder with a stellar 5-2 win against the Mustangs.

Amidst the thrilling team battles, one individual stole the spotlight with an extraordinary feat. Paul Gleeson left jaws on the floor with a magnificent 7 dart leg in his 301 singles match, boasting an impressive average of 129! His stellar performance is sure to be remembered as one of the highlights of the season.

And let's not forget to extend our congratulations to Col Oakley, who won the fiercely contested San Remo Butchers' meat raffle.

Looking ahead, anticipation is building for the upcoming Joseph Rizza memorial trophy. Set to follow the same format as last year, the event promises to be a thrilling affair with a drawn teams format.

With the level of competition heating up, fans can expect another night of intense battles and unforgettable moments on the oche.



Representatives of the Korumburra City Soccer Club, Korumburra Bena Football Netball Club and the Korumburra Basketball Association, and Korumburra Secondary College Principal John Wilson are joined by Upper House Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh. A06_2024

Kids' sports participation help from State Government

LOCAL sporting club representatives visited Korumburra Secondary College today to welcome news of further State Government assistance to enable more kids to participate in sport.

Upper House Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh was on hand to celebrate the announcement of an additional \$6 million funding throughout Victoria for the government's Get Active Kids Voucher Program, with that initiative part of the Victorian Budget for 2024/25.

Eligible families, those with Health Care Cards or other concession cards, can apply for vouchers of up to \$200 per child to help with the upfront costs of memberships, registration fees, uniforms and equipment.

That applies to a wide range of sports and recreational activities.

Korumburra City Soccer Club president Tony Gardner said the vouchers assisted quite a few people to participate in the sport last year, noting demand is such it outstrips supply.

"I'm very supportive of the program," he said.

"It does make a difference; the cost of playing sport is an issue and we want equitable access for everyone, and it's a good initiative."

Nadine Smith, Secretary of Korumburra-Bena Football Netball Club, said the club has had some people using the vouchers this year and is pleased with the flexibility the vouchers offer to help with any of the costs of sports participation.

Korumburra Basketball Association president Bill Jeffs said the Get Active Kids Voucher Program makes a big difference for eligible families.

"We keep our entry costs as low as possible because it's becoming difficult for a lot of families, particularly in the current climate to afford to have kids playing," Bill said.

He added that there are unavoidable costs such as court hire and paying referees.

Travel expenses for those who are part of Wildcats representative teams add to the cost for families as do tournament entry fees.

"We know that a lot of kids are not playing sport because of the costs," Bill said, adding that previously as the Chairperson of Basketball Victoria Country he observed the benefits of such vouchers in terms of sports participation.

Parliamentarian Tom McIntosh stressed it is a big deal for some kids who otherwise mightn't have the opportunity to play sport to get that chance.

"It's really good for all of our local sports clubs because the more kids we've got playing the better the teams are going to be and the more you're going to progress," he said.

The State Government indicated that almost 150,000 Active Kids vouchers have been provided to families since 2020, adding that over 50 percent of recipients said their children would not have been able to participate in their favourite sport without that assistance.

Eligible families will be able to apply for the vouchers online before redeeming them at a 'Registered Get Active Kids Voucher Program Activity Provider', with people encouraged to visit getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers to register for email notification of when the next vouchers start later this year.

AAMI funds light up Inverloch-Kongwak football ground

INVERLOCH-Kongwak Football Netball Club celebrated a substantial grant thanks to the AAMI Clangers for Good campaign.

The Sea Eagles were visited by AAMI Clangers for Good ambassador and Richmond midfielder Mon Conti on Thursday night, who congratulated the club for earning \$11,320.

Mon was the AFLW's best and fairest in 2023 and the Sea Eagles were thrilled to welcome her.

"It's really cool to be down here, and we recommend other clubs to try and do the same thing and sign up for the Clangers for Good campaign," she said.

Club vice president Big K submitted an application for the funding, which included 100 words on less about how a

grant would benefit the club.

Inverloch-Kongwak was one of eight winners last year, and the money received contributed to the club's lights.

"The funding supports visibility for our training nights, and now as a club we can host night games," he said.

"The lights span beyond the oval, so it's also great for safety, especially with the young kids around."

Big K said it was a great feeling to receive confirmation the club had been successful, and the Sea Eagles are appreciative of the funding program.

As well as having a chat with Big K, Mon got involved with the Thursday night training, attended by players, members and supporters.



AFLW's 2023 best and fairest Richmond midfielder Mon Conti with Inverloch-Kongwak Football Netball Club vice president Big K and young fans Frank Hume, Alfie Jelbart and Jemma Jelbart.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

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This week's South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners were Peter Borradale (S), Mick Sheers (2), Steve Edge (3) and Arch Connell (L).



Chris Nevill, Bruce Corrigan, Yvonne Kee and John Duthie were the Thursday social bowls winners at Inverloch Bowling Club.

INVERLOCH

ROUND five of Tuesday evening bowls took place last Tuesday, where conditions were absolutely perfect for bowling.

Forty-four bowlers battled for supremacy on what proved to be a very competitive night with only five two-game winners across the two greens.

The winners on Green 1, with 32 points, were Peter Shaw and Keith Cousens. On Green 2, Joy Brown and Craig Selby came out on top with a score of 33 points.

A reminder that entries close at 5pm on the Monday prior to the Tuesday night competition.

Social bowls on Thursday, May 9, saw nearly 30 players enjoy the late autumn sunshine and warm temperatures to compete in two games of 10 ends each.

Runners up though was the combination of Bill Selby, Jon Justin, and Graeme Dunlop – good to see you back on the green, Graeme – with 24 points from scores of 12/12 and 16/10.

The winners of the day, however, with 32 points from wins of 12/5 and 14/5 were John Duthie, Yvonne Kee, Bruce Corrigan, and Chris Nevill.

Following the presentations, those present at the club sang a hearty happy birthday to Judy Parker, who very recently joined the 80's club.

Judy was presented with a double layer sponge cake and candle along with a large spread of other goodies.

Friday, May 10, saw the reintroduction of the ever-popular Friday Fortnight Roast and the club having attained the services of well renowned local chefs to oversee the kitchen and the serving of a two-course meal which consisted of roast beef, baked potatoes, pumpkin served with a broccoli and cauliflower bake.

This was followed by a generous sticky date slice with custard. Neil Everitt MC'd the evening along with his sidekick, Reg. There were the usual features, the giant spinning wheel and the mailbag which truly had some really awful jokes, hope they improve for the next dinner, which will be on May 24, so register your intention to attend by putting your names on the dinner board next to the entry.

Next Friday evening, May 17, will be the membership draw where you must be in the clubrooms to be a winner.

Again, there will be Jack's lucky

envelopes and some great prizes to be won.

See you all there.

Also, some news about long time member of the club, Brian Hensley, who is making a temporary move down Wheelers Hill way and will therefore be nearer to his children.

President Terry Seaward spoke on behalf of the club in thanking Brian for his ongoing commitment to the club over many years.

KORUMBURRA

KORUMBURRA started the week with the Monthly Triples with 18 teams competing, sponsored by Burra Automotive and South Gippsland Air Conditioning.

Winners on the day were Martin Hannaford, Steve Snelling and Laurie Gabel, with runners up the Loch trio of Jim Stimson, Finlay Luke and Trevor Loughridge.

The club started Thursday Triples.

This week's winners were Peter Hearn, Neil and Lena Harfield.

This is a weekly event.

Anyone who would like to enter, please contact Peter Hearn on 0438 394 726 or Mick Manning on 0407 995 615.

The club held its monthly counter tea with over 60 people enjoying Keith's culinary delights on Friday night.

Well done to all who helped out.

On Saturday, Korumburra held its annual Skins Tournament, proudly sponsored by Edneys of Leongatha.

With 24 teams travelling from all over Gippsland, the winners on the day were Shane O'Loughlin, Neil Green and Ron Burge.

R/up were Gary Scott, Martin Hannaford and Gavan Butler.

This could not occur without the work of Ken Cecil and Graham Freestone – well done to all concerned.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

ANOTHER beautiful winter's day welcomed the bowlers at Corinella on Thursday.

The green was quite damp with thick dew, but the weather was very welcoming.

The club once again gave a lovely spring like day with expectations of temperatures in the 20's.

Forty bowlers turned out to prove their superiority on the green against their friends and teammates.

The green was in excellent condition making the game a pleasure.

There is a photo on the Facebook page with Geoff Briggs, represent-



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Saturday winners were Norm Evans, Rob Aitken and Charlie Wright.



Winners of the annual Skins Tournament, sponsored by Edneys of Leongatha, were Neil Green, Shane O'Loughlin and Ron Burge, pictured with event organiser Ken Cecil at the Korumburra Bowling Club.

As always, as lots of laughter and friendly banter could be heard from all corners.

There are so many people to thank for their help throughout the day.

Phil looked after everyone both in the kitchen as well as behind the bar with help from others.

David helped Peter a bit.

Mark helped out with the free raffle.

As always, Peter, Pauline and John welcomed everyone to the club and prepared the teams.

One or two wrong bias bowls were played to keep the Royal Children's Hospital tin filling.

The group is always happy to see this happening.

This week's winners on 35 points were Peter Borradale (S), Steve Edge (3), Mick Sheers (2) and Arch Connell (L).

Runners up, also on a score of 34 points, were Phil Wright (S), Gillian Harper (3), Frank D'Univerville (2) and Margaret McConville (L).

Best one game winner this week were Tony Heppleston (S), Wayne Stevens (3), Chris Coulson (2) and Neil Andreatta.

Next week, the bowlers meet up once again at Corinella, due to a power outage at San Remo, to continue this challenge.

The group looks forward to seeing everyone at 10am for a 10.30am start.

Meanwhile, hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable week.

WONTHAGGI

A DIFFERENT report this week, as Wonthaggi were playing in Moama for the Midweek Pennant State Championships.

On Monday and Tuesday, the bowlers played five matches against teams from all over the State as well as the Melbourne area.

Not all the winning Pennant team was available, but people were happy to put their hands up to fly the flag for Wonthaggi. Apart from the first match, Wonthaggi was competitive in all the other matches.

It was a good result and a good learning curve for players who will benefit from the trip.

A big thanks to Peter (Pom) McBain for his work to look after three score boards as well as on one green three electronic boards and Kyle for his work with the computer to set the teams up and record the scores.

There is a photo on the Facebook page with Geoff Briggs, represent-

South Gippsland Bridge Club

THE South Gippsland Bridge Club hosted the Traralgon Bridge Club at Leongatha RSL for its second inter club challenge for this year on Tuesday, May 7.

A great turn-up of 13 tables completed a successful and enjoyable day.

North/South Master points winners were: First: M. Styles and H. Martin 59.13, closely followed by Second: J. French and D. Anglim 58.81. Third: A. Johnston and J. Sutton 56.89.

East/West winners were: First: K. Douglas and R. Chad 65.54 (Traralgon). Second: P. Lonie and C. Cheyne 62.42 (Traralgon). Third: J. Quayle and M. Shub 56.41.

Friday, May 10, at Inverloch Angling Club: Inverloch Club four member teams – two-week championship started.

After week one the leading team of John Currier and John Sutton, Alan Johnston and Clive Hope were leading with 63 master points.

Second: Phillip and Neville Chapman, John Quayle and Matti Shub 60 points. Third: John Farr and Bronwyn Sund, Moya Gaby and Mike Dooley 13 points.

Croquet club celebrates victories and new pavilion

PLAYERS from Wonthaggi were out and about once again towards the end of April and beginning of May.

On the weekend of April 27 and 28, Tom Lacey and Sue Baker travelled to Essendon to compete in a handicap doubles tournament. They acquitted themselves very well, winning four out of their seven games.

The in-house Twilight doubles final was held on April 30 with the Cool Cats (Sue Baker and Paul Andrews) overcoming Rasputin (Virginia Wheeler and Michael Barber). This is always a fun tournament, and everyone is looking forward to next year.

Six members ventured to Phillip Island to contest their level play singles tournament. This is held over three days (May 3 to 5) and comprises three sections.

Tom Lacey, Paul Andrews and Neil Warburton competed in Section 1 with Tom being victorious winning four games, as did four others, but having a better hoop count.

Virginia Wheeler and Mike Butterfield competed in Section 2 with Virginia winning five out of seven but finishing third on a hoops countback.

Jo Butterfield contested Section 3 and also finished third.

It was a very successful three days for the Wonthaggi club.

On May 6, the club celebrated the official opening of the new pavilion with the Bass Coast Shire Council mayor Cr Clare Le Serve and Bass MLA Jordan Crugnale attending and unveiling a plaque.

Other guests comprised members from many Gippsland clubs, council staff who were involved in the building process, sponsors and of course the members and past members.

The club now finally has a complex which it can be very proud of. Much thanks must go to council and the State Government for funding this project.



Josie Parisi and Di Walker were the Anne Williams Foursomes event winners at Foster Golf Club.



Korumburra Golf Club's Zac Scholte, Doc Dixon, Mat Wrigley and Stooge Muir were the winners of Superintendent's Revenge Four Man Ambrose.



Meeniyan Golf Club's Tanya Thorson and Faye LePage were the winners of the Aggregate Stableford event.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's Robyn Wilkinson (captain), Marg Johnson, Jan Beaumont, Marg Ryan, Yvonne Everitt and Merryn Dear were the Section 2 winners of the South Gippsland Golf Inc women's pennant final.

FOSTER Ladies

THE Anne Williams Foursomes event was won by Di Walker and Josie Parisi with 73.5.

Runners up and hot on their heels were Kaylene Morris and Beth Curram 74.5.

Thank you to the golf club manager Peter Furborough for sponsoring the day.

Other notable scores were Kylie Collins and Geraldine Sinclair 75, and Rae Knee and Rachael Brown 76 net.

NTP on sixth was Geraldine Sinclair and 17th Jenny Mountford.

The nine-hole competition was Alayne McKenzie 14 points and Jenny Mountford 12.

Next Wednesday, May 22, is Par.

Korumburra

RESULTS: Tuesday, May 7.

Stableford: 39 players.

A Grade: Mat Wrigley (3) 40 points.

B Grade: Scott Burgess (36) 42 points.

NTPs: first Paul Turton, seventh Ian Cash, and 10th Blayne Spokes and Steve Duffield.

Thursday, May 9:

Stableford: 13 players.

Winner: Peter Van Agtmaal (18) 38 points.

Saturday, May 11:

Sponsor: Brian Pope.

Superintendent's Revenge Four Man Ambrose: 42 players.

Winner: Doc Dixon, Zac Scholte, Stooge Muir, Mat Wrigley 52.875.

NTPs: first Peter Van Agtmaal, seventh Peter Draper, 10th Tim O'Neill and 13th Tim Hillier.

Ladies

THE club had the South Gippsland Golf Inc women's pennant finals at Lang Lang last week, and congratulates all who played and the winning clubs.

The three sections had close finishes and the Korumburra Section 3 team had a nail-biter with Phillip Island, going as far as the 19th hole.

Thank you to the great caddies and to the many people who came and supported the team to provide an awesome atmosphere.

The two sections enjoyed the

pennant season and thank everyone from all clubs who committed to playing and the friendly relationships formed.

On Wednesday, the golfer played the McLaren Women's 4BBB Par qualifying round with the top four pairs going on to play off in semi-finals.

Johanna van den Heiligenberg/Judy Webb won five up, on a c/b from Kath Welsh/Lyn Leppin.

Lynette McIvor/Heather Grist were third two up, and Kim Embom/Chris Rickard fourth one up after a three-way c/b.

NTP winners were Barb Twite first, and Merrissa Cosson 13th.

Lynne Schwennesen won the nine-holes competition with 18 points and Marg Harper was next best, 16 points.

On Saturday there was a close finish in the two-person Ambrose.

Johanna van den Heiligenberg and Judy Webb won, 74.75 net with Marg Harper and Merrissa Cosson, runners-up, 75 net. BDTL went to Trudi Mantell and Trudy Olden, 78.75 net.

NTP went to Merrissa 10th and Trudi 13th.

LEONGATHA

Ladies

FORTY women enjoyed the continuing good weather to compete in the Nancy Sperling 4BBB Par event.

Nancy has been a member at Leongatha for more than 60 years and was awarded a Life Membership in 2015.

Unfortunately, she was unable to attend to present trophies to the winners.

Maxine Eabry and Shirley Welsford combined extremely well to finish with +8, on a count back from Viv French and Bronwyn Debenham.

Balls down the line went to Jill Moor and Wendy Parker on +7 and Joc Howson and Glenyce McRobert with +6.

Nearest the pin on the 14th was Rebecca Thomas, on the 16th was Wendy Brown, and second shot on the fifth went to Joy O'Sullivan.

Cheryl Borg, recovering from injury, won the nine-hole competition with 17 points.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

CONGRATULATIONS to Tanya Thorson and Faye LePage for

winning the Aggregate Stableford draw for partners after play with 57 points.

The runners up were Louise Vuillermin and Sue Hoskin with 54 points.

The day's event prize, sponsored by Louise, were two beautiful wooden bowls made by Louise's father Leon Vuillermin.

It was lovely to have a couple of ladies from Mirboo North come along for a game of golf.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: May 9, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Keith Ridout 33.

Runner up: Warwick Judkins 32.

Ball sweep: Gino Hennequin 30, Peter Magnusson 30, Stephen Kane 29 and Frank Huber 29 C/B.

Results: May 9, SR. 36.

Competition: Stableford nine-hole 10 to 18.

Winner: Willy Williams 18.

Runner up: Secondo Tiziani 17.

Ball sweep: John Davies 16 and Keith Ridout 16 C/B.

Results: May 11, S.R. 72.

Competition: Ken Chisholm first round 4BBB Par.

Winners: Alan Jones and Simon O'Halloran +9.

Runners up: Stephen Judd and Grant MacKenzie +7.

BDTL to +4 C/B.

Ball sweep: Kevin Bayley and Graham Ryan +7, Ian Baker and Glen Moresco +6, Willy Williams and Paul Cornelius +6, Dale Burgess and Joshua Kilgour +6, Steve Terrill and Andy Hovath +, 5Bob Cornelius and Paul Cornelius +5, Ian Gilmour and Ross Lovett +50, Glenn Hewlett and Neil Waters +4 C/B.

NTPs: Mark Tiziani second, Julian Wintle fourth, Ross Lovett propin eighth, Grant MacKenzie 13th and Graham Ryan money hole 17th.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the qualifying round for The Doris Chambers Golf Australia event.

The Section 1 South Gippsland Golf Inc women's pennant winners from Phillip Island Golf Club were Jeanette Diss, Helen Coghlan, Lesley Meadowcroft (captain), Emma Hall, Ada Anglin and Deb Orr.

It was a round of Stableford Foursomes, which was a great challenge.

There was a great field of 32 players and all friendships survived the day.

The winners on the day were Anne Tschiderer (20) and Marg Johnson (14) with a credible 32 points.

The runners-up on a three-way count back were Sharon Patullo and Carole Sartori 29 points.

BDL went to Yvonne Everitt and Merryn Dear 29, Dawn Judkins and Irene Walsh 29, Pam Hanley and Patsy Britt 28, and Marg Ryan and Anne Poulton 28.

NTP on second was Simone Lindsay, 13th Irene Walsh and 17th Patsy Britt.

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Ladies

IT was a perfect autumn day for the first round of the Shirley and Brian Thomas Stableford pairs aggregate board event, sponsored by long-time supporters Leongatha Optometrists.

The winners of the daily event were Heather Sullivan and Janet Thompson, coming in with their aggregate score of 60 points.

There was great excitement for one of the new players Melissa Hume and Elly Berryman coming in runner-up with their aggregate score of 59 points.

Melissa is sure to feature more regularly in the golf report.

BDL were Sherrill Winkler and Linda Forrester 58 points, and Bev Bridge and Inge Giliam with 58 points.

NTP's on eighth was Anne Grist, 11th Jean Hayes and 17th Heather Sullivan.

Gobblers: Ann Poole two Gobblers and Heather Sullivan one Gobbler.

Birdie/Gobbler: Sharyn Rayson and birdie Elly Berryman.

WOMEN'S SOUTH GIPPSLAND GOLF PENNANT FINAL

THE finals of the South Gippsland Golf Women's pennant season were held at Lang Lang Golf Club last Monday.

The top two teams in each of the three divisions were Phillip Island and Meeniyan in Section

1, Phillip Island and Wonthaggi in Section 2, and Korumburra and Phillip Island in Section 3.

Section 3 finalists were decided by a semifinal the previous week.

The course was in wonderful condition and the greens were 'running'.

It was great to see a good following of spectators around the course enjoying the golf being played – three close finals that could've gone either way.

In Section 1, after an awesome achievement of winning the pennant for the last seven years, Meeniyan Golf Club was defeated in a very tight contest by Phillip Island three matches to two.

Phillip Island went through the competition undefeated for the year.

This was Phillip Island's first Section 1 win since 2006.

The team members were Lesley Meadowcroft (captain), Emma Hall, Ada Anglin, Deb Orr, Helen Coghlan and Jeanette Diss (emergency).

There was another very close contest in Section 2 between Wonthaggi and Phillip Island, with Wonthaggi coming out winners three matches to two.

There were three matches that went 'the distance' to the 18th hole.

The winning team were Robyn Wilkinson (captain), Marg Ryan, Merryn Dear, Yvonne Everitt, Jan Beaumont, and Marg Johnson (emergency).

Section 3 continued the 'close contest' theme, taking it just a little bit further with play continuing to the 19th hole in the final match to decide who would secure the pennant.

Phillip Island took the honours, winning three matches to two over Korumburra.

Team members were Mary Taylor (captain), Megan Elbaz, Vicki Amato, Ros Reid, and Vicki Ramage.

The South Gippsland Golf Inc (SGGI) women's match committee extended thanks to the Lang Lang Golf Club for making their course and club house available for this event.

The next SGGI women's event is the Foursomes Championship at Leongatha Golf Club on Monday, May 20.

Aislin takes Teams Bronze in Baku and wins TeamAUS Paris Olympic Selection series

AFTER a strong performance at the ISSF Olympic Qualifying Championship in Doha a fortnight ago, Leongatha's young gun Aislin Jones has put in an outstanding performance at the ISSF World Cup in Baku (Azerbaijan) securing her nomination to the Australian Olympic team for Paris 2024 and bringing home a medal in Mixed Skeet Teams.

Once the team is officially announced in June by the AOC it is expected that Aislin will join Leongatha High Jumper Eleanor Patterson in Paris after she was named in the athletics team several weeks ago. The pair both competed at their first Olympics on the same team in Rio in 2016.

The Doha and Baku events concluded the Shooting Australia selection series which will be used to choose the athlete nominated to the Australian Olympic Committee to represent the country in Paris in just a few months' time.

Aislin's World Cup score of 117/125 set a new international personal best and resulted in an eighth place finish overall. Once added to the preceding five events of the series it cemented her place at the top of the Shooting Australia selection rankings for Olympic nomination. Finishing 25 targets clear of number two ranked Laura Coles of Western Australia and 58 points in front of Brittany Melbourne the choice for nomination under the selection policy is crystal clear. The team will not be formally named by the AOC until later in June as selections are subject to normal appeal provisions as set out in the nomination policy.

Jones strong performances have also rocketed her up the ISSF World Ranking List where she now sits at 27th, just under 2017 World Champion Dania Vizzi of the USA.

The weather for competition for both individual and teams was kinder than the wild weather they experienced in pre-event training. The individual event was held over Wednesday and Thursday last week and saw 41 of the best women from around the globe shoot at 75 and 50 targets over the two consecutive days. Many competitors already know they are selected for Paris 2024 and are in serious preparation mode chasing the pressure of high standard international competition.

Shot in rounds of 25 targets at a time a strong performance on day one of 70/75 (22, 24, 24) saw Jones sitting in 11th place by Wednesday night, but more importantly possibly to the young Gippslander, 20 targets ahead of Coles on the Australian selection rankings.

A strong day two performance added 47 more targets (23, 24) securing eighth overall, just two targets short of the five athletes tied on 119 who entered a sudden death shoot off for the last four places in the six-woman final. At the conclusion of the final the individual event was won by Aislin's friend Austen Smith



Aislin Jones has put in an outstanding performance at the ISSF World Cup in Baku (Azerbaijan) securing her nomination to the Australian Olympic team for Paris 2024. Photo credit: ISSF-TV.

from Team USA. The two have been shooting events together since they commenced international competition as juniors, both making the final at the 2017 World Championships in Moscow. This event the pair shot in the same randomly drawn squad during competition. As fate or hard work would have it, they would soon meet again for a team's final.

In addition to the Women's Skeet individual event on August 3-4, the Paris Olympics also include a mixed gender event in ISSF Skeet in 2024 for the first time. Australia holding a mens entry quota will also mean that should she be named to go she will compete in not one but two events in Paris. Joshua Bell of Sydney took out the mens selection series and is the only one that Shooting Australia can nominate after the conclusion of men's selections.

The only countries that can compete in the mixed teams event in Paris will be countries that have an individual entry in both men's and women's events, of which Australia will be one of ten at this stage. Aislin and Josh will train together as much as possible in coming months to prepare for that eventuality.

On Friday in Baku, Jones and Bell teamed up for the World Cup Mixed Teams event. Aislin's father and coach Dave Jones gave this appraisal of the main difference.

"Other than only shooting 75 target each for the total of 150 and there only being four finalists, the Mixed Teams event creates a very different psychological environment for athletes. They are used to being responsible for their own destiny. Suddenly their performance also impacts on a team mate and they no longer have complete control over their own result. It adds layer upon layer of pressure and sport psychology. In the teams format, all teams shoot at three rounds of targets totalling 75 each athlete for a combined total out of 150. The top four teams enter a gold/silver final and a bronze medal final."

With a reasonable start the pair were well placed on the

leader board at the conclusion of rounds one and two. As the results rolled in, the leaderboard firmed up and talking to Aislin from home, father Dave was doing the math.

Dave explained, "You can start doing the math by the time the third round is beginning, eliminating other teams that need perfect scores to catch Aislin and Josh. Under the pressure a perfect 50 from a team is unlikely but not impossible. Once we were down to the last few squads it was pretty clear with their final round 49/50, Aislin and Josh would be in a final but it was too soon to tell if it would be the Gold/Silver match or the Bronze/4th match."

Austen Smith and Conner Prince (Team USA 1) shot well but they were going to struggle to make the Gold match. Dania Vizzi and Dustan Taylor (Team USA 2) shot extremely well and pushed Aislin and Josh down into the top qualified team for the bronze medal final by just one target. Team USA 2 contested the gold match with Chile's Francisca Crovetto and Hector Flores."

Dave said, "Having made friends around the world over the last 10 years it was a really interesting finish. We have friends in all those teams. Aislin has trained in Italy with Team Chile. She had been trying to find Austen to congratulate her on her gold medal the day before and suddenly found her in the same final! It was a cracking field at the finish, amongst those four teams – eight athletes in the two finals I think there's six who will likely be at Paris. But clearly when it comes to this point, we were cheering for Australia."

Family back home tuned in to the live stream of the final on ISSF-TV, joined by many friends and club members from Korumburra and Bairnsdale gun clubs. (The final is still available on YouTube on ISSF-TV.)

Dave watched tensely as the 48-target final unfolded.

"Our kids and Conner and Austen went target for target for the first half of the final. It was neck and neck. Then Team USA stole the lead by a

target. All they could do was keep hitting targets to keep the gap as small as possible. Then not long after Conner dropped both targets in a pair and it was back to being anyone's. When Josh dropped one target on the last station, I think our heart rate was running redline. It meant Aislin needed all four targets in both pairs as last shooter to take the medal, three would see a sudden death shoot off and two would give the medal to the USA. While we were on the edge of our seats, Aislin looked pretty comfortable, and she never missed. The smile as she stepped off was awesome. That's her first senior World Cup medal and the timing leading into the next few months is perfect for both her and Josh."

Speaking to Aislin after the event she said, "It's a little surreal, I don't think it's sunk in yet."

A team dinner followed and on returning to her room she said, "I walked into my room and the flowers and medal were on my bed. It was then I realised, Oh yeah! They're mine!"

Life will get busy once she returns home to Leongatha this week. She will regularly be on the range at Korumburra Gun Club. She will also train in Melbourne with Lauryn Mark or Bairnsdale with Dave. Those nominated to the AOC for Paris will travel to Lonato in northern Italy for a training camp prior to competing in the ISSF World Cup there in June. They will then return to Italy again in July to train and acclimatise to the time zone and a warm European summer before inserting into the Olympic environment around the \$50 million Chateauroux Shooting Complex, purpose built for shooting sports that will host the events for the 33rd Summer Olympiad.

Both Aislin Jones and Josh Bell are still fund raising to cover expenses and unpaid leave this year and tax deductible donations can be made by searching Australian Sports Foundation and their name on most search engines, or for Aislin's fundraiser visit tinyurl.com/AislinParis2024.



Inverloch Cricket Club's C Grade Champion and batting award winner Wayne Chapman.



Jason Dennerley congratulates Inverloch Cricket Club's new life member Lewis Rankin.

Stingrays award its stars

INVERLOCH Cricket Club celebrated its 2023/24 season recently.

The Stingrays had plenty of excitement throughout the season, including the construction of the new nets, a premiership for the U17s, a back-to-back premiership win for the Stingettes, and a record number of Stingrays playing representative cricket including GCL, Country Cup, Premier Cricket and Dowling Shield.

Inverloch Cricket Club's senior award winners were as follows:

A Grade:

Batting: Walter Taberner.

Bowling: Andrew Donohue.

Fielding: Lewis Rankin.

Club Champion: Andrew Donohue.

B Grade:

Batting: Brett Debono.

Bowling: Isaac Seuren.

Fielding: Cooper Newman.

B Grade Club Champion: Brett Debono.

C Grade:

Batting: Wayne Chapman.

Bowling: Cam Butler.

Fielding: Jordan Foote.

C Grade Champion: Wayne Chapman.

Best Club Person: Jackie Newman.

Life Member: Lewis Rankin.



Inverloch Cricket Club's B Grade bowling award winner Isaac Seuren with B Grade Champion and batting award winner Brett Debono.

Gippsland Soccer League celebrates Female Football Week

TO mark Female Football Week, the Gippsland Soccer League hosted a Female Football Celebration at Korumburra City Soccer Club on Saturday, May 11.

The afternoon kicked off with two fixtures from the recently formed U13 Girls competition.

Large groups of supporters were on hand to cheer on the newest members of the Gippsland Soccer League.

With Wonthaggi and Phillip Island winning their respective matches against Drouin and Leongatha it was then on to the short skills clinics that were run by female coaches from clubs within the league.

More than 90 junior players from across the region had arrived to participate in the clinics with a special appearance by A-League/Matilda star Alex Chidiac who moved between groups to help out the girls with some skills.

The atmosphere was electric as girls took over all corners of the multiple pitches that had been set up.

Next up; there was a free meet and greet with the Julie



Alex Chidiac with participants in the U10s Skills Clinic run during the event.

Dolan award winner Chidiac as families and excited players lined up to get a photo and autograph from the star who took to the pitch to represent Australia in the recent Women's World Cup.

A Q&A session followed as Chidiac fielded questions from attendees of all ages.

It was revealed that Chidiac is definitely Messi over Ronaldo

and a big believer in pasta before and after games.

She also really likes the colour orange and still fangirls over teammates such as Katrina Gorry.

The massively successful event concluded with a headline match between the women's teams from Phillip Island Breakers and Mirboo North as they played under lights.

The event was not only a wonderful celebration of females in football but a wonderful indication of the massive growth the game has experienced as a result of the FIFA Women's World Cup last year.

Congratulations to all involved and a big thank you to Alex Chidiac for taking the time to inspire a whole new generation of Matildas.

Knights take the win in '23 finals replay



Leongatha Knights midfielder/winger Naomi Eaton scored a hat trick against Trafalgar.

Round 4: Senior Men: Leongatha Knights FC v Trafalgar Victory FC

Round 4 of the Gippsland Soccer League's Senior men's competition saw a replay of the 2023 Grand Final match up, as Leongatha Knights FC travelled to Trafalgar to take on their opponents on their home turf, also known as the widest pitch in the league.

The Knights were keen to stretch their wings and recover from their loss against Drouin in their first game of the season last week.

The Knights dominated possession from the onset of the game, forcing Trafalgar's back line to scramble and recover several times over the course of the first few minutes.

It was following one such scramble that the ball landed at Vice-Captain Luke Knights' feet and he swiftly pelted it into the back of the net.

A penalty late in the half, converted by 2023 B&F Aidan Hall secured a strong 2-0 lead for the

By Bethany Milkins

Knights as they headed into half time.

Despite a few chances on goal during the second half, Trafalgar were unable to work back and ran out of legs.

The Knights defence held firm, with player of the match Edward Benedict pivotal in clearing any opportunities for their opponents.

A delightful goal from long-term Knight PJ O'Meara secured Trafalgar's fate as the Knights took home their first win of the season.

Richard Benedict and Miles Rodrigues also put in notable performances in the left wing and defensive midfield respectively.

Leongatha Knights FC Round 4 GSL results:

U13s Girls def by Phillip Island 0-6, U17s def Drouin Dragons White 6-3, U12s def Trafalgar 4-0, Women's 7-0 win, Reserves Men's 1-3 loss, Senior Men def Trafalgar 3-0

Busy weekend for Wonthaggi

By Alycia Marotta

On Sunday Wonthaggi celebrated Mother's Day by making the trip to Drouin.

They also celebrated Jake Marotta reaching the 50 Junior League games milestone.

Jake started as a five year old and played many seasons as a Wonthaggi MiniRoo.

After many years in the Junior division, Jake left the sport as Wonthaggi couldn't field an Under 17 team.

This year he returns to the club in the newly formed U17 team, led by brilliant coaches Aaliyah and Dylan.



Wonthaggi player Jake Marotta is acknowledged for reaching 50 Junior League games.

Gippsland Soccer League

Round 4 Results – Saturday May 11 & Sunday May 12

Senior Mens: Drouin Dragons Maroon 8 d Wonthaggi United 0, Korumburra City 2 d Inverloch Stars 0, Leongatha Knights 3 d Trafalgar Victory 0

Senior Womens: Phillip Island Breakers 8 d Mirboo North United 0, Drouin Dragons Maroon 4 d Wonthaggi United 2, Leongatha Knights 7 d Trafalgar Victory 0

Mens Reserves: Inverloch Stars 2 drew Korumburra City 2, Trafalgar Victory 3 drew Leongatha Knights 1

Under 17 Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 2 d Wonthaggi United 1, Leongatha Knights 6 d Drouin Dragons White 3

Under 14 Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 2 drew Wonthaggi United 2, Inverloch Stars 3 d Korumburra City 2, Phillip Island Penguins 6 d Mirboo North United 2

Under 13 Girls: Wonthaggi United 3 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0, Phillip Island Breakers 6 d Leongatha Knights 0

Under 12a Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 1 drew Wonthaggi United 1, Leongatha Knights 4 d Trafalgar Victory 0

Under 12b Mixed: Phillip Island Sharks 5 drew Mirboo North United 5, Drouin Dragons Yellow 2 d Wonthaggi United 1, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 7 d Lang Lang United 1, Inverloch Stars 8 d Korumburra City 2

Round 5 Fixture – Sunday May 19

Senior Mens – 3pm Inverloch Stars V Trafalgar Victory, Phillip Island Breakers V Wonthaggi United, Lang Lang United V Leongatha Knights

Senior Womens – 1pm Inverloch Stars V Trafalgar Victory, Phillip Island Breakers V Wonthaggi United, Lang Lang United V Leongatha Knights

Mens Reserves – 1pm Inverloch Stars V Trafalgar Victory, Drouin Dragons Maroon V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow

Under 17 Mixed – 9.30am Phillip Island Penguins V Wonthaggi United, Drouin Dragons Maroon V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow

Under 14 Mixed – 11.20am Korumburra City V Mirboo North United, Phillip Island Penguins V Wonthaggi United, Drouin Dragons Maroon V Phillip Island Stingrays

Under 13 Girls – 8.30am Phillip Island Breakers V Wonthaggi United, Korumburra City V Leongatha Knights

Under 12a Mixed – 10am Drouin Dragons Maroon V Phillip Island Stingrays, Phillip Island Penguins V Wonthaggi United

Under 12b Mixed – 11.30am Phillip Island Sharks V Wonthaggi United, Korumburra City V Mirboo North United, Drouin Dragons Yellow V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow, Lang Lang United V Leongatha Knights

MiniRoos – Saturday May 18

Bass Coast Hub are playing at Wonthaggi from 9am

South Gippsland Hub are playing at Korumburra from 9.30am

MIRBOO NORTH

13 & UNDER: Despite going down by only two goals, the girls showed tremendous effort and fight all the way to end. Picking up loose balls and lots of encouragement on the court. Let's get to training this week and work on a few things to help us for next weekend!

15 & Under: Great game girls! Some great passages of play and our versatility as a team really showed on the court. A few things to work on at training that will only help us get stronger! Well done.

17 & Under: Mirboo North 23 were defeated by Newborough 37

D Grade: Saturday's victory was hard-earned; despite a sluggish start, we didn't falter, and our determination paid off with a convincing win. It's crucial to stick to our game plan, keeping it straightforward and avoiding unnecessary complications, which ultimately leads to success. Fantastic girls!!

C Grade: Mirboo North 36 were defeated by Newborough 40

B Grade: Tough game on Saturday, fought it out till the last second but we made too many unforced errors. Came down to who used the ball better on the day. Let's get to training and focus on next game.

A Grade: Mirboo North 47 defeated Newborough 42

TOORA

13 & UNDER: No Game

15 & Under: No Game

17 & Under: A fantastic display of strength and persistence by every single player. We knew we would be in for a challenge, but not once did they give up or drop heads. Fantastic defence all over the court by every player.

D Grade Netball: Amazing effort from our girls. We were finally able to break our draw streak with a win. The hard work and dedication the girls put in at trainings is proving to be really effective on game day.

C Grade Netball: A great win by our C grade girls in very windy conditions, we set ourselves a goal and everyone worked hard to achieve this. Let's keep working together as a team and keep encouraging each other coming into the next three tough rounds. A big thank you to our junior players Maddie and Maya.

B Grade Netball: Great game on Saturday, everyone played their role very well! Super proud of how you all play, great talk around the court and defensive pressure this week which I hope it grows during the season. You're all doing a really great job. This week's award went to Evie Stone, great game in your ridiculous bogan shoes!

A Grade Netball: A strong game from everyone. Defenders didn't stop and got lots of hands on the ball. The goalers had a tough day in the windy conditions and our mid courters had fantastic second efforts.



Dalyston's Ruby Brosnan intercepts a pass to Kelsey Buxton in the second quarter. Z03_2024



Kelsey Buxton takes a clear pass against Dalyston, with Inverloch-Kongwak leading in the first half. Z03_2024



Poowong A Grade's Seanan Trewin collects the pass on Saturday.



Wonthaggi Power's Chelsea Bowman sets up for a long shot on goal against a young Maffra side on Saturday.



Wonthaggi A Grade centre Hannah McRae works the ball forward during a strong team game against Maffra on Saturday.



Milly Ellen, Mel Blackshaw, Brianna Weaver, and Millie Billings. Photo: Gerard Bruning.



Hayley Phillips and Pagie Holness. Photo: Gerard Bruning.

ELLINBANK**RESULTS****A GRADE**

Trafalgar 49 It Yarragon 54
Nilma-D 69 d Poowong 28
Catani 23 It Neirim Sth 54
Longwarry 31 It Ellinbank 71

B GRADE

Trafalgar 47 d Yarragon 30
Nilma-D 45 d Poowong 32
Catani 41 It Neirim Sth 47
Longwarry 20 It Ellinbank 59
Nyora 25 It Buln Buln 51

C GRADE

Trafalgar 36 d Yarragon 25
Nilma-D 33 d Poowong 22
Catani 25 It Neirim Sth 36
Longwarry 18 It Ellinbank 51
Nyora 10 It Buln Buln 52

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neirim South	200.76	20	Trafalgar	165.71	20
Nilma-Darnum	219.05	16	Poowong	151.83	18
Ellinbank	175.74	16	Catani	217.59	16
Lang Lang	105.23	12	Longwarry	132.05	16
Trafalgar	106.73	8	Yarragon	162.68	14
Poowong	87.61	8	Nilma-Darnum	157.02	12
Yarragon	79.23	8	Buln Buln	101.80	8
Buln Buln	74.30	4	Ellinbank	87.91	8
Catani	57.47	0	Lang Lang	77.85	4
Longwarry	47.31	0	Neirim South	35.71	4
Nyora	0.00	0	Nyora	11.84	0

B GRADE

Neirim South 152.58 24
Ellinbank 195.83 20
Nilma-Darnum 138.82 20
Lang Lang 158.09 12
Buln Buln 117.30 12
Trafalgar 101.32 12
Poowong 101.28 12
Catani 100.00 8
Yarragon 58.52 0
Nyora 57.14 0
Longwarry 46.40 0

C GRADE

Neirim South 223.85 24
Ellinbank 272.04 20
Lang Lang 193.94 20
Nilma-Darnum 168.14 12
Catani 127.34 12
Buln Buln 100.00 8
Poowong 92.78 8
Yarragon 80.92 8
Nyora 77.93 8
Longwarry 54.32 0
Sale 12.81 0

13 & UNDER

Buln Buln 1000.00 20
Lang Lang 494.74 20
Poowong 341.86 20
Yarragon 121.05 16
Nilma-Darnum 150.68 12
Longwarry 112.33 12
Neirim South 114.12 8
Trafalgar 63.03 8
Sale 32 It Traralgon 28

GIPPSLAND**RESULTS****A GRADE**

Warragul 55 d Bairnsdale 45
Morwell 49 It Leongatha 50
Moe 54 d Drouin 45
Wonthaggi 58 d Maffra 35
Sale 40 It Traralgon 51

B GRADE

Warragul 72 d Bairnsdale 47
Morwell 31 It Leongatha 58
Moe 50 It Drouin 59
Wonthaggi 72 d Maffra 28
Sale 39 It Traralgon 57

C GRADE

Warragul 37 It Bairnsdale 42
Morwell 34 d Leongatha 27
Moe 27 It Drouin 32
Wonthaggi 27 It Maffra 31
Sale 22 It Traralgon 30

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Moe	181.94	24	Traralgon	244.00	24
Warragul	122.43	20	Leongatha	231.36	20
Drouin	142.92	16	Bairnsdale	170.97	20
Wonthaggi	121.62	16	Drouin	139.57	16
Traralgon	107.85	16	Sale	123.12	16
Morwell	116.13	8	Wonthaggi	94.53	12
Leongatha	89.90	8	Maffra	83.56	8
Bairnsdale	85.41	8	Moe	42.91	4
Sale	50.15	2	Morwell	52.46	0
Maffra	43.79	2	Warragul	25.00	0

B GRADE

Drouin 150.68 24
Leongatha 153.81 22
Traralgon 128.77 20
Moe 115.19 14
Morwell 98.82 10
Sale 86.80 10
Wonthaggi 88.81 8
Wonthaggi 99.61 6
Maffra 56.36 6
Bairnsdale 67.07 0

C GRADE

Drouin 165.56 22
Morwell 133.92 22
Traralgon 109.36 20
Maffra 103.66 16
Wonthaggi 124.12 12
Leongatha 96.86 12
Bairnsdale 79.65 8
Moe 93.06 4
Sale 58.85 4
Warragul 71.04 0

17 & UNDER

Trafalgar 35 d Yarragon 34
Nilma-D 39 d Poowong 23
Catani 63 d Neirim Sth 9
Longwarry 44 d Ellinbank 21
Nyora 5 It Buln Buln 59

15 & UNDER

Trafalgar 30 d Yarragon 17
Nilma-D 18 d Poowong 36
Catani 28 d Neirim Sth 19
Longwarry 16 d Ellinbank 18
Nyora 1 It Buln Buln 40

13 & UNDER

Trafalgar 11 It Yarragon 19
Nilma-D 9 It Poowong 22
Catani 3 It Neirim Sth 21
Longwarry 12 d Ellinbank 7
Nyora 1 It Buln Buln 81

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KRIS BAKER

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Collingwood
GWS
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Brisbane
Essendon
Port Adelaide
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 4



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KEITH KELLY **EDDIE CHANDLER**

Geelong
Carlton
Collingwood
Western Bulldogs
Fremantle
Brisbane
Essendon
Port Adelaide
Melbourne

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 6



BEN FISHER

Gold Coast Suns
Sydney
Collingwood
GWS
St Kilda
Brisbane
Essendon
Port Adelaide
Melbourne

LAST WEEK'S TIPS 6



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Wonthaggi
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ADAM WARE

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Sydney
Collingwood
GWS
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Brisbane
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 7



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Port Adelaide
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 6



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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 7



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DAVID ENGLAND

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Craig & Darren	56
Ben Fisher	55
Carl Lindsay	55
Hayden Poppe	55
Ant Cook	54
Justin Caporale	54
Darryl McGannon	53
Phil & Cathal	53
Rod O'Neill	53
Adam Ware	52
David England	52
Keith & Eddie	52
Peter Fort	52
Phil Hardy	52
Warren Stewart	52
Brad Hodson	50
Shane Cooke	49
Jack & Jassy	46
Kris Baker	44
Steve Curtis	37



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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 6



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ANT COOK

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CARL LINDSAY

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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 6



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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 7



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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 4



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Craig 0415 641 845



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Brisbane
Essendon
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LAST WEEK'S TIPS 5



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Dealing with MGFNL umpire shortage

AN UMPIRE shortage remains a challenge for the Mid Gippsland Football Netball League (MGFNL), with club volunteers being called on to officiate one senior game in most rounds this season.

Latrobe Valley Umpires Association (LVUA) welcomes such volunteers to attend its training sessions to gain a stronger understanding of the challenges of controlling games and to ensure they are up to date with the latest rules.

That invitation is open to all club volunteer umpires whether they are officiating in the Seniors or at lower levels.

An MGFNL coach highlighted the fact that "LVUA umpires do a really good job of controlling the game and implementing the rules."

He said that when club volunteers are officiating, "Players may play on the edge more, which may end up being dangerous and cause unnecessary and preventable injuries with no repercussions."

LVUA secretary and field umpire Dan Swallow said volunteer umpires are doing their best but the shortage of experienced officials at Senior level is "a massive concern".

He mentioned recent positive player feedback after a game officiated by LVUA umpires, contrasting their ability to manage the match with that of club volunteers.

"There are concerns around player safety, and around skill and interpretation," Dan said.

While expressing his appreciation for the commitment of club volunteer umpires, he made it clear it is not an easy challenge to take on.

"There is a whole lot to managing a game well and that is a skill that is taught and developed, and you can't just walk on the field and know it," Dan said.

He added that knowledge and interpretation of the rules is developed with time.

Dan explained that it is not practical to officiate a match with a mixture of LVUA umpires and club volunteers.

"It can really derail a game and it looks terrible for us and reduces people's confidence in us as an association, so we usually won't run with club volunteers," he said.

"What the league is doing is encouraging the club volunteers to develop their skills with us."

Ken Hutchinson who is a Reserves umpire for Yinnar and is the junior development officer for the MGFNL has been training with the LVUA for the past few weeks.

"Last week when Yinnar had a bye he was appointed with us as a thirds umpire and because he's been training with us and developing his skills, he is in a position where if Yinnar was short he'd be able to be appointed with us, probably," Dan said.

Ken encourages other club volunteer umpires to seize the opportunity presented by the LVUA, explaining he wanted to put himself in the best position in case he is called on for Senior duties.

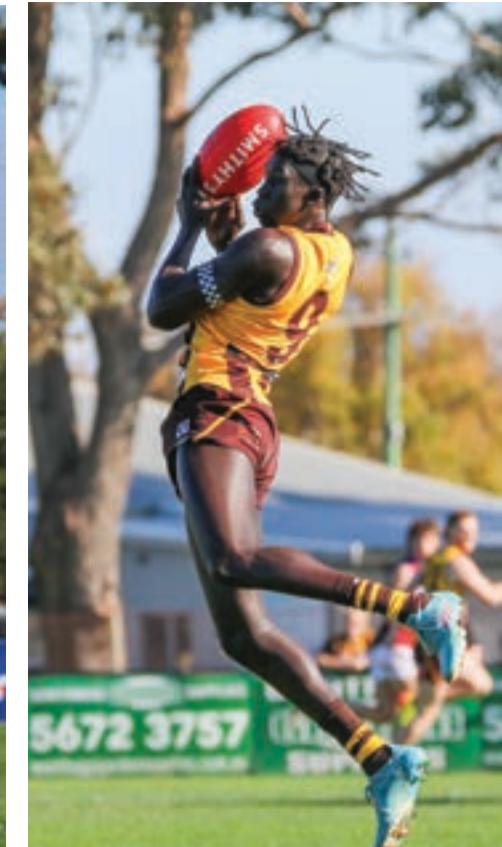
"I wanted to get further training to help alleviate any possible problems with players and upskill my ability to be able to handle that volunteer game when it does come around," he said.

From a league perspective, Ken said the risk of games getting out of control is the major concern and it is important for club volunteer umpires to have the confidence and training to deal appropriately with situations that arise, thus preventing matters getting out of hand.

Dan said those volunteer club umpires wanting to boost their knowledge can call or email him with enquiries, with all clubs having contact details, or simply turn up at umpire training held on Thursday evenings at Maryvale Recreation Reserve in Morwell from 5.30pm.



VFLW Hawks Annabelle Embelton takes possession. Z26_2024



Hawthorn's defender Changkuoth Jiath takes a mark against the Zebras at Power's home ground. Z17_2024

Women's sports gaining momentum

THE Bass Coast Shire Council and the Box Hill Hawks formed a partnership to promote equality and equal opportunities in football and on Sunday afternoon opened the round with VFLW Hawks taking on the Southern Saints before their VFL team played the Sandringham Zebras.

"It's important for us to lead the way in equality within the shire," said Cr Brett Tessari in the official opening presentation of the VFLW round at Wonthaggi Power.

Cr Tessari welcomed AFL Executive General Manager, Laura Kane to Wonthaggi Power's home ground, and in an interview with the Sentinel-Times, Laura said "You can't be what you can't see."

"So, young girls come along today they might be coming to the women's football, or they might be coming early for the men's football but either way they get to see women in action. And

then young boys also see women in action. They see them coaching, playing, umpiring. We've got female umpires out there for both games. And it's so powerful to the adults that those young little boys and girls become."

"I played AusKick with the boys and I played junior boys footy. And then I couldn't play, but now a little girl can go right through the pathway and have the exact same experience as the boys. So, it is quite amazing, if you think about where we've come from," Laura explained.

Local grassroots coaches were given the opportunity to shadow the VFL coaching staff during the two matches, with Bass Coast Breakers coach Ella Angarane sitting in the coaches' box for curriculum development.

Ella explained that gender equity initiatives have been implemented to promote fair access and participation and acknowledged the slow but positive shift

towards gender equity, emphasising the importance of continued support and advocacy.

"Only seven per cent of coaches in Victoria last year were women, so there is a big gap," said Ella. "And through the partnership, we target some core areas that we know without a fair access policy that we can make a difference and see improvement."

"There is a fair bit to go, but just having days like this and being able to showcase women's footy – it shows we're getting somewhere," Ella explained.

Box Hill Hawks president Ed Sill addressed the officials at the post-match luncheon sharing that Power and Box Hill Football Club have formed a partnership to provide a development pathway for players in Gippsland, particularly those who don't get drafted.

"The partnership has had a significant impact on the players' football journey and the

club's growth," said Ed. Emphasising the need for collaboration between high performance and community football.

"Twenty per cent of our VFLW list have Gippsland heritage, as well as 15 per cent of our VFL list, and both captains come from Gippsland."

Box Hill Hawks VFLW captain Tamara Luke is from Glen Alvie and said, this was her first game on Power's home ground.

"I train here all the time, we held pre-season camp here and I know the blades of grass like the back of my hand, but it was a challenging first half," Tamara said.

"We gained composure with the footy and managed the wind – this helped us come back in the fourth quarter."

The VFLW Box Hill Hawks took the win over the Southern Saints and Stuart Horner kicked the winning goal for the VFL Hawks against the Sandringham Zebras.

Coaches come out in unity to strengthen leadership roles

AN INCREDIBLE mix of male and female coaches from a variety of sporting codes descended on Dalyston Football Netball Club on Friday, May 3.

Hosted by Bass Coast Shire Council the event saw VFLW coach Daniel Webster undertake a training session for the 25 coaches of women and girls in sport as part of council's partnership with Hawthorn.

The event wasn't just for the ladies with a number of local youth and junior girls' teams, particularly in football, coached by men.

"I'm looking forward to a good discussion on sport," Daniel noted ahead of the event.

Daniel spoke about his background and journey into coaching, philosophies on creating inclusive environments, his coaching style, different communication styles and techniques, and delivery feedback.

Following Daniel's presentation coaches were able to network amongst themselves and



Local coaches at Friday's event included, from left, back, Justin - Phillip Island Girls U14s coach, Dave - Inverloch-Kongwak Girls U14s coach, Daniel Webster - Hawthorn AFLW coach, Brett - Korumburra-Bena Youth Girls assistant coach, Peter - Korumburra-Bena Youth Girls assistant coach and Tyson - Korumburra-Bena Youth Girls coach, front, Bass Coast Breakers players - Jenna, Nicole and Imogen, along with Megan - Phillip Island Breakers Soccer coach. C20_2024

discuss ways of further developing women's sport in Bass Coast.

Women coaches are underrepresented in sport, with only 15 per cent of high-performance coaches women, that includes netball, with a similar number in community sport. This figure drops to

seven per cent for sports such as community level AFL.

As a result of the event, coaches were then offered further opportunities which included shadowing at the weekend past's Hawks match and also shadowing at Box Hill training. The latter proving a popular choice for junior

coaches; with coaches keen to understand how VFL teams run their training sessions.

The turnout at Dalyston, a club that supports women's and girls' football, is testament to the increasing interest at a community level in women's sport – from AFL through to cricket, soccer and surfing.

Injuries and ill-disciplined play mar match

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG travelled to Nilma-Darnum playing in all grades, the ground was good and the weather was excellent for football. Poowong were forced to make six changes out were Josh Chiaroli, Mitch Cochrane, Tyran Lord, all injured, Mick Robertson work, Gavan Monson and Bryce Riddell managed, replaced by Aaron Damon in for his first game u/18's, David O'Neill u/18's, Rory Nettle U/18's Mitch Malloy, Ben Peters and Brady Rayner.

The game opened with Poowong kicking to the Warraagul end in a game where both sides were looking for a win. Nilma-Darnum opened with two points followed a left foot snap for a goal. Poowong came back with a great goal to Jett Blackwood an U/18's player.

Nilma-Darnum added a point before Ben Peters kicked Poowong's second quickly followed by Jack Hazendonk's goal from the pocket. Poowong had a couple of opportunities the first was cleared and the second kick was out of bounds. Nilma-Darnum brought the ball around the boundary and from a mark kicked their second. Jake Cochrane kicked Poowong's fourth from a good mark in the pocket followed by a point on the siren.

Shaping up to be a great game of country football but players were frustrated, Jack Hazendonk, Connor Cunningham and Zac Gray were playing well. Nilma-Darnum added two points before their forward Luke James



Poowong's Jack Hazendonk takes the mark in a tight clash against his Nilma-Darnum opponent.

received a free kick in the FP to kick his 1000th goal, a great achievement - "Well done Luke". Poowong added two singles before Mitch van Tof on the HFF received a cut head in a contest and had to leave the ground and did not return for the day. will probably miss a week or two. A free kick was paid for holding the ball. Confusion reigned as subsequently a Poowong player was sent off for 15 minutes.

Unfortunately, player frustration and some ill-disciplined play was spoiling the game, hopefully after half time things would improve. Jack Hazendonk, Connor

Cunningham, Zac Gray and Jett Blackwood were among the best for Poowong's very young side. Down a player for the rest of the game would make it hard. Poowong started well and had a number of opportunities only managing points before Rory Nettle goaled after a series of passes. Nilma-Darnum's free kick in front of goal found the big opening, a series of passes found Jack Hazendonk for a point. The opposition marked in the pocket, the kick was across the face of the goal for a point before they ran into an open goal. Poowong went forward and Jake Cochrane took a good

mark for a goal, Nilma-Darnum added two late goals mainly due to poor defence by Poowong backs allowing too much latitude. Three quarter time Nilma Darnum held a fifteen point lead 9.11.65 to Poowong's 7.8.50.

Poowong, down a player and losing concentration after some frustrated calls, would have to work hard to win the game. Nilma-Darnum came out and added two goals and a point to put the game out of Poowong's reach. Rory Nettle added a goal as the ball landed at his feet but in response Nilma Darnum added a string of goals to stretch their margin. To Poowong's credit they came back and added two goals one to Jarvis Brown and the second to Rory Nettle his second, plus three points. To finish a disappointing game of football Nilma-Darnum received a late free kick at CHB and after three 50 metre penalties to the goal square for a goal this summed up the game.

Nilma Darnum played some good footy and were worthy winners, they will worry a few sides in the competition especially if Luke James plays. Poowong will have to regroup and improve their concentration and discipline in the coming weeks.

Good strong wins in the U/16's and U18's while the seconds struggled on the day. All teams have big games this week against Lang Lang at home, maybe we will be losing a couple of players, but we will soldier on whatever is thrown at us. See you at Poowong - good old country football being played, remember that.

Resilient Saints show improvement against Lyrebirds

DESPITE a 104-point loss to reigning premier Buln Buln, Nyora took some positives from Saturday's clash.

Playing at home in great conditions, Nyora went into the match anticipating a challenge.

Buln Buln got itself off to a great start, kicking five goals and keeping the home side scoreless.

During the quarter time break, Nyora considered adjustments to its game and delivered its best quarter for the season in the second term.

With a strong backline led by Jesse Heylen and player of the day Aaron Coggins, Buln Buln's scoring opportunities were reduced to just two goals.

Meanwhile, Nyora made the most of its entries into the forward line to put three goals

on the scoreboard, effectively winning the second quarter.

The goal scoring efforts were attributed to Peter Bastin, Jono Hewitt and a private player.

After halftime, Buln Buln took the chance to flex its muscle, tightening its defence on Nyora and adding six goals to its tally.

The fourth quarter showed a similar struggle for Nyora as Buln Buln's fitness began to win out.

Buln Buln put five more goals on the board to conclude the match.

Nyora will take on Yarragon at the Yarragon Recreation Reserve next week.

The Saints are expecting a competitive match against the Panthers and are hoping to see a few handy players rejoining the lineup from injury.



Jordan Anderson gains territory for Nyora.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS				ROUND 6									
	RESERVES		THIRDS		FOURTHS									
	W	L	%	pts	W	L	%	% WON	W	L	%	% WON		
Lang Lang	5	0	272.82	20	Neerim South	6	0	594.44	24	Catani	5	0	193.79	100
Buln Buln	5	0	239.09	20	Ellinbank	5	0	762.34	20	Poowong	4	1	215.29	80.0
Neerim South	5	1	217.33	20	Poowong	3	2	390.29	20	Buln Buln	4	1	326.07	60.0
Ellinbank	4	1	217.01	16	Lang Lang	3	2	248.65	16	Ellinbank	4	1	284.38	80.0
Nilma-Darnum	3	2	132.59	12	Buln Buln	3	2	226.74	12	Neerim South	3	3	144.21	50.0
Longwarry	3	3	102.47	12	Longwarry	2	4	77.69	8	Longwarry	3	3	138.91	50.0
Poowong	2	4	101.27	8	Trafalgar	2	4	60.70	8	Trafalgar	3	3	112.82	50.0
Trafalgar	2	4	71.90	8	Catani	1	4	46.90	4	Nilma-Darnum	0	5	35.12	0.0
Yarragon	1	4	53.18	4	Yarragon	1	4	36.84	4	Buln Buln	0	5	26.03	0.0
Catani	0	5	36.76	0	Yarragon	0	6	26.25	4	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0
Nyora	0	6	13.45	0	Poowong	0	6	14.82	0	Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 6

POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

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NILMA DARNUM

POOWONG

Nilma-Darnum 3.5 5.10 9.11 16.13 (109)
Poowong 4.2 5.5 7.8 10.12 (72)

GOALS, Nilma-Darnum: Luke James 6, Kade Rossborough, Patrick Oyee, Lucas Maffei, Malcolm Hunter 2 Caiden Deppeler, Jake Barnard 1 each

BEST: Patrick Oyee, Jake Barnard, Thomas Young, Rickie Crockett, Ben Campbell, Nathan Campbell

GOALS, Poowong: Rory Nettle 3, Jake Cochrane 2, Connor Cunningham, Jarvis Brown, Jack Hazendonk, Jett Blackwood, Micah Williams 1 each

BEST: Rory Nettle, Connor Cunningham, Andrew Logan, Jett Blackwood, Micah Williams, Rory Pattison

RESERVES

Nilma-Darnum 2.3 8.7 12.11 15.15 (105)
Poowong 2.0 2.1 2.1 3.1 (19)

GOALS, Nilma-Darnum: Stanton Till 7, Jack Jarred 3, Riley Feil 2, Lochie Shaw, Sam Anderson, Brandon Smith 1 each

BEST: Stanton Till, Trent Fritzlaff, Jamie Graham, Paul Cameron, Sam Anderson, Riley Feil

GOALS, Poowong: Lachlan Waters, Bryce Townsend, Connor King 1 each

BEST: Kyle Loveridge, Bryce Townsend, Reide Macqueen, Lachlan Waters, Ethan Turner, Rhys Butler

THIRDS

Nilma-Darnum 0.1 1.2 2.4 3.4 (22)
Poowong 0.2 3.8 7.10 9.20 (74)

GOALS, Nilma-Darnum: No names listed.

BEST: Jaxon Cook, Oliver Robley, Miller Ireland, Cody Ward, Leo Robley, Kade Rossborough

GOALS, Poowong: Thomas Burgess 3, Angus Hallwell 2, David O'Neill, Patrick Dorian, Bryce Riddell, Franz Klein 1 each

BEST: Patrick Dorian, Thomas Burgess, Angus Hallwell, Josh Hall, Marty Cook, Franz Klein

FOURTHS

Nilma-Darnum 0.0 0.2 0.3 4.5 (29)
Poowong 1.6 4.7 8.9 8.10 (58)

GOALS, Nilma-Darnum: Blake Meggetto 2, Lachlan Walker, Albert McAuley 1 each

BEST: Archie Price, Lachlan Walker, Jaxon Cook, Riley Stock, Blake Meggetto, Jake Garvey

GOALS, Poowong: Cruze Deal 2, Bryce Broadmore, Keyon Taylor-Wilton, Lachie Moriarty, Angus Riley, Jonathan Wilson, Zade Zealley 1 each

BEST: Lachie Moriarty, Bryce Broadmore, Troy Nieuwerh, George Edwards, Christian Dorian, Lachie Wilson

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

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NYORA

BULN BULN

Nyora 0.0 3.0 3.1 3.2 (20)
Buln Buln 5.3 7.8 13.13 18.16 (124)

GOALS, Nyora: Jono Hewitt, Peter Bastin 1 each

BEST: Jesse Heylen, Santo Joma, Julian Rovetto, Aaron Coggins, Jordan Anderson

GOALS, Buln Buln: Patrick Ireland 6,

Hayden Baker, Bailey Leatham 3, Riley Rundell 2, Trent Baker, Will Battle, Matthew Gray,

Samuel Batson 1 each

BEST: Jackson Kos, Bailey Leatham, Trent Baker, Patrick Ireland, Nathan Tutton, Will Battle

RESERVES

Nyora 1.0 2.2 3.3 4.3 (27)
Buln Buln 5.4 7.6 15.9 20.12 (132)

GOALS, Nyora: Kallon Rigby 2, Callum McNiff, Rex Lazaros 1 each

BEST: Lincoln Brock, Callum McNiff, Charlie Moller, Joshua Browne, Shannon Gallagher, Jye Shaw-Remy

GOALS, Buln Buln: Ricky McKerrow 5, Fynn Hammond 3, Luke Nobelius, Matthew Garner 2, Reece Campbell, James Allen,

Aaron Warner, Jaryd Kelly, Patrick Smythe, Damian Jones, Private player 1 each.

BEST: Luke Nobelius, Reece Campbell, James Allen, Josh Becroft, Ricky McKerrow, Brayden Notman.

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Ellinbank 11.10.76 d Longwarry 9.9.63
Neerim St 24.10.154 d Catani 4.4.28

Trafalgar 10.5.65 d Yarragon 7.6.48

RESERVES

Ellinbank 18.10.118 d Longwarry 1.4.10
Neerim St 19.15.129 d Catani 1.1.7

Trafalgar 10.12.72 d Yarragon 3.3.21

THIRDS

Ellinbank 7.5.47 d Longwarry 5.5.35
Catani 9.10.64 d Neerim St 5.6.36

Trafalgar 8.7.55 d Yarragon 2.6.18

FOURTHS

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 5

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

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STONY CREEK TARWIN

Stony Creek 1.5 1.11 3.14 4.16 (40)
Tarwin 1.1 3.4 5.5 7.7 (49)

GOALS, team: Jacob Byrnes, Julian Stone, Tom Stone, Dylan Zuidema 1 each

BEST: Cody Loughridge, Tom Stone, Jack Stuart, Hayden Funnell, Sam Marriott, Julian Stone

GOALS, team: Ricky O'Loughlin 3, Matthew Williams 2, Jason Kennedy, Travis Krause 1 each

BEST: Fergus Warren, Ricky O'Loughlin, Travis Krause, Ben Chalmers, Matthew Williams, Harrison Cumming

RESERVES

Stony Creek 4.3 4.8 10.11 12.12 (84)
Tarwin 1.0 1.5 1.5 2.7 (19)

GOALS, team: Ryan McKnight 4, Rory Harrington 2, Ethan Lavis, James Monaghan, Lachlan Park, Matthew Portelli, Nick Svenson, Nathan Trotto 1 each

BEST: Jarrad Byrnes, Ethan Lavis, Nathan Trotto, Nick Svenson, Adam Atkins, Private player

GOALS, team: Jackson Bloom, John Kilsby 1 each

BEST: Jackson Bloom, John Kilsby, David Leggo, Joshua Carmody, Kyle Robinson, Daniel Cardy

THIRDS

Fish Crk/Tarwin 1.0 1.1 4.1 4.4 (28)
MDU 0.4 3.7 7.8 9.10 (64)

GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Tom Milton 2, Zac McRae, Joseph Rysko 1 each

BEST: Alby Edgeland, Tom Milton, Joseph Rysko, Aiden Bradley, Billy Boyd, Asher Hamlett

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

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TOORA THORPDALE

Toora 2.1 3.4 3.8 6.9 (45)
Thorpdale 4.4 6.5 9.11 13.13 (91)

GOALS, Toora: Leigh Craig 2, William Goosey, Peter Grant, Jordan Knox, Jake Smart 1 each

BEST: William Goosey, Jonathan Pintus, Jake Smart, Jack Weston, Leigh Craig, Wellesley Jenkins

GOALS, Thorpdale: Travis Patten, Anthony Rosato 3, Cougar Millsom, Harrison Sinclair-Stanley 2, Shaun Falla, James Holland-Burch, Shannon Pickering 1 each

BEST: Anthony Rosato, Jordan Ceppi, Travis Patten, James Holland-Burch, Joel Monger, Heath Ferguson

RESERVES

Toora 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.2 (8)
Thorpdale 2.1 2.2 3.3 3.3 (21)

GOALS, Toora: Aron Rhodes 1

BEST: Leo Cashmore, Luke Anedda, Mark Glowrey, Callan Walker, Jaxon Cripps, Jordyn Coulthard

GOALS, Thorpdale: Shaun Kerton, Aaron Raven, Lachlan Swain 1 each

BEST: Christopher Gardiner, Benjamin Hotchkin, Joshua Briggs, James Sinclair-Stanley, Daryle Brennan, Thomas Mackenzie

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, MAY 18

ELLINBANK ROUND 7

Ellinbank v Catani
Neerim South v Nilma Darnum
Poowong v Lang Lang
Buln Buln v Longwarry
Yarragon v Nyora
Trafalgar - BYE

GIPPSLAND BYE WEEKEND

MID GIPPSLAND ROUND 6

Boolarra v Foster
Yinnar v Morwell East
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Tarwin bounces back against Stony

By Rob Popplestone

ROUND five in the MGFNL, appears to be much like those of the first four weeks, with a majority of the contests capable of going either way, but with victory also being absolutely crucial, there was little doubt we were always going to be treated to some first-class football.

Two local rivals, both of whom were wanting to climb their way up the competition ladder, and both therefore desperate for the premiership points, clashed in a match in which the victor would gain a significant advantage as the league quickly surges towards the mid-way mark of the season.

The Lions at home had their chances, but in the end the home team fell short by just a couple of kicks.

"A really disappointing loss for us this week. Kicking 16 points clearly hurts you in a low scoring game. Very scrappy contest and one that we had every chance to win," Chris Verboon, Stony Creek said.

Given that forecasting has indicated that there would likely be only one position available in the final six for one of these two sides, if any, the Sharks have taken their chance, with the Lions left ruing their sloppy kicking for goals.

Stony Creek are far from dead and buried given they sit just one game from the top six, but there are currently another half a dozen teams in exactly the same position, so as much as the Lions loss was disappointing it may in fact turn out to be devastating, and that is exactly why every moment in a game, let alone the game itself means so much.

"A solid hard fought away win, on the weekend against Stony Creek," Tarwin coach, Jason Kennedy said.

"I'm really happy with the way our boys bounced back after last week's loss."

Thorpdale flex their muscles for win

By Rob Popplestone

IT WAS only round five and already Toora had won as many matches this year, as they did in the entire 2023 season.

All the Magpies needed now was an unlikely victory against a tough and talented Thorpdale side and their hopes for finals might become reality.

However, it was the visiting Blues flexing their muscle in a forty-six-point win 13-13-91 to Toora 6-9-45.

"In dry but tough windy conditions we managed to get the game on our terms early and sustain it for most of the game against an improved Toora!!" Ray Pickering, Thorpdale coach said.

"Big few weeks coming up for the club starting with the league yardstick Newborough next week."

The Blues season has been hard to read, but coaches, Pickering and Jason Winderlich have from the start understood 2024 was always going to be a tough one to replicate their admirable efforts of '23, however there are signs that their best football is starting to bubble just below the surface.

"Disappointing result in a game we felt was a good chance to move to 3-2," Jack Weston, Toora coach said.

"In a game that was an arm wrestle until half time, we disappointingly fell away, and Thorpdale kicked away. We need to get better for longer if we want to be in the fight against the strongest."

There is no question Toora are a far better team in 2024 and are sure to take a few unlikely scalps along the way, but as coach Weston admits, the weekend Blue's clash is one that got away and those are the ones that can make or break seasons.



Ben Chalmers, Cam Stone and Stu Kilsby go airborne to grab the Sherrin on Saturday. Photos: Gerard Bruning.



Ricky O'Loughlin contests the disputed ball against Stony.

Tigers go down by 99 points to Bulldogs

NEWBOROUGH easily retained the Ron Skinner Memorial Trophy, when it overpowered Mirboo North by 99 points at Tigerland on Saturday.

The Bulldogs' speedy run and carry football was far more productive than Mirboo North's slower stop and prop play, that continually took the mighty Tigers nowhere fast.

With five rounds of the Mid Gippsland season completed, Mirboo North – along with Hill End – has been defeated in every encounter.

It was Mirboo North's heaviest defeat in a decade, when the Tigers lost the 2014 second semi-final to the Bulldogs by 90 points at Thorpdale.

The Tigers were without main drivers, skipper Hudson Kerr and Jeremy Salinger, for their clash against the Bulldogs.

Tackling by both teams was fierce in the opening minutes, with arms and legs frequently entangled in a tangled web of limbs.

After 13 minutes of competitive action, each side had recorded a goal, before Newborough booted five majors straight, to take a firm grasp of the game and a 30-point lead into the first break.

By half-time the Doggies had extended their advantage to 57 points, after allowing Mirboo

North just a single second-quarter goal

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from Jordan Cummaudo.

Those dominating in the first half for the visitors included spearhead, Nick Wheildon, Liam Charles, Josh Pearce and Peter Ainsworth.

Wheildon – whose unwieldy long black mane hid the number on his jersey – ended the match with seven goals to his name, for the Bulldogs.

By three-quarter time, Newborough was 61 points in front and heading for a huge percentage-boosting victory.

And so it came to pass, with the Doggies adding 7.3 to the Tigers' miserable 1.1 in the last term.

Attempting to express Newborough's final quarter prowess in words, would only diminish its authority.

Unfortunately, Mirboo North's lack of forward pressure inside its 50-metre line, meant Newborough's defensive exits were as easy as playing tennis with the net down.

Best players for Mirboo North – on a most difficult day for the mostly inexperienced Tigers – were Harry Mahoney, Ethan Woodall, Riley Oddy, who kicked three goals, and Thomas Harris.

This Saturday, Mirboo North faces reigning premier, Fish Creek at Fish Creek.



Patrick Lewis attempts a leap of faith to secure the Sherrin. Photo: Annie Holland.

Unbeaten Hawks fall to '23 premiers in a heartstopper

WITHOUT question the match of the round, was between the only unbeaten side of 2024, Morwell East, playing host to the 2023 premiers Fish Creek.

The Hawks had gained an impressive pass mark just the week prior against Newborough but were under no illusions as to the task at hand on the weekend.

The reality is that they are where they want to be, even if falling agonisingly close on

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the weekend, but defeated by Fish Creek, 11-7-73 to 11-10-77.

"A really good win, one of the better home and away wins to be a part of," Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach said.

"With two players in hospital before half time, the odds were against us, but everyone dug deep, cracked in and never gave up. Extremely pleased with how we slowed the game

down late in the last quarter to take time off the clock."

The Kangaroos just find a way to win in the big games and there was no bigger game so far this season than this one, and that's why a loss hurts more than most for the Hawks.

Paul Henry, Morwell East stating, "We didn't produce our best footy, but you have to put that down to Fish Creek not allowing us to. Our third quarter was our best quarter,

it gave us a three-goal lead heading into the last. A huge last quarter from Fish Creek saw the game slowly slip away. We had the opportunity to snatch it late in the last, but we just couldn't get it done."

It was a rare miss for the Hawks who suffered their first defeat of the year, but no doubt the home side would have walked away with plenty of learnings even though it was without the premiership points.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS						ROUND 5								
SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Morwell East.....	4	1	192.42	16	Stony Creek	5	0	352.55	20	MDU.....	3	0	241.67	18
Yinnar.....	3	1	184.29	16	MDU.....	4	0	349.50	20	Fish Creek/Tarwin	2	1	138.04	14
Fish Creek.....	3	1	153.33	16	Yinnar.....	3	1	362.00	16	Yinnar.....	2	2	184.39	12
Foster.....	4	1	118.56	16	Newborough.....	4	1	259.34	16	Newborough.....	2	2	57.48	12
Thorpdale.....	4	1	108.82	16	Morwell East.....	3	2	177.60	12	Mirboo North	0	4	25.82	4
Newborough.....	3	2	169.74	12	Fish Creek.....	2	2	172.20	12	Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
MDU.....	2	2	116.67	12	Thorpdale	3	2	141.50	12	Hill End	0	0	0.00	0
Tarwin.....	2	2	98.13	12	Boolarra	2	2	56.27	12	Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Stony Creek	2	3	126.38	8	Tarwin.....	1	3	95.96	8	Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra	1	3	86.49	8	Mirboo North	2	3	30.92	8	Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	2	3	75.24	8	Toora	1	4	57.84	4	Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0
Mirboo North	0	5	39.09	0	Foster	0	5	18.82	0	Foster	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End.....	0	5	24.64	0	Hill End	0	5	10.53	0					

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MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

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MIRBOO NORTH

NEWBOROUGH

Mirboo North 1.2 2.5 4.6 5.7 (37)
Newborough 6.2 11.8 13.13 20.16 (136)

GOALS: Mirboo North: Riley Oddy 3, Jack Burgess-Pincini, Thomas Harris 1 each

BEST: Harrison Mahoney, Ethan Woodall, Riley Oddy, Thomas Harris, Shannon Kennedy, Leigh Jowett

GOALS: Newborough: Nathan Wheildon 7, Peter Ainsworth, Macally Brosnan, Kyle Jennings, Josh Pearce 2, Liam Charles, Patrick Charles, Nathan Curtis, Liam Flahavin, Jack Hudson 1 each

BEST: Liam Charles, Josh Pearce, Nathan Wheildon, Peter Ainsworth, Kyle Jennings, Luke Webber

RESERVES

Mirboo North 1.0 2.1 3.1 3.1 (19)
Newborough 6.1 12.4 17.5 22.6 (138)

GOALS: Mirboo North: Michael McLean 2, Tom Kelly 1

BEST: Todd Alexander, Michael Aveling, Michael McLean, Xavier Spaull, Michael Daly, Daniel Taylor

GOALS: Newborough: Ben van Dyk 7, Jack Edebohls 3, Joshua Bland, Brodie Burgess, Tyler Peters 2, Aaron Fanning, James Grant, Andrew Philip, Ben Richards, Matt Rowlings, Daniel Smith 1 each

BEST: Joshua Bland, Daniel Smith, Jack Brincat, Andrew Bertoli, Sean Burns, Rohan Demczuk

THIRDS

Mirboo North 2.2 2.2 3.4 3.5 (23)
Newborough 0.2 2.9 2.13 6.17 (53)

GOALS: Mirboo North: Zac Jones, Harrison Malady, Lachlan Poljak 1 each

BEST: Zac Jones, Xavier Spaull, Lachlan Poljak, Jack Jagusch, Jonathan Conlan, Thomas Heislers

GOALS: Newborough: Oscar Hanson 4, Jacoby Gibbs, Nicholas Murray 1 each

BEST: Anthony Daley, Oscar Hanson, Brody Young, Zach Daley, Daniel Edebohls, Max Humphrey

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

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MORWELL EAST

FISH CREEK

Morwell East 3.1 7.2 10.4 11.7 (73)
Fish Creek 3.2 5.3 7.4 11.10 (76)

GOALS: Morwell East: Chris Wangman 3, Matthew Cunningham 2, Brendan Evans, Brandon Francis, Bradley Kimberley, Jarrod Lont, Robert Michaelides, Lucas Towns 1 each

BEST: Robert Michaelides, Isaac Abas, Jarrod Lont, Michael Diaz, Tony Nicholson, Lucas Towns

GOALS: Fish Creek: Darcy Berryman, Tom Buckley, Thomas Cameron, Jordan Shaw 2, Jack Hayes, Harrison Smith, Thomas Vuillermain 1 each

BEST: Tom Valenta, Darcy Berryman, Kairon Dorling, Jordan Shaw, Tom Buckley, Roland De Biase

RESERVES

Morwell East 2.0 6.1 7.3 11.4 (70)
Fish Creek 1.3 3.3 4.4 5.4 (34)

GOALS: Morwell East: Dustin Heyden, Zachary Mangion 2, Ryan Carlson, Patrick Carte, Kaleb Chapman, Liam Little, Jackson Mackenzie, Brodie Murdoch, Steven Tobin 1 each

BEST: Tanner Higgins, Patrick Carte, Liam Little, Ryan Carlson, Izayah Terrick, Lachlan Tactor

GOALS: Fish Creek: Colin McPhee, Anthony Wilson 2, Toby Redpath 1

BEST: Thomas Sorrell, Lane Bowman, Owen Straw, Matthew Pocklington, Aaron Farrell, Jonte Arestia

THIRDS

Fish Crk/Tarwin 1.0 1.1 4.1 4.4 (28)

MDU 0.4 3.7 7.8 9.10 (64)

GOALS: Fish Crk/Tarwin: Tom Milton 2, Zac McRae, Joseph Rysko 1 each

BEST: Alby Edgelow, Tom Milton, Joseph Rysko, Aiden Bradley, Billy Boyd, Asher Hamlett

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Yinnar 18.18.126 d Hill End 2.5.17

RESERVES

Yinnar 21.12.138 d Hill End 0.2.2



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Breakers back on the winners list

AT THE first centre bounce Sophie McCracken-Evans tapped it straight to Sophie Bolding which set the tone for the match. However, despite having most of the play in their forward line the Breakers couldn't find a major in the first quarter – scoring 4 points. The first goal came in the second through Ella Cargill who was proving very dangerous in the forward line.

The Breakers welcomed the inclusion of Siena Lane who brought her bull like strength to each contest while Juliette Townsend was part of some great link up passages and helped to drive the ball forward again and again. Tess Wingfield and Molly Conroy also had a big influence on the match with their pressure around the ground.

While coach Ella Angarane was pleased with the team's efforts in the first half, there was still room to improve and that they did in the third which resulted in three goals for the quarter. Alannah Greening took advantage of a loose ball in front of goal with a lovely snap. Tayla Tatterson was finally rewarded for her effort and intensity with a long goal and Ella Cargill added her second.

The opposition's pressure was solid all game and the last quarter was a good tussle with neither team able to score. With another two new players added to the team this week the Breakers enjoyed having a full squad and seeing the team improve in confidence each week as players get a few more games under their belt.

The Breakers have a bye next week before taking on Mornington in a Friday night clash at Dalyston 7pm on May 24.

Final Score: 4.10-34 def Cerberus-Balnarring 0.3-3

Goals: E. Cargill 2, Tatterson, Greening

Best: S. Bolding, T. Tatterson, T. Wingfield, S. Lane, E. Cargill

Leongatha outdone by tenacious Tigers

LEONGATHA'S determined last quarter effort wasn't enough to overcome Morwell's third term dominance, the Parrots falling to a 13-point loss at Morwell Recreation Reserve.

A knee injury to Mason McGannon late in the game compounded the disappointment for the beaten team.

While Jack Ginnane led strongly and presented a target for Leongatha's midfielders, finishing the game with five goals, too many of the Parrots' forward thrusts were thwarted by Morwell's emphatic intercept marking.

Max Linton was one of the Tigers excelling in that department.

Morwell onballer Brandon McAuliffe blended hard work and skill, winning numerous possessions and showing polish with his disposals to help engineer his side's win.

Leongatha started the game slowly against the wind but worked its way into the contest as the first term progressed and trailed by just 7 points at the first break, and it was all square at halftime.

A Jenson Garnham snap gave Leongatha momentum entering time on in the second term and was quickly followed by an accurate Ginnane set shot from a rare Leongatha free kick, cutting the Parrots' deficit to a point.

Leongatha continued to apply pressure for the remainder of the term but while it managed a behind to draw level, the Morwell defence proved resilient.

The Parrots were doing well to hang in the contest despite



Sean Westaway (middle) played a record equally 235th Senior Game. Pictured with other four-time premiership players.

not getting the rub of the green from the umpires.

While an enthralling third term appeared on the cards, Morwell allowed Leongatha no freedom or momentum, with the Parrots unable to move the footy fluently.

Morwell was switched on from the start of the term but ran the risk of squandering its opportunities with four straight behinds before it started stringing goals together, Tigers coach Boyd Bailey setting the example with a couple in quick succession.

When Leongatha managed

to get forward, Morwell continued to gobble up marks in defence.

With Josh Schelling injured before the long break, the Parrots again found themselves at a disadvantage in terms of rotations, a pattern that is becoming all too familiar this season.

Despite that challenge, Leongatha showed tenacity, using the breeze effectively in the last term to boot four goals to two but couldn't quite get close enough to cause a scare.

Morwell made it tough for

the Parrots' backline, with four Tigers kicking three goals apiece, being Brandon McDonald, Boyd Bailey, Tyler Hillier and Cohen Campbell.

For the Parrots, Trent McRae contributed a couple of goals, including an excellent snap edging towards time on in the final term that gave Leongatha hope.

Leongatha skipper Tom Marriott was named his side's best, edging out Ginnane.

The Parrots will set themselves to bounce back at home against Sale after a Gippsland League break.

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FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

FOSTER 70 **MDU** 53

Foster 4.7 7.10 8.14 9.16 (70)
MDU 0.1 1.2 3.4 8.5 (53)

GOALS, FOSTER: Jake Best, Brendan Neville 2, Tom Bartholomew, Michael Green, Mikey House, Leevi Lidstone, Jack Rathjen 1 each

BEST: James Morris, Dylan Williams, Leevi Lidstone, Jack Rathjen, Harley Hoppner, Mitchell Allott

GOALS, MDU: Darren Sheen, Lachie Wright 2, Nathan Allen, Thomas Corry, Jarrod Hoy, Wayne Stewart 1 each

BEST: Nathan Allen, Timothy Harris, Jarrod Hoy, Ryan Giliam, Shayne Walsh, Mitchell Hoober

RESERVES

Foster 1.2 1.2 1.2 1.2 (8)
MDU 4.2 5.7 7.10 11.12 (78)

GOALS, FOSTER: Jacob Albrecht 1

BEST: Jedd Davy, Brayden Hall, Toby Delaney, Flynn Lomax, Will Roffey, Jai Prain

GOALS, MDU: Rhys Weaver 3, Jack Dunn 2, Luke Harris, Neil Mathieson, Benjamin Maxwell, Blake Moscript, Sean Pearce, Michael Smith 1 each

BEST: Rhys Weaver, Tadhg Dennehy, Joel Leeden, Alexander Battersby, Blake Moscript, Ben Cantwell

THIRDS

Fish Crk/Tarwin 1.0 1.1 4.1 4.4 (28)
MDU 0.4 3.7 7.8 9.10 (64)

GOALS, MDU: Hunter Fennell 3, Cameron Bruce, Angus McInnes 2, Lincoln Hamilton, Kyra Helms 1 each

BEST: Hunter Fennell, Finn Dunn, Brayden Sellings, Ryan Marshman, Cameron Bruce, Raph Jefferis

Foster triumphs in thrilling clash to edge out Demons

By Rob Popplestone

AS PLAYERS, coaches and supporters know, there are games that you have to win and there are games you just want to win.

This contest was for both reasons, as two talented teams with a lot of history matched up desperate for the premiership points and the resultant ladder position.

The Tigers had managed to win three from their first four and the Demons two from the three they had played, so a victory meant plenty even at this early stage of the season, but it was Foster that got what they needed, 9-16-70 to MDU 8-5-53.

"We set the game up in the first half with seventeen scoring shots to three. It was positive, but plenty of learnings to come out of it," Sam Davies, Foster coach said.

The win was an important one for the Tigers, who like a handful of others in the competition have their hands up for one of the positions towards the top of the MGFNL ladder.

MDU on the other hand find themselves in the mid-section of the competition, with some work still to be done.

"Foster were too good for us on the weekend, they beat us around the ball, spread harder than us and moved the ball better than us. We were able to fight back late in the second half to make the scoreboard respectable, but our run was left too late," Nathan Allen, MDU coach said.

The Demons run on the weekend may have been too late, the run towards the finals however is still alive, but it is sure to take a little more than what was shown on the weekend.



MDU's Joel Leeden struggles to fend off his Foster opponent in the Reserves.
Photo: David Bradsworth.

Huther-power drives key Wonthaggi win

WONTHAGGI Power got away with a five-point win over an improved Maffra side in windy but fine conditions at Wonthaggi on Saturday on the back of an excellent third quarter with the breeze.

They came back from two goals behind at half time to go 13 points up the last change, with coach Jarryd Blair rightly heaping praise at the last huddle on the leadership shown by Toma Huther in the ruck and around the ground.

He engineered Power's response after Maffra had gone into the long break with all the momentum, after two late goals by Brodie Tohara and Caleb Calwyn right on the stroke of half time.

Calwyn had reportedly walked into the club during the week looking for a game, after kicking 11 goals in three appearances with the Waringarri Crows in the East Kimberley Football League during April this year, against teams including the Ord River Magpies, Kununurra Demons and Port Wyndham Crocs.

He has joined a couple of his indigenous mates at the club and was an instant hit, as a livewire around the ground, and at one stage getting an arm across former Collingwood premiership player, Jarryd Blair, while taking a turn on the ball.

Together with a couple of other additions, Maffra looked a much better side than the one beaten by Leongatha by 102 points only three weeks ago.

The former benchmark team of the Gippsland competition hasn't posted a win yet this season but has looked much better in recent weeks against Bairnsdale, Morwell and now Wonthaggi; losing by 21, nine and five points in consecutive weeks.

Up against it, in a must-win match at home, the Power really responded to a man during the third quarter with most of the play, and with Jarryd Blair setting the tone with a great tackle on Maffra playmaker Zach Felsbourg and a laces-out pass to Cooper McInnes on the lead. On the wrong side of the goals, for wind advantage, his shot just missed but the coach then

turned back the clock with a stunning strike of his own, wheeling around to slot through a team lifter.

Blair combined with Chugg next for another scoring chance but soon after Noah Anderson put his body on the line, on the lead, and the Power hit the front with his straight kick.

Caleb Calwyn looked dangerous at this stage, up on the attacking flanks taking a great mark and combining with Sam Robbins but his shot missed and the Power responded again.

It was here when Toma Huther turned it on at the stoppages and around the ground, showing desperation to get the ball moving forward and working hard to get to contests back and front to make it happen for the home side.

It was inspirational stuff. Jack Blair was busy and he earned a free for another Power goal, and you talk about inspiration, more of that came in the form of Aidan Lindsay, as it often does.

With only minutes remaining in the third quarter and the Power desperately needing to stretch the lead to a defendable margin, with Maffra coming home with the breeze, Lindsay got on the end of an attacking thrust by Jarryd and Jack Blair, over to Mitch Hayes and on to Lindsay wide out on the flank.

From a good 50 metres out, he put the ball up high, and on target and the wind on that side of the ground did the rest.

Wonthaggi went to the last change 13 points up, it didn't look enough but after Maffra missed a couple of chances at the start of the last quarter it was Wonthaggi which struck gold.

The big men, Huther and Thomas got the ball moving the Power's way, McInnes and a couple of others got involved but it was Ethan Dickison, still full of running to the end who won a free near goal and boosted the lead to 16 points.

Maffra came at them in the closing stages, but the backline under the direction of Shannon Bray, Fergus O'Connor, Jye Gilmour and co and the lead was just enough, barely enough to secure a very important win in the circumstances.



Toma Huther was the stand-out best player on the ground on Saturday in a tight match against Maffra, especially lifting the team to a match-winning third quarter, in the ruck and around the ground.



Former Halls Creek footballer Thomas Bradshaw loomed as a danger on the Maffra forward line where he was shadowed by Wonthaggi's Jye Gilmour. Both players contributed strongly.



And the big men fly during a close contest between Wonthaggi and Maffra on Saturday where Toma Huther led the way for the Power in the ruck.

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LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB



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MORWELL

LEONGATHA

Morwell	4.2	7.4	11.8	13.10 (88)
Leongatha	3.1	7.4	7.4	11.9 (75)

GOALS, Morwell: Boyd Bailey, Cohen Campbell, Tyler Hillier, Brandon McDonald 3, Harrison McColl 1.

BEST: Brandon McAuliffe, Boyd Bailey, Aidan Quigley, Jackson Burr, Brandon Bailey, Tyler Brown.

GOALS, Leongatha: Jack Ginnane 5, Trent McRae 2, Tallin Brill, Sam Forrester, Jenson Garnham, Aaron Turton 1 each.

BEST: Thomas Marriott, Jack Ginnane, Mitchell Bentvelzen, Tallin Brill, Cade Maskell, Jake van der Pligt.

RESERVES

Morwell	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.6 (6)
Leongatha	3.2	6.2	7.5	11.11 (77)

BEST, Morwell: Samuel Gissara, Dylan Makepeace, Judah Leak, Lachlan Patterson, Eric Porigneaux, Jacob Carnes.

GOALS, Leongatha: Flynn Matera 2, Noah Clark, Noah Fixter, Ty Hall, Jaxon Hayes, Rhett Kelly, Jacob Lamers, Luke Marshman, Nick Nagel, Jarrod Stewart 1 each.

BEST: Beau Grabham Andrews, Rhett Kelly, Jacob Lamers, Noah Fixter, Adam Trotto, Timothy Sauvarin.

THIRDS

Morwell	0.0	0.1	1.2	4.2 (26)
Leongatha	7.5	10.8	15.11	20.14 (134)

BEST, Morwell: Ashton Janssen, Tane Kirk, Oscar Kalan, Thomas Dicorato, Harvey McKay, Max Van Vliet.

GOALS, Leongatha: Mitchell Croatto, Aidan Williams, Zavier Lamers, Julian Callahan, Isaac Bolge, Ollie Mahoney.

FOURTHS

Morwell	1.0	1.0	3.0	3.0 (18)
Leongatha	2.3	6.5	8.6	16.12 (108)

BEST, Morwell: Tanner James, Jack Mooney, Taydn Perez, Riley Ades, Jordan Jorgensen, Jerremi Beath.

GOALS, Leongatha: Charlie Bickerton, Sam Kreutzberger, Noah McLennan, Jed Matheson, Will Campbell, Noah Bradley.

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB



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WONTHAGGI

MAFFRA

Wonthaggi	2.4	3.6	7.11	8.12 (60)
Maffra	1.0	5.4	6.4	8.7 (55)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Noah Anderson, Jack Blair, Jarryd Blair, Ethan Dickison, Mitch Hayes, Aiden Lindsay, Cooper McInnes, Jake Thomas 1 each.

BEST: Toma Huther, Aiden Lindsay, Shannon Bray, Jack Blair, Jye Gilmour, Isaac Chugg.

GOALS, Maffra: Caleb Calwyn, Jack McQuillen, Brodie Tohara 2, Alex Carr, Ashton Wright 1 each.

BEST: Jett Killoran, Jonathan Boyd, Alex Carr, Zach Felsbourg, Caleb Calwyn, Henry Anderson.

RESERVES

Wonthaggi	0.1	3.3	3.4	5.6 (36)
Maffra	3.3	3.5	6.11	8.13 (61)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Adam Busana 3, Blake Cornelis, Adam Pugh 1 each.

BEST: Riley Lindsay, Adam Busana, Wayne Luke, Cade Brown, Curtis Gilmour, Blake Cornelis.

GOALS, Maffra: Luke Dyer, Benjamin Harrington, Joel Lambourn 2, Daniel Stubbe, Sam Tudor 1 each.

BEST: Luke Dyer, Joel Lambourn, Benjamin Harrington, Sebastian Pendergast, Ryan Phelan, Chase Henry.

FOURTHS

Wonthaggi	1.1	4.2	5.3	8.6 (54)
Maffra	2.2	3.2	5.7	6.7 (43)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Connor Macmillan, Billy Wyhoun, Jayden Burns, Heath Bowen, Harvey Smith, Jackson Glen.

BEST, Maffra: Charlie Kelly, Asher Higgins, Fabian Vera, Jacob Munro, Jaylen Henry, Sam Felmingham.

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Moe	18.13.121	d	Drouin	2.8.20
Sale	13.16.94	d	Traralgon	9.11.65
Warragul	9.11.65	d	Bairnsdale	7.13.55

RESERVES

Drouin	9.12.66	d	Moe	3.1.19
Traralgon	10.10.70	d	Sale	2.5.17
Bairnsdale	4.11.35	d	Warragul	0.3.3

THIRDS

Douin	10.6.66	d	Moe	2.7.19
Traralgon	12.15.87	d	Sale	4.4.28
Warragul	13.11.89	d	Bairnsdale	2.6.18

FOURTHS

Moe	11.11.77	d	Drouin	2.3.15
Traralgon	22.16.148	d	Sale	4.1.25
Bairnsdale	10.15.75	d	Warragul	5.2.32

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KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

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KORUMBURRA-BENA

PHILLIP ISLAND

Kor-Bena 0.1 2.1 2.1 3.1 (19)
Phillip Island 6.4 10.8 16.11 22.15 (147)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Hugh Gordon 2,

Paul Fermanis 1

BEST: Kye Benson, Hugh Gordon, Josh Hopkins, Mitchell Wightman, Kodie Walker, Tyler Newton**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Charlie Bruce, Jack Taylor, Max Walton 3, Hayden Bruce, Mark Griffin, Billy Taylor, Zac Walker 2, Daniel Bourke, Joshua Ryan, Marcus Wright, Jaymie Youle 1 each**BEST:** Zac Walker, Hayden Bruce, Jaymie Youle, Max Walton, Charlie Bruce, Daniel Bourke**RESERVES**

Kor-Bena 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)
Phillip Island 3.3 8.7 14.10 19.13 (127)

BEST, Kor-Bena: Jasper Macri, Jed Harris, Blake Walker, TJ Loughridge, Jesse Harris, William Croatto**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Jay Ladson 4, Finlay Cousins, James Nicolaci 3, Nick Anderson, Jace Nichol, Thomas Niven 2, Lucas Chihotski, Kirby Fuller, Jack Johnston 1 each**BEST:** Finlay Cousins, Nick Anderson, Jay Ladson, Ash Salter, Brayden Kleverkamp, Lucas Chihotski**THIRDS**

Kor-Bena 1.1 (7)
Phillip Island 4.4 6.11 12.14 18.20 (128)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Chase De Grandi 1**BEST:** Jake Fowles, Bailey Fowles, Tanner Walker, Jake Kelly, Noah Belvedere, Chase De Grandi**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Daniel Caffieri, Oliver Duggan, James Lewis 3, Noah Williams 2, Max Arceo, Beau Davies, Noah Forrest Mabilia, Eden Goldsbury, Charles O'Garey, Leo Savona, Max Taylor 1 each**BEST:** Daniel Caffieri, James Lewis, ChaCha Fischer, Oliver Duggan, Max Taylor, Charles O'Garey**FOURTHS**

Kor-Bena 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)
Phillip Island 2.2 4.8 6.13 10.16 (76)

BEST, Kor-Bena: Hamish Withall, Indie Cameron, Blake Hopwood, Max Fowles, Brendan Brown, Kaiden DeGrandi**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Jack Larsson 3, Lachlan Eastwood 2, Felix Bathgate, Archer Cameron, Charlie Fischer, Sam O'Garey, Parker Trappett 1 each**BEST:** Jeremy Kelly, Xavier Williams, Cade Wragg, Jack Mascaros, Dean Rizzo, Jack Larsson**IN OTHER GAMES...****SENIORS**

Tooradin-Dal 10.15.75 d Koo Wee Rup 8.7.55
Cora Lynn 22.13.145 d Garfield 5.9.39
Nar Nar Goon 17.8.110 d Warragul Ind 6.8.44

RESERVES

Tooradin-Dal 12.8.80 d Koo Wee Rup 4.4.28
Cora Lynn 3.12.30 d Garfield 1.1.7
Nar Nar Goon 22.16.148 d Warragul Ind 2.1.13

THIRDS

Koo Wee Rup 9.15.69 d Tooradin-Dal 7.3.45
Warragul Ind 9.5.59 d Nar Nar Goon 7.9.51

FOURTHS

Tooradin-Dal 12.13.85 d Koo Wee Rup 3.3.21
Warragul Ind 5.11.47 d Nar Nar Goon 1.1.7

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, MAY 18

WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 6

Inverloch-Kongwak v Kilcunda-Bass
Nar Nar Goon v Dalyston
Korumburra-Bena v Cora Lynn
Bunyip v Tooradin-Dalmore
Garfield v Warragul Industrials
Koo Wee Rup v Phillip Island



Jordy Patullo heeds a tackle from the Giants as he attempts to mark the ball. Photos: Carol Ratcliff.

Midfield brilliance overwhelms Korumburra



Jesse Patullo prepares to kick the ball up field as his Giants opponents close in.

PHILLIP Island made the journey to Korumburra to face off what seemed to be a much-improved Korumburra-Bena after keeping in close check to Nar Nar Goon the week before. With a late out an opportunity opened for Tom Macrokanis to make his debut after some sizzling form in the reserves.

From the opening bounce, Phillip Island displayed their intentions with ferocity, dictating the tempo of the game. Their midfield brigade orchestrated the proceedings, swiftly moving the ball from defence to attack, leaving Korumburra-Bena struggling to keep up with the pace.

The scoreboard quickly started ticking in favour of Phillip Island as their forwards capitalised on every opportunity presented to them. With precise kicking and relentless pressure, they managed to establish a commanding lead early in the match, leaving Korumburra-Bena scrambling to find answers.

Despite the best efforts of Korumburra-Bena to stem the tide, Phillip Island's relentless pressure continued. Their defensive unit stood firm, and this allowed Phillip Island to try players in

different positions throughout the day. Zac Walker has grown in confidence and has started to take his marks, Yianni Caffieri continues to impress and the older brigade of Mark Griffin, Jaymie Youle continued their stellar form.

As the game progressed, Phillip Island's superiority became more evident, showcasing their prowess in all facets of the game. Their cohesive teamwork, accurate kicking, and unwavering determination proved too much for Korumburra-Bena to handle, as they struggled to mount any significant challenge. Led by Daniel Bourke, Max Walton and the Bruce brothers Phillip Island were damaging from stoppages and centre bounces.

In the end, the final scoreline stood as a testament to Phillip Island's dominance, triumphing over Korumburra-Bena with an emphatic 128-point victory. It was a performance that highlighted their strength as a team and sent a clear message to their competitors in the league. As they celebrate this resounding win, Phillip Island Football Club looks ahead with confidence, poised to continue their success in the season ahead.

Panthers demolish Bunyip

KILCUNDA-Bass claimed a comprehensive win over Bunyip at home on Saturday.

The Seniors' match was a precursor to the Veterans clash against old rivals Phillip Island at 5pm, and a good crowd turned out to show its support.

Kilcunda-Bass was assisted by a breeze in the first quarter and certainly used it to its advantage.

Nine goals were kicked in the first term by the Panthers, while Bunyip remained scoreless.

The Panthers operated well across the field, ensuring all entries were driven deep and marked in front of the goal.

Accurate kicking was on the Panther's side, as almost all opportunities were capitalised on – a testament to the work put in at training during the week.

Though scoreless, Bunyip put in a creditable effort and continued to battle it out.

The game became scrappier through the middle as Bunyip's attack persisted.

However, Bunyip struggled to keep up with the experience and technique of Kilcunda-Bass.

Bunyip managed a behind in the second quarter, but the goals kept coming for Kilcunda-Bass.

The goal scoring effort was led by Dean McRae, who managed to accumulate 10 goals.

McRae had kicked eight goals by the end of the third quarter,

and the team rallied behind him in the fourth quarter to get him to 10.

Anthony Daraio also put in an extraordinary effort with eight goals on the scoreboard, just missing out on 10.

Five other goalkickers also contributed to the final score.

Kilcunda-Bass ensured the final quarter was played on its terms, which saw six goals added before the final siren, resulting in a comfortable 148-point win.

The Panthers are now gearing up for the challenge that lies ahead.

Third-placed Kilcunda-Bass will take on second-placed Inverloch-Kongwak in a highly anticipated clash at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve.

The Panthers have been playing exceptional football in the last few weeks and feel up to task.

Inverloch-Kongwak has been considered the benchmark of the competition this season and the Panthers are looking forward to finding out how they stack up.

The Panthers are seeking revenge after a loss of around 100 points last season.

In better shape than 2023, the Panthers are going in with less trepidation.

Kilcunda-Bass will be welcoming rested players Travis Tuck and Tom West back into the lineup ahead of the clash.



Panthers' Owen Thomas desperately tries to disrupt his Bunyip opponent. Photo Anna Carson

Sea Eagles soar supremely above Magpies

REIGNING premiers of the West Gippsland Competition, Inverloch-Kongwak franked their credentials as the team to beat again in 2024 with an imposing 119-point victory over Dalyston.

While the hosts maintained some semblance of resistance throughout the first half, the Sea Eagles released the shackles in the third term to boot nine unanswered goals.

The predictability of each cog in the I-K juggernaut to all others is uncanny. The ball is always in motion, moved with polish, as team-mates position themselves strategically to be the link to the next scoring opportunity.

The Magpies came into the game with key personnel missing. Monson, Wallis, Harris and Barry all sidelined, which didn't help their prospects.

Despite kicking against the blustery north-easterly Dalyston started proceedings with an early goal to Jaxon Foon.

The Sea-Eagles seemed uncharacteristically fumbly early, but it didn't take them long to settle. Goals to Cumming,



Inverloch-Kongwak's Toby Mahoney escapes the grasp of Dalyston's Tyson Andrigutto. Z06_2024

Baltas and O'Flynn set them on their way before new recruit Paul Pattison joined in the party to help himself to two more.

Early stages of the second term were a battle of the defences with scoring drying up.

Dalyston's tackling intensity had risen but the Sea-Eagles were still finding targets as Jimmy Soumilas finished off

the work of Short and Pattison.

Louis Armstrong and Blake Carew staved off several attacks but I-K's Lewis Rankin was equally effective at the other end.

A late goal to Baltas gave the Sea Eagles very adequate breathing space of a 42-point lead at the main break.

If the writing wasn't already on the wall, it soon would be,

as a quick free kick allowed a direct entry and young Harvey added a flashy finish for a fast goal.

And from that point it rained goals. Baltas, Pattison and Park were the beneficiaries of fast centre clearances and lace out passing, and they lapped it up. Long range, tight angle, across the breeze, there was no impediment to their scoring blitz as I-K swarmed in numbers to help themselves to a 107-8 scoreline with a quarter to go.

Dalyston's pride was on the line and they continued to show effort with goals to Clarke and Carew the result to commence the last.

The Sea Eagles raised the bar once again with Will Hams deciding the time was right to add a little icing and he owned proceedings to kick four of his team's seven goals for the term.

Having inflicted the damage on Dalyston, the Sea Eagles' next mission is hosting Kilcunda-Bass.

The Magpies will need to kindle plenty of resilience as they face off against The Goon.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

ROUND 5

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Nar Nar Goon	5	0	415.66	20
Inverloch-K	5	0	343.09	20
Kilcunda-Bass	4	1	155.63	16
Cora Lynn	3	1	243.50	14
Phillip Island	3	1	161.86	14
Tooradin-Dal	3	2	136.84	12
Dalyston	2	3	108.81	8
Garfield	2	3	43.05	8
Warragul Ind	1	4	72.31	4
Koo Wee Rup	1	4	56.08	4
Kor-Bena	0	5	30.87	0
Bunyip	0	5	6.21	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Inverloch-K	5	0	520.69	20
Nar Nar Goon	4	1	650.53	16
Kilcunda-Bass	4	1	357.46	16
Tooradin-Dal	4	1	325.00	16
Cora Lynn	4	1	237.93	16
Phillip Island	3	2	171.94	12
Garfield	2	3	81.90	8
Dalyston	2	3	53.57	8
Koo Wee Rup	1	4	63.39	4
Warragul Ind	1	4	22.26	4
Kor-Bena	0	5	14.11	0
Bunyip	0	5	3.48	0

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av
Phillip Island	3	0	650.00	4.00
Warragul Ind	4	1	218.06	3.20
Inverloch-K	3	1	277.23	3.00
Garfield	3	1	97.38	3.00
Nar Nar Goon	3	2	231.82	2.40
Dalyston	3	2	181.71	2.40
Koo Wee Rup	1	3	63.10	1.00
Tooradin-Dal	0	3	43.48	0.00
Bunyip	0	3	11.07	0.00
Kor-Bena	0	4	3.27	0.00
Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00
Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts av
Phillip Island	4	0	1492.31	4.00
Inverloch-K	4	0	548.28	4.00
Tooradin-Dal	3	1	211.76	3.00
Nar Nar Goon	3	2	154.66	2.40
Warragul Ind	3	2	106.47	2.40
Garfield	2	2	98.57	2.00
Bunyip	2	2	48.41	2.00
Kor-Bena	2	3	76.36	1.60
Koo Wee Rup	1	4	70.66	0.80
Kilcunda-Bass	1	4	33.25	0.80
Dalyston	0	5	9.09	0.00
Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 5

KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

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KILCUNDA-BASS BUNYIP

Kilcunda-Bass 9.3 13.8 17.11 23.13 (151)
Bunyip 0.0 0.1 0.1 0.3 (3)

GOALS, K-Bass: Dean McRae 10, Anthony Daraio 8, Benjamin Eddy, Dale Gawley, Jayden Graham, Ashden Grenness, Jed Rosenow 1 each

BEST: Dean McRae, Anthony Daraio, Nathan Foote, Jayden Goumas, Jed Rosenow, Dale Gawley

BEST, Bunyip: Ben Stewart, Alex Dijkstra, Daniel Wright, Benjamin Wright, Matthew O'Halloran, Zac Bonnet

RESERVES

5.5 10.11 15.12 23.15 (153)
0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 (3)

GOALS, K-Bass: Clay Tharle, Cooper Smith, Scott Pugh, Trent Cartmel, Travis Stuckey, Doyle Dwyer

BEST: Scott Pugh 7, Trent Cartmel 5, Jack Rosenow 4, John Mentiplay 2, Darcy Clay, Matthew Dakin, Mehdi Daoud, Brodie Gude, Travis Stuckey 1 each

BEST, Bunyip: Zach Gallahar, James Pryor, James Adams, Dalton Lawrence, Rylan Berryman, Glen Burns

FOURTHS

1.1 3.1 4.1 5.2 (32)
4.0 6.3 6.4 6.5 (41)

GOALS, K-Bass: Ethan Black, William Brown, Blake Eden, Jasper Saunders 1 each

BEST: Perry McKay, Riley Eden, Rhylee Duell, Jackson Sweet, Darcy Gorsuch

GOALS, Bunyip: Josh Creely 2, Dane Fowler, Heath Sheppard, Oliver Simpson, Cody Welch 1 each

BEST: Cody Welch, Owen Marson, Bayden Crook, Josh Creely, Heath Sheppard, Kade Poole

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

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DALYSTON INVERLOCH-K

Dalyston 1.1 1.1 1.2 5.3 (33)
Inverloch-K 5.3 7.7 16.11 23.13 (151)

GOALS, Dalyston: Blake Carew 2, Stewart Beaumont, William Clarke, Jaxon Foon 1 each

BEST: Louis Armstrong, Mitch Hallahan, Benjamin M Lewis, Tyson Andrigutto, Fraser West

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Nicholas Baltas 5, Will Hams, Paul Pattison 4, Jarvis Harvey, Callan O'Flynn, Ethan Park 2, Taite Cumming, Toby Mahoney, Jamieson Soumilas, Josh Williams 1 each

BEST: Paul Pattison, Marcus Toussaint, Jordan Tomas, Jamieson Soumilas, Ethan Park, Luke Johnson

RESERVES

0.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 (1)
4.8 10.12 15.18



A baggy green cap for Dell

Peter Dell will head to the United Kingdom and Ireland next month as part of the Australian team, securing his place after showing his talents in the Victorian side. C18_2024



TEN matches, 17 days and 45 over games – that is what seasoned cricketer Peter Dell from Wonthaggi will face when he heads to the United Kingdom and Ireland next month as part of the Australian Over 50s Cricket team.

It's an exciting feat for the cricketer who also played in the Victorian side earlier this year and coaches OMK's A grade and B1/B2 grade teams.

An opening bowler, Dell has been a force to reckon with.

During the recent Over 50s National Championship, he played a pivotal role in taking Victoria's Division 1 side to the finals. His lethal bowling performance made him the leading wicket-taker for Victoria, finishing fifth overall. With eight wickets at an impressive average of 14.25, Dell's contributions were crucial in Victo-

By Chloe Kent

ria's campaign.

The first of 10 international matches will take the self-funded team to Dublin for the first ever ODI clash against Ireland, before heading to Swansea in Wales for an International and then to the South of England.

"I'm excited but also a little anxious," Dell explained.

"You're playing for Australia; you want to perform."

Peter will join three of his fellow Victorian team peers in Ireland, with the remainder of the team made up of NSW and Queensland players and a Tasmanian.

"We've had numerous zoom meetings already, but it will be good to meet everyone face-to-face; some I faced in the Championship."

The Battle of the Ashes will see Australia face off against the reigning World Champions, England in two thrilling ODI Ashes games at Waltham Abbey. Amidst the Ashes fever Australia will engage in two county games against Essex and Sussex for the Grand Finale – the Marlborough Cup.

The Marlborough Cup will showcase a riveting tournament between England, Wales, India and Australia – putting players to the ultimate test of skill and strategy.

That skill and strategy will all come down to how the team gels and individual training in the lead up, which Dell started three weeks ago, noting he hasn't had an off-season yet.

"It's hard on the body. I've been playing mid-year cricket every second week in the south east

suburbs and training on Wednesday nights at Croydon."

Off the field, Dell maintains peak condition by combining running and stretching. His love for golf also keeping him in shape.

The announcement of his selection in the Australian team was well received not just by his family, but also by CFA Bass Coast Group, of which Dell is an officer, and the South Gippsland Kookaburra's Over 50s.

And while each cricketer self-funds the entire experience, from flights to uniform, they will each be presented with an Australian blazer and baggy green cap – a highlight for Dell.

During the tour, Australian cricketers will use a Dukes ball, which reacts quite differently from the familiar Kookaburra.

Dell explains, "Firstly, it's pink

– making it a lot easier to spot. However, it's also more challenging – it's a lot harder, the seams are flatter, and it's harder to swing. The upside is that it performs better off the bat."

Specialising as an opening bowler, chances are Dell will be called upon to bat, and when he does, he plans to smash the ball.

"The captain wants me batting down the order, but when I get to bat, he wants me to hit the ball hard – the way he saw me perform during the championships."

While Ireland poses a tough challenge and will be a hard side to beat in the opening game, the UK and Ireland Tour provides Dell and his fellow Australian cricketers with an opportunity to qualify for next year's World Cup in Sri Lanka.



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