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## COUNCIL FLIPS ON SKATE PLANS

By Nick Sinis

TWO Bass Coast Shire councillors believe numerous communities will be disappointed over the council's Skate Park Strategy Review which was unable to find a suitable location for a 'regional facility'.

The review, which was ultimately adopted at last week's shire meeting, provides a new direction for skate facilities and includes a local level skate park for Richard Grayden Memorial Reserve in Newhaven, and two sub-regional facilities located in Wonthaggi and Cowes.

The review was intended to respond to the challenges in finding a suitable 'regional skate facility' which could include competitions.

However, given the population clusters

of the shire, the strategy recommended a new model that will create the two sub-regional facilities.

According to shire documents, the location proposed in the strategy could not accommodate a regional skatepark given significant services impacting on available space in both San Remo and Newhaven.

Cr Clare Le Serve said she felt disappointment for the community who had been waiting for a regional skate park.

"Unfortunately, that's not what we're going to get," she said at last week's meeting.

"We're getting two sub-regional ones."

While Cr Bruce Kent, who voted against the review, added that the communities of Cape Woolamai, Newhaven and San Remo would be 'bitterly disappointed'.

"I honestly feel the Cowes one won't be built for 10-odd years, and I believe that Wonthaggi will get a quick upgrade," he said.

According to a shire report, one of the key issues with the San Remo/Newhaven regional skatepark was the model proposed.

Generally, a hierarchical model of a central regional facility, complemented by smaller facilities, has been adopted successfully by many councils across Australia.

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# Seniors outrage at hub move

KORUMBURRA Senior Citizens Club members have opted not to move into the new Korumburra Community Hub building, with the club's president Janne Grenon saying safety concerns were behind the decision.

"Some of our members are in their 90s, a lot of them have walking frames, some have gophers and others walking sticks, and they said they would resign if we went to the Hub," Janne said.

"The whole group voted on it."

Janne added that the group has since approached the Austral Hotel and will be holding luncheons there in future.

"We're very thankful because there's plenty of parking and there's a ramp to get in," she said.

Janne doesn't believe the concerns of Korumburra Senior Citizens Club members were given sufficient consideration.

"The shire brought up the architects to talk to us and we explained the problem but they weren't interested," she said.

A South Gippsland Shire Council spokesperson outlined the situation from council's point of view.

"South Gippsland Shire Council has met with all community groups who are set to vacate existing Council buildings and move to the Korumburra Community Hub on a number of occasions, and



Korumburra Senior Citizens Club members enjoy the long-term home they don't want to leave. A03\_2123



Members of the Korumburra Senior Citizens Club voted not to move to the soon-to-be-opened Korumburra Community Hub because of its hilly location and access concerns. A04\_2123

this includes multiple meetings with the Senior Citizens group," the spokesperson said.

The council statement indicated that group stakeholder meetings, one-on-one meetings and site visits have occurred over recent years.

Council acknowledged the

decision of the Korumburra Senior Citizens Club not to move into the Community Hub building, stressing that council remains supportive of the group and is willing to help find a solution.

"Council acknowledges this decision and will work with the Senior Citizens to identify other

possible venues for the group, if requested," the spokesperson said, something president Janne said the club has not previously been advised of.

It was also made clear Korumburra Senior Citizens Club will still be welcome at the Hub should members change their minds.

However, that appears unlikely at this stage, particularly with the group having decided to hold a garage sale to sell off its club assets.

The Senior Citizens Club has won support on social media, with people commenting on the issue on the 'Korumburra Community Noticeboard' Facebook page, which prompted Cr Jenni Keerie to move to alleviate concerns.

Margaret Ferguson posted that she is worried about the elderly, commenting on the steepness of the Hub area for parking and walking.

As well as her council role, Jenni manages Milpara Community House that is set to be the Hub's head tenant, and responded to Margaret's post saying accessibility has been factored into the design of the new community facility.

"The parking is actually taking advantage of the flatter areas rather than the slopes, and there will be accessible parking spaces right beside the entrance pathways," Cr Keerie said, adding there is a lift between the two floors.

## Technology helping connect neighbourhood houses and health services

NEIGHBOURHOOD houses are considered by many to be the heart of community connection; a one stop-shop for people seeking support, education, socialisation and much more.

Now, thanks to Gippsland Primary Health Network, they are using digital technology to help people across Gippsland find information on vaccinations and use applications such as myGov to access to a range of government services online.

Antonia Halloran-Lavelle

oversees 21 houses and learning centres in Central and South Gippsland while her colleague Caroline Lister is responsible for 20 centres in East Gippsland.

According to Ms Halloran-Lavelle, the partnership with Gippsland PHN to deliver the 'Vaccine Helpers' program is a "perfect fit" for neighbourhood houses.

Gippsland PHN launched the program in council libraries and service centres towards the end of 2021 to help people access their electronic

vaccination certificates, book COVID-19 vaccinations and access myGov information.

It has since been expanded to include use of the My Health Record app.

Ms Halloran-Lavelle said neighbourhood houses had changed significantly from when they were first established.

"They are based on the principles of community development and develop their own programs based on community need," she said.

"Importantly, the community

identifies what those needs are and what resources are required to build and broaden programs.

"During the pandemic and lockdowns, we were forced to close our physical doors but we kept the virtual doors open, helping people who couldn't access medical needs or food. Since then, needs are changing. We now have houses who are teaching people to grow and cook their own food and others supporting isolated people with transport and digital technology."

## Korumburra Senior Citizens garage sale

KORUMBURRA Senior Citizens Club is selling up, declaring its June Garage Sales "due to forced relocation".

The doors of the Korumburra Senior Citizens Centre will be open on the first two weekends of the month with a wide range of items available.

A piano and organ that have brought joy to members during many concerts are available, alongside an array of functional goods.

Fridges, a microwave, urn, tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery, general kitchen utensils, and trolleys are among the offerings.

So are bowling mats and bowls.

The sale is scheduled to run on Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4, and June 10 and 11, between 10am and 1pm each day, unless sold out.

Arrangements can be made to view items prior to sale days by ringing Jan on 5655 1458. Payments are by cash, or cheque by arrangement.

## Have a say on next stage of Foster Shared Path

SOUTH GIPPSLAND Shire is working to improve walking and cycling in Foster and as a result, has obtained funding from the TAC to investigate options for a shared path between the Foster town centre and Great Southern Rail Trail.

Based on previous feedback received, the shire has developed two draft treatment options that are out for feedback.

The shire notes that these are conceptual options and should there be support for one, then detailed survey and design would be undertaken with a view to apply for further TAC funding to implement the supported option.

### Option A - On-road Bike Lanes

Advantages-

- Convenient connection to Rail Trail.
- Reduced traffic lane widths should encourage lower vehicle speeds.
- Physical separation from traffic in some spots (but not whole length).
- Parking retained (allowed in bike lane).

Disadvantages-

- Not physically separated from traffic.
- 'Dooring' risk from parked vehicles.
- Parking is allowed by default in bicycle lanes.

### Option B - Off-road Bike Path

Advantages-

- Convenient connection to Rail Trail.
- Physically separated from traffic.
- Reduced lane widths should encourage lower vehicle speeds.
- Raised priority cyclist crossing at Rail Trail.
- Most parking is retained.
- Parked cars would be separated from the proposed bike path reducing the likelihood of 'dooring'.

Disadvantage

- More expensive option.

For both options, the existing footpaths would remain in place for the exclusive use of pedestrians.

Take the survey, which closes on Friday, June 2, at Foster Shared Path - Round Two Consultation | Your Say South Gippsland



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### SOUTH GIPPSLAND



**TUE | May 23**

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

9° **17°**



**WED | May 24**

Partly cloudy.  
Wind AM: NW 15-25km/h  
Wind PM: N 25-30km/h

9° **18°**



**THUR | May 25**

Showers.  
Wind AM: NW 25-25km/h  
Wind PM: SW 25-30km/h

9° **16°**



**FRI | May 26**

Showers.  
Wind AM: SW 20-30km/h  
Wind PM: W 15-20km/h

6° **14°**



**SAT | May 27**

Showers.  
Wind AM: W 15-20km/h  
Wind PM: NW 15-25km/h

7° **15°**



**SUN | May 28**

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

8° **16°**

## IN BRIEF

### Article correction

THE Sentinel-Times would like to correct an error that occurred in the Tuesday, May 2 edition on page 27, with the headline 'Marinus Link enters negotiations with landowners'. It was printed that:

A land agent from ML commented that although communication to landowners began in December 2020, when they recently approached affected parties, some landowners were still unaware of the project.

However, it should have stated: A Marinus Link land access agent commented 'All Gippsland landowners who may be impacted by Marinus Link have been consulted with. The Marinus Link team have been meeting with landowners since 2019 and further engagement with landowners will continue as we work towards easement agreements.'

### Councillors top the \$1 million mark

DEMOCRACY doesn't come cheap, and as revealed at Wednesday's Bass Coast Shire Council meeting, payments to councillors for their allowances and expenses were closing in on the \$1 million mark, since November 9, 2020.

By halfway through May 2023, they would have easily exceeded that milestone.

Of the \$965,937 paid out to councillors to the end of March 2023, \$803,071 was for their allowances; ranging from \$159,930.86 for Mayor Cr Michael Whelan, to \$70,066.76 for councillors Kent, Le Serve, Rooks, Larke and Bauer who have all received the base payment.

Of interest is the councillors who take advantage of professional development opportunities including Cr David Rooks, who has hit the council up for the highest amount of \$10,777.87, more than either mayor, Cr Tessari \$9670.51 or Cr Whelan \$5778.73, or former deputy mayor Cr Leticia Laing

\$9044.74.

Of those who haven't served as either mayor or deputy mayor, Cr Rooks has had the highest payout for total expenses of \$21,837.22, more than double the next closest, Cr Clare Le Serve, on \$10,471.69.

### Walked away from a windy weekend

SO, YOU thought it was pretty windy along the Bass and South Gippsland coast, overnight and into the morning on Sunday, May 21?

Well, you'd be right. In fact the wind speed gusted up to 137km/h on several occasions at Wilsons Promontory, between the hours of 4.30am and 6am with the wind speed consistently above the 100km/h mark all the way through until 6.30am.

Together with that, more than 20mm of rain was recorded in the 24 hours to 9am Sunday, although many areas across South Gippsland had higher totals.

A group of bushwalkers camping at Cape Liptrap overnight on Saturday night acknowledged they hadn't had much sleep after arriving in Inverloch around lunchtime to refuel before heading back to Melbourne.

### Truck full of almond hull burns near Jeetho

A B-Double trucks tyre blew out which then ignited the tyres, followed by the almond hull that filled the trailers.

According to Loch CFA, the truck was travelling near Jeetho, close to the South Gippsland Highway at approximately 11.30pm on Sunday, May 21, when the incident occurred.

Loch and Poowong brigades were alerted to the fire and were joined by a crew from Korumburra shortly after and Lang Lang CFA provided lighting, making it easier for the crews.

On arrival crews found that the quick-thinking driver had managed to separate the prime mover from the trailers.

Crews initially made some minor access into the sides of the two trailers to attempt to gauge fire extension through the product.

A much larger opening was then needed to deal with the fire in the B trailer. However, the A trailer extension of fire was limited to a small corner.

### Better facilities on its way for Yarram paramedics

MINISTER for Ambulance Services Gabrielle Williams has announced that a parcel of land at the rear of Grant Street has been chosen as the preferred site for the new, multi-million-dollar Yarram Ambulance Station.

The new Yarram Ambulance Station will feature a three-bay garage for ambulances, two rest and recline areas for hard-working paramedics to recuperate, training facilities, a fully equipped kitchen and improved security and car parking to make sure paramedics are safe.

The location has been selected to ensure the best coverage of ambulance services for the community- providing ease of access to local walkways and nature reserves.

It's also in close proximity to local businesses, sporting and community facilities, and schools. Construction is on track to start later this year.

In more welcome news for the local community, construction is progressing on the new multi-million-dollar Foster Ambulance Station.

The Government has invested almost \$250 million since 2015 to upgrade and rebuild ambulance stations.

### New ticketing system for public transport

THE State Government will modernise Victoria's public transport network, with a new ticketing contract now signed to improve the myki system.

Minister for Public Transport Ben Carroll announced ticketing supplier Conduent Busi-

ness Services will be the next operator of the state's public transport ticketing system, under a new 15-year contract.

Following trials commencing in 2024, improvements will be progressively added to the existing payment options and will allow passengers to tap on and off with their credit or debit card and pay with a digital wallet on a smartphone or smart watch.

There will not be any immediate changes to the current myki or V/Line ticketing system as Conduent transitions into the ticketing system, with customers still able to purchase and top-up myki at train stations, retail agents, as well as through online services and over the phone as they always have done.

The new ticketing contract will begin on December 1 2023. For more information visit [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au)

### Your thoughts on neighbourhood centre

THE Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and Harvest Centre has been serving the local community for 40 years.

The Centre is run by a community based Committee of Management. In addition to offering a range of support services, the Centre aims to provide a positive, welcoming environment where members of the community can meet new friends, learn or share skills and ideas and access community information.

To assist the current Committee of Management with future planning, community members are invited to complete a brief survey.

The thoughts and suggestions of the local community collected in this way will be sincerely valued and will make an important contribution to the ongoing work of the Centre.

The survey can be accessed through the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre website, or through the following link or by using the QR Code.

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# \$50M museum shock

## 'Kick in the guts' for Island & Vietnam Vets, they say

THE decision by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) to reject the application for a \$50 million National Vietnam Veteran Museum to be built on Phillip Island has been variously labelled as "pathetic", "gutless", "sad" and "just another kick in the guts for Vietnam Veterans".

Social media backlash was swift and pointed, after the decision was leaked last week, with objectors to the project, and VCAT members coming under direct fire.

- Heather Cawsey-Noble: This is ridiculous on the part of VCAT. How dare they refuse our veterans a place to show their memorabilia.

- Patt Onscott: Gotta love the world of whinges we live in. Another pathetic, gutless decision from those that don't have a clue.

- Geoff Oakley: So, a few idiot locals make some noise and that's it. What a shame. Would be such a great thing for the veterans to see and for the local area as a whole going forward into the future.

- Peter Bowler: What an absolute disgrace to our veterans. The land hasn't been farmed for years. Surely, they deserve this in memory of their efforts. Just let them build it!

The decision has completely blindsided the museum applicants, who had every right to feel confident after the Bass Coast Shire Council gave the project its seal of approval in May last year, explaining that "museum and café are Section 2 uses in the Farming Zone (meaning they are allowable via a planning application) and "a car park is a Section 2 use conditional on being used in association with a section 1 or 2 use."

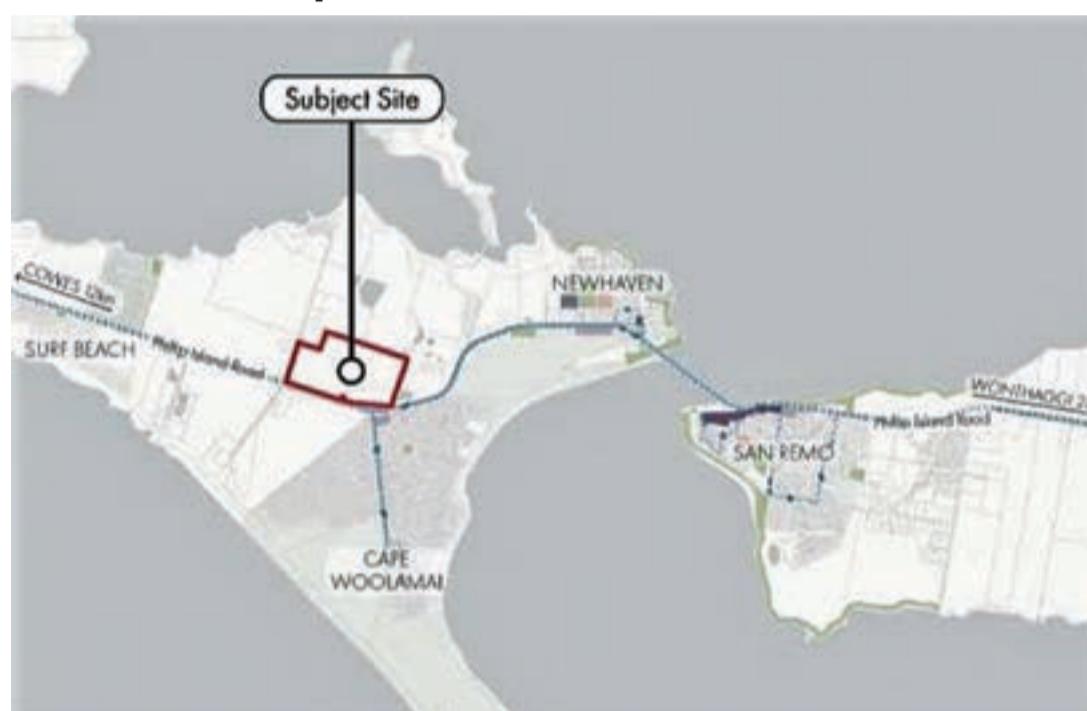
No aspect of the project was a Section 3, "prohibited use".

"The zone and planning policy framework allows for non-agricultural uses where amenity is not impacted and where there is a beneficial contribution to the community. In this regard, a national museum built on sustainability principles that includes substantial regeneration of the land through a considered landscaping approach and the delivery of community assets can be seen to balance the small loss of productive land and is considered to be an exceptional circumstance," the Bass Coast Council said at the time, ahead of supporting the application.

"Additionally, the economic boost during construction and employment opportunities post development are considered to be extremely beneficial to the region without any



As well as being an international tourist attraction, before being scuttled by VCAT, the proposed \$50 million National Vietnam Veterans Museum was expected to become the spiritual home of Vietnam service personnel.



The proposed site of the new National Vietnam Veterans Museum is across the road from the existing museum, on Farming Zone land, opposite the intersection of Phillip Island Road and Woolamai Beach Road.

undue impacts on the local community of Newhaven. The land is of a sufficient size to accommodate the development and maintain good separation distances from surrounding properties and the public realm and the development is located in good proximity to other tourist attractions."

But VCAT didn't see it that way, finding the application for a 4200m<sup>2</sup> museum was directly contrary to the shire's own planning scheme including such objectives as: "Council seeks to prevent land use conflicts in agricultural areas by discouraging uses in rural areas that are not directly related to or that have an adverse impact on current and future agricultural opportunities."

The tragedy of the decision by VCAT to knock back the new museum, to be built on land

purchased for the purpose, across the road, for \$2.6 million in July 2019, is that some of the older or unwell Vietnam Veterans will never see it now.

That was the response by Kingsley Mundey AM, chair of the National Vietnam Veterans Museum board after receiving the decision by VCAT last Monday night.

"It's not good news. I've seen the decision but I'm still working my way through the 48-page deliberation. We'll take a couple of days to consider our position and to meet as a board.

"It's a speed bump, not a roadblock. We'll look at where we go to from here," Mr Mundey said.

"Over the last 5 years we've spent considerable time and over \$1m to design a museum which received unanimous

local council approval.

"We are extremely disappointed with the VCAT decision to reject our proposed development but we do accept their decision in accordance with the rule of law.

"The critical factor for us is that our veterans are dying, and we need to build it so they can see it. Every day we delay, more veterans are dying."

The museum has had promises, from aging vets in Australia and America, who would like to donate valuable memorabilia to the museum, but is unable to store or display the 40,000 pieces already held in the collection.

Short of mounting an appeal to the Supreme Court on a point of law, the decision by VCAT, expected to be officially published next month, is final.

## Last hurrah for Wonthaggi Business Association?

YOU'D think, with more than 400 businesses operating out of Wonthaggi, that you'd have no trouble attracting enough people to run the Wonthaggi Business and Tourism Association.

But not so. At the most recent meeting of the group, on Thursday, April 20, despite the fact that 17 people turned up, no one put their hands up to take on the

roles of president, secretary or treasurer.

And a general meeting this Wednesday, May 24 at The Wonthaggi Club, 16 McBride Ave Wonthaggi may be the last hurrah.

According to secretary Steve Curtis, it's still possible for several people to come forward and offer to take on those roles but it's not looking likely.

"In theory, if at least three

people did come forward to take on the roles of president, secretary and treasurer; we could continue on but we've seen no sign of that," Mr Curtis said.

"It's more likely that we'll continue the process of winding the group up."

The WB&TA still has a 'Visit Wonthaggi' tourism promotion to fund and also needs to contact the shire about the lease on the Centennial Building, but

that's it...

While the association is in recess, pending its winding up over the next six months, the caretaker committee has pledged to keep things running for at least six months, keeping open the lines of communication with business in case there are developments.

If you can help, contact WB&TA Secretary Steve Curtis on 0407 116 616.



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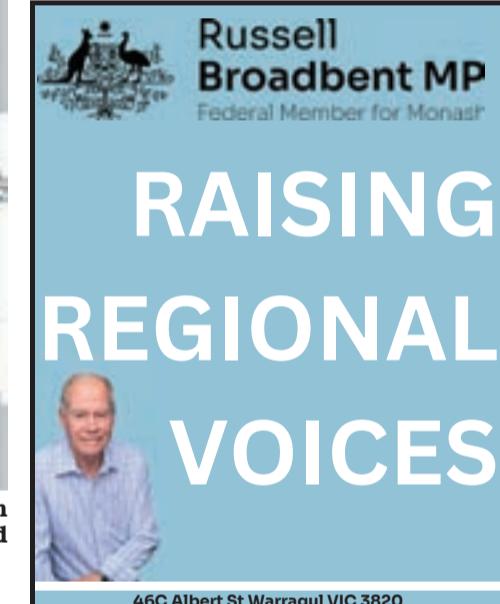
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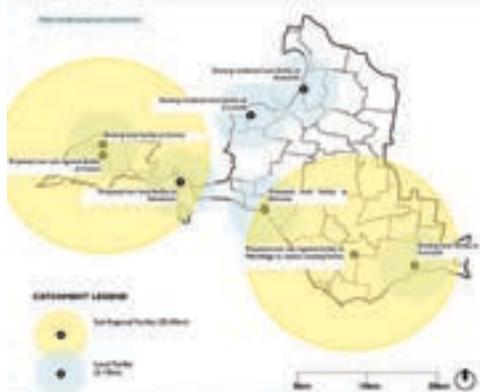
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Pictured is the new model for skate facilities as part of the adopted Skate Park Strategy Review.

## Council flips on skate plans

From page 1

This model works when the regional facility is accessible to all, and the smaller facilities then provide localised opportunities to skate and ride, the report highlighted.

### New vision

The design of a local level skate park in Newhaven and a sub-regional facility in Wonthaggi are listed as short-term priorities within the review.

The design for Newhaven will be undertaken in 2023/24.

Community consultation is expected to take place throughout the design process.

The new sub-regional facility for Wonthaggi will be located at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve on the site of the existing skate park.

While at Cowes, land has been allocated at the former 'carnival site', which council is reviewing feedback on as part of its proposed Cowes Recreation Reserve Master Plan, to include a facility at the north eastern corner of the site.

Council will also initiate renewal works at the Inverloch skate park.

A sub-regional facility should include:

- Approximately 600-1000m<sup>2</sup>
- Strategically located to service a number of communities and provide diversity across the shire
- Located next to complimentary recreation
- Complex, unique and advanced obstacles
- Catering for skill development from beginner to advanced level
- Capable of holding medium sized competitions and event opportunities
- Provide a playspace, basketball ring and pump track in line with relevant strategies and policies
- Allows for night time usage

Feedback received during consultation highlighted that the existing skate parks throughout the shire do not contain elements that challenge experienced skaters need.

Almost 240 responses were received from a survey, with majority of respondents stating they use the existing skate facilities in Bass Coast, while over half travel outside of the shire to visit other skateparks.

# 59 more home sites in Cowes

THE State Government might be set to lock down the township boundary of Cowes for the next 50 years, under its Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) process, but there's still some infill within the settlement boundary to come.

And last Wednesday, May 17, the Bass Coast Shire Council voted to allow the subdivision of a 3.6 hectare site at 273-297 Church Street, Cowes, into 59 individually titled allotments of between 301m<sup>2</sup> and 765m<sup>2</sup>, although most of the sites are of a compact size, between 300m<sup>2</sup> and 400m<sup>2</sup>.

Situated within walking distance of the beach on the western side of Cowes, and described by Cr David Rooks as "an appropriate site for infill development", it is essentially a clear site ready to be developed for housing.

But it would be a mistake to say it was completely vacant.

The applicant's arboriculture advice identified 214 trees that would (or may) be affected by the proposed subdivision. These trees were distributed as follows: 110 trees on the development site, 37 trees on neighbouring property and 67 street trees.

The report to council noted that 56 of these trees would require a planning permit for removal under council's vegetation protection overlay but



The small allotments are typically between 300m<sup>2</sup> and 400m<sup>2</sup> in size.

of these, 38 were proposed to be removed on the basis of their poor condition.

While Cr Rooks acknowledged it was disappointing to lose the established trees, to make way for site preparation, he said that there would ultimately be a net gain in native trees and shrubs.

"As the population continues to increase on Phillip Island within the Bass Coast, we of course need more

housing to support that. This site is an appropriate site. It's within a general residential zone, and it's actually picked up within our local strategic planning framework as an infill development opportunity," said Cr Rooks.

"So, it's an appropriate site for housing, and it's far better to have all this population going into this area, instead of extending our town boundaries, which I know the

community is not keen on.

"I appreciate there were 26 objections to this application, which covered eight different areas of concern and I had a look at all those objections, and the council offers responses, and I'm comfortable with the responses that make it quite clear that this application does meet all the necessary relevant policies.

"I also note that the external agencies also approved application without any issues.

"There is, of course, always vegetation loss that tends to come along with these developments and that's a frustration. I understand that for the developers it makes it a lot easier for them if they can start with a greenfield site, in the sense of getting the services in place and also the best layout for the houses.

"I'm pleased that our council planners pushed back on the applicant, and there's a lot more trees being left on the site than what would have been if the developers got their way.

"And in the end, there's going to be significant net gain of vegetation on the site with a lot more native trees or indigenous trees being planted as street trees. So that's a good outcome."

Cr Rooks also addressed concerns there was no recreation space on the site but argued a public park and the beach were located nearby.

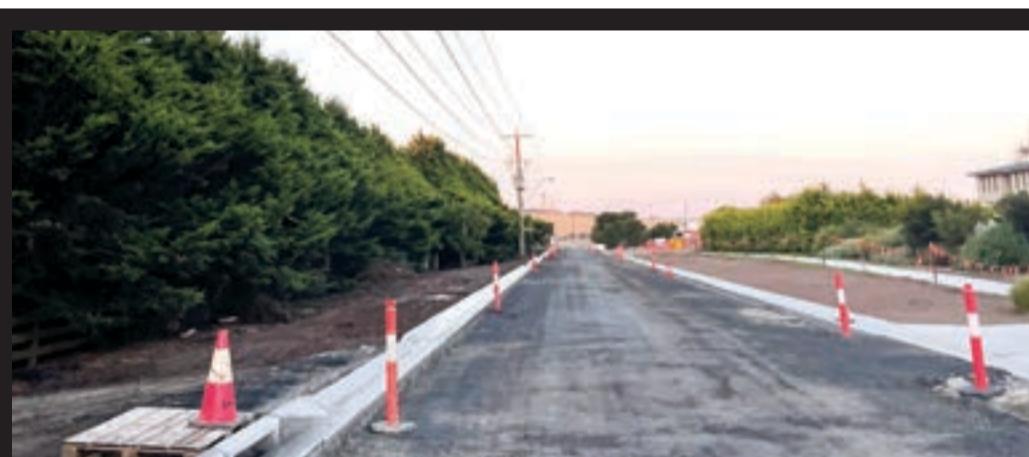
## Skate park well underway

THE Kilcunda community continues to eagerly await the completion of the skate park and playspace currently underway near the foreshore.

According to the shire's Engage website, the skate bowl is expected to be completed by the end of this month, while the skate park will be open in late June.

The playspace section, which includes a natural feeling space with timber and rock features, along with traditional play elements for climbing, sliding and swinging, is scheduled for completion at the end of September.

The facility will also feature a shelter with seating and an accessible ramp entrance from both the Bass Coast Rail Trail and the foreshore.



Shetland Heights road upgrade near completion

THE Shetland Heights Road project from Potters Hill Road to Small Court is tracking nicely with works due for completion next month.

Stage one of the works

with kerb, footpath, drainage, and road sub-base is completed, and stage two footpath and drainage works have also been finalized.

Completion of works by June 2023 is subject to

favourable weather, contractor availability and material supply.

The road remains closed from Penniells Drive with resident only traffic from the Potters Hill Road entrance.

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# Indigenous name right for tourist island, says Cr Rooks

IT MIGHT not be Uluru and Kata Tjuta but according to Cr David Rooks, naming the new Cowes cultural centre from the local Boon Wurrung language will send the right message to Phillip Island's three million annual visitors.

Cr Rooks was speaking at last week's Bass Coast Shire Council meeting, where councillors unanimously approved the process of asking the community to vote for one of four names suggested by the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC).

But before putting it to a council vote, Cr Bruce Kent acknowledged that the shire had got it wrong not consulting with the community in first instance.

"I will be supporting this recommendation, but I do have a couple of concerns that I think this has, in my belief, been pushed through pretty quickly," said Cr Kent.

"I know that we do have a due date for the opening of the building, and we have a situation now where the community will be consulted over four fantastic names, great, great names. But I have a lot of trust and faith in the community that they would like to be part of reconciliation at the base level.

"And I'm a little bit disappointed that we haven't

had some consultation to actually get us to where we are now because I believe that the community would step up and agree, if consulted, that going down the path that we're going down now is a great, great opportunity.

"But I believe that they have been thrown into the point of making a decision for four names instead of taking that one step back where they could say, yes, let's approach the council (BLCAC) to get those names, that's all, we'd end up in the same point but I just feel as if we've missed a little bit of an opportunity for the local community to jump up and show their strength for the reconciliation.

"That's all, something to learn, I believe, for the future. Thank you."

His frank mea culpa came at last Wednesday's council meeting and was met with a firm "hear, hear" from the only two people in the public gallery, avid council watchers, Graham Jolly and John Trigt.

After being invited to do so, the names suggested by the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC) are as follows:

1. Barmewoon (Only My Strength)
2. Mogarmarlarly Murk (Lead Me)
3. Berninneit (Gather Together)
4. Kummargee (Rise Up).



**What's in a name? Naming the new Cowes cultural centre in the local indigenous language is all about respect, recognition and reconciliation according to Cr David Rooks.**

These names will now go up for community vote, via the shire's Engage Bass Coast website, but an indicative poll conducted by the Sentinel-Times produced the following results: Phillip Island Cultural Centre 40%, Berninneit 30%, Millowl Community and Cultural Centre 22.5%, Kummargee 2.5%, informal 2.5%.

Effectively, almost 60 per cent have voted for an indigenous name, so Cr Kent may have been right.

Cr Leticia Laing also spoke during the debate at council on Wednesday, reporting support for the

process from within local arts and reconciliation groups but also expressing disappointment about some of the feedback from the general community.

"I have been disappointed with some of the conversation within other parts of the community because I think that when there has been a genuine engagement with the traditional owners, you can't ignore that and then choose or potentially culturally appropriate the names that you like as suggestions when the traditional owners have actually proposed those," said Cr Laing.

"We're talking about the oldest continuous living culture in the world and if we didn't have a cultural centre that recognised that in their own traditional lands, it would be pretty disappointing.

"So, I'm really, really delighted that we can engage in this process. I'm very supportive of it and I also just wanted to really quickly highlight that using these Boon Wurrung language names supports the regeneration of the language in our community and in the broader conversations that we can have about cultural identity and our First Nations people."

The proposer of the motion, to put the four Boon Wurrung language names out for a vote, Cr David Rooks, said Phillip Island attracted more than 3 million visitors a year and just as other iconic visitor sites such as Uluru and Kata Tjuta had embraced their cultural heritage, it would be a good message for Phillip Island to do likewise with the new cultural centre.

"When you are proud of something you'd like to share the story with others. By naming in the new cultural centre with a First Nation's name, it provides an opportunity for our community to show that they are proud in living Bunurong country," Cr Rooks said.

If you would like to vote

for your choice of an indigenous name for the Cowes cultural centre go to the Engage Bass Coast website at: <https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/first-nations-naming>

## \$33 million centre and rising

OFFICIALLY, at least, the Cowes cultural centre is costing the Bass Coast Shire Council \$27.2 million to build, up from an initial cost of \$19 million.

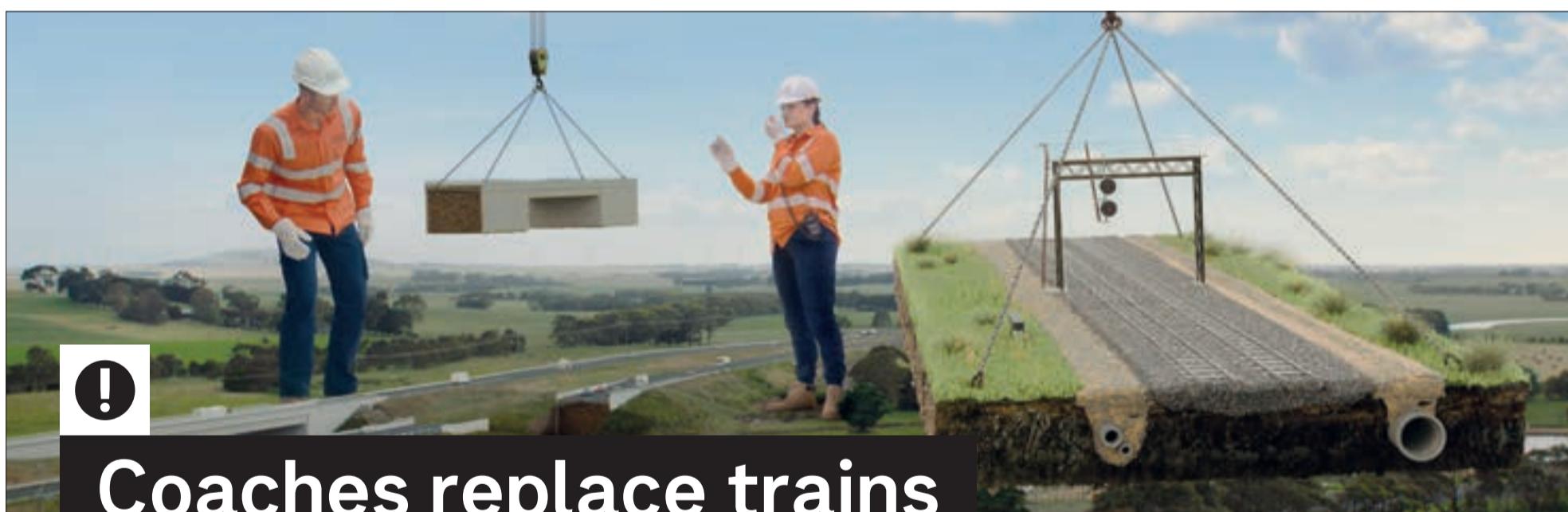
But it is appearing more and more likely that it is costing us considerably more.

At last week's council meeting, avid council watcher Graham Jolly claimed the project cost was well in excess of that, costing upwards of \$32.841 million.

In fact, it's even closer to \$33 million than that, even from the shire's own contracts spreadsheet on their website; including payments of \$31 million to McCrokell Constructions, \$1.48 million to Jackson Clements Burrows for the design and more than \$250,000 for the demolition.

The shire revealed during the week that it wrote down the value of part of the old centre, including the library, museum, meeting room and genealogy building at \$871,312.50.

What the real cost of the centre could be is anyone's guess.



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## Explanation please, says VEC

THE Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is urging Victorians to respond if they have received a request to explain why they appear to have failed to vote in the last State election in November 2022.

The VEC issued close to 300,000 Apparent failure to vote notices earlier this month and recipients must respond by the 28-day deadline with a detailed explanation.

The notice is an opportunity to avoid a fine if non-voters provide a detailed response with supporting documentation. The VEC is required to automatically fine non-respondents or those who do not provide a valid reason for failing to vote; the penalty is \$92.

Acting Electoral Commissioner Dana Fleming, said that recipients should contact the VEC for assistance if unsure what to do, rather than ignore the notice.

'If you need help understanding what the notice means and what you need to do, you can call us on 1300 551 575 or visit our website at vec.vic.gov.au,' Ms Fleming said.

'Information on what to do if you receive an apparent failure to vote notice will also be available to view in 25 in-language videos,' Ms Fleming added.

'I also encourage you to sign up to our VoterAlert service, to make sure you're notified whenever there's a State or local council election you need to vote in.'

The VEC issued VoterAlert reminders by SMS and email at key points in the election to 2.4 million enrolled voters who had provided their details.

They included reminders on the close of roll date and a reminder to vote on Saturday, November 26. People can sign up at any time to be reminded to vote in all future State and local council elections at vec.vic.gov.au/VoterAlert



The shire is seeking federal government funding to repair and upgrade key roads and culverts.

# Crucial funding sought for road, culvert upgrades

BASS Coast Shire is seeking a slice of the Federal Government's Bridges Renewal Program, and Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program to upgrade three key roads and culverts.

This includes:

- Grantville Glen Alvie Road renewal and upgrade: Project cost estimate - \$6M. Council contribution (minimum) - \$1.5M. Seeking from federal government program - \$4.5M
- Kongwak Road, Glen Alvie culvert renewal: Project cost \$550,000. Council contribution \$110,000. Seeking -

\$440,000

• Loch Kernal Road, Kernal culvert renewal: project - \$700,000. Contribution - \$140,000. Seeking \$560,000.

If the shire is unsuccessful in funding, it was recommended to endorse \$812,000 be reallocated from the renewal program to fund the high priority culvert renewal projects for delivery in 2023.

The Federal Government Bridges Renewal Program (BRP) and the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP) are complementary programs designed to

provide up to 80 per cent funding for projects.

Council currently has eight major culverts that are nearing the end of life with two metal culverts needing renewal in the next 12 months, and the Kongwak Road Culvert currently closed to traffic for safety reasons.

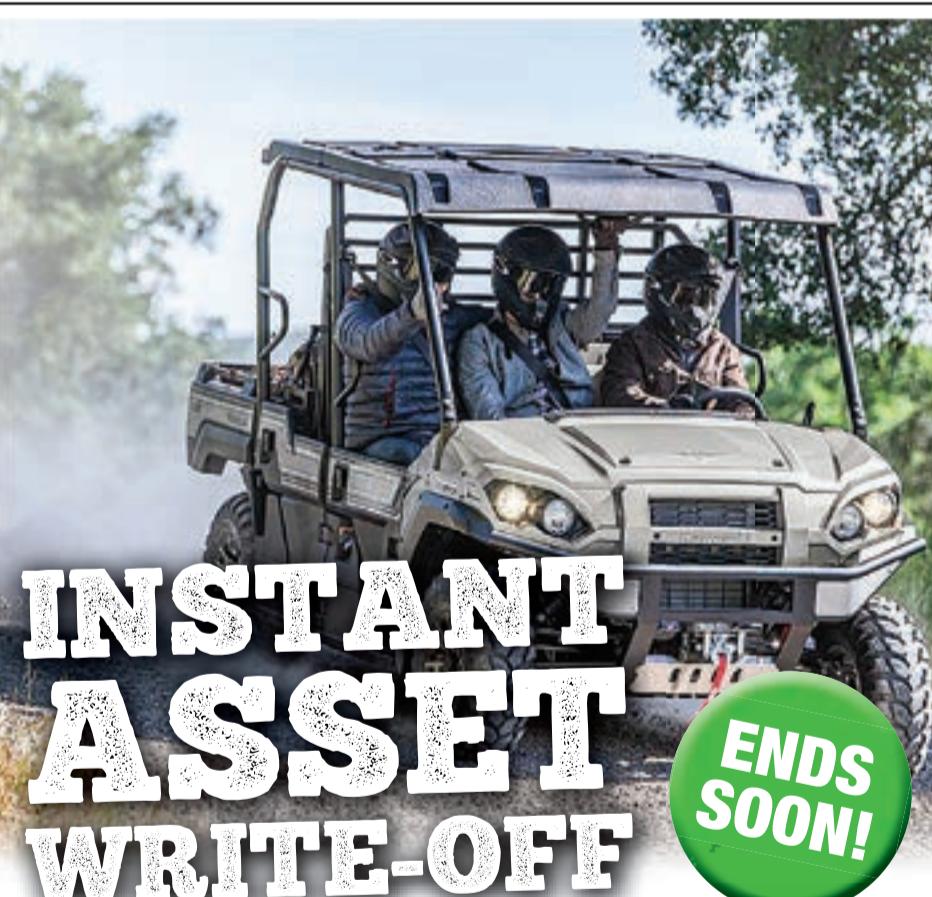
According to a shire report, design investigations to renew the highest priority culvert at Kongwak Road, Glen Alvie are currently underway with the preliminary estimate at \$550,000 to renew it.

A design for the next highest priority structure at Loch

Kernal Road, Loch, is almost complete and is estimated to cost approximately \$700,000 to re-line and more than \$1 million to renew.

The third metal culvert is estimated to cost \$150,000 to renew. The total cost of all high priority major culvert renewal works over the next four years is estimated at \$3 million.

The Gippsland Freight Strategy identifies the section of Grantville Glen Alvie Road as an important freight route, and is one of Council's key road upgrade advocacy priorities.



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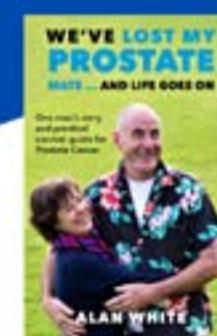
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# Council questions were right on the money

Among the 26 questions asked of the Bass Coast Council was one about proposed activity for IDAHOBIT Day last Wednesday, including lighting up the Wonthaggi Arts Centre

THE unsuccessful bid by Cr David Rooks, in July last year, to remove public question time from monthly council meetings, as allegedly "the most inefficient way to put questions to council" has again proved to be misguided.

At last Wednesday's council meeting, 26 high-quality, relevant questions came forward from the public for council's consideration, some from the usual suspects Cr Rooks referred to at the time but most from a variety of local residents.

The first question asked council to detail activities for IDAHOBIT Day May 17, the International Day Against

Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia, in the absence of a prior statement by the council.

Others queried whether the Cowes Cultural Centre would be delayed by the late delivery of imported German windows, one wanted to know how many parking fines were issued in Cowes in the past year to February 1, 2023, when a promised upgrade to a community park at Cape Woolamai would go ahead and another wanted to know what was happening with the transfer station on Gap Road, Phillip Island.

Former independent candidate for Monash, Deb Leonard,

a Cape Woolamai resident, wanted to know when the community priority project for the upgrading of Cape Woolamai Park will go ahead.

The renewal works have been included in the 2023-24 budget but don't hold your breath for a skate park. The Bass Coast Skate Strategy Review is looking at a local skate park at Newhaven and sub-regional skate parks at Cowes and Wonthaggi.

Others raised issues about protection of Shearwaters, the number and location of 'Gross Pollutant Traps (13 at Cowes), township boundaries and re-subdivisions on the Mabilia Estate at Kilcunda.

There were even claims, not denied, that the cost of the Cowes cultural centre has reached the \$33 million mark (officially \$27.2 million).

All good and relevant questions, which prompted informative answers from the council.

It took some time to get through the community questions but with the whole meeting over in 1:07 hours, it was not an unreasonable delay.

And for your information, the council has issued 1522 parking tickets in Cowes in the year between January 27, 2022 and February 8, 2023; that's over \$140,000 into the council's coffers.



Ninety-one-year-old Nancy was picking olives with her family including two of her great grandchildren.

## Olive oil straight from locals' trees

MORE than 665 kilograms of olives have been saved from falling to the ground and rotting at the Wonny Olives to Oil project at the Rescue Station.

Olive tree growers from across the region including Surf Beach to Alberton to Corinella to Wild Dog Valley in Leongatha took part.

Any amount of olives went into the mix with one grower bringing along their treasured couple of kilos of the first crop from a tree they had nurtured for five years, to a couple who brought boxes full of different varieties from 30 year old trees they had inherited on the top of the hills in Woolamai.

For every 10 kilos of olives brought – the growers received 1 litre of olive oil at no charge.

A final press for the season is planned for June 4.

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## South Gippsland Shire Council News Youth Council

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The SGYC is an initiative led by young people who want to represent the voice of the youth who live, work and/or study in South Gippsland.

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- Improve the life of South Gippsland's young people just like you.
- Lend your voice so key decision-makers in the community hear from young people.

- Lead the development and delivery of projects that are important to young people.

- Meet other like-minded people.
- Have fun and be challenged!

### Who can join the SGYC?

Anyone 14 to 24 years old who is passionate about improving the quality of life for young people in South Gippsland.

### How do I join?

Fill out the online Expression of Interest form at:

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Or find out more by contacting Sophie on 5662 9200 or [sophied@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:sophied@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

### Foster Shared Pathway



Last year, Council asked for community feedback on a proposal to create a Shared Pathway on Station Street in Foster, to connect the township with the Great Southern Rail Trail.

We received a great response from local residents, and from this we would now like to hear from the Foster community once more, to see if these proposed options meet the needs of the local community and the project aim of improving pedestrian and cyclist safety.

You can provide your feedback at:

<https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 28 June 2.00pm  
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

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

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Helen Maguire and Enid Paterson enjoy lunch at Korumburra Senior Citizens Club but are sad the group can't remain at its current location. A01\_2123



Joan Rudd and Avis Tilley at the final lunch held in the Korumburra Senior Citizens Centre. A02\_2123

# End near for Korumburra Senior Citizens Centre

IT WAS the final 'supper' at Korumburra Senior Citizens Club on Tuesday afternoon, with a mix of lively banter and sadness.

The club is being forced out of its purpose-built home of over 60 years, with the centre having opened in 1961, built by the people of Korumburra.

South Gippsland Shire Council acknowledges the land may be sold to raise money for various initiatives.

The club's lease will not be renewed when it expires on June 30, with 97-year-old member Avis Tilley describing the situation as "heartbreaking".

Helen Maguire, just a couple of years younger, outlined why she views the soon-to-open Korumburra Community Hub as an unsuitable home, with

club members having voted not to move there.

"I feel the parking won't be adequate and I don't like the steep hills," Helen said.

"We're sorry we'll have to move from our clubrooms and we're all a bit upset."

Korumburra Senior Citizens Club president and treasurer Janne Grenon spoke of the social role the organisation plays.

"A group like this is essential because many of them live alone," she said of the isolation a lot of members would otherwise experience.

Like Helen, Enid Paterson, aged 95, said the hub's hilly location isn't suited to her, as she uses a walker.

It was a healthy turnout for the final

lunch at the Senior Citizens' long-term home, with everyone enjoying a meal prepared by a couple of friendly ladies from Leongatha RSL.

This scribe popped in for lunch and a chat, experiencing why the group of seniors are happy in their current home.

It offers space, comfort, plenty of parking, and accessibility for those with limited mobility.

Such is the club's ongoing appeal, Korumburra born pair Juliet and Kevin in Wylie have just joined, paying their yearly subscription fees.

At the moment it is uncertain what the seniors group will do with no home base, other than enjoying lunches together at the Austral Hotel on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

## South Gippsland Council office cost rise explained

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis responded to the Sentinel-Times request for details of more than \$100,000 increase in the cost of council's Leongatha main office refurbishment works, explaining that significant structural issues were identified and needed to be addressed.

"During the refurbishment works, some of the existing concrete beams and slabs in the building were found to be defective; this included exposed steel reinforcement, which should have been concrete encased, and components that did not meet current structural design standards," Ms Ellis said.

"It appears that the defects have existed since the original construction of the beams in the 1980s and could not be observed during routine maintenance as they were obscured by the suspended ceiling and other services."

The CEO said that while there was no immediate risk to occupants of the building, the consulting structural engineer for the



South Gippsland Shire Council's Leongatha main office refurbishment incurred an unexpected cost rise due to structural concerns with the building.

refurbishment designed remedial works to achieve the required modern standards in order to ensure the long-term structural stability of the building and satisfy the responsible building surveyor.

"The works included treatment of the defective components, and

the installation of new steel beams, columns, footings and associated works," Ms Ellis said.

The \$117,700 (excluding GST) contract variation exceeded the contingency allowance and was approved by the CEO in consultation with mayor Nathan Hersey.

## South Gippsland Shire Council details contract change

A SUBSTANTIAL variation of just over \$302,000 was added to a contract for the design and construction of sports floodlighting at multiple South Gippsland grounds, with the addition of Korumburra Recreation Reserve to the initial project.

That figure is reported in a recently adopted agenda item from council's May public meeting.

Ace Earthmoving (Vic) Pty Ltd was initially awarded a contract to design and construct sports floodlighting at four South Gippsland football grounds, being Walter J Tuck Reserve in Mirboo North, and the recreation reserves in Meeniyian, Toora and Fish Creek.

While the initial four lighting

projects awarded under the contract are for Aussie Rules, the contract variation applies to lighting for Korumburra City Soccer Club, which is based at Korumburra Recreation Reserve in Richard Street.

The variation, which exceeded the contingency allowance for the contract, was approved by South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis in consultation with mayor Nathan Hersey.

A council spokesperson responded to a request from the Sentinel-Times to explain why the additional lighting project was added to the existing contract for the other four sports grounds, rather than being tendered as a new contract.

She outlined the reason the soccer venue wasn't included in the original contract, then detailed why it was determined to be appropriate to add it.

"The variation to contract CON/330 was due to the addition of a fifth site; the funding for the lighting project at Korumburra Recreation Reserve was received separately, and later than the others," the spokesperson said.

"The Korumburra project was not independently procured as a competitive tendering process had already been completed for the other four locations, and we were confident that using the existing contractor represented good value-for-money and would help to expedite the project."

## Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



### Foster Shared Pathway

Late last year, Council asked for community feedback on a proposal to create a Shared Pathway on Station Street in Foster, with the aim to connect the township with the Great Southern Rail Trail. We received a great response from local residents, and from this feedback two concept options have been created. We would now like to hear particularly from the Foster community, if the proposed options meet the needs and expectations of the local community. Council would like to see the project improve pedestrian and cyclist safety. The investigation is being funded by the TAC and Council is hopeful that the TAC will see the benefits in the preferred local option. You can provide your feedback at:

<https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Engineering degree at Federation University and the scholarship will assist him to complete his studies. Council supports these scholarships to ensure our community is supporting and developing young people to build the skills we will need for our community's future. Congratulations Aiden and well done on your achievement.

### MAV Council and ALGWA Conference

Last week I attended the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council on behalf of South Gippsland. This meeting is attended by a representative from each Local Government Area across Victoria and provides an opportunity for us to consider and vote upon motions that have state-wide significance. Motions that are successful at the State Council are then advocated for by MAV on behalf of local government.

### Spring Street Visit

Last week I attended the Parliament of Victoria accompanied by Chief Executive Officer Kerryn Ellis to speak with State Government Ministers and senior public servants to advocate for projects that are important to South Gippsland.

This visit included advocacy around offshore wind, local environmental matters, improved agribusiness opportunities, including for local food production and processing, the use of the Barry Beach Marine Terminal to support offshore wind and early years education.

One area in which Council has been particularly vocal is around offshore wind. Our Council recognises that with the declaration of the Offshore Renewable Energy Zone in Gippsland there will be impacts and opportunities for South Gippsland. We know our region needs to be considered and consulted in all decision-making around this important project.

Council wants to ensure that there are real benefits for local residents, towns and industries are realised when these projects proceed.

### Federation University Scholarship

Council was pleased to present Federation University student, Aiden Pouw, with a scholarship sponsored by South Gippsland Shire Council at a special event held at Churchill. Aiden is currently completing an

### Arawata Community Dinner

Thank you to those who attended the Arawata Community Dinner last week. It was great to join in, along with Councillors Mick Felton and Jenni Keerie. The event gave us a chance to hear about some of the challenges facing those in the community, with a particular focus on local roads.

I enjoyed listening to the passion and experience of locals in the room and it was a pleasure to attend.

### IDAHOBIT

Last week I was joined by Councillors Williams, Gilligan, Keerie, Schelling, Davies and Rae for a flag raising to commemorate IDAHOBIT Day, which is the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia. Last year we raised the rainbow flag for the first time in South Gippsland Shire Council's history, and it was done again this year to show continued support of tolerance and acceptance and inclusion in South Gippsland.



The Middle Hotel Korumburra's Ben Fisher was proud to accept the 'Local Legend of the Year' as part of the 2023 AHA Victoria State Awards for Excellence.

## Middle Hotel are true 'local legends'

THE Middle Hotel Korumburra can add another award to their long list of achievements after taking out the 'Local Legend of the Year' as part of the 2023 AHA Victoria State Awards for Excellence.

The pinnacle event of the Victorian hospitality industry unfolded on Monday, May 15 at Crown Palladium, with a diverse array of venues and influential figures in the sector being honoured in 40 distinct categories during the sold-out gala dinner and awards ceremony.

The Middle Hotel were also finalists for numerous awards including, Ian Larkin Overall Hotel of The Year (regional category), Best Casual Dining, Best Gaming Venue, Best Outdoor Experience, Best Pub Bar, Best Sports Bar, Chef of the Year- Mark Smith, Emerging Leader of the Year – Jai Rapson, and Heart of the Community.

The 'Local Legends' award acknowledges outstanding community service and achievement within the hospitality industry by certain individuals.

"It was a big team effort, we do a lot for the community. I might be the face but it's a team effort from the staff and locals," owner Ben Fisher said when speaking about their award.

Fundraisers held by the hotel have included their hugely successful Good Friday Appeal and Beyond Blue events.

"We want to make the pub a community hub for anyone," he said.

"Whether you're coming in for a beer, a feed or whatever it is, it's a safe place for people."

The hotel has continued to go from strength to strength as they've been finalists and award winners for numerous years.

"We've done pretty well (with awards), it's important to have a good team culture and having a fun environment to work at," Ben said. If we're all happy, the customers are happy."

"It's been testing times since COVID, a lot of people left the industry. But management have done a great job, they've always got a smile on their face, and from the bottom up, the juniors, it's great to see them grow up through the years."

"Our locals, the staff and the community make the place what it is today and it's not like work when you're walking into that."

# Eco-tourism proposal for Ventnor

AN AMBITIOUS multi-million-dollar proposal for an eco-tourism retreat at 115 Kitty Millers Bay Road, Ventnor has been submitted with Bass Coast Shire.

The planning permit, which is now live on the shire's website, proposes 'a new regional eco-tourism retreat and proposes works intended to regenerate the Kitty Miller Coastal Wetlands into a local attraction'.

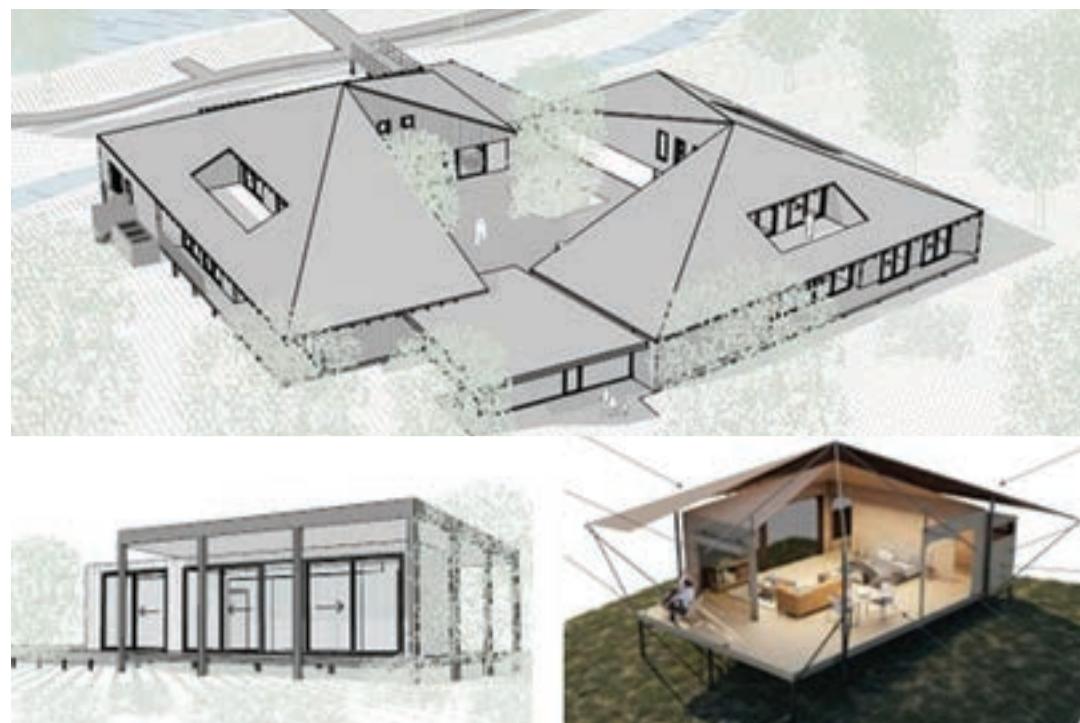
According to a planning report, it includes a group accommodation facility with ancillary restaurant and information centre, as well as supporting earthworks and roadworks, and a selection of buildings to accommodate up to a maximum of 100 guests at any one time.

The site is an irregular shape following the contours of the Kitty Miller Road Wetland and has a large site area of approximately 35.79ha.

The site is currently vacant, with no structures or sealed surfaces evident on the site.

The proposal includes the following aspects:

- A centrally located 'Gateway House' containing an entry, ancillary Information Centre and ancillary restaurant with associated kitchen and amenities.
- A total of 29 group accommodation units with capacity for a maximum of 96



Pictured are examples of buildings that could be developed as part of an eco-tourism retreat in Ventnor.

guests, including:

- three (3) four-bedroom units (located within the Gateway House)
- one (1) four-bedroom House (located on an existing island within the wetlands)
- eleven (11) two and three-bedroom cabins
- fourteen (14) one-bedroom Eco Tents (elevated around the wetlands)
- A boardwalk extending from the Gateway Building around and into the wetlands, including a central deck area with swimming pool and terminating bird hide.
- New sealed roads throughout the site for vehicle access, with two new vehicle access points from Kitty Millers Bay Road (1 x two-way entry / exit and 1 x one-way exit).
- Gravel paths for pedestrian access throughout the site.

- 48 car parking spaces and 3 bus parking spaces, inclusive of two accessible car parking spaces.

It is estimated that the construction of the development will be \$8 million.

For more information, visit <https://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/building-planning/advertised-plans-and-planning-register/advertised-planning-applications>

## Hair@twentyone has moved to Bair Street



Eliza, Bub, Tayla and Tash from Hair@twentyone are available for all your hair styling and colouring needs and are now in Bair Street. ob02\_2123

Bair Street in Leongatha.

There are three other hairdressers working from Hair@twentyone including Eliza Cholmondeley (Charlton), Tash Bateman, and Tayla Cowie. The team caters to women, men and children, trims, style cuts, colours and for all those important occasions including weddings and debuts.

The salon has recently welcomed Eliza who has been in the industry for 22 years. She has worked in Canada and previously owned her own salon "EJ Hair design" for about eight years.

Like Bub, Eliza has taken a few years off to have a family and has now returned and is available every Tuesday.

Tash has been hairdressing for six years and specialises in all aspects of colouring for long hair including creating gorgorous balayage and blondes.

Tayla is in the salon on work placement and will be there every Friday helping out and doing great head massages.

Customers can also pick up their favourite Goldwell colours and products from the salon.

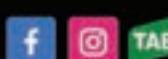
The salon also supports small local businesses and has Sandra's candles, Kukka handmade jewellery, Creating Keepsakes and the wonderful Zenj handmade soap available.

Hair@twentyone is open Monday to Friday from 9-5.30pm, Thursday from 9am - 8pm and Saturday from 9am to 1pm and are located at 70B Bair Street, Leongatha. Please call to book 0438 116 884.

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# 'Woodlands Warrior' wins shire's top award

THE decision by the Bass Coast Shire Council to move its time-honoured 'Citizen of the Year' awards away from the Australia Day Weekend to National Volunteers Week in May has paid immediate dividends with strong numbers nominated in all sections of the revamped awards.

And from a field of 10 worthy nominees for the Community Leader Award, which included wildlife rescue volunteer Colleen Gilbee, who rescued 1500 animals last year alone, Ron Day who has worked to reduce the incidence of roadkill on Phillip Island and Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club volunteer Charlie Crawford; Catherine Watson of Wonthaggi emerged the winner.

But in the typical self-effacing approach taken by members of community groups, thrust into the limelight by awards, Ms Watson paid tribute to the 500 'Woodlands Warriors' of the Save the Western Port Woodlands group for raising the profile of that compelling cause when receiving the award last Monday night.

"I feel like a fraud. It seems to me that every second person I meet in Bass Coast is a community leader. We could do with a few more followers," Ms Watson said after receiving the award from shire mayor Cr Michael Whelan at an event at the Inverloch RACV.



The first recipient of the Bass Coast Shire Council's new Community Leadership Award was Catherine Watson, one of the leaders of the Save Westernport Woodlands Group, with shire mayor Cr Michael Whelan.

"When I joined the Western Port Woodlands group, I thought they were leading me but it's the sort of group that when you want something done you do it and we have some incredible talent in the group," she said rattling off a list of names which included singer-song writer Tim O'Brien, former Bass Coast mayor Neil Rankine and others.

The awards, timed to coincide with National Volunteer Week, were presented in four categories: Environment and Sustainability; Community Group; Next Generation Leader; and Community Leader.

The 2023 Bass Coast Community Awards winners are:

- Environment and Sustainability Award: Paul Speirs. Paul has lived in Bass Coast for over 30 years and has dedicated a large portion of his life to volunteering for Landcare. Paul inspired his neighbours to start the Archies Creek Reforestation Group in the early '90s. Since then, the group has planted more than 200,000 plants in their local area. Paul and five of his neighbours have also planted an incredible 100-metre wide Biolink corridor.
- Community Group Award: Wonthaggi Boxing Club Inc. In

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

- Next Generation Leader Award: Liam Marangio. Liam is a passionate member of the Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club, and at 19 has completed more than 250 hours of patrolling, helping to save lives and prevent tragedy. As well as encouraging others to get involved, Liam has joined the club's committee in the past year, having already achieved the highest award in volunteer lifesaving, the Gold Medallion.

- Community Leader Award: Catherine Watson. As well as spreading the word about saving the last remnant of coastal forest in the Bass Coast Shire, the Western Port Woodlands, Catherine established the Bass Coast Post, which for more than a decade has provided a platform for local people to write and discuss ideas.

## Headline correction

THE Sentinel-Times would like to apologise for an incorrect headline in the Tuesday, May 16, edition on page 18.

The headline 'St Jude founder to speak in Bass Coast' was incorrect, as the founder will be speaking in Leongatha.

The Sentinel-Times apologises for any confusion this may have caused.

## LIFE Moments



Zoe Kate Dunn was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on May 10, 2023, weighing 2.7kg.

Zoe is the fourth child for Nicholas and Sarah Dunn of Cowes, and a sister for Hailey, 10, Zachary, 8 and Jack, 2.

Send your birthday, anniversary or baby photos to [news@sgst.com.au](mailto:news@sgst.com.au)



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## Unwind with luxurious beauty treatments

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Owner Anne is offering a winter special for a limited time only – pamper yourself with three real SNS nail sets for \$100.

"Our friendly staff welcome new clients, providing them with over 10 years' experience."

Anne recently re-branded the space to Gold Nails & Beauty, whilst continuing to offer the same beauty treatments, including a full set of classic eyelashes, full set of 4D, 5D or 7D volume lashes, as well as hybrid, cat eyes and doll eye extensions.

Waxing treatments are tailored to each client's individual needs, offering eyebrow shaping, lip, chin, full leg, half leg, half arm, under arm, and bikini line – the experienced therapists effortlessly work in their techniques to achieve excellence in treatment and care.

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For those looking to find a high-quality friendly service with exceptional results, visit Anne and Emmy at Gold Nails & Beauty and treat yourself to a day of nourishing relaxation.

Bookings are available via phone 0437 456 686 or visit in-store at 9/1 Jongebloed Lane, Wonthaggi – located opposite the Australia Post PO boxes.



Full set of acrylic nails with tips or shellac manicure available at Gold Nails & Beauty.

Long square SNS full set with tips from Gold Nails & Beauty in Wonthaggi.



Will and Eleanor Dowel and Tennille Macdonald participate in the Nyora Community Plan meeting. A07\_2123

# Help shape Nyora's future

WITH Nyora seen as being on the cusp of significant development, community members are encouraged to play a part in shaping the town's future.

An enthusiastic band of locals spoke on Tuesday night about their ideas for the development of a new Nyora Community Plan, at the second such session.

The discussion was guided by Barbara Look, a South Gippsland Shire Council community strengthening officer.

She stressed the importance of community members presenting council with a clear outlook on what they want to see happen in Nyora, posing a question for those present.

"What would make Nyora even better than it is?"

Environment and sustainability, roads and other infrastructure, community wellbeing, youth issues, and community activities and events were all topics of discussion.

There is still plenty of scope for others to get involved, with plans for another meeting on June 20.

While the creation of a new Nyora Community Plan to replace the outdated 2010 version is an important goal, that isn't the only focus.

Another key aim is to establish a new town group to represent the various organisations in Nyora, filling a hole left by the disbanding of the Nyora and District Development Association.

"There's a lot to be said for a central body," Barbara stated, noting the value of having an organisation that represents all the town's groups.

Cr Mick Felton, a Nyora resident, agreed such a central body will prove valuable in getting necessary projects done in the town, such as the need to determine the future of Nyora Railway Station.

Barbara added that an



Councillor and Nyora resident Mick Felton and South Gippsland Shire Council community strengthening officer Barbara Look focus on the Nyora Community Plan session. A08\_2123

overarching group would be well positioned as a custodian of the new Nyora Community Plan, able to ensure it is updated in timely fashion.

Earlier, Barbara spoke of the expectations for development in Nyora, with Mick saying it is anticipated to eventually be bigger than Leongatha, something he conceded is difficult to imagine at present.

Eleanor Dowel and Tennille Macdonald represented Nyora Primary School's school council at Tuesday's meeting, having also attended the previous community plan session.

They are keen to see a kindergarten and childcare centre in town, arguing that when kids go elsewhere they don't come back.

President of Loch Nyora Landcare Group, Malcolm Brown, wants to see a focus on sustainability of local native ecosystems, including carrying out indigenous planting when possible.

The prospect of a multi-purpose community venue at Nyora Recreation Reserve and a desire for the town's speedway to remain up to date.

Turning Nyora Railway Station into an entry point to the Great Southern Rail Trail was also suggested.

Barbara urged community members involved in various local organisations to take a long-term view when considering what can be achieved through a new Community Plan.

Having been involved in helping guide the creation of many towns' community plans through her council role, she stressed the value of working together rather than viewing prospective initiatives in a competitive fashion.

Mick agreed with the need for everyone to work together, saying there are many people doing good work around town but the various organisations are currently in their "own pockets".

"We need to come together," he said.

Barbara explained that council takes note of community plans, which alert its staff and councillors to the aspirations of each community.

She added that council's Community Strengthening Team commits to reviewing Community Plans to help ensure they remain up to date.

Details of next Nyora Community Plan discussion session:

When: 6.30pm Tuesday June 20

Where: Nyora Public Hall

## Venus Bay streetscape improvements approved

CONSTRUCTION of Venus Bay's new streetscape is expected to commence soon, with a contract awarded for the project at last Wednesday's South Gippsland Shire Council meeting during a closed session that followed the public section of the meeting.

The tourism precinct redevelopment will include pedestrian pathways along Jupiter Boulevard and Centre Road to link key places of interest such as Jupiter Boulevard Park, shops, the caravan park, and the community centre.

Designed to be more pedestrian friendly, the redevelopment works will include a zebra crossing and other traffic calming measures.

Car parking will be retained close to the commercial centre but will be reconfigured in places.

The streetscape works will also include road and footpath reconstruction and the installation of new stormwater drainage, with the latter including pits, pipes and property connections.

New energy-efficient streetlighting will also be installed.

The project was awarded to BJ's Earthmoving at a cost of \$1.72 million and is expected to commence in June.

Information to be discussed by councillors regarding the Venus Bay streetscape contract was deemed to be 'commercial-in-confidence', therefore couldn't be addressed during the public section of the council meeting.

## Call for talks to limit Inverloch impact

AFTER reviewing VCAT's decision regarding the proposed 40-unit apartment development on the old Inverloch Marine site, the South Gippsland Conservation Society (SGCS) considers the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal could have done more to reduce the impact of this large-scale development on public amenity of the immediate area.

SGCS is pleased that VCAT accepted arguments related to the planned height of the building and ordered the removal of the fourth level however, SGCS remains concerned the development will diminish the 'coastal village' appeal of Inverloch.

They also believe VCAT's 1.5 metre minimum setback requirement fails to fully address the dominance of the proposed development in its interface with The Glade community park.

In a statement this week, SGCS is encouraging further discussion between Council, the Inverloch community and the developer, Forte Group, to ensure the most harmonious integration of the development and the surrounding public land to minimise impacts on the amenity of the neighbourhood.

SGCS will continue to be a strong advocate for preservation, conservation and protection of public reserves and neighbourhood character.

SGCS say they will lobby for Bass Coast Shire Council to review the deficiencies in the planning scheme which became apparent during the VCAT process and believes the present Inverloch Design Framework 2011, in its current form, needs to be updated to better reflect the aspirations of the broader Inverloch community.



Sharon, Kate, Vicki, Estelle, and Annie attended the Kilcunda Community Centre last Friday in support of the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea. Z29\_2123

## Celebrating 20 years of cancer support

THE Kilcunda Community Association held their 20th Biggest Morning Tea at the Kilcunda community centre last Friday in support of the Cancer Council – a cause that touches so many.

Andrea and the committee thank all the sponsors for their ongoing support of their annual event and the residents for their contribution to the afternoon tea.

The morning tea ran from 10am until 12pm with over 30 raffle prizes and a silent auction, all giveaways were generously donated by local businesses.

President of the committee Andrea said "in 19 years, not including what we've obtained this year, we've raised over \$33,000 from our little morning tea."

"It is a group effort in organising the annual event

with the committing volunteering their time to this important cause. There is so many that we all know who have struggled with the fight against cancer and too many who have lost their lives."

The afternoon was a celebration of the community effort and it will continue on next year.

The association was deeply appreciative of their sponsors.

## 5-year limit on private helicopter

DESPITE five objectors criticising the application by a private landowner on Phillip Island to be allowed to land his helicopter near his luxury, coastal getaway, the Bass Coast Shire Council agreed to issue a permit.

However, at the insistence of Cr David Rooks, the permit will expire in five years.

"I put this alternative forward because I guess I was concerned that this is a bit of a new idea for Phillip Island to have helicopters landing in a residential area where there are houses nearby," explained

Cr Rooks.

"So, it does fall, as the Council officers and Mr Stirton have said, it does fall within current policy to allow this, but it is a new concept for Phillip Island to have this happening and I thought it was a bit of a safeguard to let it happen for a couple of years, and then to get the community feedback to see what they actually think about this happening.

"It provides us an opportunity to review it and lowers the risk for our community," he said.

Objectors raised various

issues including noise, impact on beach, rural and residential tranquillity, threat to wildlife, disturbance of Shearwater colony, storage of aviation fuel, and setting a dangerous precedent.

"There is a perfectly good helipad 15 minutes away at Newhaven, and even closer at the GP Track with a 24/7 taxi service available.

"I cannot see any justification for another helipad which would shatter the peaceful enjoyment of the area for up to 18 other residents," said one of the objectors.

## Multi-cultural lunch to thank volunteers

TO CELEBRATE National Volunteer Week, Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) hosted its' annual multi-cultural lunch.

BCAL's 16 hardworking volunteers take on varied roles of Board members, tutors, admin and compliance, event management and refugee assistance.

The volunteers are essential to the running of BCAL and add value and support to the students and staff.

Maxine Urquhart and Karen Walker from Bura Welcome Committee, drive Migrant English students to class and help them with the challenge of organising childcare. Sharon Willcox and Maddy Harford organised the Bass Coast Edible Gardens fundraiser this year, which had over 500 visitors.



To demonstrate their thanks, Migrant English students cooked a lunch of traditional food such as noodles, curries and stir fries whilst Capacity Building NDIS students baked delicious brownies and lemon slice. The food was thoroughly enjoyed by all students and staff.

This year's volunteers were gifted a pen and key ring torch, as well as Snowpea seeds as part

of BCAL's sustainability goals.

"There is such happiness and relief on students' faces when they see their regular volunteers" said Migrant English teacher, Olivia Hurrell.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services or to volunteer, please visit [bcal.vic.edu.au](http://bcal.vic.edu.au) or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

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## Prostate Cancer Awareness with AFL Legend

ROTARY Club Wonthaggi will be hosting a Prostate Cancer Awareness event with AFL Legend David Parkin and Alan White, author, presenting on the night.

David and Alan will be presenting in Wonthaggi as Gippsland have had particularly high rates of death from prostate cancer and a significantly less interested male population in doing something about it.

"We've had real difficulty with the loss of life and death because it's been much higher in rural and regional Australia. One, because men for some reason think they are bullet proof and the regional men seem to think that way so they're much less likely to think they might have a problem and secondly they're significantly less likely to go and do the test to see if they have a problem or not so that's a big concern."

David Parkin spoke about how his charity, the Male Bag Foundation, also contribute to raising money as well as awareness about prostate cancer.

"What my foundation, the Mail Bag Foundation does is raise money to put the machines into rural and regional hospitals so that men at least don't have to bring their families down to their major areas like Melbourne.

"We put eight of these machines into Victoria, so that men in regional hospitals can at least access these as a first step in getting a test done and then of course if they need to have an operation or some other treatment then they can come to the main centres to have that done."

The event will be held at the Wonthaggi Club on Thursday, May 25 at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$25 per person which includes a two course meal. Purchase tickets by emailing [rotaryclubwonthaggi@gmail.com.au](mailto:rotaryclubwonthaggi@gmail.com.au) or contact Nicky on 0475 871 589.

# Toora man kicks off a winning weekend with \$100,000 Lucky Lotteries discovery

A TOOORA man had an extra reason to celebrate on Friday afternoon after discovering he'd won a \$100,000 Lucky Lotteries Super Jackpot prize earlier in the week.

He held the first prize winning entry in Lucky Lotteries Super Jackpot draw 10773 on Monday, May 15, 2023.

However, as the winner's contact details were out of date, lottery officials had trouble contacting him about his good fortune until Friday.

"Oh, you little ripper!" he exclaimed when his prize was confirmed.

"I had no idea I'd won."

"Thank you, mate. I haven't had the best year, but this will turn things around."

"I'd clocked off for the day and the week, and then I saw this message from The Lott.

"It's a nice way to start the weekend."

"You've got no idea what this means to me and my family."

"This is going to do loads,

I can tell you. I want to help everyone out."

"Maybe we'll take a holiday as well – we've never really had one. I'd love to go somewhere warm like the beach."

His winning entry of one random number was purchased online at [thelott.com](http://thelott.com).

The Lucky Lotteries Mega Jackpot prize is now \$4.6 million for draw 1612, while the Lucky Lotteries Super Jackpot prize is now \$1.8 million for draw 10774.

In 2022, 274 Lucky Lotteries 1st Prize and Jackpot winning entries across Australia won more than \$80.49 million.

In 2022, more than 135.3 million winners took home more than \$4.14 billion in prize money from their favourite games at The Lott, including TattsLotto, Monday & Wednesday Lotto, Powerball, Oz Lotto, Set for Life, Lucky Lotteries, Keno, Super 66, Lotto Strike and Instant Scratch-Its.



A Toora man won \$100,000 and said it was a nice way to start the weekend.

## Waste fees at transfer stations to rise as will garbage rates

IT'S not just increasing waste fees that residents can expect on their rates notices in Bass Coast, but also an increase when headed to the transfer stations across the district.

A level set at the cost of providing the service across the municipality according to Bass Coast Shire, residents

can expect their standard garbage charges to increase by \$58.75 to \$550.83 for the 2023/24 period as referenced in the Bass Coast Shire Council Draft 2023/24 Budget.

Those hitting the transfer station come July 1, take a few extra coins with you, with mattresses the only item

cost reducing from \$32.50 to \$28. Green waste bags up to 70l and 120l remain at their current cost of \$1.50 and \$2.50 respectively.

For everything else expect minor increases across the board from 50 cents and \$1 to larger jumps of \$50 plus for domestic waste trailers per load.

New fees have also been introduced for E-waste small box and mulch.

Paper and cardboard, scrap metal and whitegoods alongside motor oil are still free to drop off at your local transfer station, not to forget paint (maximum 20 litres), batteries and mobile phones.

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As part of the adopted Urban Forest Strategy, council will aim to plant 1500 trees annually.

## More trees across the shire

COUNCILLORS have endorsed the shire's Urban Forest Strategy which has a target of 40 per cent canopy coverage by 2040.

Urban forests are made up of all trees and vegetation in an urban area, including street trees, nature strips, parks, open space as well as backyards, industrial areas and conservation sites.

Targets as part of the strategy include:

- No net loss of vegetation on private residential land and ensure a minimum of 25 per cent canopy coverage across all townships by 2040
- Vacant street tree planting sites will be reduced by planting 1500 trees per year
- Urban Forest cover will be in-

creased in townships across all land tenures, to reach an average of 40 per cent by 2040

- All residential planning applications are assessed for their capacity to improve tree canopy cover

Planting of species that adapt well to the area's changeable climate, particularly native and indigenous vegetation, will be prioritised.

In addition, Council will compile a detailed tree inventory and continue to support tree protection measures.

A Street and Park Tree Protection and Removal Policy is also being developed.

According to the strategy, urban forest coverage over the shire's five biggest townships

measures an average of 25 per cent.

This varies between land tenure type.

Urban Forest coverage over public realm (shade over streets, parks, and foreshores) is at 30 per cent.

Over the private realm, (private residential land, commercial and industrial land), there is a lower cover of 21 percent.

A desktop analysis using aerial imagery of townships has identified a number of potential vacant street tree planting sites to provide an indication of the scale of future tree planting programs.

Each site has yet to be assessed on ground for potential conflicts and suitability, particularly for species selection and soil

preparation.

This validation work will be necessary before any trees can be planted.

Approximately 8500 potential vacant street tree sites have been identified across the five largest townships.

Speaking at last week's council meeting, Cr Clare Le Serve said tree planting should start sooner rather than later.

She highlighted that council needs to make a 'continuing budget commitment' in forward budgets so actions in the strategy are addressed.

Cr David Rooks also echoed Cr Le Serve's comments, stating that "unfortunately (it is) not listed much at all in the current draft budget."

## Promised funds for school a must in State Budget

FUNDING for Wonthaggi Primary School upgrades must be included in Tuesday's state budget says Eastern Victoria MP and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Education, Melina Bath.

Parents have long campaigned for significant infrastructure upgrades, working with school staff and an architect to develop a Master Plan.

The Sentinel-Times reported last year that the School's Master Plan is split into three stages – the first (\$7 million) for the demolition of the wooden quadrangle allowing for the new STEM teaching spaces, library and classrooms; the second stage (\$6 million) for the purpose-built administration building freeing up more classrooms; and the third stage (\$7 million) for the sporting precinct.

Both sides of politics made a \$6.7 million election commitment for Stage 1 works.

Ms Bath said it is imperative that Andrews Government honours its promise to the Wonthaggi community.

"The upgrades must address major infrastructure issues including the replacement of a portable which acts as a makeshift science room and is so small there's no room for tables and chairs.

"Furthermore, the school needs new bathroom facilities and an updated library – these are basic requirements.

"The community is expecting to see a 'Wonthaggi Primary School' line item in the May budget and a government media release announcing the timeline - anything less is unacceptable."

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## Nominate now for the 2023 WorkSafe Awards

BUSINESSES and individuals going above and beyond to improve workplace health and safety are being urged to share their stories as part of this year's WorkSafe Awards.

Now in their 34th year, nominations are open for the 2023 awards, which will again celebrate and honour the achievements of those who have made a significant contribution to reducing workplace harm and/or improving outcomes for injured workers.

Nominations are open to all Victorian-based employers and workers, and entrants can nominate themselves or another person. Entries close 16 June 2023.

Winners will be announced in February 2024.

For more information or to make a nomination: [www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/awards](http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/awards)

### Ah-choo!

**Bena Ong**  
Pharmacist

Terry White  
Chemmart  
Leongatha

BASED on my observations as a community pharmacist, one of the top 10 reasons otherwise healthy people would find themselves stepping into a pharmacy, is with the intention of getting 'the stronger stuff' during the cold and flu season.

We see people present with symptoms like a stuffy nose, scratchy throat, coughing and the list goes on. But the question is, how do you tell if it's a common cold or the flu?

While neither is pleasant to catch, the flu can be much more severe than a cold and can lead to potentially life-threatening complications.

Hence, it is important to know what to do when you are sick and how to limit the virus from spreading to others. For a start, both the cold and flu are viral respiratory illnesses but are caused by different viruses.

In general, the symptoms of the flu are more severe and last longer than those of a cold.

The common cold can come on gradually over a few days and is often less severe than the flu. Symptoms of the cold are a runny or stuffy nose, sneezing, coughing and body/headaches.

On the other hand, flu symptoms can overlap with symptoms of a cold and can also involve a moderate to high fever (temperature of more than 38 degrees), shaking chills, nausea/vomiting and severe muscle or body aches.

These symptoms can happen quickly; hence it is important to address them quickly as soon as you can.

Because the cold and flu are caused by viruses, antibiotics will not be effective in treating them. In fact, our body relies on its own immunity to fight off viral infections. But fret not, that's where we as pharmacists come into the picture.

With the wide variety of products in the market, our aim in treatment is to provide symptomatic relief while our immunity fights off the virus. And of course, knowing that prevention is always better than cure- It is not too late to get booked in for your annual flu shot.

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However, if you've started to find yourself blowing your nose or clearing your throat at least once while reading this - you are not alone! Our experienced pharmacy team is ready to fight this battle of the flu season with you.



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Bass Coast Health celebrated its treasured volunteers at a Volunteer Forum at Cape Paterson last Friday as part of National Volunteers Week.

## Our volunteers make us healthier

BASS Coast Health paid tribute to its nearly 200 volunteers at a Volunteers Forum at the Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club on Friday, May 19.

Every National Volunteer Week, BCH holds a special event to celebrate the contribution made by its volunteers who help provide healthcare to the community and grow the hospital's services.

Volunteers help BCH in many ways: transport driving, administration, wayfinding, gardening, aged care visiting, ward visiting, car washing, consumer advisory committees, auxiliaries, volunteer concierge... and so many other activities that have helped BCH staff and the community.

During the month of May 2023 alone, the volunteer drivers will have conducted more than 100 trips.

BCH CEO Jan Child said

so far this financial year, the volunteers have given 15,000 hours of service.

"In the next financial year, we plan to grow our volunteer program even more by adding spiritual care, further ward visiting and administration roles, pet therapy and caring for our indoor plants."

BCH is fortunate to also be supported by these auxiliaries: the BCH Inverloch Art Show Auxiliary, BCH Ladies Auxiliary, BCH Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary, BCH San Remo Opportunity Shop Auxiliary and BCH Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary.

Combined, these auxiliaries raised nearly \$229,500 for BCH in the past 12 months.

Volunteers service awards were presented to the following:

- Five years of service in Administration, Concierge and Wayfinding: Raye Bolam-

Tucker (also BCH Ladies Auxiliary), Caroline Donohue, Dawn Ashenden and Margie Robinson

- Five years of service in Transport: Gaye Da Silva Carias, John Hamilton, Frank Huber, Mel Marks, Barry Malvern, Andrew Marston, Paul Robinson, Wayne Skat and Christine Thompson

- Five years of service to Inverloch Art Auxiliary: Susan Hall, Lynette Hodges, Marie McDonald, Sarah Spencer-Smith, Deb Watson, Jane Woods (also Pastoral Care) and Susanne Wright

- Five years of service to San Remo Opportunity Shop: Monica McKay, Maree Staaf (also Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary), Anne Jacques and Leonie Thomas

- Five years of service to our Community Advisory

Committee: Diana Holmberg, Jenny Lonergan (also Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary), Greg Mead and Faye Tuchtan (also Administration and Wayfinding)

- Five years of service to Griffiths Point Lodge visitors and community group volunteers: Jan Klain, Helen Watson and Diane Stirton (community group volunteer)

- 10 years of service: Cath Moutafis (Acute Ward and Concierge), Suzanne Michael (Pastoral Care at Griffiths Point Lodge), Sara Fleisner (San Remo Opportunity Shop) and Caroline Talbot (Community Advisory Committee and San Remo Opportunity Shop).

If you are interested in joining this dynamic team please contact the Volunteer Support Team on 5671 3372 or email Vicki.Riley@bass-coasthealth.org.au

## Shaping the Prom to preserve its future



Parks Victoria is inviting public input on a new management plan for Wilsons Promontory National Park.

rats, as well as pollution, including oil spills and ballast water discharge from boats.

Work is currently underway to map and provide management direction for coastal and marine impacts as a result of climate change.

This Coast and Marine Hazard assessment will in turn inform the new management plan.

### Visitation

Some new visitors have low levels of understanding regarding park values and how to behave in national parks. There has been a rise in incidences such as illegal parking, dogs being brought into parks, and inappropriate rubbish disposal. This has extended to include more serious incidents such as swimming in

strong seas without understanding the conditions, and walking into wilderness areas without support equipment and needing an emergency management response.

### Demand

The volume of visitors is placing unprecedented demands on the Tidal River precinct and beaches during peak times. With the combination of limited accommodation, supporting facilities and day visitor cars, there are not enough car parks and services to support the increased demand. Many assets and facilities in Tidal River and across the park were built when visitor numbers were much lower than today. Current facilities, such as campgrounds and toilets, have a

finite capacity, and services such as water provision, sewage treatment, and electricity generation have limitations.

The first stage of community consultation to develop a draft plan will run until July 16.

Across the eight-week stage there will be online and in-person workshops.

Later this year, and then into 2024, these early ideas will be refined and then a draft management plan developed for public feedback.

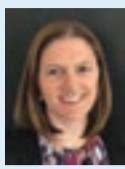
For further information about the Prom landscape, key issues, and details on the consultation process and how to get involved, visit Engage Victoria: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/project/wilsons-prom/page/landscape-management-plan>

**There's no need to travel to see a medical specialist.  
We offer consultations and treatment with these specialists at Wonthaggi Hospital and Phillip Island Health Hub, some with appointments available soon.**

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Ava Lord and Kynan Dunstan enjoying their night at the 40th anniversary Korumburra Debutant Ball

## Stormy night for 40th Korumburra Deb Ball

IT MIGHT have been cold and stormy outside last Saturday night but the 40th anniversary Korumburra Debutant Ball went off without a hitch inside the sumptuously decorated Korumburra Recreation Centre.

Hardly had the last game of basketball been played on Court One on Friday night than a team of volunteers, from the Korumburra Secondary College's Community Engagement Group hit the floor, as the perfect conclusion to National Volunteers Week.

They had the impressive centrepiece, stage decorations, tables, chairs, and fairy lights down both sides of the gymnasium up in a flash and all was in readiness for the presentation of the debes on Saturday.

One of the organisers, Matt Row, acknowledged there was some trepidation behind the curtain, with the centre packed with more than 500 supporters. But the presentation of the 18 debes, to special guests John Wilson acting principal of the Korumburra Secondary College and Shelley Snooks, daughter of the late debutant stalwarts John and Norrie Little, complete with practiced bows and the traditional curtsies were all textbook.

There was just time for a few photos of the assembled groups and then it was on with the dance sets; first the time-honoured Charmaine to the strains of 'You're Just Too Good to be True', followed by a tango, jive and a dance with parents and special guests of the debes and their partners.

Once the formalities were over, there was a noticeable relaxation in the mood and it was on with a great night of dancing and fun.

Another of the organisers from the KSC Community Engagement Group, Sam Norrey was delighted with the success of the night.

"You hope it goes off well and I think it was a great night," said Sam.

"Such a lot of people have been involved in this over the 40 years and we tried to acknowledge that tonight by having Shelley along as a special guest and also with great grand daughter of John and Norrie Little joining Harper White and Kye Whiteside as our flowergirls and pageboy.

"We also had their grand daughter Jaime Little in the deb set."

Among those making their debut were: Siena Lane and Jake Churchill, Jacqueline Turton and Noah Furness, Eva Barrett and Thomas Nicholas, Ella Cuman and Blake Hill, Kirrah Belvedere and Coby Fowles, Tyla Gollop and Tarkyn Walker, Amber Walker and Raph Jefferis, Lillyca White and Jack Donohue, Jemayar Grabham and Xavier Lindsay, Ava Lord and Kynan Dunstan, Ruby Cannizzo and Hayden Bowler, Anissa Condoluci and Charlie Shaddock, Alicia McGrath and Zac Grabham, Jaime Little and Max Donohue, Tiarna Blackwood and Ben Fort, Chloe Jones and Thomas Sherar, Michael Champion and Kelsey Kruger and Fernanda Hurst and Obssa Nicholas.

See also YouTube video at: <https://youtu.be/rbqBkGawoCo>



## 40th anniversary debes dazzle at Korumburra

The 40th Annual Korumburra Debutant Ball, presented by the Korumburra Secondary College's Community Engagement Group, was staged in the Korumburra Recreation Centre last Saturday night and what a celebration it turned out to be with the 18 debutants and their partners presented to Special Guests Shelley Snooks, daughter of the late stalwarts of the event over the years, John and Norrie Little, and Acting Principal of the KSC John Wilson. They are (L-R): Back Row: Coby Fowles, Charlie Shaddock, Kynan Dunstan, Xavier Lindsay, Thomas Sherar, Ben Fort, Thomas Nicholas, Obssa Nicholas, Jake Churchill, Hayden Bowler, Zac Grabham, Blake Hill, Raph Jefferis, Noah Furness, Max Donohue. Middle Row: Eva Barrett, Jacqueline Turton, Chloe Jones, Ava Lord, Siena Lane, Tarkyn Walker, Jack Donohue, Kelsey Kruger, Amber Walker, Ruby Cannizzo, Kirrah Belvedere, Jemayar Grabham, Jaime Little. Front Row: Michael Champion, Fernanda Hurst, Ella Cuman, Lillyca White, Page Boy Kye Whiteside, Special Guests Mrs Shelley Snooks and Mr John Wilson, Flower Girls Lorelei Besley and Harper White, Alicia McGrath, Anissa Condoluci, Tayla Gollop, Tiarna Blackwood.

## Artcubes offer unique opportunities

THREE ArtCubes offering accessible, visible and relocatable exhibition spaces for artists, performers or community members, will be a unique and ongoing opportunity for South Gippsland.

The cubes can be used for a variety of unusual and creative purposes and possibilities, as stand-alone venues, or in the context of a larger event or festival.

Mary Sullivan, Arts Development Officer for South Gippsland Council, commented that after lots of and experimental projects run during the covid recovery phase to engage the community, a decision was made to go ahead with a permanent style art offering.

With outdoor activation funding from the state government, Council came up with the idea of the Artcubes, which initially were about activating the rail trails by providing creative infrastructure along the way, with the idea since developing.

"Now we've built these three cube containers, they're retrofitted, totally lined inside like a gallery space, so they've got internal lights and external lights and power points and they're completely autonomous, so they're run from both solar panels on the roof of the cubes and they have Melanie Caple murals on the outside of them."

Melanie Caple is a local South Gippsland artist, who usually works on large scale, detailed projects and was commissioned to paint the outside of the cubes. She said she really enjoyed going to the Foster depot each day, spending time working on the cubes.

"I wanted to make them something that was indicative of my work and my practice but also bearing in mind that they were going to be the vessel for other



Melanie Caple, a local South Gippsland artist, painted the murals on the cubes and wanted them to be complimentary to the natural landscape.

people's work and creativity, and then how that was going to be read and interpreted in the landscape, in a natural setting. So, it was interesting thinking about all of those things because some of my work can be quite detailed, but I thought I actually want something that's going to be really complimentary to the landscape that they were going to be within, without being too dominating."

"I used a lot of different colours, the colours I used were derived from the area around us so the golds, the bronzes, the pinks. Those sorts of things that you'd find in the trees and the sky and different things like that. Then I used the white lines, that are on the Artcubes, like when I look out the window of my studio there's just Gippsland rolling hills everywhere, and they inspired the contour lines, terrain lines, which gave a bit of form and movement to

the boxes as well."

Mary said the boxes are designed to travel and go to different destinations across the shire with the hope that each town or areas community really embracing and owning the cubes and the experiences they bring while there.

"They're designed to be completely transportable, flexible, adaptable and the concept is to bring creativity to all corners of the shire."

"They can act as peek boxes in a way, where you're just looking through the window at what's been installed inside or if they are staffed, they can be opened up and you could do anything in them, you could have a little performance."

"They're at Coal Creek at the moment and we've got four artists working out of three of the cubes so one artist in each cube, and there's a niece and aunt partnership that are working in one, and they've been in those cubes all of May

and they will finish up at the end of May."

The cubes will then go to their next destination, and it is anticipated that once a few trial runs have taken place in different towns, the cubes will then potentially be available in 2025 for organisations, businesses and individuals to apply to use them.

"Their first outing is going to be to Loch, to the Food and Wine Festival. The festival is going to use them as servers and as part of the festival infrastructure. Then they'll stay in Loch for six weeks and then they'll head to Mirboo North for Winter Fest."

"The idea is that they will circulate, all three of them together every three months, they will go somewhere else," Mary said.

The launch for the Artcubes will be held at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, Korumburra, on Tuesday, May 23 from 3pm - 4pm.

# JOIN US AT THE FOLLOWING TWO EVENTS:

1

## NATIONAL SORRY DAY

FRIDAY 26 MAY ~ 10am-1pm

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A day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generation Survivors & reflect on how we can play our part in the healing process.

Join us for morning tea and yarns.

- Welcome to Country
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Be part of two special interactive discussion panels to become a champion for reconciliation

10.30am: Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony

11.00am: **Panel 1 - Community voices:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander special guests, including Rueben Berg and Richard Weston, and local community leaders yarn about truth telling and their perspective of the RAP process.

12.00pm: Lunch

1.00pm: **Panel 2 - Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs):** The people working on RAPs in their organisations will share their experiences alongside Nicole Findlay, CEO of Reconciliation Victoria.

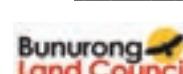
2.00pm Afternoon tea and yarning

Book your free tickets  
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Info: [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation)

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Bass Coast, the Bunurong. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members.



# Be a voice for generations community forum

By Bass Coast Reconciliation Network

BASS Coast will be celebrating National Reconciliation Week by hosting a Community Forum with two special interactive discussion panels to raise awareness on how to become a champion for reconciliation.

This year's event, themed "Be A Voice for Generations," encourages everyone to act today for a reconciled tomorrow.

The event is being hosted by the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network with the support of Reconciliation Victoria.

The Forum will be held at the Inverloch Community Hub on Friday, June 2.

The day's program will kick off at 10:30 am with a traditional Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony. The first panel discussion, "Community Voices", will begin at 11:00am followed by discussion time.

After a lunch break, the program will resume with the second panel discussion "Reconciliation Action Plans". The day will conclude with afternoon tea and a yarning.

## Panel discussion 1: Community Voices

Listen to and learn from our esteemed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander panellists who will share their unique perspectives, experiences and insights on reconciliation and the impact of historical injustices and current issues for their communities. Panellists include the former CEO of the Healing Foundation and the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care, Richard Weston and Rueben Berg, Member of the First Peoples Assembly of Victoria and former Chairperson of Westernport Water.

## Panel discussion 2: Reconciliation Action Plans

Discover the impact of Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs) on organisations as we hear from those who have undertaken the journey. Our panellists will share their experiences, challenges, and successes of implementing RAPs in their workplaces. Panellists will be joined by Nicole Findlay, Chief Executive Officer of Reconciliation Victoria who's work history has involved working in consultation and partnership with Traditional Owners and First Nations peoples and communities.

The Reconciliation Forum is open to all members of the community, and admission is free. To secure your spot we encourage you to book your tickets at: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1049667>

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated annually from May 27 to June 3, and marks two significant milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey: the 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

The week provides an opportunity for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how we can work together to achieve reconciliation.

Bass Coast Reconciliation Network has members from Bass Coast Health, Westernport Water, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bass Coast Shire Council, Bunurong Land Council, Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group, Myli, West Gippsland CMA, South Gippsland Water and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members.



There was a strong turnout for last year's Walk for Reconciliation - bridge walk from San Remo to Phillip Island.

# Bass Coast community together for National Sorry Day

By Bass Coast Reconciliation Network

BASS Coast Reconciliation Network is proud to be hosting a National Sorry Day event on May 26, 2023, to commemorate the Stolen Generations and encourage truth telling to promote healing and reconciliation.

Sorry Day, also known as the National Day of Healing, is an annual event to acknowledge and remember the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, communities and cultures.

Everyone is invited to be part

of the event at Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club from 10 am to 1 pm to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generation survivors and reflect on how we can play our part in the healing process.

The event will include a Welcome to Country, speeches from local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leaders followed by a light lunch, yarns and a cultural performance with music from Paul Patten.

The Bass Coast Reconciliation Network is a group of organisations that works with community to promote reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians in the Bass Coast region.

Bass Coast Reconciliation Network has members from Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Health, Westernport Water, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bunurong Land Council, Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation

Group, Myli, West Gippsland CMA, South Gippsland Water and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members and is pleased to see organisations come together with the community to acknowledge and celebrate this important date of significance.

For more information on the Sorry Day event, please visit: [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation) or contact the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network Sorry Day key contact Patrice Mahoney 0427 878 846.

# Everyone can do their bit to help injured wildlife

GRAB your phone and save 8400 7300 under a new contact: Wildlife Rescue.

If you don't take anything else from this piece then at least walk away with the phone number saved, because one day it may just help save a life.

As Erin Letovsky, Regional Director Grampians DECCA noted "responding to sick and injured wildlife is not the responsibility of any single agency or volunteer group – it relies on the collaborative effort of many."

And that is exactly the situation across Bass Coast and South Gippsland with volunteers working alongside Wildlife Victoria, Mange Management, Vets for Compassion, Warriors 4 Wildlife, Phillip Island Nature Park, local vets, rescuers and carers to help advocate for the most vulnerable in our community.

Simonne Fleming is one such rescuer and carer who started as a Mange Management volunteer.

"I moved to the Bass Coast region almost 13 years ago now," Simonne explained.

"I got involved with wildlife pretty much straight away when I came across a juvenile wombat near Powlett River with a terrible case of mange. From that, I met other wildlife carers and rescuers."

Unfortunately, the mange was too severe for the little one, but Simonne learnt the multitude of different roles that people play in caring for wildlife.

"I felt really passionate about what can be done. It didn't sit well with me that this poor little animal basically had no-one advocating for it and it was suffering."

"Initially I did some volunteering for the non-for-profit Mange Management whose primary focus is treating wombats with mange (ideally) in the field.



Simonne Fleming is a passionate wildlife carer, rescuer and volunteer in the region who is helping advocate for those most at risk and without a voice.

agree that (Erin's quote) is how it should be, it definitely sums up the reality, and I think it is important we all take a role. There is something that everybody can do.

"Whether you are calling Wildlife Victoria for help, doing a pouch check or making a donation to the people who are doing all of these things; there is something that everybody can do."

"One of the other ways people can help is in relation to habitat expansion and utilising indigenous species – which can be ordered from The Wonthaggi Seed Bank and Nursery."

At present Simonne has three little ones in her care – including two pinkies requiring three hourly feeds. With that she also balances her role as a Field Volunteer for Mange Management, a rescuer with Wildlife Victoria, a volunteer with Vets for Compassion and her career as an accountant.

"If people spot a wombat with mange, it's critical that they note the time of day and GPS location. wombats are very habitual, and they will often turn up at the exact same spots, the exact same time, for several days in a row – it goes a long way to us helping them get the treatment they need and reducing our search time."

For those worried about wombats with mange on their properties, treating the wombats is free.

Simonne is also in the process of obtaining her tranquiliser license that will enable her to safely sedate animals – whether for relocation or for rescue.

Working together across all organisations is a promising step forward for wildlife particularly as Simonne works towards obtaining her license.

"There is definitely a need in our area to have (a darter). I'm trying to raise \$10,000 and have managed to raise a few but it is still something we are working towards."

"If you find an injured animal or are in an accident, call Wildlife Victoria – even if you cannot wait with it, map the GPS coordinates and call it in. We are not here to judge anyone, but we need to show compassion whether that is ending an animal's suffering or making sure it receives the care it needs."

People can donate to Bass Coast darter through the QR code below or by visiting [paypal.me/basswildlifescue](http://paypal.me/basswildlifescue). Tax deductible donations are also welcome – email [rescuetorelease@outlook.com](mailto:rescuetorelease@outlook.com) for details.





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## OH WHAT A FEELING

## Sentinel-Times

### COMMENT

#### Here's why they should change The Voice

IN MARCH this year, the Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus and Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney explained how the government was taking a first legislative step towards the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia's founding document.

On that score, it's a no brainer. Nearly everyone supports recognition of our First Nation's People in the Australian Constitution.

But the devil, as they say, may well be in the detail contained in clause two of the proposed constitutional amendment "...the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice (24 members) may make representations to the Parliament and the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples..."

Even former social justice commissioner and royal commission leader, Mick Gooda, expressed his concern during the week that including "representations to the executive" could derail support for the amendment.

And closer to home, Bass Coast Shire Councillor Leticia Laing inadvertently explained why when she addressed council last Wednesday about the naming of the new Cowes cultural centre.

Having asked the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC) for their suggestions for a name for the centre in the Boon Wurrung language, we are duty bound, according to Cr Laing, to accept one of those options.

Cr Laing noted support for the suggested names among arts and reconciliation groups, but said she was disappointed with the commentary within other parts of the community.

"...because I think that when there has been a genuine engagement with the traditional owners, you can't ignore that and then choose or potentially culturally appropriate the names that you like as suggestions when the traditional owners have actually proposed those," said Cr Laing about the four options now put up for community vote.

"We're talking about the oldest continuous living culture in the world and if we didn't have a cultural centre that recognised that in their own traditional lands, it would be pretty disappointing."

Cr Laing is right and the same will be true nationally.

Having asked the "oldest continuous living culture in the world" for their input, and with the constitutional recognition behind it, it's going to be nigh on impossible for any government department to incorporate those ideas with other submissions, let alone reject any unworkable ideas from the Voice committee for fear of disrespecting our First Nation's People, or even initiating legal action.

So, it should be enough to say: "The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice may make representations to the Parliament on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples" and leave out the bit about "the Executive Government of the Commonwealth".

In this way, the representations made by the Voice advisory group will come in at the political level, with its influence subject to the approach of the elected government of the day, and therefore, the will of the people.

If the Voice has too much influence, or not enough, the people get a chance to vote the government in or out every three years.

Cr Bruce Kent, who also spoke in the debate at council last week, demonstrated how our political leaders will get their chance to question a flawed process when he said the council should have asked the general community first about a name for the Cowes cultural centre.

Mind you, if it is all going to add to an already complex political process, you'd have to wonder if this is the best way to go about recognition in the constitution.

## Vox Pop

### What do you love about living in Kilcunda?



**Tracey Smits**

"The friendships I've made in the small town and the community spirit. It certainly is a great place for the kids to grow up."



**Estelle Ferrie**

"It's changed a lot over five years with many new properties and an increased population, but it still has a small community vibe."



**Vicki Ferrie**

"Despite the growth it's still very natural, unsophisticated with beautiful views of the hills and the ocean."



**Sharon Davis**

"I've lived here 33 years and I love the community. I have witnessed the growth and I enjoy meeting new families as they come to the area."

### Get your check up

David Parkin is a football legend. Come and get David's life story.

It is not all about football, but most people know about his life as a player, captain and coach of Hawthorn and Carlton and the great results he had, he will talk about his football life.

But David has many other achievements, Associate Professor at Deakin University, well recognised teacher.

But one of his biggest battles was dealing with Prostate Cancer, as David will tell you he was lucky, he knew what his father and grandfather died of, so he did his doctor check-ups from when he was in his 40s.

In his 60s, (no symptoms) his blood test showed movement and then his journey began, but he now is in his eighties and is able to lead a full life.

David wants to share his journey with you, so you don't become another statistic.

Prostate Cancer is one of the biggest killers of men in Australia, and Bass Coast has one of the highest incidences in Australia.

As David will tell you early check-ups and early prevention could save hundreds of lives, come and hear his story your life could depend on it.

Get your tickets from Wonthaggi Rotary Club Nicky Chung 0475 871 589

**Allan Cunningham, Traralgon**

### Not forgotten

I am delighted but not surprised that Legatee Jane Ross (Sentinel May 16) and others are keeping the memories of Lieut General Sir Stanley Savige alive locally.

My point is not that these links are not valued locally.

They clearly are.

My point is that the strategic merit of supporting the maintenance of such links is not appreciated at the highest levels of defence.

Take Sir Stanley Savige for example.

He is a man who overcame many challenges to make his community, country and indeed the world a better place.

He put his life on the line to protect people (Assyrian refugees) who arguably "weren't like us?"

I think if defence honoured local community links to people like Sir Stanley Savige who have contributed mightily to their community it would help both in defence recruiting and community inclusion.

I know from personal experience that migrants are happy to celebrate and connect with local communities in celebrating their new community's significant historical events.

**Kevin Walsh RFD, Cape Paterson**

### Foreshore and development in Inverloch

Regarding VCAT's May 11 decision on the celebrated 'apartment hotel appeal', your editorial (May 16) correctly exposed the complete inadequacy of the planning process within which the recent VCAT hearing was held.

The poor outcome, approval of a tweaked three-story building overlooking The Glade, is what you get when conflict is 'managed' on narrow grounds set by dated, inflexible regulations, messy precedents and legacy titles.

Your vision is fundamentally right: "...the developers, Parks and the council could put their heads together and come up with a new plan, utilising the whole area from Wyeth-McNamara Park to the bowls club..." – with two caveats: if, as you say, "there should be no development whatsoever on the foreshore side of the CBD in Inverloch" it is difficult to see a hotel site. And how can "a clear view to the beach from the middle of town" be aimed for if "protecting the broad spread of the fragile coast must surely be the overriding goal"? With climate impacts upon us, that coast needs healthy vegetation more than ever.

But yes, a 'new deal' is what we need. Where are our political representatives? I ask that because any revision of this order would require political endorsement and inevitably funding. 'Not gonna happen!' you say? Just recall that right here in Bass Coast, between 1985 and 2010 the bad planning that allowed the 30-year-old, over-700-subdivision Summerland Estate was overturned, buybacks and all - and the whole Phillip Island.

Nobbies peninsula became a conservation zone. Who regrets that now – a far bigger decision than we face here?

We can certainly do better, in Inverloch in 2023 - and while Council should lead in the matter, it's time for elected politicians to earn their keep in working for our community's future.

**Ken Blackman, Inverloch**

### Questions raised

The letter from the current Corinella Foreshore Committee of Management chair raises a question: Why, since appointment of the new committee last November, have there been no updates to the committee meeting snapshots section of the website?

This transparent communication method was used by the previous opinion and gender-balanced committee to keep community members informed via monthly updates.

It would appear that the current committee either has something to hide, or that their combined "skills and expertise" do not extend to timely and open communication with the whole community.

**Corinella resident (name withheld)**

### Poor policies

The housing situation in South Gippsland has reached a critical point.

Homelessness and the high rental costs have impacted on the most vulnerable of our society.

Less than 2 per cent of properties in the area are available for social housing.

Insecure housing impacts on both physical and mental health.

There is also a greater risk of suicide in some cases.

All levels of Governments have access to vacant public land.

They must work together to simplify planning laws.

Air B&B, negative gearing and profiteering from some landlords has added to the situation.

There are hundreds of vacant properties throughout South Gippsland.

Governments must find ways to encourage owners to make these properties available for the rental market.

Australia is a first world country with third world policies.

**Geoff Cole, Inverloch**

### Wind farm not using best marine tech

Lots of Labor Party spin so I asked the 'Star Of The South' why they are not using Environmental DNA for initial survey work. I was told (wrongly) it's ineffective for initial discovery of species only effective for monitoring.

They may use it for monitoring, they told me.

This is wrong. See here: <https://bit.ly/3HCVXVT> (curtin.edu.au).

Ironic given the above Curtin University is involved in this environmental survey. Star Of The South told me in Gippsland but they are not using initially the best tech though - Environmental DNA (eDNA).

Instead, we have a publicity stunt by Star Of The South using a local fisherman to catch fish and not using this company, EnviroDNA, to do a proper environmental DNA survey as it's proven better detection technology available now to use initially to locate species, the opposite of what Star Of The South is telling the public, sadly!

**Michael Moss, Murrumbeena.**

The 'Sentinel-Times' encourages readers to write with issues of interest or concern but letters that have a local reference point will be given priority. Writers are also urged to be brief where possible. Letters may be edited for space and legal reasons, and must be submitted with the author's name and contact details of which only the name and town location will appear.

# TIRED OF HEADACHES HOLDING YOU BACK? CONSULT A CHIRO

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## Are headaches holding you back?

SPINAL Health Week (May 22 – 28, 2023) is an initiative of the Australian Chiropractors Association (ACA).

It is Australia's longest-running national health awareness campaign dedicated to improving the spinal health of Australians of all ages.

Annually, Spinal Health Week focusses on a specific spinal health issue while promoting the importance of maintaining good spinal health to improve overall wellbeing.

In 2023, the campaign focusses on the causes of headaches and the negative effects headaches are having on families, workers and the Australian economy.

With more than 7 million Australians suffering from debilitating tension headaches, and more than 4.9 million suffering chronic migraine<sup>1</sup>, the economic impact to Australia exceeds \$35.7 billion annually.

During national Spinal Health Week 2023, the ACA is tackling spine related headaches head on by increasing awareness of the painful condition and improving spinal health through effective, low risk, drug-free solutions that limit the impact headaches have on the quality of life of over 46% of Australians.

If you or someone you know is among the 11.9 million Australians suffering from headaches or migraines and you're tired of headaches holding you back, consult an ACA accredited chiropractor now and take back control of your life!

### Migraines

Migraines often begin as a dull headache, developing into a constant, throbbing, and pulsating pain at the temples, and at the front or back of the



**Spinal Health Week runs from May 22 – 28, 2023.**  
Photo by Joyce McCown on Unsplash

head. They are usually accompanied by nausea and vomiting and sensitivity to light and noise. Despite its impact, migraines are often under-diagnosed and under-treated.<sup>12</sup>

Studies have shown that migraines affect over 4.9 million Australians. About 71% of migraine sufferers are women, which is thought to be due to hormonal factors.

It is also estimated that a whopping 7.6% of migraine sufferers experience chronic migraine, which equates to more than 15 migraines per month.

Twenty per cent of migraines are 'Classic' migraines (with Aura) and 80% are 'Common' migraines (without Aura). An Aura is an important

symptom that typically precedes the headache itself and includes blurred vision, blind spots, and pins and needles in the face, hands, or arms.

Unfortunately, migraines can begin in childhood, but often appear in a patient in their 20s or 30s. It is relatively uncommon after the age of 40, however different migraine types affect patients in different stages of life. Migraines can be a complex and varied disorder with a spectrum of severity, types and symptoms, which your chiropractor can help identify.

ACA accredited chiropractors can help diagnose migraine and provide drug-free care that's been shown to decrease migraine duration and severity.

### Tension Headaches

Tension headaches are the most common cause of a headache in the general population causing mild to moderate pain. It is estimated that up to seven million Australians suffer from tension-type headaches.

Tension headaches can cause mild to moderate pain and are often triggered by stress or fatigue.

A tension headache is often described as a 'hat band' tightness around the forehead, temples, and back of the head. When a tension headache is infrequent and relates to specific stress – they are referred to as 'episodic'. However, when they occur most days over a period of one month or more, they are referred to as 'chronic' and require active and ongoing care.

Chronic tension-type headaches may be the result of pressure and fatigue, but can also frequently be attributed to physical problems, psychological issues, or depression. Other triggers may include poor posture, eye strain from excessive screen time, dehydration, caffeine dependence or withdrawal, smoking, and bright and or noisy environments. Chronic tension headaches can be disabling.

Research has shown that manual therapy such as chiropractic care has been effective in the reducing frequency, intensity, and impact of a headache, both at a short-term and long-term follow-up.

Chiropractic care provides an effective, reliable drug-free treatment for tension headaches and minimises reoccurrence.

### Spinal health and the nervous system

THE spine covers and protects the spinal cord of the nervous system. The nervous system controls every cell, tissue and organ in the body. Poor posture can cause the spine to go out of its natural alignment, affecting the ability of the nervous system to control body functions.

If the spine is out of alignment, even just slightly, pressure may be put on the spinal nerve disrupting the nervous system. A study by Dr. Suh at the University of Colorado showed that a small pressure on the spinal nerve, as little as the weight of a dime, can reduce nerve function by 60 percent.

Effects of poor posture include:

- Back Pain
- Joint and Muscles Disorders
- Spine Problems
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Rounded Shoulders

Around 90 per cent of people have poor posture; this could be caused by the way a person sits at work, does things at home, or carries things the wrong way.

### Improving posture - An active spine is a healthy spine

Good posture is crucial for optimal body function. Posture can directly affect health; improved posture can lead to better well being.

A healthy spine means a healthier life.

Today's technologies, in the form of home entertainment, mobile phones, computers and games consoles mean that more people than ever are adopting poor posture in favor of being active. Sitting for extended periods of time whilst slouched in a chair can affect our spinal health. Spinal Health Week encourages people to become more aware of their posture and to take regular exercise to prevent health problems later in life.

By maintaining good posture we can help prevent visits to a doctor or chiropractor. In many cases, good posture and regular exercise can also prevent the symptoms of preexisting spinal health conditions becoming worse.



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# Winter Warmth



A collaboration with Nick Chapman of Ross Chapman Cartage, Andrew Houston of Leongatha Garden Supplies, Mel Carlisle of Wonthaggi Garden Supplies, Ray Wallis of Grantville Garden Supplies and Kelle Cooper of Inverloch Garden Supplies. Z30\_2123

## A sustainable mix of firewood for winter

SOUTH Gippsland Garden retailers have collaborated this season to get the best deal for the community – sourcing hardwood mill ends firewood in bulk to keep the costs down this winter.

Working in partnership are Leongatha Garden Supplies, Wonthaggi Garden Supplies, Grantville Garden Supplies, Inverloch Garden Supplies and Ross Chapman Cartage to find an alternative way to keep

those wood heaters burning at an affordable price.

With the cost of living rising and red gum difficult to source in bulk, the retailers have teamed up and will be selling clean hardwood mill ends firewood for \$200 per cubic metre – a sustainable by-product of the building industry.

Mel from Wonthaggi Garden Supplies said, "hardwood mill ends firewood is a fantastic

alternative to double split red gum or work well in combination with our standard red gum, local hardwood, or other firewood favourites.

"The hardwood mill ends pair perfectly with other firewoods to reduce the cost of heating the home this cold season, that's already set in.

"Sustainable hardwood mill ends burn clean and hot, and they are so tidy! No bark, dust or dirt and the pieces are easy

to handle."

Sourced from East Gippsland, Nick Chapman of Ross Chapman Cartage explains that by working together the retailers utilise the most efficient and cost-effective cartage so the cost savings can be passed on to benefit the customer. The wood is supplied in bulk bags, which provide an accurate measurement of the wood while also providing an easy container for the wood.

All partnership retailers have a vast range of firewood, firelighters and kindling available in store, with pickup and delivery available.

So, to keep costs down this winter visit your local garden supplier and find out more about sustainable firewood. Together the retailers will provide you with the best deal so you can keep the fire burning throughout this cold season.

## FIREWOOD

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# Winter Warmth



Nick Williams owner and operator of Bass Coast HVAC is bringing instant warmth to people's homes this winter.  
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## HVAC offers instant warmth

NICK Williams, a local trader from Wonthaggi is bringing instant warmth to people's homes this winter.

As the owner and operator of Bass Coast HVAC, Nick specialises in installing, maintaining, servicing, and replacing reverse cycle air conditioning units, including ducted systems, for homes and business.

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tioners offer easy, efficient, and instant heating, and when you need it, instant cooling.

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Using the best quality in heating manufacturers, Nick stocks Mitsubishi Electric and also offers a good economical option for those on a smaller budget with the Hi Sense range.

For those cooking up a whole lot of comfort food on

the stove this winter, Nick also specialises in ventilation, including installing rangehoods, as well as laundry, bathroom, and commercial fans.

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### Community energy innovation

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Or at the very least, a way to ensure some of what you pay for electricity is redirected back into your community?

This is what the team at Mycelia are piloting through the Mycelia Energy Collective with at least 100 households and businesses that share this vision.

The Mycelia Energy Collective was recently selected for WWF Australia's ambitious Innovate to Regenerate Program rolling out across Australia.

Mycelia is proud to be launching this project in the communities of Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

The Mycelia Energy Collective is in its pilot phase and is seeking a combination of 100 households and businesses to participate.

The Mycelia Energy Collective has been funded in part by the Victorian Government's New Energy Jobs Fund #6, WWF-Australia's Innovate to Regenerate Program and is proudly being delivered alongside partners Sunscape Solar, Ecoлив, Maximum Energy and The People's Grid.

The Mycelia Energy Collective is also supporting the Totally Renewable Tenby Point community in achieving their target of zero emissions by 2030!

All are welcome to attend an information session on Saturday, May 27, from 10.30am – 12.30pm at the Corinella and District Community Centre.

# Winter Warmth



## Victorian businesses saving big with solar

VICTORIAN small, medium and family businesses are saving on average more than \$2000 per year from their energy bills by installing solar power systems.

For every business that adopts solar, the reduction in electricity use is the equivalent of removing a residential household from the grid.

The Solar for Business Program which commenced in 2021 is designed to support Victorian businesses, including Small to Medium Enterprises (SME's) and Small to Medium Family Businesses (SMFBs) in reducing their energy costs by accessing the benefits of renewable energy.

A recent review of Solar Victoria's Solar for Business program by the Centre for New and Emerging Technologies (C4NET) found that over 2,290 businesses ranging from cafes to auto repair shops, dentists and doctors are enjoying the savings.

The Greater Dandenong, Kingston and Hume local government areas the top three metropolitan LGAs, and Greater Bendigo, Greater Geelong and Ballarat the top regional areas where eligible businesses have taken advantage of available rebates to cut the cost of installing a solar panel system.

The rebates cover up to 50 per cent of the cost of a rooftop solar system with businesses eligible for a maximum rebate of \$3,500 to reduce the upfront cost.

As well businesses can access an interest free loan of up to \$5,000 to assist with their installation, in essence, getting a financial boost to save on power bills.

Businesses applying for rebates may also be eligible to access tax benefits such as the Instant Asset write-off incentive provided by the federal government.

The recently announced \$314m Federal Small Business Energy Incentive will further business savings post July 1.

The incentive will allow businesses with up to \$50m in turnover a 20 per cent tax deduction on solar panels, batteries and other energy efficient electrical devices when they invest up to \$100,000 on reducing their reliance on fossil fuel energy.

You can find more information about Solar Victoria's business rebate at: Solar for Business Program | Solar Victoria



Owners of Bass Coast Garden Centre Carly and Brenton Wylie have extensive experience selling firewood and can provide sound advice for the winter season ahead. Z13\_2123

## Winter gardens and open fires

THE winter season is upon us and it's time to prepare the garden for the wet weather.

Bass Coast Garden Centre in Wonthaggi has a vast range of crushed rock and toppings to avoid a muddy driveway, and seasoned, clean firewood to keep the home warm.

Owners Carly and Brenton Wylie have been selling redgum firewood for 13 years and can provide sound advice for anyone looking to stock up the woodshed this winter.

"We recommend going to have a look at the wood that's for sale, so you can see what you're actually getting."

Bass Coast Garden Centre supply redgum and blue gum by the bag, boot load or offer delivery for a truck load to your door – delivery is available to Bass Coast from Phillip Island to Lang Lang, across to Venus Bay and everywhere in between.

"Redgum is such a dense wood, so it burns a lot longer and lasts longer than many other species of firewood.

"It may seem expensive at the time but it's a firewood that's burns at a high consistent heat – it's durable and lasts. Redgum is a clean burn that doesn't leave your firebox full of ash as opposed to other wood," said Carly.

"All the redgum we sell is



Blue gum firewood is available from Bass Coast Garden Centre this winter; buy a bag full, boot load or a truck load for delivery. Z17\_2123

clean seasoned and sustainably sourced, so it's all been done the correct way that doesn't contribute to the destruction of habitat."

Bass Coast Garden Centre are fortunate enough to have a reputable supplier who can provide redgum all year round.

"We currently have a special on throughout the months of May and June. Anyone who buys a fire pit, we are giving away a bag of redgum and a bag of kindling with each purchase."

Not only is it crucial to keep the home warm during winter, but tending to the garden is a necessity; so, ensure you compact the dirt to eliminate muddy footprints on those rainy days.

Do you have a muddy driveway? Carly and Brenton can help you out.

The Bass Coast Garden Centre team supply a range of crushed rock and toppings – including Tuscan and Tynong topping for a decorative finish.

"So, if you're already over

walking through mud and puddles, come see us and we can talk you through your best options," said Brenton.

"We can also recommend a range of local trades to help with anything from small excavations to whole yard landscapes."

Come see the team for all your landscaping, firewood, and gardening needs. Located at 113 White Road, Wonthaggi – right next to the new Bunnings site. Call 5605 2217 or visit their website [www.basscoastgardencentre.com.au](http://www.basscoastgardencentre.com.au)



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# Winter Warmth



Jessica Harrison (left) undertaking a Cosy Homes assessment in early 2022.

## Keep warm with advice from Cosy Homes

KEEPING warm in winter without a huge rise in the price of bills is hard, but the Cosy Homes Project have lots of great tips about how to do this.

Last winter Cosy Homes undertook a project to do free energy assessments and retrofits for 30 houses, such as sealing around people's doors, covering exhaust fans, insulating hot water pipes and generally draught proofing homes.

The project also helped people in the Bass Coast to find out how to keep their house warm, make low-cost improvements and prepare for extreme weather events.

While the project is now finished because their aim of retrofitting 30 houses was achieved, the team still has volunteers on board who are happy to go out and talk to people and offer lots of great tips.

"We are still offering either phone advice or free energy assessment for homes in Bass Coast and we can also advise you about what rebates and offers are current, for example, reduced price split system, which there are still grants available from the state government on that," Jess Harrison, leader of the Cosy Homes Project said.

"Also reminding anyone with an electricity bill could get the \$250 energy grant and all they have to do for that is go on to the energy Compare website."

The volunteers are also able to advise people on how to stay warm over winter while keeping energy bills low.

"The tips that we have been advising people on are to do with keeping one room warm. The room that you spend most of your time in.

For example, in my living room, I have a wood heater and so I made sure that I've fit curtains which reached the floor and above the curtains, I've got some roll towels. Now, it might not seem terribly scenic, they do keep the cold air around the window glass, and they stop the colder air getting into my living room."

Jess advises people to check doors and windows for draughts and to block these, to check heating appliances and to keep an eye on bills and keep warm without using heaters.

"Look around at where draughts might be coming into your room, for example, by holding an old cassette tape or holding even a candle or an incense stick near your front door, you can tell if the cold air

is getting through gaps, into for example, your front door."

"Using door snakes, or otherwise known as draught stoppers around draughty doors."

"Check all your heating appliances, such as gas heaters and wood heaters, make sure your chimney is clear and just to make sure they're all working efficiently.

"The other thing to start looking at, is to understand your electricity bill and work out when you're using most electricity.

"You can look at your bills, sometimes the energy retailer will allow you to look at your energy usage in real time.

When you might switch on that little fan heater just for a moment, you'll see that your energy use increases drastically, which of course reflects on your bills."

"It's really good to actually heat your own body rather than heat the room. So we recommend the use of heated throws and electric blankets to keep you warm, rather than using a very energy hungry fan heater."

Cosy Homes has advice sheets available that list lots of energy saving tips. For the advice sheet or more information email: cosyhomes2122@gmail.com.



Leigh Donohue of City to Coast Air in Wonthaggi is a leading provider of Mitsubishi Electric offering the bonus gift card campaign until July 31. Z31\_2123

## Manage the climate of your home with the touch of a button

CITY to Coast Air in Wonthaggi is a leading provider of Mitsubishi Electric and until July 31 customers who purchase any selected split system or ducted air conditioning unit can redeem a bonus gift card.

Director Leigh Donohue said the team can assist all customers with a free quote, purchase, and installation of any heating and cooling unit and therefore help them become eligible for the bonus gift card.

"Our team are here to assist with all residential, domestic and commercial properties, by providing an onsite assessment, followed by a formal quote on the servicing of an old unit, or the removal of a system with the installation of a new product," said Leigh.

"We are also offering new smart home integration systems, including the AirTouch 5 that will enhance your air conditioning, it's a smart controller to manage your climate control from a touch screen, smart phone, or tablet.

"The new technology is available through Wi-Fi and can therefore be controlled remotely, allowing the home temperature to be comfortable and consistent when you walk through the door."

The AirTouch is energy saving and compatible to various units, and the team at City to Coast Air in Wonthaggi can provide an assessment on the home system to ensure the compatibility – providing a quote for an upgrade if required.

Built-in artificial intelligence helps manage the temperatures of your home, as well as turning on and off the lights inside the home, and even closing the garage door.

This modern technology allows you to live in comfort, and save on energy – more convenience, more control, and more savings in the future.

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# New scheme for gaming machine entitlements

VICTORIAN clubs and RSLs that have found themselves with gaming machine entitlements they are no longer able to use will be able to surrender them and have their debts forgiven, under a new scheme by the state government.

Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation Melissa Horne announced an electronic gaming machine surrender scheme which will allow clubs and RSLs to give back previously purchased electronic gaming machine entitlements they cannot use, with the remaining debts to be wiped.

Venue operators can only run gaming machines if they hold entitlements and have the required approvals in place.

The EGM surrender scheme will allow clubs and RSLs to hand back the entitlements to Government without being locked into paying them off — freeing up important funds that can be reinvested back into the community.

The scheme will only apply to clubs and RSLs whose entitlements are not approved for use, including where they have been rejected by the VGCCC or local council. Other venue operators can transfer or sell their unused entitlements or can seek a variation to their payment terms if facing serious financial hardship.

The scheme will begin in July with select clubs and RSLs to be advised of their eligibility. For more information on gaming machine entitlements, visit [justice.vic.gov.au](http://justice.vic.gov.au).

## • FAITH FACTOR

### Insufficient funds

**Pastor Darren Evans - Wonthaggi Christian Life Centre, Wonthaggi & Inverloch Inter-Church Council**

WHEN I was 25 years old I had a V8 Ute.

My car would sometimes stall so I would have to get under it, connect a loose wire, and hope that it would start.

One rainy day in Dandenong during peak hour traffic, at the main intersection, my car stalled. I was under the car when I heard "Are you alright mate?" It was two police officers.

My car was not roadworthy at the time, so I said "Yes, I'm fine thanks".

I couldn't afford to get it fixed, I couldn't afford anything. I was broke, living day to day.

That was the sum of my life.

Around this time, I had not long decided to give Jesus a try and see if his way of life was any different.

Everyone else had failed me so could I trust him?

The next morning I got a job offer. I started wondering about how I was going to get there?

I was too embarrassed to ask for help. I had been to church a few times and learnt that God helps people when they are in need.

I thought I would put this God to the test. I needed about \$20 to get to the job. I drove to the closest ATM and sat in the car for a while. I knew I had no money.

I said, "Lord if you are real and your word says you will meet my needs, I'll put my card in and I'll get \$20".

So when the coast was clear I put my card in, 'Insufficient funds'.

Mumbling I said, "There is no God, you can't even provide for me".

Then as I stepped into my car there on the ground was \$20.

I picked it up, sat down and cried. From that point on I knew that God cared and would provide for me. This article is called Faith Factor.

I put my faith in Jesus, my God, and the factor is from that point till now, Jesus is the greatest help and influence in my life. What about you? Do you need His help? Do you need the Faith Factor in your life?

## ~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE NEWS ~



### LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

LEONGATHA Community House invites you to join Tuesday creative writing group starting on May 30, Tuesday, 10am-12pm.

The idea is... meet on Tuesday mornings from 10am-12 to write short stories with a supportive group of like-minded people, maybe write something each week from your life or interest, keep it short, and bring it on Tuesdays.

We may take it in turns to hear your writing aloud to the group and then open it for helpful discussion of 10mins only, learn from each other...and ask for an opinion! It can be memories from your own life, maybe a theme to start with such as... Family History, Growing up, People Pets' Travels, etc

With a view to publish a small booklet down the track for each participant or even for everyone who would like to get it.

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### Photography for Beginners with Roy Fisher

We are going to run 5-workshops course once we get required number of participants.

Roy Fisher, experienced professional photographer will share the tricks of the trade.

Do not miss this unique opportunity to learn from the legend photographer in a fun relaxing class. You will be amazed how much more enjoyable your photography will become as well as learn how to use your camera's capacity.

Workshops will be on Tuesdays, from 7 pm till 9 pm. Costs \$100. Location is 16 Bruce Street, Leongatha. Call us for more details 5662-3962

### One more interesting idea is the Leongatha Community House Book Club.

We are looking for people interested in starting a Book Club. This would be a spin from the standard book club structure of having everyone read the same book. Instead, we want to run a group where everyone reads their own book and then talks about it each week. This would broaden themes and increase book-style knowledge. If this sounds like something you would be interested in participating or facilitating, please let us know!

If you have any questions or creative ideas, please do not hesitate to contact us 5662-3962.

Or come for cuppa and we will discuss all your ideas or concerns.



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### MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

AS THE cooler weather sets in, now could be an ideal time to focus on quieter, indoor activities.

Milpara Community House is passionate about supporting individuals to connect and participate. Sometimes though, you may feel you need extra confidence, knowledge or support. Digital literacy means having the skills you need to live, learn and work in a society where communication and access to information is increasingly through digital technologies like internet platforms, social media, and mobile devices.

Please contact us to express your interest in Easy Steps to Computers, Computers Next Step, Intermediate Computers and Easy Steps to Tablets. These courses are subsidised and can be tailored to suit you.

This Friday 26 May from 1.00-4.00pm, Wellways Family Services will be at Milpara.

This is an opportunity to find out about Wellways services and access free individual support and information. Wellways Family Services is for neighbours, friends and anyone offering either formal or informal care to a person experiencing mental health challenges.

Coming up next week, Milpara is proud to be hosting free community training to build essential knowledge and skills to recognise the warning signs of suicide and encourage support. If someone close to you was suicidal, would you know what to do? QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer - the 3 simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. QPR suicide prevention is a 3.5 hour training session on Wednesday 31 May 9.30-1.00pm that will teach you to:

- Identify warning signs that someone may be thinking about suicide
- Confidently ask if someone is thinking about suicide
- Connect them to appropriate support

Registration essential by Monday, May 29. Light lunch provided.

Have you been connected with Milpara for decades? Have you volunteered or learned alongside us, have a special story to share, or been involved as a tutor?

As we continue to prepare for our move to the Korumburra Community Hub in July-August 2023, please express your interest in helping plan a celebration to mark Milpara's move from a house to the Hub.



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## Building reforms after tumultuous period

THE State Government will reform the Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995 and strengthen domestic building insurance requirements.

Victoria's building regulators will have more powers to monitor whether builders are meeting their obligations under the law to take out domestic building insurance prior to taking a deposit, with tough new penalties for failing to comply with these requirements.

The Victorian Building Authority (VBA) will audit builders regarding collection of deposit and purchase of domestic building insurance.

The Government will consider providing an extended transition for some new National Construction Code requirements that are currently scheduled to commence in October.

The reform package will also provide opportunities to review the role of all regulators and improve the information provided to consumers about a builder's obligation to take out domestic building insurance.



### Laren's Italian Soup Dinner

By Meg Viney

ONE of my friends in California is a brilliant cook, and always with a heightened sense of aesthetics. Just looking at the food one would enjoy it, but once tasted it was fabulous. One night we were invited for 'a simple bowl of soup'. It didn't taste simple, but the recipe is fairly simple, and the result is scrumptious!

#### Ingredients

- 1 kilo gravy beef cut into 3 cm cubes
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup water
- 1 clove garlic (optional)
- 1 cup each zucchini, carrot and celery
- 1 small green capsicum cut into strips
- 3 tomatoes, peeled and quartered (can use the equivalent of a tin)
- 3 cups shredded cabbage
- 1/2 teasp each salt and sugar
- 1 sprig each rosemary, basil, and thyme (or 1/2 teasp dried)
- 3 cups chicken stock (make your own with 5 chicken drumsticks, a couple of carrots, pinch of salt and water in a slow cooker overnight)
- 3 cups small shell pasta
- Parmesan

#### Method

Place the beef, onion and salt and oil into a heavy casserole with a lid and cook on 200 for 40 minutes - will be brown. Deglaze with the water and cook on 180 for a further hour.

The rest can be done on top of the stove or continue in a 180 oven.

Add all other ingredients except the pasta and parmesan.

Bake a further hour or cook on the stovetop until tender. Turn off and add the pasta, stirring well.

Replace the lid and leave for the pasta to soften. Preheat bowls and serve the soup with the Parmesan in a bowl.

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# There's nothing like theatre people

By Courtney O'Brien

LINDY Waldron has been with the Wonthaggi Theatre Group (WTG) for nearly 20 years, she was treasurer for 15 and is a life member.

"I love it. I've done a show every year (except the last couple of years due to COVID). I love the people. It's just like another family, the theatre family. You meet the best people ever, and you make lifelong friends with different shows, and it's just special, and that's why I keep coming back."

Lindy first started with WTG when her daughter was interested in joining.

"I thought, I'll go along, and I've been here ever since."

Having experienced being a part of many different shows, Lindy has enjoyed them all, but has found her niche in musicals.

"I've done Les Mis' twice – that's a favourite, I've done Jesus Christ Super Star twice, I just did School of Rock – loved it! It was a lot of fun with the kids."

"Musical theatre is my thing. I have done plays, but musical theatre is really my thing, I like to sing."

Lindy reflects on the connections she's made over twenty



Ann Hemming, Directors Assistant with Lindy Waldron, 20-year life member of Wonthaggi Theatre Group, has found her niche with musicals and will perform as part of the ensemble cast in *Dusty*. ob06\_2123

years as a member of the Wonthaggi Theatre Group.

"It's different, every show you do, obviously it's a different cast, so I've done shows with my kids, I've done shows with my friends, every cast you get a new family. I've made so many friends over the years, it's just special, because you can always count on them."

"Theatre people. There's nothing like theatre people. They're always very over the top and

friendly and would do anything for you. The kind of person you want in your corner."

Lindy will be playing a character in drag and playing acerbic reporter, Jean Rook in the ensemble cast of *Dusty*. She has had fun in rehearsals and is looking forward to bringing the show to the stage.

"It's just a fun crowd. The music is fantastic, it's from my era. The choreography's fun – not

that I'm great at it!"

And she happily brings her wealth of experience to help out other cast members.

"I like to think I've got a lot of experience and I help newer people that haven't done a show before."

Lindy's daughter - as the one who introduced Lindy to the theatre - still comes across from Tasmania to support her mum and see the shows she performs in.



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Linda Hamilton said there is a team simply dedicated to dressing Dusty, with Shontelle and Nina both playing the role Dusty.



## Directing Dusty

LINDA Hamilton has taken long service leave from her job as a teacher to direct and choreograph Dusty for the Wonthaggi Theatre Group.

Linda has previously directed some small school shows but this is her first time directing for a large theatre group and she knew the time and dedication it would take, but that didn't deter her.

"I can do that too. Bucket list. I just felt that by having the Wonthaggi Theatre Group committee so supportive, saying what more can we do? and sometimes they can't do all I want, but they'll try and do the best they can with what they've got and accept me for not knowing everything. But I've learned a lot, I feel like I've cut my teeth, well and truly."

Together with the committee and after much discussion, Linda settled on Dusty, as the group have the talent to support such a female dominated show.

"We've got such a great wealth of females. So Dusty, such a strong female cast, between Nina and Kerryn, so lucky, and these great young girls that are coming up."

We've got all these kids that really want to be involved and are doing it all at school and then to be able to have that experience of that next step here."

There are about 25 cast members with ages ranging from between 16 and 74. Linda was keen to have the community represented within the cast and she has witnessed unique connections form between people that "you wouldn't see at a

football club."

Linda has kept the cast small but diverse, so new members could get a taste of being in the ensemble and explore different roles.

"There is a depth in the cast."

I wanted a small cast, so they would be busy and to feel like you're really in it.

"With a multitude of things to take care of and decisions to make as the Director across all areas of the show including sound, lighting, sets, props, costumes, hair, makeup, choreography and wigs," Linda said.

"I've never done anything on a scale like this. I'm learning so much."

With weekly team meetings and rehearsals three times a week and with support from people outside the theatre group, Linda said it has been a great team effort and everyone has worked really hard and have had to rely on each other.

"It's been lovely. Some of the girls in the cast have helped with choreography and I've taught them skills so they can go and teach others, so that's been nice, to have a really solid group of supportive people. They're all great."

"Dusty is off stage for about 15 minutes and if she's coming off it's because she's coming back on to get changed again. There is a team simply dedicated to dressing Dusty!"

"You want people to have a good experience both on stage and off stage, so they keep coming back, because we've got more shows to do."

# Dusty shows off local female talent

AS THE rehearsals for Dusty get to the pointy end and with the stage now in place, Nina Barry – Macaulay who plays the lead role of Dusty is getting excited.

"Everything is starting to come together, the band the costumes, all of our props and things like that, which is always exciting and adds an extra element to the rehearsals process, because you've got all these extra things to think about."

There is a team of two backstage in the show who are dedicated just to getting Nina changed for the role of Dusty.

"I've got so many costume changes and they're incredible, every costume I get to wear is just a piece of art, but I have to change into and out of them so quickly so that is like choreography on its own. The costumes span from the sixties to the seventies and eighties so they're pretty diverse in their style which is really fun too."

Nina has enjoyed working on the show with a great mix of people and learning from them, as well as being a role model to younger cast members.

"I think for me, the whole creative process, this has been one of the best shows I've been involved in. It's a really inclusive environment. Linda (the director) has just done an incredible job of creating this culture of inclusivity and respectfulness and it's just a really beautiful environment for us all to be creative in, so it's been



Shontelle O'Connor and Nina Barry – Macaulay who play the lead roles of Mary O'Brien and Dusty Springfield are bringing their brilliant acting, singing and dancing talent to the stage.

a really special process in that way and to be a part of."

"There are other people in the show, different generations that I look up to, so it's really nice to have that. It's been so nice to be involved in a cast with some younger women and I can certainly see myself in many of them too and remembering being in year 12 at Wonthaggi Secondary and doing local productions.

"Then after school I went and did musical theatre at Victorian College of the Arts and remember being at that time of my life when local theatre gave me so much confidence and encouragement and gave me a platform to really explore my craft and my skill, that then empowered me to pursue that beyond high school."

Nina has found the local theatre

space to be instrumental in becoming a performer and pursuing her love of performance.

"I think that we are so lucky to have that in our community. Wonthaggi and Lyric in Leongatha do provide such an important space for young people, just exploring and experiencing performance and all aspects of performance as well, not just acting and singing and dancing but doing the tech work, being the choreographer. All of these amazing things that we get exposure to in a really safe environment, in a local theatre that then sets us up to decide if it's something we want to pursue."

Nina believes the cast of Dusty has a lot to offer audiences and the show is really one not to be missed.



Elaine 'Epi' Epifano Musical Director, Ann Hemming Directors Assistant and Lindy Waldron ensemble cast and life member of Wonthaggi Theatre Group. ob07\_2123



Cecily De Gooyer from the ensemble cast with Nina Barry – Macaulay and Shontelle O'Connor who play the lead roles of Dusty and Mary O'Brien. ob14\_2123



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Musical Director of Dusty, Epi, thinks it is the ultimate show with great music and 42 songs, it is set to be fabulous. ob05\_2123

## Dusty is the ultimate musical

DUSTY is a juke box musical based on the life and songs of pop diva and star Dusty Springfield, and it will delight music lovers across decades.

Dusty will be performed by the tight knit Wonthaggi Theatre Group. There will be a plethora of well known and well loved hits, that spanned from the 50s through to the 90s and is sure to evoke memories in audience members.

Elaine 'Epi' Epifano, is the Musical Director for the show and has been listening avidly to Dusty's music for months to prepare.

"I've been listening to the music since back in October, I hate to think how many times I've listened to everything, and the earworm has kept me awake! I have been caught singing some songs at work."

Audiences will know Dusty's music; however, they may not know realise how many songs were her's until they hear them.

Many were covered by other artist over the years, including numbers like, 'I only want to be with you,' 'Stay Awhile', 'Wishin' and Hopin' and 'I just don't know what to do with myself'.

By Courtney O'Brien

Epi is a multi-instrumentalist with flute, clarinet and saxophone among the instruments she has mastered, and plays in bands locally.

She grew up in Leongatha and began working on musicals while she was at university and hasn't stopped since.

Epi has now worked with all the theatre groups across the Bass Coast and South Gippsland and was the Musical Director for many productions at Newhaven College, where she continues teaching and working as the VCE Coordinator.

When approached to do the show, Epi questioned whether she could fit it into her already busy schedule, but her love for the music made the decision easy.

"The music itself is what attracted me, and I play in three different bands myself and this is really my style of music, so I thought, why not?"

"I love musical theatre. I'm very passionate about music and to get the opportunity to do another show on stage for audiences and it's a great show. Dusty is the ultimate show, great music,

42 songs in the show, and it's just fabulous."

Epi says working with a talented cast and crew has made rehearsals enjoyable and is grateful to have a team she can rely on, including assistant Musical Director Asher Kaighan.

She is confident the band and cast are ready to shine musically and vocally.

"My band is amazing, and they are like family. We've got 10 musicians in the band and they are all pretty much local."

"We've loved working with the cast. We've got one of the cast members, Kerryn Lockhart, she's a singing teacher and she's been a great help, we've got some refinements and polishing happening, and I've got Kerryn to do some of that refining."

"We've also got Tim Eccles, and he works as a voice coach, so he's been helping as well, on support vocals and he helps with the warmups. It's a team effort."

Epi is looking forward to Opening Night and is sure audiences will love the show.

"We have top musicians. I think everyone will have their toes tapping and it's just really fun."

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND SENTINEL-TIMES | TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023 | 33



While Vincent van Gogh was the inspiration for those at Leongatha Library's Books, Paints & Tasting Plates, people added their own creative touches.

### Books, paints and tasting plates at the library

WHILE Myli Libraries are renowned for their educational and entertaining children's programs, adults also have the chance to socialise, build knowledge and skills and have fun at sessions such as Leongatha Library's monthly evening gatherings.

'Books, Paints & Tasting Plates' was the most recent of these events, with enthusiastic participants turning out despite Tuesday's dreary South Gippsland weather, knowing a cosy setting awaited.

They enjoyed alcohol-free bubbles, a shared grazing platter and friendly banter before taking home their own version of a Vincent van Gogh masterpiece.

Those artworks were created with the guidance of library programs officer Kate Lochlin.

Aimee Morehouse encouraged Tarryn Boden and Kate Kuhne to join her at the painting evening, inspired by her children's enjoyment of an egg carton animal making workshop.

Janean Bright, Anne Parkes and Sue Charlton are becoming regulars at the Leongatha Library events held on the second Tuesday of each month, having previously tackled clay modelling and basket weaving, and were just as enthusiastic about painting.

Kate loved running the session, saying it was great

to see everybody relax and enjoy themselves.

At next month's session, beginning at 6pm on Tuesday June 13, the focus turns to Kokedama, a Japanese artform involving the creation of a moss-covered ball of soil in which an ornamental plant grows.

Bookings open on Tuesday May 16.

Visit [myli.au/events](http://myli.au/events) for all upcoming Myli Library sessions across the organisation's branches.

There are author talks coming up, with spots able to be reserved through the link above.

Childhood cancer survivor Joe Bakhmoutski speaks about his new book 'Finding Hope in Times of Uncertainty' during his Thursday June 15 appearances at Inverloch Library (10am) and Leongatha Library (2.30pm), as part of Men's Health Week.

Local historian, Lyn Skillern OAM will talk at Leongatha Library about her recently released book 'Forgotten For Too Long', telling the story of the 79 men from Gippsland who served in the 2/22nd Battalion-Lark Force in Rabaul in 1941-42.

Her talk takes place at 5pm on Tuesday June 20.

Free film screenings are held in Leongatha Library on the third Tuesday each month between 2-4pm, featuring recent releases.



Kerryn Moren (Playing Ulla), Jay Nelson (playing Max Bialystock), and Sam Shineberg (playing Leo Bloom), in a show full of laughs, in the Broadway style musical comedy, *The Producers*.

## A musical comedy not to be missed

LEONGATHA Lyric Theatre Inc. will be putting on a show full of laughs, an old-style Broadway number that will pep audiences up with musical comedy, *The Producers*.

It's the entire spectacle of the show that makes it exciting, according to director Daniel Lawrence.

"We've got a good team. It's a big show and needs a well-oiled machine."

Experienced performers will be leading an ensemble cast and a set idea will be attempted that's never been done before in Leongatha.

A live orchestra complete with strings, brass, wind and per-

cussion will provide an amazing sound journey, with the experienced Malcom McCaffrey on musical direction.

Sam Shineberg will be on sound, to provide a faultless acoustic experience.

Emily Laughlin is leading the energetic dance and choreography routines that are sure to impress with moves from jazz, ballet, tap and the can-can. Costumes will transport audiences back to another time.

*The Producers* is Based on Mel Brooks' 1968 film. It's a hilarious comedy, where Fading Broadway producer Max Bialystock is desperate to get to the top of his profession again.

He finds an unlikely ally in mousy accountant Leo Bloom, who hypothesises that they could make far more money with a flop of a show than with a hit.

Together, the two set out to produce the worst musical ever to hit Broadway. Things don't go as planned and the plot unfolds in comical twists and turns which will keep the audience guessing and laughing throughout.

*The Producers* will be performed at the Memorial Hall, Leongatha. The show will open on Friday, June 30 and will go through until Saturday July 15, with a combination of matinee and evening shows to choose from.

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Jake Amy will be performing with band members, Jordan Carrera, on drums and Steven Lane, on bass and the trio will showcase Jake's new album, Squeeze in Wonthaggi this June.

## Jake Amy launches new album

SINCE moving away from Wonthaggi only five years ago, Jake Amy has firmly established himself in the Australian music scene.

He is now one of Australia's most in-demand keyboardists, performing with an ever-expanding array of exciting Australian and international artists.

He recently performed to over 30,000 people with international touring artist Wafia at the SCG; on Spicks and Specks with Emma Volard and live at Dame Olivia Newton John's state memorial earlier this year.

Jake is looking forward to coming back to his hometown of Wonthaggi, to share his music with family and friends and reconnect with the community he misses, living in Melbourne.

"Wonthaggi is where I was born and also its special

because the event is being put on by Wonthaggi Theatrical Group and that's how I started getting into playing bands when I was 13 years old. I played in one of the musicals that was on and that was my first band experience."

"That's what got me onto the stage, and I pursued music because of that and that was a defining moment for me, and to come back and do a show in collaboration with that theatre company is exciting."

"I'm excited to be back in Wonthaggi because I want to tell everyone and especially young musicians that it is possible to have a successful music career having come from a regional town! You just need to work hard and be a good person."

Jake will be performing with band members, Jordan Carrera, on drums and Steven Lane, on bass and the

trio will showcase Jake's new album, Squeeze.

"It's a little bit jazzy and it's a little bit inspired by hip hop as well. I've written all the songs myself and being a musician, you really have to find ways to be budget friendly, and so I've recorded it myself, mixed it myself, produced it, I've done the lot apart from mastering it and playing the instruments."

This will be Jake's first album tour, and the band so far, have only played a handful of gigs in Melbourne, so Jake is super excited to be travelling across the country connecting with, and playing to interstate and regional audiences.

"I'm visiting Brisbane, Adelaide, Canberra and people have been requesting that I play a Sydney show as well, so that might be in the works."

"The reason that I want to get this tour happening at this time is because in the next few months I'm travelling over to Europe and I'm performing shows in Berlin and London and the ultimate goal would just be to travel across America and Europe playing my music, as well as Australia."

"It's important as a musician to build connections everywhere so I think that will lead to greater opportunities playing with other artists as a session musician as well."

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group will be hosting the launch of Jake Amy's new album "Squeeze" at The Shed (Wonthaggi State Coal Mine) on Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 3pm. This event is wheelchair accessible and offers discounted tickets for First Nations Peoples. Tickets are available online at [linktr.ee/jakeamy](http://linktr.ee/jakeamy)

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## Port Welshpool & District Maritime Museum welcomed back into service

A REVITALISED Port Welshpool & District Maritime Museum greeted visitors on April 1, as the local repository of photos, stories and historical items was officially reopened after a 12-month makeover. Former museum president Max Wood was the guest of honour, sharing recollections with attendees.

"I was involved from when the museum was donated to the shire by Arnie Smith," Max said.

One of the highlights from his perspective was seeing the museum's extensive and significant seashell collection shown to advantage in new display units, with the cabinets featuring excellent lighting.

Many of the historical photos adorning the museum's walls are looking their best after extensive work from volunteers, with the use of technology and the support of funding from the Welshpool op shop.

Volunteers also worked diligently to put stories to many of the photos.

The building is ready to welcome many more visitors over coming years, being on firm footing after restumping, or rather stumping.

"She was sitting on rocks, as was the regulation back in 1881 when built," museum secretary Janet Taylor said of her former home.

The rocks upon which the building sat for so long now take pride of place edging the museum's memorial garden.

The building's inside walls were looking the part for the reopening, having seen a paintbrush for the first time in over 40 years, with colours used in keeping with heritage rules.

One of the museum's treasured items, the heritage-listed vessel 'Janet Iles' was also spruced up during the closure period, receiving new paint and looking a picture despite her 100 plus years.

Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien and South Gippsland Shire Councilor Scott Rae both spoke of the importance of volunteers, without whom such museums would not exist.

Janet expressed her appreciation of the museum's volunteers and members and all those who helped on the open day.

A number of the region's businesses pitched in during the restoration process.

Worry Free Removalists, Matt Walker Electronics, Eastern Stumping, Paint and More, H.F Joinery and J.C Flooring all played their part.

Bruce Faulkner and his team at South Gippsland Shire Council received credit for starting the ball rolling for the restoration.

A sausage sizzle and afternoon tea capped off the reopening day.

Port Welshpool & District Maritime Museum opens on weekends between 12.30-4.30pm. Weekday group bookings can be organised by calling museum secretary Janet on 0413 199 776, and afternoon or morning teas can be arranged.

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## QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

### SPORTS TRIVIA

- [\$100] Which of these four NBA teams has not been involved in the 2023 NBA Conference playoffs? A. Boston Celtics. B. Golden State Warriors. C. Miami Heat. D. Denver Nuggets.
- [\$200] Which golfer has won the most golf majors? A. Tiger Woods. B. Walter Hagen. C. Gary Player. D. Jack Nicklaus.
- [\$300] How many centimetres/inches is the diameter of a basketball ring? A. 38cm/15 inches. B. 46cm/18 inches. C. 58cm/22 inches. D. 66cm/26 inches.
- [\$500] In what year was the Beijing Olympics held? A. 1996. B. 2000. C. 2004. D. 2008?
- [\$1000] How far is a marathon? A. 18 miles/29km. B. 26.2ml/42.2km. C. 34.2ml/55km. D. 41ml/66km.
- [\$2000] In American football how much is a touchdown worth? A. 2 points. B. 4 points. C. 6 points. D. 8 points.
- [\$4000] How many players are on a baseball team? A. 7. B. 8. C. 9. D. 10.
- [\$8000] In the 1971 Olympics, Nadia Comaneci was the first gymnast to score a perfect score. What country was she representing? A. Soviet Union. B. Romania. C. Hungary. D. Czechoslovakia.
- [\$16,000] Which of these sports will not make an appearance at the 2024 Paris Olympics? A. Breakdancing. B. Squash. C. Skateboarding. D. Rock Climbing.
- [\$32,000] In what year were women allowed to compete in the modern Olympic games and in what sport? A. 1900/Tennis. B. 1904/ Swimming. C. 1908/Athletics. D. 1912/Rowing.
- [\$64,000] Muhammad Ali lost five times in his professional career but which of these fighters was not among the winners? A. Joe Frazier. B. Alfredo Evangelista. C. Trevor Berbick. D. Larry Holmes.
- [\$125,000] What number sits to the left of the number '19' on a standard dartboard? A. 9. B. 8. C. 7. D. 3.
- [\$250,000] How many sports will be included in the 2024 Paris Olympics? A. 30. B. 32. C. 34. D. 36.
- [\$500,000] Golden State Warriors star player Steph Curry has three tattoos on his right leg. Which of these is not one of them? A. Wolf. B. Butterfly. C. Bear. D. Unicorn.
- [\$1,000,000] How many dimples does an average golf ball have? A. 218. B. 336. C. 487. D. 563.

15. B. 336.  
16. A. Alfredo Evangelista. 12. C. 7. 13. B. 32. 14. C. Bear.  
17. B. Romania. 9. B. 26.2ml/42.2km. 6. C. 6 points. 7. C. 9.  
8. D. 2008. 5. B. 26cm/18 inches.  
9. Jack Nicklaus (18). Tiger Woods (15). 3. B. 26cm/18 inches.  
10. A. 1900/Tennis. 7. C. 6 points. 8. B. 26.2ml/42.2km. 5. C. 487.  
11. D. 563.

### SUDOKU

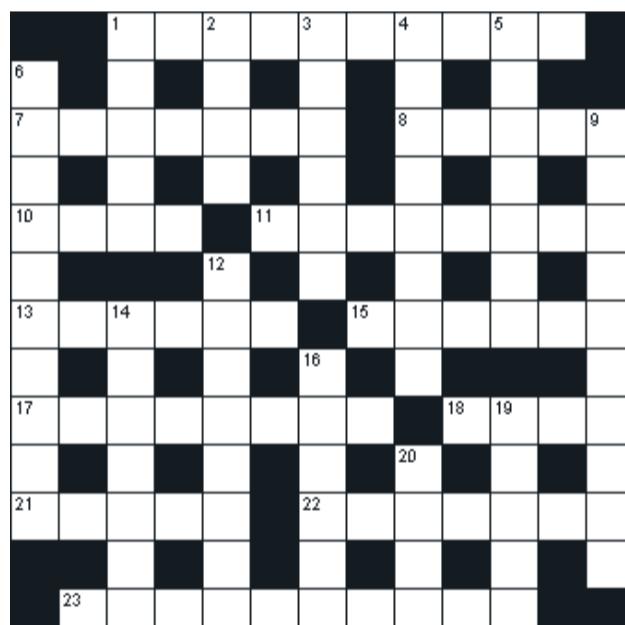
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#### Instructions:

Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each vertical column can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

### QUICK CROSSWORD



Sourced from: [www.simplydailypuzzles.com](http://www.simplydailypuzzles.com)

#### ACROSS

- Great painters of the past (3,7)
- Food fish (7)
- Attractiveness (5)
- Probabilities (4)
- Miserable (8)
- One who attends to horses (6)
- Thrifty (6)
- One who looks on the bright side (8)
- Notion (4)
- City of N Italy (5)
- Put in order (7)
- Searcher for minerals (10)

#### DOWN

- Looked at amorously (5)
- Money owing (4)
- Thespians (6)
- Habitually silent (8)
- Reckless, selfish driver (4,3)
- Anaesthetic (10)
- Neither young nor old (6-4)
- End of line (8)
- In name only (7)
- Housing area (6)
- Giver (5)
- Determination (4)

**SOLUTIONS: May 16, 2023**

#### Crossword:

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#### Sudoku:

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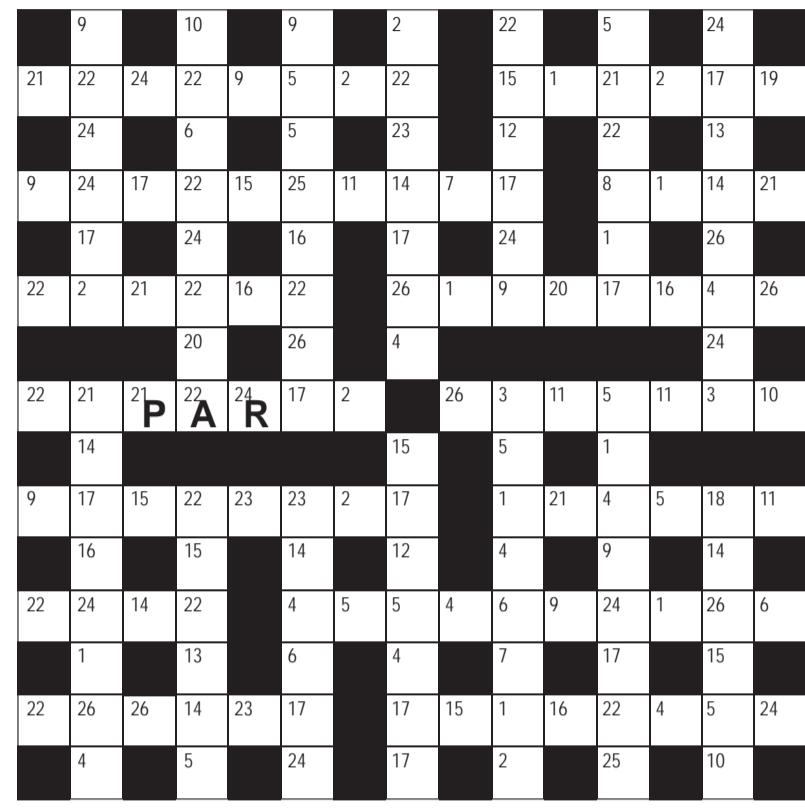
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### CODE CRACKER

Each letter in this puzzle is represented by a number 1-26.

Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once. Three letters are already in place to get you started.



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### WORD SEARCH COLOURS

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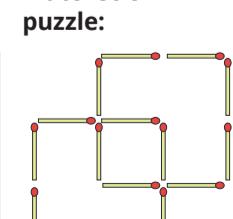
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#### Magic Squares:

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#### Matchstick puzzle:





Liz Bowyer, Heather Gregory and Anna Hunt gathered at PICAL for an afternoon tea in celebration of National Volunteers Week. Z06\_2123



Louise and Hilda were welcomed by the PICAL committee on Tuesday afternoon to acknowledge their extraordinary efforts as volunteers. Z07\_2123



PICAL committee members Graeme and Denise joined volunteer Sharon onsite at PICAL to celebrate National Volunteers Week. Z08\_2123



Lucy and Christine have made great friends through their common interest of volunteering at PICAL and on Tuesday afternoon they attended onsite for an afternoon tea. Z09\_2123



Andrew, Warwick and Paul attended the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea held at the Kilcunda Community Centre on Friday afternoon. Z19\_2123



Red Rodgers and Thelma Churchill showed their support for the Cancer Council by attending the Kilcunda Community Association's Biggest Morning Tea. Z21\_2123



Friends Terri, Shirlene and Jill enjoyed their Friday afternoon tea at the Kilcunda Community Centre for the 20th Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea. Z22\_2123



Louise, Kylie and Sue attended the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea held at the Kilcunda Community Centre on Friday afternoon. Z23\_2123

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Volunteer Week at PICAL, Korumburra Senior Citizens Club lunch, Kilcunda Community Association's Biggest Morning Tea, Bass Sustainability Festival and the Korumburra Deb Ball.



Louise, Harvey, Sophie, and Annette supported the Kilcunda Community by attending their 20th Biggest Morning Tea at the Community Centre. Z20\_2123



Juliet and Kevin Wylie enjoy a lunch gathering, having just joined the Korumburra Senior Citizens Club. A05\_2123



Judy Silcock and Margaret Jones after the final lunch at the Korumburra Senior Citizens Centre at which Margaret has helped prepare many meals. A06\_2123



Travis Thompson, Isla Thompson and Joey Thompson who was giving a talk at the Festival about school strikes for climate change. Ob43\_2123



Kelly Smith with Glen Brooks of Westernport Biosphere Preserve talking with people about projects for climate action and environmental sustainability. Ob45\_2123



Enjoying the 40th Korumburra Deb Ball last Saturday night were Kelsey Donohue, Jemayar Graham and Alice Reid. snappedDEBS6\_2123



Out at the 40th anniversary Korumburra Deb Ball were Stella McGannon, Jaime Little, Milly White, Evie Say and Jayde Hall. snappedDEBS7\_2123



Cousins in hats! Having fun at the Korumburra Deb Ball were cousins Tarkyn Walker, Ella Cuman, Jemayar Graham and Zac Graham. snappedDEBS9\_2123



Chatting with debutant Anissa Condoluci at the Korumburra Deb Ball are Sienna Cruickshank and Sophie Enbom. snappedDEBS5\_2123



## Australian agricultural land on track for further price growth

AUSTRALIAN agricultural land is on track for another year of strong price growth in 2023, agribusiness banking specialist Rabobank says in its newly-released annual Australian Agricultural Land Price Outlook.

The report, supported by farmland sales data from DAS (Digital Agricultural Services), says three consecutive seasons of good financial performance for Australia's farm sector – driven by high commodity prices and good weather conditions for the majority of the country – is set to once again fuel "double digit" percentage growth in agricultural land prices for the year ahead, albeit easing from the record near-30 per cent increases seen in both 2022 and 2021.

The bank's analysis shows agricultural land prices across the country rose by 29 per cent (median price per hectare) in 2022, with cropping land increasing by 29 per cent, livestock grazing land by 26 per cent and dairy by 29 per cent.

Agricultural land prices were found to have recorded double digit percentage growth on the previous year in all states, with South Australian farmland prices rising the most – at 34 per cent.

Report author, RaboResearch agriculture analyst Vitor Pistoia said agricultural land prices across the country had soared again in 2022, with the "macro settings" having been favourable for land purchases and farming profits in Australia.

While a decline in agricultural land prices is not forecast, the bank cautions that – after the estimated double digit percentage price increase this year, a significant slowdown in the "pace" of price growth – which had been "massive" in recent years – is expected from 2024 potentially through to 2028.

For now, the report says, farmers' appetite for property purchase remains strong, with recent Rabobank research – conducted in Q1 2023 – showing seven per cent of Australian farmers intend to buy land in the next 12 months.

Median agricultural land prices in Victoria jumped by 28 per cent in 2022, according to the report – after a massive 40 per cent increase the prior year – with all regions in the state continuing the upward trend in land prices.



South and West Gippsland recorded a sixth year of consecutive growth in its median price per hectare in 2022.

## Key farmland sales revealed for Gippsland

TRACKING every farmland sale annually for almost three decades, the 2023 Rural Bank Australian Farmland Values Report is the longest running analysis of the farmland market in Australia, providing detailed market information from a national to a local level.

The report, supplemented by farmland sales data from DAS (Digital Agriculture Services), recorded a 20 per cent rise in growth for 2022, keeping pace with growth in 2021 and the first time in the last 28 years that growth of more than 15 per cent was recorded across all states and territories.

### 2022 Price and Transaction growth in Victoria:

- 2022 year-on-year median price growth: +26.3%
- 2022 year-on-year transaction volume growth: -44.6%

Victorian farmland values increased for the seventh consecutive year in 2022 as strong demand and tightened supply applied upwards pressure on the median price per hectare.

The median price increased by 26.3 per cent in 2022, a minor slowdown from a 30.4 per cent rise in 2021. The strong period of growth in recent years has lifted the five-year CAGR to a very high 17.6 per cent. The longer-term growth is more moderate with a 20-year

CAGR of 8.4 per cent. The upwards shift in median price per hectare was consistent across all of the state's eight regions. This was only the third year since 1995 that all regions have seen growth in their median price.

Growth in 2022 was led by the Central region which recorded a 52.3 per cent increase in median price per hectare. This was closely followed by the Mallee with a rise of 45.3 per cent.

Growth in the Ovens Murray, South West and Wimmera regions was marginally lower but still strong at 34-36 per cent.

The lowest growth rates were seen in the Goulburn, South and West Gippsland (including Bass Coast and South Gippsland) and East Gippsland regions which were still very strong at 21-23 per cent.

This was the second year in a row, and only second time in the last 28 years, that all regions in Victoria saw price growth of at least 20 per cent.

The number of transactions in Victoria declined by 44.6 per cent to 1,007 in 2022. This was the lowest number of transactions on record for the state and 33.6 per cent below the five-year average. All eight regions recorded a decrease in transaction volume of at least 30 per cent in 2022.

The most prominent falls occurred in the Central and East Gippsland regions with falls of 55-59 per cent.

Falls of just under 50 per cent occurred in the South and West Gippsland, Ovens Murray and Mallee regions.

South and West Gippsland recorded a sixth year of consecutive growth in its median price per hectare in 2022.

The median price rose 21.3 per cent in 2022 to \$25,265/ha, the highest median price of Victoria's regions. This growth was slightly down on the 28.4 per cent growth in 2021.

The median price has almost doubled

after six years of growth with a rise of 98 per cent since 2016. These years of strong growth have helped drive a 20-year CAGR of 7.2 per cent.

Transaction volume for the region fell 49.4 per cent in 2022 to 78, a record low for the area. This decline took the region's transaction volume to 52 per cent below the 5-year average.

Of the 76 fewer transactions in the region, the Baw Baw and South Gippsland municipalities accounted for 52.

These two areas also had the region's two lowest median prices in 2022. The supply of small parcels of land tightened in 2022 with 50 per cent fewer transactions between 30-50 hectares.

This tightened supply, combined with firm demand drove the median price of this segment 38.8 per cent higher to \$30,947/ha.

This likely helped keep the number of transactions priced above \$25,000/ha steady year-on-year and account for 51 per cent of the region's transactions, up from 27 per cent in 2021.

Transactions between 50-100 hectares did not see as strong a price rise with only a 6.2 per cent increase in median price to \$21,171/ha.

"Victoria's farmland values continued to break records again in 2022 following a year of strong growth in 2021. The slowdown in transactions numbers reflects buyer caution and deeper business consideration off the back of rising interest rates and input costs. With good growing conditions, an easing in some commodity prices from record highs and continued higher interest rates, purchasers are conducting deeper analysis to ensure that higher purchase prices don't harm the overall returns that can be generated. This will likely lead to lower growth in property prices for 2023," said Kathryn Davies, Rural Bank, Victoria.



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## 'The 3 Ps' - position, picturesque setting, perfect lifestyle

THIS property is set on over one acre and offers a harmonious blend of modern comfort and sustainable living.

This opportunity presents a renovated three bedroom, one bathroom home, a separate bungalow, a barn with a hoist, and the added advantage of off-grid capabilities.

The property is complemented by an array of established garden and fruit trees, creating a truly idyllic setting.

Step into the recently renovated home and experience the ultimate in comfort. With a well-designed layout, inviting living spaces, and a modern kitchen, this three bedroom haven ensures ample room for your family's needs.

Every detail has been carefully considered to create a living space that seamlessly blends style and functionality.

Adjacent to the main residence, a separate bungalow awaits, ready to adapt to your unique desires.

Whether you envision it as a guest house, a home office, or a creative studio, this versatile space invites endless possibilities to suit your preferences.

For those with hobbies or in need of additional storage, the functional barn, complete with a hoist, provides the utmost convenience and versatility.

Whether you seek a dedicated space for your passion projects or a secure area to store equipment, this barn caters to your needs. Additionally, the property boasts ample shedding, including garden sheds and a spacious three car carport, ensuring plenty of storage options for your belongings.

An outstanding feature of this property is its off-grid capabilities, allowing you to embrace sustainable living with ease.

Powered by an impressive 13.2kW solar system, equipped with inverters and batteries, you can revel in the freedom of living off the grid while still enjoying all the modern amenities.

Indulge in the epitome of relaxation and well-being with the luxurious swim spa retreat included on the property. Immerse yourself in the invigorating waters, creating the perfect setting to unwind, exercise, and indulge in rejuvenating hydrotherapy sessions.

Adding to the allure of this retreat are the abundant fruit trees that grace the landscape. Explore the property and savour the delights of nature's bountiful harvest, from apples and oranges to peaches and pears.

Ideally located 5kms to Poowong, 20kms to Korumburra, 22kms to Drouin, 30kms to Warragul and only 1.5 hrs to Melbourne's CBD.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to own this idyllic retreat.

Contact Katrina Griggs at 0428 571 083 or Don Olden at 0417 805 312 for more information or to arrange an inspection.



3 | 1 | 9 5,334m<sup>2</sup>

1664 Drouin-Korumburra Rd,

**Poowong North**

**For Sale** \$999,000

**Agent** Elders

Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083

Don Olden 0417 805 312



## Elders Real Estate

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### RURAL CHARM & MODERN COMFORT KORUMBURRA 31 AC



- Gently undulating land ideal for horses, cattle or sheep
- Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom brick residence
- Well appointed kitchen capturing the stunning views
- Shedding, cattle yards plus tanks and dams for water
- Picturesque 'Coal Creek' runs through the property
- Located midway between Leongatha and Korumburra

Price \$1.39 Million

Elders Web ID: 300P110376

### SOLID HOME IN SHINGLER STREET LEONGATHA



- Solid 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom brick home
- Kitchen incl electric oven, gas cooktop and dishwasher
- Split system reverse cycle for heating and cooling
- Great outdoor undercover entertaining area
- Large 988m<sup>2</sup> block with beautiful established gardens
- Excellent location, short stroll to main street

Price \$596,000 - \$650,000

Elders Web ID: 300P105933

### EXCEPTIONAL FARMLAND POOWONG 151 AC



- Superb gently undulating to undulating land
- Heavy carrying highly productive 'Bluegum' country
- Comfortable 4 bedroom country home
- Machinery shed, hay shed and disused dairy
- Excellent and secure water supply via dams
- Poowong 6km, Korumburra 20km, Drouin 25km

Price Expressions of Interest Elders Web ID: 300P109336

### QUALITY GRAZING/FATTENING PROPERTY BENA 320 AC



- Highly productive 'Bluegum' heavy carrying country
- New fencing to 7 paddocks, central all-weather laneway
- Water via dams, springs, creeks plus 40" annual rainfall
- Superb 'Allex' steel stockyards and vet crush
- 2 x old houses and machinery shedding
- Treed shelter belts, plantations and scattered gums

Price \$3.5 Million

Elders Web ID: 300P105150



## Pure paradise in Lance Creek



IF YOU are in the market for a quality, tranquil, private, character filled lifestyle property then this is the one.

Surrounded by manicured gardens combined with picturesque natural bushland.

The 3.2 acres is filled with an abundance of fruit trees, wildlife, bird life and enough firewood to last a lifetime.

The unique classy residence with its high ceilings and superb natural light and distinctive lines oozes warmth and charm. Featuring two bedrooms, two spacious living areas, timber kitchen, bathroom, laundry, powder room, loads of decking, enclosed undercover area and ample storage.

Fully complemented with stunning bamboo flooring, double glazed windows throughout and a Coonara wood heater. There is further accommodation available in the form of a separate bungalow perfect for teenagers.

Shedding is well catered for with a three bay garage including a mezzanine floor, a large woodshed, further machinery shed and two double carports.

There are three water tanks and two very impressive dams, one offering a fantastic meal of yabbies on call.

The other huge bonus is that you will never have to pay a power bill again.

With the use of a 5.5 kw solar system with battery storage, plus a 240-volt diesel generator. You will be able to live off the grid at ease.

3 | 1 | 6 1.24ha

2280 Korumburra-Wonthaggi Rd,  
**Lance Creek**  
**For Sale** \$970,000 - \$1,070,000  
**Agent** Ray White  
Wonthaggi Office 5672 1833

RayWhite



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- All works are completed with titles expected July 2023
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- All services available including natural gas, NBN, electricity, water and sewerage
- Situated opposite large parkland/reserve
- North facing rural aspect

Ray White Wonthaggi | [raywhitewonthaggi.com.au](http://raywhitewonthaggi.com.au)

**SELLING NOW**

**5672 1833**



## Sweet and stylish with grand options

HERE is a rare gem! A lovingly presented home positioned on a grand 1387m<sup>2</sup> flat block with two street frontages in the heart of beautiful Mirboo North.

From the street this home is charming and sweet and stepping inside the thoughtful and quality finishes make this home warm, stylish and comforting.

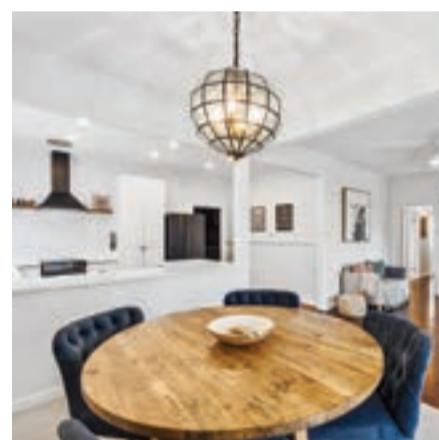
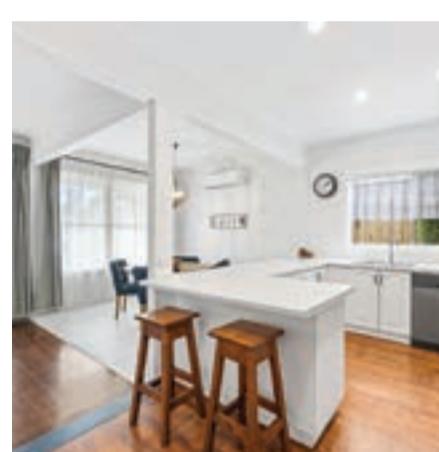
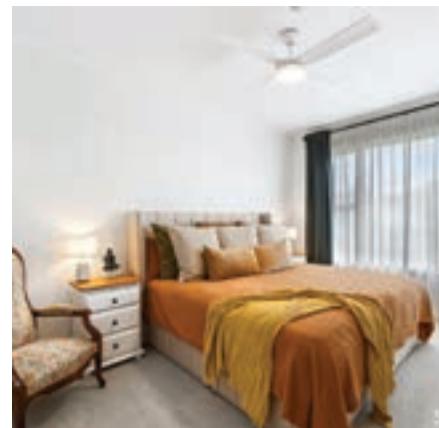
Features include:

- Spacious open, light filled kitchen, dining and living room
- The kitchen is complete with electric cooktop and oven, dishwasher, 2 door pantry and generous bench space
- The living space features solid timber floors, a reverse cycle air conditioner plus solid fuel heater
- The separate sitting / lounge room is an ideal cosy movie room or open the drapes to the rear decked entertainment space and let the sunshine in or of an evening relax with a wine as the sunset comes down over the surrounding rolling hills of South Gippsland and floods the expansive back yard
- Three bedrooms with built in robes and ceiling fans
- Bathroom with vanity, toilet, and bath/shower and instant gas hot water
- The laundry offers excellent storage and bench space and a separate second toilet
- High ceilings and quality fittings and fixtures throughout

Externally the property boasts an expansive back yard with room to garden and play with scope for families and all ones' toys or for the avid shed tinkerer you can enjoy the 6.5 x 10 mt shed with concrete and power.

Positioned fronting Baromi Road with rear access from Peacock Street this exceptional property also presents subdivisional potential (STCA) for those looking to capitalise on the area's development into the future, with this being one of just a few rare traditional large town blocks at 1387m<sup>2</sup> remaining in the town.

An easy stroll to the shops, dinner at the local pub or Baromi park where the community craft and produce markets are enjoyed each month or walk or bike ride along the renowned Grand Ridge Rail trail, this home and our lovely community is most worthy of your consideration.



**3 | 1 | 2** 1,387m<sup>2</sup>  
20 Baromi Road, **Mirboo Nth**  
**For Sale** \$695,000  
**Agent** SEJ Real Estate  
Irene Walker 0429 045 632



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### BUFFALO



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- Stock yards with B-Double access
- Exceptional views & house sites

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### MARDAN



- 'Ardroy' - The Campbell Homestead - family owned for 145 years
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- 465 AC / 188 HA with 30 paddocks, 2 stock yards & shearing shed
- Toomeys Creek providing permanent water security
- Homestead est. 1896 4 bed, 2 bath, 2 living with hardwood floors
- Park like setting surrounding the homestead with est. tree's & garden

**\$3,650,000**

### LEONGATHA SOUTH



- Exceptional Dairy Enterprise
- 440 ac/ 178 ha on 2 titles
- Adjoining additional 70 ac avail.
- 50 stand rotary & feed pad
- 2 magnificent B/V homes
- Exc. Water & highly productive

**CONTACT AGENT**



## Beautiful Buladilah

WELCOME to "BULADILAH" - a rural paradise of scenic coastal hinterland that is sure to leave you in awe.

Located close to the Kilcunda coast, this property comprises 111 acres (44.92ha) with two stunning homes, a European style barn and excellent equestrian facilities.

The architecture, designed by the multiple award winning Peter Jackson, is striking with its high feature interior and exterior solid Castlemaine sandstone walls and French Baker Davies' windows.

A meandering tree lined driveway leads you to a private elevated setting where you find the main home and barn. The home features four bedrooms and 3 bathrooms.

The architecture is striking with its high feature sandstone walls. Set over three levels the home takes in sweeping views of the property and coastal sand dunes to the south.

The ground floor features a light filled kitchen equipped with an electric AGA Range Cooker, a walk-in pantry and dining area.

The living room has a double sided Cheminees Philippe sandstone fireplace that warms the home. There is a separate drawing room /visitors' bedroom, bathroom, and laundry.

Opening from the dining area is a wonderful covered outdoor living space complete with a Falcon gas/electric range for alfresco dining.

The second level has a large master bedroom with an ensuite and walk-in robe.

There are two more bedrooms, a separate toilet, and a bathroom with a view.

This level has a generous living space with its own fireplace and big french door windows opening to a deck that overlooks the walled garden and horse arena.

A stairway leads to the mezzanine library/study with sweeping coastal views. Double glazing and excellent flow-through ventilation ensures that you are comfortable year-round.

The barn with its feature sandstone walls is large and equipped with four stables, a tack room, a feed room, a workshop, horse wash with hot water and three carports.

The upstairs loft has groom quarters

with toilet and shower.

The yard has a separate double bay float and tractor shed, chook houses and runs. The property has a 30m x 60m sand meadow plus round yard and a day yard. Three of the paddocks closest to the main home each have horse shelters.

The property has ample water with town water connected and large tanks, and approximately 5 KW of solar power.

The second home on the property is contemporary in its design.

The yard adjoins a creek nature reserve, and the home has sweeping pastoral views down the valley to the Powlett River and coastal dunes.

This home consists of two living areas, one on the ground floor and one upstairs, an open plan kitchen and living area, two bedrooms with the main bedroom ensuite to the bathroom.

The property has a gorgeous old wool shed which has been used as an artist's studio and has many potential uses, large hay shed, great stock yards with stock crush and a central laneway servicing paddocks to provide easy access to the yards.

There are four dams on the property, creek frontage to Bridge Creek and a wetland that follows Woolshed creek forming part of the Powlett River estuary.

This has been extensively replanted to provide a haven for bird life and shelter for stock. The property adjoins the Kilcunda Rail Trail, which is perfect for horse riding, cycling, trail running and provides access to beaches, the foreshore reserve and Powlett River.

Whether you are looking for a peaceful getaway or a property to run livestock and enjoy an equestrian lifestyle, "BULADILAH" is the perfect place to call home.

6 4 6 44.92ha

3882 Bass Highway, Kilcunda

**For Sale by Set Date** Closing Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 4pm

**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff

Greg Price 0419 337 441

Phil Hanley 0417 140 508

## Simply the best in Leongatha

UNDOUBTEDLY one of the best homes in Leongatha to come on the market in recent times, we are pleased to present to you 22 Church Street Leongatha.

This amazing home is located close to the CBD with the convenience of walking to local cafes and supermarkets.

The home was built by renowned local builders with craftsmanship, quality fittings, and a stunning, flexible floorplan and design, inside and out.

Designed with low maintenance in mind, over two levels, with a discreet lift allowing easy access to the first floor.

Enter through the secure formal front door and you are greeted with a large foyer which flows seamlessly to the open plan family/kitchen/dining areas.

The central kitchen features Kleenmaid appliances, including gas cooktop, rangehood, dual electric oven, and dishwasher. The kitchen also boasts quartz bench tops, and an abundance of storage, including a walk-in pantry.

The formal dining area soaks up the beautiful natural light and has a walk-in storage cupboard.

The ground floor also features a double sized bedroom with wheelchair accessible ensuite bathroom and a walk-in robe.

Adjacent to the wide stairway is the lift entrance as well as powder room, large laundry (with shute from upstairs) plus a cupboard under the stairs to store your wine collection!

Upstairs adjacent to the large master bedroom is the ultimate master retreat sitting room. The area features district

views as well as a large wheelchair accessible ensuite with two vanities, and heated towel rails.

Two large walk in robes complete the master suite.

Opposite the master suite is a large home office/bedroom.

The first floor also features its own balcony with stunning rural views. An additional walk-in storage room is discreetly tucked away behind the stairs.

The home is heated by a gas hydronic system throughout. Reverse cycle air conditioners on both levels provide cooling. Double glazed windows provide extra insulation.

This fantastic home has an abundance of storage, including a massive under roof line double garage.

The double garage provides a convenient and secure entrance direct into the home. Inside the residence also has a ducted vacuum and security system.

Outside features a beautiful low maintenance private rear courtyard and a stunning formal entrance.

This truly is one of the most spectacular homes in Leongatha and we would love to show it to you.

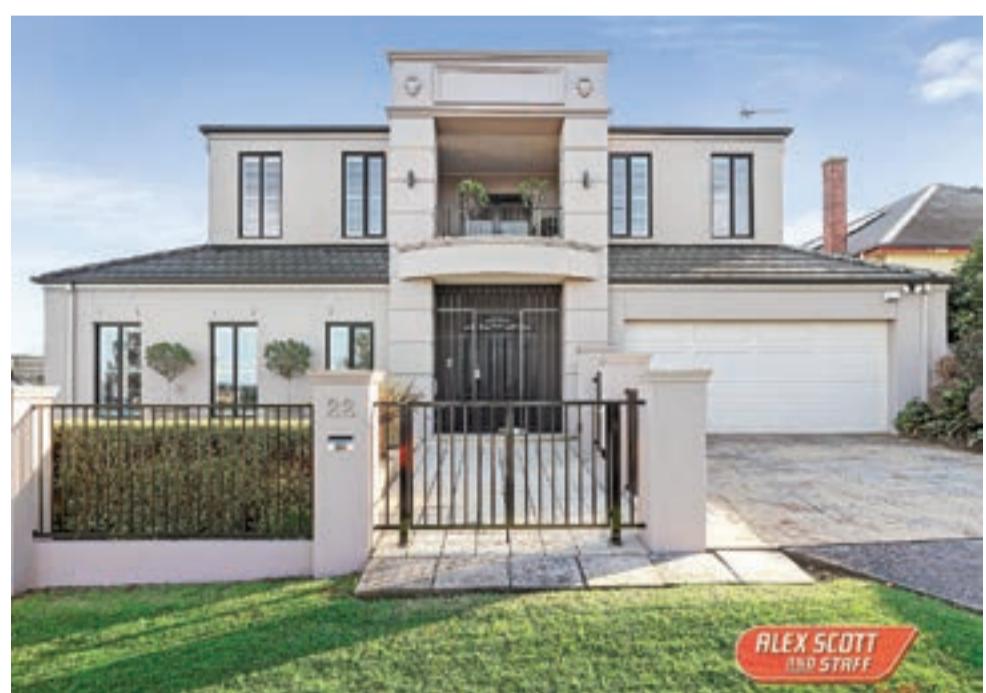
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22 Church Street, Leongatha

**For Sale** \$1,250,000

**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff

Andrew Newton 0402 940 320



**LEONGATHA**



**22 Church Street**

- Stunning home close to CBD
- 2 levels with elevator, 3 living rooms
- 2 bdr (room for 3rd), study, 2 bath + pwd rm

**\$1,250,000**  
Contact: Leongatha Office

**KONGWAK**



**1095 Korumburra-Wonthaggi Rd**

- 7 acres, outstanding views
- 4 bedroom, 1 bathroom
- Various shedding

**\$995,000**  
Contact: Korumburra Office

**BASS**



**16 Withers Lane**

- 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 car
- Massive 1 acre block
- As new house

**\$990,000 - \$1,060,000**  
Contact: Grantville Office

**WONTHAGGI**



**17 Wishart Street**

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Renovated dual occupancy home.
- Possible subdivision (STCA)

**\$749,000**  
Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**

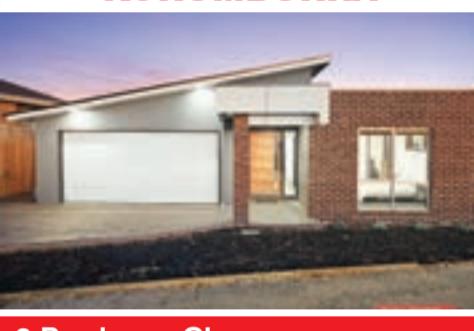


**13 Louisa Court**

- 4 bedroom family home
- 3 living areas, 2 bathrooms
- Huge block with access to rear yard

**\$685,000**  
Contact: Leongatha Office

**KORUMBURRA**

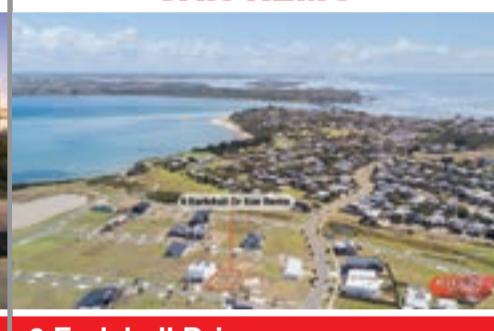


**9 Prudence Close**

- 3 bdrm home on 1,100m<sup>2</sup> block
- Views, 2 living areas, deck
- Double garage + room for shed

**\$779,000 - \$799,000**  
Contact: Korumburra Office

**SAN REMO**



**6 Earlshall Drive**

- 599m<sup>2</sup> vacant block
- Panoramic water views
- The best value block in San Remo

**\$575,000**  
Contact: Grantville Office

**WONTHAGGI**



**1/20 Cameron Street**

- 2 bedroom unit in a great location.
- Only 12 months old

**\$575,000**  
Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**



**9 Noel Court**

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, double garage
- Beautiful home close to schools
- Great access in quiet court

**\$650,000**  
Contact: Leongatha Office

**KORUMBURRA**



**2/11 Lower Gordon Street**

- 2 bedroom unit, great condition, R/C air con.
- Walk through bathroom to master
- Single LU garage, deck with awning

**\$395,000**  
Contact: Korumburra Office

**CORINELLA**



**5 Wright Street**

- 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 car
- 2 kitchens
- 3 doors from the beach

**\$750,000 - \$825,000**  
Contact: Grantville Office

**WONTHAGGI**



**50 Broome Crescent**

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Renovated period home with great shedding
- 1/4 acre allotment.

**\$795,000**  
Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**



**4 Royal Place**

- 4 bedroom modern home
- 3 separate living spaces
- Beautiful gardens and more

**\$795,000**  
Contact: Leongatha Office

**KORUMBURRA**



**112 Isabella Boulevard**

- Stunning, nearly new 3 bdrm, 2 bath home
- Outdoor ent. area, room for van or boat
- Stylish design with quality finishes

**\$790,000 - \$815,000**  
Contact: Korumburra Office

**THE GURDIES**

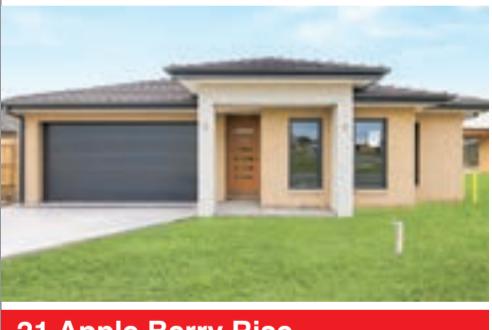


**15 Blackney Road**

- 5 Acres
- Renovators delight home
- Big shed

**\$780,000 - \$820,000**  
Contact: Grantville Office

**WONTHAGGI**



**21 Apple Berry Rise**

- Brand new 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home
- A step up from your average new home
- High ceilings, stone, and matt black fittings

**\$709,000**  
Contact: Wonthaggi Office

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## Hooded Plover Conservation

ON June 17, Bass Coast Landcare Network will hold its Hooded Plover Conservation Dinner.

BCLN is a grass-roots network of staff and volunteers who actively provide solutions to our most pressing environmental challenges. We do this locally, with a small but dedicated team. This year and through this dinner, we are hoping to raise funds to go towards our Hooded Plover conservation program.

This program has seen the numbers of 'vulnerable' local Hooded Plovers increase steadily and then double in the past year. The program itself, however, is now at risk as critical funds have not been renewed. We hope you will join us for dinner, dancing, and an auction, to help us raise funds.

## MARKET REPORT

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CLAAS Harvest Centre 

### Leongatha Prime Sale on Wed, May 17, 2023

#### Bullocks

2 Rodwell AJ Leongatha	732.5	342.0	2,505
7 Findlay RJ & RH2 Leongatha	590.7	330.0	1,949
3 Maddaluno C Maryvale	593.3	320.0	1,898
1 Novotny P2 Woorarra	590.0	320.0	1,888
2 Love VR Boolarra Sth	592.5	318.6	1,887
6 St Gallan Pty Ltd Inverloch	775.8	318.6	2,471

#### Steers

2 53rd Mayalda Bass	430.0	450.0	1,935
1 Johnson TK & MA & Sons			
Ferndale	430.0	447.2	1,922
4 R & R Maxfield Builders P/L Sale	355.0	437.6	1,553
1 Sunnygen Park	320.0	431.2	1,379
1 Joyce Jamie	480.0	385.0	1,848
1 Rinaldi B1 West Creek	490.0	385.0	1,886

#### Heifers

1 Johnson TK & MA & Sons			
Ferndale	470.0	447.2	2,101
6 53rd Mayalda Bass	443.3	400.0	1,773
1 Arnup NR & M1 Buffalo	370.0	383.6	1,419
1 Cook GK & JA Yanakie	450.0	378.6	1,703
14 Rinaldi B1 West Creek	414.6	378.6	1,569
1 Sunnygen Park	320.0	370.0	1,184

#### Cows

8 Copperleaf P/L Unknown Dist	687.5	275.6	1,894
1 Vaughan Agriculture P/L Kernot	710.0	265.0	1,881
1 Arnup NR & M1 Buffalo	605.0	262.0	1,585
1 Brown Martin Wonga Via Foster	665.0	262.0	1,742
1 Phyland B Krowera	745.0	258.0	1,922
6 Paeon Giselle Nominees Mardan	616.7	258.0	1,591

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1 Cow Downs Drumblemara	1,050.0	303.6	3,187
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1 Matthews AL & SJ Dumbalk	1,015.0	301.6	3,061



Powlett River / Kugerungmome Partnerships project 2023 gathering.

## Protecting and enhancing the catchment from the Bass hills to the coast

WHAT a difference a year makes. Community and agency partners recently gathered in Dalyston for their annual catch up on progress made on the Powlett River/Kugerungmome Partnerships project in the past year and results were impressive.

The project is a joint initiative led by West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) and involving Bunurong Land Council, Bass Coast Landcare Network, Birdlife Australia, Friends of Hooded Plover Bass Coast, Trust for Nature, and Parks Victoria.

Each group is playing their part across the project which has the overall goal of protecting and enhancing the catchment from the Bass hills to the coast. The day included presentations from these key groups with highlights and learnings shared.

In the upper reaches of the catchment, Trust for Nature

and Bass Coast Landcare Network are working with landholders to conserve and understand the endangered Giant Gippsland earthworm through research and enhancing habitat.

Along the river and its tributaries, Bass Coast Landcare Network and West Gippsland CMA are partnering with landholders, community, and local schools to fence and re-vegetate the waterway to protect and rehabilitate Bridge, Woolshed, Lance, and Foster Creeks and the Powlett River reaches.

Across the year, they worked with seven landholders to revegetate 33.2 hectares, install 3,050 metres of stock exclusion fencing and put 45,000 indigenous plants in the ground to connect over eight kilometres across the catchment.

The group took a trip to see the change in the landscape at a site on Bridge Creek and

the change in just one year through fencing and planting was astounding.

Trust for Nature is proud to be delivering two projects near Archies Creek where 32 hectares of remnant vegetation remains on adjoining properties.

Down at the coast where the river meets the sea, Bass Coast Landcare Network and West Gippsland CMA are partnering with Birdlife Australia and Bass Coast Friends of the Hooded Plover volunteers to protect beach nesting shorebirds – especially the threatened Hooded Plover.

The Landcare Network delivered a program of targeted fox control with six 'pulses' of trapping and baiting. For the first time, volunteers assisted the program by noting any signs of fox activity as part of their nest monitoring. Birdlife Australia also put motion sensing cameras at three nests to help to understand

why nests fail.

Parks Victoria, BirdLife Australia, West Gippsland CMA, Landcare Networks, and volunteers also combined efforts to host community education events to raise awareness of these threatened birds. Information stalls and giveaways targeted at beach users and their dogs to promote how we can all share the beaches through observing signage and respecting measures to protect the birds as they nest.

These combined efforts were very positive with eight chicks fledging from Powlett River/Kugerungmome compared with five last seasons. This was largely attributed to the focus on fox control.

It was also noted that Black Swans had been observed nesting in the estuary for the first time – a positive sign and great reward for partners and community working together.

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# Councillors dismiss need for Fish Creek dwelling

THE IMPORTANCE of preserving agricultural land for South Gippsland Shire's future was the focus during a forthright speech by Cr Scott Rae at Wednesday's public council meeting.

While councillors voted unanimously not to give the go-ahead to a combined winery and residential development at 570 Soldiers Road Fish Creek, Cr Rae was the most outspoken.

He stressed the property concerned falls within the Farm Zone, saying the application being assessed appears to be primarily for a dwelling, with agriculture a secondary use.

Cr Rae, also a farmer, described that as "not appropriate in the Farm Zone", agreeing with the advice of council officers that the application is not consistent with the need for a dwelling.

"Although many people would like to convert lots of agricultural land in the shire to Rural Residential, it's not consistent with State or Shire planning and that is for good reason," Cr Rae said.

"The loss of agricultural land is permanent and when applications such as this are approved, they have (lasting) detrimental effects on the Farm Zone properties adjoining, the landscape, and agriculture values of our shire, and I want it clear and on record farmland is our most valuable asset."

Cr Rae elaborated that the



Cr Scott Rae brought none of the props for which he is known to South Gippsland Shire Council's May meeting, but his forthright approach remained. A09\_2123

agricultural sector is the shire's largest employer, rate payer and generator of income.

Cr John Schelling backed Cr Rae's comments.

While Cr Sarah Gilligan said that the proposal for 570 Soldiers Road initially struck her as a reasonable use of the

land, there were other factors involved.

"I think this is about an illegal building and a piece of land that hasn't been farmed as yet, so I will concur with the recommendations," she said.

The building to which Cr Gilligan referred is partially

constructed and now deemed illegal due to its planning and building permits having expired.

Council also states that the permits for it were for an agricultural shed, but work was carried out for it to be used as a dwelling.

Cr Adrian Darakai said the applicants have had almost a decade to demonstrate commercial intent in any horticultural, agricultural or other rural industry without a dwelling there.

"I'm not convinced by the genuine need for a dwelling, let alone the commercial intent of the use of this land, so I'm happy to leave this as farming land," Cr Darakai said.

Mayor Nathan Hersey also touched on the importance of preserving agricultural land.

"We have seen in recent times a large influx of people to regional areas across Victoria looking for lifestyle properties, which does take away from our main industry," Cr Hersey said.

He noted the matter only came before council due to "significant objections" and otherwise would have been rejected by council officers.

The unanimous decision was reached in the absence of Cr Mohya Davies who left the chamber due to a declared conflict of interest, with council to issue a Notice of Refusal for the use and development of the land for a winery and dwelling.

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The Trees for Bees Community Tree Grants is being run

by Wheen Bee Foundation in partnership with Carman's and has been launched as part of the celebrations for World Bee Day, Saturday, 20 May 2023.

Twenty grants are available with applications open to community organisations, not-for-profits, school groups, Landcare groups, sporting and gardening clubs and sustain-

ability groups. Applicants will be judged on their proposed project's benefit to pollinators, the area covered and community impact.

Applications are now open and close on July 31, 2023, 5pm AEST.

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Wildlife Victoria operations protect all bird and animal species.

THE Sentinel Times recently caught up with Wildlife Victoria CEO Lisa Palma to find out how the Bass Coast and South Gippsland communities can help injured wildlife.

- What would you like to see in the future from the community around wildlife?

Over 30 per cent of calls to Wildlife Victoria from Bass Coast are to report wildlife being hit by vehicles, this is the most common cause of wildlife death and injury in the region. An effective way to reduce road-related wildlife accidents is to slow down. Studies from the Centre for Automotive Safety have shown that a reduction in speed of just 10 km/hr has the potential to reduce vehicle crashes by 20 per cent.

- Why is Wildlife Victoria critical in the wildlife space?

Wildlife Victoria is the state's wildlife Emergency Response Service, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Members of the public can reach a trained Wildlife Victoria operator any time of the day. Emergency Response Operators provide expert wildlife advice to the public, and triage calls to ensure our dedicated, hard-working volunteers are only contacted for that 2am rescue when absolutely necessary. This is particularly important in regional Victoria where many of our passionate volunteers operate wildlife shelters that have animals requiring 24-hour care.

Wildlife Victoria is connected to other key agencies including Victoria Police, Parks Victoria, the Marine Response Unit,

and is a part of the Emergency Response Foundation. The organisation is also the largest funder of wildlife volunteers in the state, providing even more funding to rehabilitators than the Victorian government.

- How would you like to see Wildlife Victoria grow in the future?

Wildlife Victoria is currently experiencing a 15 per cent year-on-year increase in calls to its Emergency Response

Service, with over 110,000 calls received in 2022. Over the past three months we've seen a further increase with an additional 25 per cent increase in calls in comparison to the first three months of 2022. Wildlife Victoria is a non-profit organisation with 93 per cent of its revenue generated by donations received from generous members of the public. We desperately need more donations to respond to

this incredible increase in demand. Help by making a donation at [wildlifevictoria.org.au](http://wildlifevictoria.org.au)

Save Wildlife Victoria's Emergency Response phone number into your phone, 03 8400 7300, you never know when you might need it!

Mange Management are in need of volunteers particularly around Korumburra. For more information or to sign up visit [mangemanagement.org.au/](http://mangemanagement.org.au/)

## Landcare planting sessions coming up on Phillip Island

PHILLIP Island Landcare Group's planting calendar is out, and there is something a little different happening this year.

The group are trialling smaller fenced planting sites, that exclude both rabbits and wallabies.

Adjacent to the fenced area will be a control site. They will be monitoring the impact

animals have on vegetation. It will be a 'lighter' built fence allowing it to be easily removed and used again in the future. Attendees on the day will learn how to install the fencing, a useful skill for your own property. All fencing install and planting sessions start at 9.30am for morning tea, with work beginning at 10.00am.

Sessions finish around 12.30pm, ready for a complimentary lunch.

Please RSVP to Carolyn Atherton on 0433 284 148 or [carolyn3231@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn3231@gmail.com) if you can attend any of the dates below:

May 27 - McFee's Fence install & tree planting, 175 Mc Fees Rd, Ryall.

June 3 - Morton's fence install & tree planting, 14 Wiltshire

Rd, Ventnor.

June 17 - Jones tree planting, 100 Cowes Rhyll Rd.

June 25 - Francis Gilley fencing install & planting, 1125 Phillip Island Rd.

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Rural Aid CEO John Warlters accepts a generous donation from S.Kidman & Co's Loretta Leung and Adam Giles.

## Long Lunch raises \$175K for farmers

RURAL Aid has raised more than \$175,000 for farming families at its second annual Long Lunch with more than 340 guests attending the Howard Smith Wharves event on Friday, March 31.

Rural Aid CEO John Warlters thanked the agribusiness community for their attendance and steadfast support.

A significant milestone donation was also celebrated at the Long Lunch.

Woolworths Group surpassed \$10 million in donations to Rural Aid.

"Thanks to the unwavering support of Woolworths Group, Rural Aid has been able to respond to more than 50,000 requests for help from farmers battling droughts, bushfires, plagues and floods," Mr Warlters said.

"It's a significant number of farmers that we've been able to assist over the past eight years; it's equivalent to every person in Dubbo receiving some form of assistance, whether it be hay, pre-paid VISA cards or free counselling, all thanks to Woolworths Group's support."

Brad Banducci, Woolworths Group CEO said, "Our partnership with Rural Aid began through the grassroots support from our supermarkets to their local

communities doing it tough during the drought. It has grown to become an important part of our national commitment at Woolworths Group to stand by regional Australia during times of natural disasters and delivering on our purpose of creating better experience together for a better tomorrow.

"I'd like to thank our team and also our customers for their generous support over the past few years. We're pleased that together with Rural Aid we have been able to support so many communities impacted in challenging times across the country."

Among the generous donations made at the Long Lunch event was a \$60,000 donation from S.Kidman & Co, presented on behalf of Chairman Gina Rinehart by Kidman board member Loretta Leung and acting chief executive officer Adam Giles.

Rural Aid also received a \$60,000 donation from James Power, the owner of the famous Norman Hotel, which celebrated its own Long Lunch the day prior.

"Rural Aid is grateful for their support, and especially thanks Mrs Rinehart, Ms Leung and Mr Power," Mr Warlters said.

## Applications now open for Dairy Australia Board director positions

THE Dairy Australia Board is seeking directors to fill upcoming vacancies and to be appointed at the November 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Two of the four vacant positions are for farmers with milk producer skills, one is for a director with agribusiness, innovation and adoption skills, and another for a director with dairy supply chain and product promotion skills.

Farmers and those with the relevant skills and experience are encouraged to stand for one of the board director positions and to play a role in governance and strategic direction of Dairy Australia.

Dairy Australia's Board comprises eight non-executive directors and the managing director. At least four directors must

be farmers or those with milk producer skills. A Board Skills Matrix specifies the mix of skills required by directors and is aligned with Dairy Australia's funding agreement with the Commonwealth Government.

Role specifications and more details can be found at Director Elections | Dairy Australia.

Farmer candidates interested in applying should refer to the Dairy Australia website: Director Elections | Dairy Australia and submit their applications by 5pm on June 16, 2023. Those interested in the Agribusiness, Innovation and Adoption and Dairy Supply Chain and Product Promotion Director roles should contact Rimfire Resources, a specialist recruiter.

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He is the first grandchild for Leanne Else of Wonthaggi, and fourth grandchild of Jacque and Allan Kent of Phillip Island.

**DEATHS****BOWMAN, John Anthony (Angus):**

13.03.1961 - 20.05.2023. Son of John Bowman (dec.) and Joan Coulter. Chosen son of Ewan Coulter.

My beautiful son, what a journey.

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Mum.

**DEATHS****BOWMAN, John Anthony:**

13.03.1961 - 20.05.2023.

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Brother to Liz, Jason (dec.) Kaj, Alistair, Rory, Adrian, and Rebecca.

Uncle to Florence, Willis, Lucy, Ava, Gemma, Beau, Eliza, Violet, Raya, Hayden, and Amanda.

To our biggest Brother, we will miss you always.

Thanks for always having our backs and for the wonderful memories.

You played well. You've potted your last 8 ball and kicked your last goal.

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The family wish to thank the amazing staff of Armitage House in Wonthaggi for the care and dignity they showed to Angus - we are forever grateful.

**DEATHS****CAIRNDUFF, Myra:**

Passed away peacefully on May 13, 2023.

Loved wife of Jack (dec.). Loving Mum of Colin and Leanne, Brian and Rea, David and Kim.

Much loved Nan to Craig, Nicole, Mitchell (dec.), Kelsie, Allie, Grady, and Liam.

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Adored sister to Iris, Donald (dec.) and Jennifer.

Reunited with Jack.

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**HOOK, Gayle Margaret:**

Passed away May 19, 2023, at home in Melbourne age 52.

Wonderful daughter of Margaret and Daryl Hook.

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**R.I.P.****HUGHES, Steven John:**

08.10.1967 - 16.05.2023. Passed away peacefully.

Dearly beloved son of Dot and George and Graeme and Elaine. Loving father of Callym, Dylan, and Tyler.

Partner of Gayle, loved brother of Michael and Judy (dec.), Brett and Angela, Andrew and Jo, stepbrother to Glenn, Evan (dec.), Aaron and their extended families.

**DEATHS****HUGHES, Steven John:**

*God saw that you were tired, and a cure was not to be, He put his arms around you, and said "Come to me".*

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**HUGHES, Steven John:**

Passed away May 16, 2023.

Dearly loved son of Graeme (Trucky) and Dot Stein.

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Brother of Mick, Brett, and Andrew.

Love you son.

-- Graeme and Elaine Hughes.

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**HUGHES, Steve:**

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You fought so hard to stay with us.

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You are an inspiration to us all.

Now it's time to rest.

Love you.  
-- Gayle.

**DEATHS****HUGHES, Steve:**

Your body needed to go but your memory will live on.

Heartfelt condolences to Gayle, Callym, Dylan and Tyler.

Love Graeme and Julie, Kerri, Jo, Emma, and families.

**HUGHES, Steven:**

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**HUGHES, Steven:**

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**SOMMERS, Coral:**

02.11.1971 - 18.05.2023.

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-- Malcolm, and Kerri-Ann.

**DEATHS****MCNAUGHTON, Daryl:**

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Grandfather to Ben and Brooke, Jack and Sinead, Jesse and Tayla, Jed and Abby, Brianna, Brodie, Keelie, China, and Oakleigh.

Great grandfather to Hunter, Kade, Remi, and Charlotte.

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19.08.1960 - 11.05.2023.

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Thank you for your continuing support and understanding, which is comforting all of us after the passing of John, loving Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather.

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SLAWIK, Georgina Bessie also known as Georgina Slawik, late of 64 Sarena Parade, Roberts Beach, Victoria 3971, deceased who died on 8 September 2022.

Dated 16 May 2023

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## Admissions and Client Manager

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- Engaging with local communities, promoting Banfields
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### About you:

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

Inverloch Tourism Association Inc. (Registration No A0039012T)

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

#### Exciting Times + Big Changes

Inverloch has been waiting a long time for investment and outcomes to bring the community together and place us prominently as a regional destination. Come and hear our future direction and plans. Be a part of shaping Inverloch's future!

Our Annual General Meeting will be:

Wednesday, May 31

7pm for a 7.30pm start

Captains Lounge, Espy Hotel, Inverloch.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Engage with the Inverloch and surrounds Community
- Communicate and contribute
- Be heard
- Learn what we've done over the last year
- Participate in our future direction

The official matters:

- Confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of any General Meeting held since that meeting;
- Presentation of the Committee Reports covering the activities and transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year;
- Standing down of existing Committee;
- Election of new administrative officers of the Association and any general committee members;
- Address agenda items.

#### AGENDA

An agenda will be made available to all registered members prior to the AGM.

#### REGISTRATION

Register your intention to attend by visiting [inverlochtourismassociation.org.au](http://inverlochtourismassociation.org.au) and completing the form or email [info@inverlochtourismassociation.org.au](mailto:info@inverlochtourismassociation.org.au).

#### ELIGIBILITY + MEMBERSHIP

Eligibility to vote in the election or stand for a position legally requires registration as a member.

Free membership is offered for the next three months. All future plans and direction for how the ITA will connect and help the Inverloch and surrounds' Community will be explained on the evening.

#### YOU CAN'T MAKE IT? (PROXIES)

Registered members who cannot attend to vote may appoint a person to attend and vote in their place (their Proxy). The member must nominate their Proxy ahead of time by emailing [secretary@inverlochtourismassociation.org.au](mailto:secretary@inverlochtourismassociation.org.au) at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting.

*We look forward to your valued attendance and participation.*

The Secretary  
Inverloch Tourism Association Inc

## Join the youth council

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is calling for expressions of interest for the South Gippsland Youth Council (SGYC).

The SGYC has been kicked off again with the aim of empowering young people and to provide them with a platform to voice their opinions and contribute to our local community.

The SGYC is led by young people for young people, created to represent the diverse voices and interests of the youth across South Gippsland. By actively engaging in discussions addressing issues affecting young people, and advocating for their needs, the SGYC aims to positively impact and enhance the quality of life for all young individuals living in the Shire.

Expressions of interest are now open for enthusiastic and passionate young people who wish to become part of the SGYC. This is an exciting opportunity to actively participate in civic affairs, develop leadership skills and make a difference in your community.

To be eligible for consideration, interested candidates must be a resident of South Gippsland and between the ages of 14 to 24.

To find out more or to submit an Expression of Interest, please visit [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/youth](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/youth) or phone 5662 9200.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the business partnership between Ian Gilmour and Rhonda Maree Gilmour known as "GILMOUR TILING SERVICE" ABN 68 516 696 614, trading as Gilmour Tiling Service has been dissolved

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### KORUMBURRA COMMUNITY NOTICE:

**Southern Lights Festival** will be held at Coal Creek on **Sunday, June 11**.

Traffic management will be in place including partial closure of Silkstone Road and speed reduction from 60kmh to 40kmh on the South Gippsland Highway at Coal Creek from 3pm to 10pm.

Fireworks display will be at 8.30pm.

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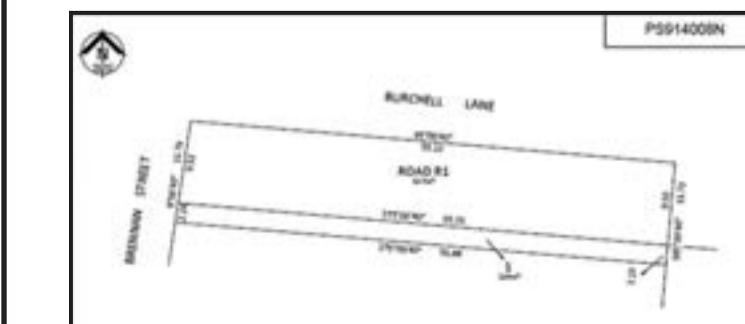


### PROPOSED SALE OF LAND

#### Part 3 Brennan Street, Mirboo North

Council at its ordinary meeting held 17 May 2023 proposed to commence statutory procedures to create a road reserve over 3 Brennan Street, Mirboo North being Lot 1 LP3433 with an area of 527m<sup>2</sup> and create a lot from the remaining section to sell to the adjoining landowner for consolidation with an area of 124m<sup>2</sup>, being proposed lot 1 PS914008N (shown in the plan below) for not less than a valuation received within six months prior to the sale, pursuant to s.114 of the Local Government Act 2020.

A person may make a submission to the proposed sale of land. Submissions are to be received no later than 5.00pm Wednesday 21 June 2023 addressed to the CEO, 9 Smith Street, Leongatha Vic 3953. Any person making a submission is entitled to be heard in support of the submission. If a person or a representative wish to be heard in support of the submission, they must state this in their submission. Copies of the submitter's name and address will be disclosed at any public Council meeting at which the proposal will be considered. If no submissions are received, the proposal will be implemented.



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## Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan

THE recent cold days and nights remind us of the importance of having a warm, safe home - as we shelter from the wintry winds blowing across Bass Strait.

But there are too many people in Bass Coast struggling to achieve that very basic need of putting a roof over their heads, through bad luck or circumstances.

We all know the cliché of homelessness, but the reality is that in Bass Coast the largest - and growing - group of people desperately in need of affordable public housing is older, single women. Young single people, families, and older people are also experiencing housing stress or insecurity, with many at risk of homelessness.

They are people we grew up with in our community, went to school or worked with. They might be friends or family, or someone else you care about.

Tragically, they are also often victims of family violence with many women faced with the choice of staying at home to face more abuse or fleeing with the children to search for safety.

Bass Coast mirrors state-wide trends. But it does not make it in any way acceptable.

Just over 5% of Bass Coast Shire's 40,000 residents struggle to find safe, secure, and affordable housing. This impacts their participation in the local community and economy - including schooling, education, and employment.

The reasons for this shortage of affordable housing are varied: poor housing supply, cost of housing, fewer homes available for long term rentals, and rising rents. Motel and hotel accommodation is currently the only option for victim survivors of family violence, but it is expensive, unsafe, and lacks privacy plus cooking facilities. Some motels and caravan parks are also no longer willing to take on emergency clients.

Providing affordable housing is primarily the responsibility of the state government, so Council welcomes their commitment to grow social housing across Victoria, including the \$25m minimum funding for social and affordable housing of which 36 new dwellings have or are currently being delivered in Bass Coast at a cost of \$13.5 million. But more help is desperately needed.

We all have a responsibility to solve this crisis.

Council now has a draft Affordable Housing Strategy which clearly defines the role Council can play in tackling the local housing crisis:

- increasing support for affordable housing and services in the municipality and region through advocacy and engagement.
- developing strategic partnerships with state government, housing and service providers, and developers to improve affordable housing outcomes for individuals and the community.
- working with stakeholders to improve outcomes for the community in terms of housing affordability.
- making Council-owned land available for affordable housing, where appropriate

Council has commenced community consultation on its draft Affordable Housing Strategy.

I hope you can spare five minutes to read our strategy and share your feedback on our Engage Bass Coast website from 26 May. Together we can end homelessness in Bass Coast.



Councillor Clare Williams takes a moment with Leongatha Secondary College students Max Minchella, Tom Prusa, Brandyn Clifford and Anika Grabham-Andrews during their work experience week with South Gippsland Shire Council.

## Quartet of fresh faces at South Gippsland council meeting

NEW and young faces appeared in the public gallery for South Gippsland Shire Council's May meeting, joining the seasoned veterans who rarely fail to attend the monthly sessions.

Four Year 10 students from Leongatha Secondary College are gaining a week's work experience with council, with the meeting providing the chance to learn more about how it operates.

During the meeting, Cr Clare Williams gave a "shout out" to the young quartet, saying she is confident they will enjoy their time at council.

Cr Williams also highlighted other opportunities for young people through

council's relaunched Youth Council, saying it is for future decision makers aged between 14 and 25 years.

"Please get in touch with council; it's important that you start having your say early, and we're all here to listen," she said.

The four work experience students chatted to the Sentinel-Times after the meeting, with one of them describing it as "long" to the amusement of Cr Williams.

It was difficult to dispute that succinct assessment, with the meeting coming in at little short of an hour, albeit well short of a record.

One of the work experience quartet, Anika Grabham-Andrews, has

experienced the customer service aspect of council and was set to visit other sites it operates over the last couple of days of her placement.

A trio of boys, Max Minchella, Tom Prusa and Brandyn Clifford are all pursuing IT careers, being particularly interested to learn about council's server rooms, how everything is connected and the ability to fit so much infrastructure in a small area.

They also discovered how various council projects are monitored through technology.

A visit to the yet-to-open Korumburra Community Hub was another aspect to the week of work experience.



An image of the corner of Brennan Street and Burchell Lane Mirboo North illustrates how the proposed division of land at 3 Brennan Street would create a road reserve and land for an adjoining property owner to buy.

## Comment on council land sale

MIRBOO North community members can comment on the proposed sale of a portion of land at 3 Brennan Street to an adjoining landowner while retaining the rest of the site as a road reserve.

"The then Shire of Mirboo purchased 3 Brennan Street in 1985 to assist with future plans of widening Burchell Lane to improve access within the growth area of town," South Gippsland Shire Council states.

Council elaborates that the South Gippsland Shire Planning Scheme contains a Public Acquisition Overlay (PAO) to enable council to acquire road reserve along the section of Burchell Lane between Brennan Street and Peters Street.

"After consultation with council's strategic planners, selling the portion of land will still allow for the

widening of Burchell Lane to assist future development," May's council meeting agenda states.

Councillors voted unanimously at Wednesday's public meeting to support the recommendation before them to create a road reserve over part of 3 Brennan Street, with that area being 527 square metres, while the remaining 124 square metre lot will be sold to the adjoining landowner.

However, that prospect is on hold, with written submissions from the community needing to be received by 5pm Wednesday June 21.

Should submissions be received, council's CEO will fix the time, date, and place of a meeting for any people who wish to be heard in support of their submissions.

Any objections would lead to council receiving a

further report to consider submissions, with the outcome to be determined at the next available Council meeting.

If no submissions are received, council will implement the proposal to sell the land for not less than a valuation obtained within the previous six months.

"This just allows the application to go further and (lets) people have their comment on what is tabled here, so I encourage anyone who has any issues or would like to speak to make their submission," Cr John Schelling said.

Cr Scott Rae then turned the occasion into a general sale, suggesting anyone interested in buying pieces of unused council land apply to do so.

"They're just sitting there as a liability on the shire to mow or do something with," Cr Rae said of many such bits of council land.

## Safer path needed at Sandy Point

CONSTRUCTION of a safe path alongside the Sandy Point Road between Telopea Drive and Ennisvale Avenue is being called for by Sandy Point community members, with South Gippsland Shire councillors to receive a report on the matter at their June public meeting.

A petition was submitted by Sandy Point Community Group, which stated its aim is to protect pedestrians, runners, horse riders and cyclists from fast-moving vehicles.

Councillors voted on Wednesday to receive and note the petition.

The Roy Henderson Path, connecting Manuka Street and Shallow Inlet is provided as an example of the type of path petitioners want to see alongside Sandy Point Road.

"We urge South Gippsland Shire Council to address this matter as soon as possible by ensuring our request is placed on the South Gippsland Paths and Trails Strategy," the petition states.

Sandy Point Community Group has outlined a number of specific safety concerns along Sandy Point Road.

Excessive speed is one of the key issues identified, with the organisation stating some travel well beyond the 80km per hour limit.

That includes truck drivers and those towing trailers, with the group saying that, combined with other issues, makes the section of the road between Telopea Drive and Ennisvale Avenue "inherently unsafe".

"The verge/road shoulder in many places is sloping, narrow and often obstructed by debris from fallen branches," it is stated.

It is also noted there are places where Sandy Point Road runs up against a property boundary on a bend, with oncoming traffic obscured from view.

"Riders and those on foot are forced to cross the road at these places to stay off the bitumen as far as they can to maintain visibility," it is stated.

Sandy Point Community Group stressed that many people have indicated they would use Sandy Point Road for fitness and recreational purposes if it was safer, because the road forms part of a circuit around and through town.

The petition states that Sandy Point Road provides access to Shallow Inlet and approximately 300 properties at the south-eastern end of the Sandy Point township.

## All in to save Western Port

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has backed the outcomes of the Western Port Framework, developed by a Western Port community steering group including the Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation, Save Westernport, Phillip Island Conservation Society and the Victorian National Parks Association.

At the urging of Cr Rochelle Halstead, they have moved a motion to support the work as a formal document advocating for the restoration and protection of the marine environment and surrounding catchment of Western Port, with the aim of establishing an ecologically sustainable and thriving economy for the future.

They will also write to the Minister for Environment and the Minister for Climate Action, Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio in support of the recommendations.

In supporting the motion, Cr Leticia Laing said there were numerous threats to Western Port including from extractive sand mining industries in Bass Coast.



Panel members at last week's South Gippsland Bass Coast LLEN meeting included Jan Child - CEO Bass Coast Health, Paul Johnson - Regional Engagement Manager Star of the South, Stephen Bilic - McMillans Accountants and Financial Planners, Elena Nauta - Food and Fibre Gippsland, Andy McCarthy - Former CEO RACV Solar and founder of Gippsland Solar, Food Futurist 'Keynote Speaker' - Tony Hunter and MC for the event - Angelo Saridis, Executive Officer South Gippsland and Bass Coast LLEN.

## Schools a key focus for jobs event

SOUTH Gippsland Bass Coast LLEN held an exciting Careers Week networking dinner at Wonthaggi Workmens Club last week.

The event was part of a Gippsland-wide initiative delivered by the Gippsland Skills Alliance.

It was well attended with more than 80 people from across local industries and schools.

Tony Hunter, the Food Futurist, presented a thought-

provoking keynote piece on the future of food and agriculture and how technology is rapidly changing the face of these industries.

The event also featured a facilitated panel discussion with five industry leaders and discussed the challenges and opportunities faced by industry in sourcing new talent into their organisations, and their strong interest to be engaging with local schools.

There was furious agreement on the opportunity for local businesses to work more closely with schools and find ways to help young people find pathways into careers including through study and training.

The event was the last of a series of three careers week dinners across Gippsland that were put together by the Gippsland Skills Network which includes Fed Uni, TAFE Gippsland and the three

LLEN organisations across Gippsland.

The three dinner events were sponsored by:

- Bass Coast Shire
- Wellington Shire
- McMillans Accountants and Financial Planners
- Alan Wilson Insurance Brokers
- Star of the South
- Blue Float Energy
- Flotation Energy
- Skills and Jobs Centres.

## A morning tea that continues to change lives

LOCALS are encouraged to host a morning tea and make a cuppa for a cancer-free future this May and June, and to Celebrate the 30th birthday of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea (ABMT).

Since 1993, passionate people around the country have raised more than \$200 million for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, enabling Cancer Council to continue their vital mission of a cancer-free future.

Linda Jefferis, a Korumburra local, has been a passionate ABMT fundraiser for 13 years now and has seen her morning tea grow with each passing year.

"When my son was only one, I was at home a lot and I thought I should do more, I wanted to do more than just be a stay at home. So, I just sort of started as a small gathering in the house. And now it's quite large and it's in a shed and is about 80 people."

Linda has been touched by cancer from an early age and throughout her life.

"My cousin passed away when he was 12 from a brain tumour. I was only very young at the time, but since then, so many more people have passed away

with it. It's not nice."

This year, Linda raised a grand total of \$6612 from her morning tea and will be adding all proceeds from her May sales from her stall in the Korumburra Makers and Collectors Market.

Linda was grateful for the generosity of local businesses who donated to the event.

The hamper raffle was won by Dot West, second prize went to Tricia Smith and third went to Barbara Hosking.

Linda was also grateful for the extra helping hands.

"Big thanks to my Mum and Dad for helping as well as my Aunties Ann and Margy also my husband Brian for all his help and support."

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is officially held on Thursday, May 25, however, people can register to host any time throughout May or June.

To host an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea or to donate, please visit: [www.biggestmorningtea.com.au](http://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au).

**RIGHT: Linda Jefferis with husband Brian from Korumburra raised over \$6000 at their Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council.**



## TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY May 23	WEDNESDAY May 24	THURSDAY May 25	FRIDAY May 26	SATURDAY May 27	SUNDAY May 28	MONDAY May 29
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John Ballin of Gridedge and Sue Stranger of the Earthworker Energy Manufacturing Cooperative showcased the 100% recyclable hot water tank and sodium solar battery at the Bass Sustainability Festival. ob47\_2123

## Recyclable tanks and sodium batteries shown at Sustainability Festival

EARTHWORKER Energy Manufacturing Cooperative manufactures were at the Bass Sustainability Festival showcasing their locally manufactured recyclable hot water tanks.

The one hundred percent recyclable tanks are paired with a CO2 heat pump compressor and are made from marine grade stainless steel with insulation of foam around the inner tank which is then encased in thick polymer.

Being well insulated the tank functions well in any Australian climate.

The cooperative manufactures and installs the systems across Gippsland.

The CO2 Heat Pump is ozone friendly, uses far less electricity compared to conventional hot water systems, and so is far more cost effective and financially and environmentally sustainable.

It is currently being used by some buses, however the cooperative are working with DEECA, who are keen to trial the prototype to be used instead of diesel powered generators at their depots.

The use of the sodium solar battery means that diesel is removed from DEECA's work sites and offers a safer and sustainable power solution when electricity from the grid is not available.

## Sustainability in the spotlight

DESPITE storm clouds looming families and friends were coming out to check out all that was on offer at the Bass Sustainability Festival.

For the morning at least, the rain held off and the wind died down.

The festival was opened with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony by Bunurong Land Council.

Many of the stall holders were set up selling their ethically and locally made and grown products.

Others were offering information on how to live, work and generally be more sustainable in the with the options available.

Electric cars and bikes and innovative new solar batteries and hot water systems were on display and information on circular economy awareness, upcycling and recycling was available.

Permaculture workshops were held with Rick Coleman from the Southern Cross Permaculture Institute and many there were interested to find out how to make growing veggies easy.

Bass Coast Land Care who have reportedly planted 300,000 trees this year, were on hand to sell trees and talk about how people can care for the land.

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**Poster winners (left to right) Braxton Johnson, Newhaven College runner up grade 5 and 6, Isla Johnson – Newhaven College – winner grade 1 and 2, Isla Thompson – Cowes Primary school – winner grade 3 and 4, Isla McKenzie – Cowes Primary School – winner prep, Lucie Martinez – Cowes Primary School – winner 5 and 6.**

## School kids show off their talent and raise awareness

A COMMUNITY campaign to protect local wildlife over the summer and Easter peak visitation period has assisted wildlife in nesting, resting and raising their young on the shores of Phillip Island (Millowl).

Sharing Our Shores aims to educate the community and visitors about the Island's precious wildlife, so people and dogs don't disturb nests or cause damage to habitats.

This year 14 pairs of breeding hooded plovers on Phillip Island produced eight healthy chicks at two major flocking locations, Cape Woolamai and Summerland Beach.

As part of the education campaign, local school children took part in a poster design competition, with the brief to create a poster that encourages all beach users to foster respect for their local beaches and wildlife.

After a tough selection process, four winners were chosen:

- Isla McKenzie – Cowes Primary School – winner Prep
- Isla Johnson – Newhaven College – winner grade 1 and 2
- Isla Thompson – Cowes Primary school – winner grade 3 and 4
- Lucie Martinez – Cowes Primary School – winner 5 and 6

Grade five and six winner Lucie Martinez, said: "I entered the competition to show the importance of sharing our shores and to protect the wildlife like Hooded Plovers, here at Phillip Island."

Vulnerable hooded plover shorebirds nest above the high tide line and in sand dunes during spring and summer, making their eggs and chicks vulnerable to being stepped on because they are well camouflaged. They can also nest on open sand.

The migratory short-tailed shearwaters breed in sand dune burrows over the summer months, while the red capped plover nest in open sand in a shallow depression.

The Sharing Our Shores campaign also helped educate people about the Island's fur seals, who usually reside on Seal Rocks, but will often lie on beaches to rest or moult.

The winning entries will be incorporated into next summer's campaign.



**Prep student Yuri Chaseling was presented with her Sambell badge at the Newhaven College Foundation Day whole school assembly. Z04\_2123**



**Mr and Mrs Moore presented Newhaven College students with a book 'The Shortest History of China by Linda Jaivin. Z02\_2123**

## 'Then and Now' of Newhaven College

THE 'Then and Now' of Newhaven College was honoured with a whole school assembly last Tuesday for Foundation Day where founding principal Mr Frank Moore reflected on the history of the college and the legacy that stands today.

The assembly opened with the national anthem led by the Newhaven College middle and senior school choir, and orchestra conducted by Mr Matthew Goss.

College principal Mr Tony Corr then stood for the principal's address, firstly welcoming the preps of 2023 to their first whole school assembly, 'welcome to what I believe is the most important day in the college calendar.'

"Today we celebrate our school, where we've been and what makes our school special. And what better guest speaker than the founding principal, Mr Frank Moore."

Mr Moore is responsible for so much of what Newhaven College has today, including the school colours; the dark blue of the ocean, the light blue being the sky, and the burgundy red rust for the Newhaven rocks at Western Port Bay.

"Frank chose our motto, 'In Quietness and Confidence Shall Be Your Strength'. He chose the spoonbill on our school logo, and it was Frank along with a former colleague of his, a musician Scott Phillips, that wrote our college song, 'Heart and Mind'."

It was September 1979 that Mr Moore was appointed as the founding principal of Newhaven College with a total of five students enrolled for the not yet opened school, once the school opened in February of 1980 – Mr Moore had



**Rev Ian Turnnidge was warmly welcomed back to Newhaven College for Foundation Day where he kindly gave a blessing at the whole school assembly. Z03\_2123**

enrolled a total of 51 year seven and eight students.

"It was 44 years ago that I first came out to Phillip Island," said Frank.

"I spent 10 years in that quaint little school down in Boys Home Road, a school that started from nothing – so, after I was appointed the position for this newcoming school - it was like the beginning of time."

"Newhaven College as it stands today is entirely a community initiative."

Mr Moore went on to speak of the connections in which he made within the community; a community that gave him the idea of an ecumenical school.

"This school is a community effort; it is our school that was pulled together on a shoestring budget, the only way I could persuade the parents to join our authentic school

was on the basis of top-quality teaching staff, and I want to honour them today," said Frank.

Frank concluded his address by acknowledging the second big dream for the college, and that being the purchase of the current campus where the college is today.

"The biggest move, and the biggest change from the little wooden buildings – it was like a metamorphosis – that's the expansion, generous, farsighted, and magnanimous dream, and I am still pinching myself that I am here today."

As part of the whole school assembly, Niamh Moore and Oscar Healey spoke of this year's chosen charity, being Red Cross Lifeline; a charity that supports more people in more ways than ever before, from organ matching and tissue typing to

breastmilk donations.

"Why did we choose it as our charity for this year? Last year, we lost one of our Newhaven family. Mrs Pearce was a light to everyone's lives," said Niamh.

"By supporting Red Cross Lifeline, we can donate the money we raise through our community and spread awareness, and maybe even encourage people who are able to donate, to do so."

"By choosing Red Cross Lifeline we hope to continue the legacy of Mrs Pearce by doing the thing that she did every day - helping others."

Throughout the assembly, the 2023 preps were presented with their house badges, the SIESA athletic students were awarded for their significant achievement in athletics with under 12 girls age group champion, Alice Martindale, under 14 girls age group champion, Olivia Holmes, under 15 girls age group champion, Savannah O'Keeffe and under 16 girls age group champion, Lara Smyth.

It certainly was girl power that led the way as in addition to these age group champions; Newhaven College also had a SESISA record broken in the under 12 female long jump in the new distance of 4.13m by Tiffany Clarke.

The school production cast were then recognised for their outstanding achievement, with some of the stars of The Little Mermaid Max Jobe, Cecily de Goyer, Lucas White, and Dean Lyle standing to perform 'If Only'. Plus, a rocking song, 'Fluorescent Adolescent' from The Dropkicks (Dean Lyle, Esta Christensen, Edi Walmsley, Callan Spencer, and Liam Fuery).

## Pride walk to celebrate Diversity and Inclusion

CONTINUOUSLY improving inclusion in Victorian Health Services relies on staff sharing a positive commitment towards building a workplace where everyone feels welcome to belong. Every year, on May 17, South Gippsland Hospital (SGH) is dedicated to going 'rainbow' to celebrate and acknowledge the International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT).

In a well-attended Pride Walk through the Foster Health Precinct, staff and volunteers, as well as some of the participants of the SGH Day Respite Service, demonstrated their support in a colourful parade to signal to the community the importance of building a world where everyone is safe to be

themselves.

This was then followed by a morning tea where the SGH Director of Community Care Samantha Park spoke about the ongoing need to address discrimination.

"Recent studies demonstrate 66 per cent of LGBTQIA+ young people experience harassment and 33 per cent of Australian adults have experienced verbal abuse in the past 12 months, just for being who they are. SGH is proud to have a Diversity and Inclusion plan

and to be contributing towards a regional Diversity and Inclusion framework to embed systematic changes to improve LGBTQIA+ inclusion for the Corner Inlet community."

"There is still work to be done and I encourage individuals to take action wherever possible, not just on IDAHOBIT day".

The overall message of the day "we aim and commit to be at the forefront of creating a brighter tomorrow" was felt by all in attendance.

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# Teeing off for Cougars

RAISING funds for Koonwarra Leongatha RSL Cricket Club was enough reason to take to the Leongatha golf course despite Friday's conditions being better suited to ducks and frogs, but surprisingly participants appeared to be revelling in the wet.

Their enthusiasm paid off, with rain ceasing after a few holes.

As well as lots of fun and the chance for beer and banter with mates, the event raised more than \$1600 that will go to the cricket club committee to spend as required.

While word has it there were a few amusing moments on the course, the Sentinel-Times understands none are suited to a family newspaper.

Past players of the once separate Koonwarra and Leongatha RSL cricket clubs took to the golf course along with others who have represented the merged outfit.

Organiser David Stewart represented Koonwarra and

played for the merged side in the first season of what has proved a successful union.

It was the second annual golf fundraiser for Koonwarra Leongatha RSL, with the event named in honour of the late Col Sperling, a Koonwarra wicket keeper and Life Member of Leongatha Golf Club.

Col's wife Nancy Sperling has been a member of the golf club for 60 years, having been an accomplished player, and travelling the course in a golf buggy on Friday offering advice to competitors.

Still missing Col greatly, Nancy was moved by the celebration of her husband.

"I'm really happy they're thinking of him," Nancy said.

Appropriately, Col's great nephew Sam Sperling and his team came out on top by day's end, with a round of 62 giving them a net score of 54.25 and the win in the Ambrose format event.

Sam's team members were Dave Newman, Luke Giliam, and Damien Symons.



Nobody seemed to mind the challenging weather as rounds got underway at Leongatha Golf Club. A13\_2123

## Underwater domination for Wonthaggi

ON SUNDAY May 7, Victorian Underwater Hockey held the 2023 state titles at Geelong Grammar school.

They ran the junior's competition (U19s) first thing in the morning and then the open division played out over the rest of the day.

There was a very strong turnout of players and teams over both divisions with four teams presenting for the juniors and six teams for the seniors.

Wonthaggi sent 12 junior players that were predominantly U15s with a few U19s to help support the younger kids.

For most of the Wonthaggi Kids this was not only their first competition but also their first time in a two-metre-deep pool to which they quickly adapted.

This was a very close competition with a three-way tie for second and the "Sharks" just securing first position after a count back on the goals scored.

There was neither prize money nor prizes on offer for the open division, but the competitors came from all over the state, and the rumour of a Scottish lass that just so happened to be in Wonthaggi town



The victorious Wonthaggi senior team.

to join the team were true.

What they all travelled to Geelong for was the bragging rights, an awesome trophy and the opportunity to take the title away from Wonthaggi.

Throughout the round robin event it started to show that both Wonthaggi and Ballarat were the teams to beat.

When Wonthaggi beat Ballarat by a single goal during the round robin, there was still nobody confident enough to predict a winner at the end.

Come semi-finals Wonthaggi comfortably beat the "Wizards" and Ballarat accounted for Maribyrnong.

The Wonthaggi team was comprised of Under 15's Will

Stein, U19's Maddi Maund, Hamish Scothern, Lacie Phillips, Ethan Milnes, Caden Milnes, Sam Tracey, Grace Wells and seniors - Dave Barry McCauley, Tim Ogden and Emma Og.

The final was a hard-fought game and there was a reason no one was taking bets on the winner, the half time score was one all, the full time score was two all, a draw, which sent the teams into overtime and the golden goal ruled implemented to find the winner.

Within a few minutes Wonthaggi was pressing hard, the back line - Caden, Tim, Dave, Sam and Emma repulsing attacks and supplying the puck

well to the forward line Maddi, Will, Hamish, Lacie and Grace.

Wonthaggi thought they had the goal at one stage but the puck refused to drop into the goal and was whisked away by a feverish Ballarat back line who worked well with their forward line to push the puck all the way to their own goal scoring moment.

Dave refused to concede that goal and intercepted the drive at full back, took it sideways where he passed to Caden Milnes who just happened to find a fresh Emma Og coming straight off the bench after a rest, she received the pass and took off with the puck heading for the goal tray, after realizing she had cleared the exhausted Ballarat defense she found another gear and took the puck all the way to the goal tray for a golden goal win!

Once again Wonthaggi were the victors.

Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club are always looking for new players and meet up at the Wonthaggi YMCA on Thursday evenings, Juniors from 7-8pm and adults from 8-9pm, bring your bathers, everything else is supplied.

## Korumburra Croquet elects new committee

AT KORUMBURRA we have a friendly and happy group of people who love to play croquet.

On Saturday, May 20, we had our Annual General Meeting where we elected our new committee.

Val Wilson our New President, Helen Checkley Secretary, Terry Nash Treasurer and Helen Patching who has stayed in her role of writing up all the notes of the meetings.

I would like to note that Helen Checkley was our President and Val Wilson was our Treasurer and have changed roles

for the coming season.

We wish to thank them for stepping up to these roles.

And also thank our past secretary Joan Hopkins for all her hard work she has put into the club over many years, and thank all the members for all their support and commitment to our club we would not exist without all club members putting in.

Looking forward to our next season.

The Korumburra Croquet Club end of season competition winners.



Helen Patching presenting the Barbara Waterland Trophy for the most hoops for the season on Saturday to Terry Nash.



The Championship Trophy presented by Helen Checkley to Ian Nicholas.

## Leongatha win Bass Coast Shield

ON MAY 9, the annual event, The Bass Coast Shield, was held in weather that was so-so.

The competition takes place between, Phillip Island, Leongatha, Korumburra and Wonthaggi and this year was hosted by the Korumburra club. Each club fields a team of up to 6 players with 2 singles and 2 doubles matches played in a round robin format.

This year Wonthaggi fielded 2 tournament newcomers to the team, Kathy Ross and Elaine Bridle-Sammut who acquitted themselves extremely well.

Being the Shield holders, Wonthaggi was a little disappointed to have to hand it over to the eventual winners, Leongatha. Congratulations to them and everyone who took part. A great day as usual.

Cairnlea hosted the Australian Doubles Championships (May 6-9) and the Australian Singles Championships (May 10-14) with Wonthaggi being represented by Paul Andrews who teamed with John Ouyden from Kew in the doubles. Unfortunately, they were unable to win a game but with the event boasting Australian Champions and players of that calibre, the competition was, to say the least, fierce.

Lakes Entrance was the next port of call for 3 of our players who travelled to compete in their Level Play Singles tournament on May 20-21.

Tom Lacey in Section one won 2 games, Neil Warburton in Section two won 3 games and Virginia Wheeler in Section three won 4 games. Virginia beaten into 3rd place on a hoops count-back.

The AGM was held on May 17, with the existing office bearers being re-elected with the only changes being Brian Wheeler as Asst Secretary and Kathy Ross as Committee member.

The Barbara Fraser Award for 'Outstanding Commitment to the Club' this year went to Lloyd Bennetts who is ever present, and has been for the last 15 years, whenever there is anything to be done at the club. Congratulations Lloyd.

## Wonthaggi Table Tennis results

WONTHAGGI Table Tennis A Grade team Chipping Away (Justin Licis, Andy Chetcuti)

Is retaining a narrow percentage lead for the top spot from three other teams.

A Grade matches continue to be closely contested every week.

The A Grade ladder is as follows:

1. Chipping Away (Justin, Andy)
2. Underground Police (Braden A, Andrew F)
3. Miners (Bruce H, Charley D)
4. Union (Michael C, Sean M)
5. Thunderbox (Mark D, David K)
6. Pit Ponies (Dirk K, Fred D)
7. Diggers (Jack D, Warren W)

Leading players:

Justin Licis (undefeated), Michael Chang 11/39, Bruce Harmer 11/37, Jack Duff 10/34.

A Reserve ladder:

1. Terracotta (Sean M, Leigh A)
2. ET (Michael S, Luke)
3. Purple Wombats (Andy C, Ryan)
4. Pebbles (David, Harvey)
5. Toiling Leprechauns (Brad, Rhyder)
6. Lazy Lambs (Leanne, Poppy)
7. Blue Dinosaur Jason, Jay)

Leading players:

David Kimmings, Michael Steenbergen, Brad Andrew, Andy Chetcuti, Sean Michael.

Junior coaching continues on Thursdays from 6.00 pm at the Wonthaggi Table Tennis Centre. New players welcome. \$5 per night.

Social table tennis/practice is on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12.00 mid-day.



Woorayl ladies' Emma Hall, Vicki Amato, Debra Orr and Michelle Pardoe.



South Gippsland Golf Women's Singles Champions Inge Giliam (C Grade Champion and handicap winner), Merryn Dear (A Grade Handicap winner), Rebecca Thomas Singles Championship and winner Trudi Mantell (B Grade Champion and handicap winner).

## KORUMBURRA

WEEKLY men's winners.

Tuesday, May 16

Stableford 26 Players

A Grade: Roland Rees (9) 37 Points

B Grade: David Enbom (20) 37 Points

NTPs: 1st Ross Besley and 13th Dave Enbom

Thursday, May 18

Stableford: 21 Players

Winner: Bryan Roylance-LGC (18) 38 Points

NTPs: 1st Shayne Harland, 7th Shayne Harland, 10th Ian Gibson and 13th Shayne Harland

Saturday, May 20

No Competition: Rained out.

## Ladies

WELL done to Merrissa Cosson (11) who was the A Grade, Scratch Score and May Monthly medal winner with 86(11)75 and was presented with the Rolling Hills Café voucher.

Runner-up in A Grade was Julie Brannaghan (25), 81 nett on a c/b. We congratulate Julie who won the Silver Spoon play-off and will now represent our club in Melbourne later this year.

Jenny Blackmore (27) won B Grade, 76 net and Karen Sorrell (39) was runner-up, 82 net.

BDTL went to Kerri Besley (17), 81 net and Heather Grist (19), 83 on a c/b.

Kellie Walker (54) won the nine-hole comp, 14 pts and was our only NTP winner for the day, on the 1st green to win the Kelly's Bakery voucher. Maree Wittingslow (44) was runner-up, 13 pts and BDTL went to Barb Walker (27), 12 pts.

Last Friday, five of our members enjoyed catching up with our district neighbours in the Ambrose comp at the Woorayl Golf Club.

Korumburra hosted the Women's SGGI Singles Championships last Monday and the club thanks all the participants and the many people who helped to make the day run smoothly.

The details will be in the SGGI report and we congratulate all the winners. Well done to our club member, Trudi Mantell, who won the B Grade Scratch and Handicap trophy.

## LANG LANG

RESULTS for the week as follows:

Tuesday Stableford Comp Roger Parker was the Division

1 winner with a score of 37 points, runner up was Bill Mergan with 36 points.

Division 2 was won by Douglas Collins with 39 points, runner up Russell Swan with 37 points

Ball rundown to 36 points.

Wednesday Ladies Stableford Comp – 2nd Round Silver Spoon

Winner was Chris Caig (Silver Spoon Winner) with 35 points, runner up Heather Payne with 34 points

Ball rundown to 31 points.

Thursday Stableford Comp

Division 1 Winner: Casual Walker 39 points, runner up Dave Austin with 38 points

Division 2 Winner: Mick Reilly with 40 points, runner up David Chadwick with 38 points

Ball rundown to 36 points.

Saturday Stableford Comp

Division 1: Stephen Rawlings with 40 points, runner up Shaun Mays with 39 points, Third placegetter Mark Holmes with 38 points

Division 2: Winner Tyler Evans with 43 points, runner up Scott Mahony with 40 points, Third place Mitchell Adderley with 35 points

Division 3: Winner Jordan Gillespie with 45 points, runner up Riley Willis with 44 points, Third place Michael O'Rafferty with 41 points

Ball rundown to 34 points.

## LEONGATHA

### Ladies

THIRTY-THREE women competed in the May Monthly Medal last week. The course was in excellent condition despite the unfavourable recent weather.

Mel Wilder (21) had a great score in A Grade, 73 nett, just missing out on the medal from Rebecca Thomas who had 72 nett on the previous Saturday. Congratulations Rebecca. Ashleigh Hutton was runner up with 75 nett. B Grade was won by Cheryl Borg (41) with 76 nett and Anne Bowd (36) had the second best score with 77 nett.

Down the line balls went to Trish Owen, Joc Howson and Dot Stubbs 77 nett, Jill Moor 78, Fay Quilford and Janet Monk 79, Jan Brownlie 80 and Joy O'Sullivan 81 nett.

Janet Monk was nearest the pin on the 16th. Lianne Adamson won the putting with 27 putts.

Diana Holmberg won the 9 hole competition, finishing with

18 points. Marie Sands earned a ball for her 13 points.

## MEENIYAN

### Ladies

ON Wednesday we played the front nine twice for the second round of the Championships in very heavy conditions. Our weekly sponsor & a big thank you was Meeniyan IGA.

A Grade winner was Andrea Thorson (9) 87-9-78nett.

B Grade winner was Heather Poletti (20) 94-20-74 nett.

C Grade winner was Kasey Thorson (40) 114-40-74 nett.

Putting went to Andrea Thorson with 29

DLB Tanya Thorson 77 nett, Jo Graeme and Jenny Cope 80nett.

Next week is the last round of the Championships and a shared lunch.

## PHILLIP ISLAND

TUESDAY, May 16, Mens 18 hole Par.

A grade winner was Steve Earl (13) with +1 from Neil Williams (14) with square

B Grade winner was Alf Micallef (20) with +1 c/b from Joel Panizzo (16)

C Grade winner was Rob Purcell (22) with -3 c/b from Warren Dickie (22)

BDL: to -3 c/b

NTP: Mens Steve Earl 7th Mike Fitzmaurice 10th Mark Dykes 17th Alf Micallef

Mens 9 hole Stableford

Basil Moloney (14) was the winner with 18 points C/b Dave Henstridge (21)

BDL to 16 points c/b

Wednesday, May 17, Ladies Stroke Monthly Medal sponsored by EMG Consulting

(Club Member Liz Gleeson and Marilyn Johns)

A Grade and Monthly Medal winner was Lorraine Hammon (20) with nett 72

B Grade winner was Cathy Jones (30) nett 73

C Grade winner was Joan Nicholson (46) with nett 72 Best Gross Emma Hall (9) 85 Least Putts Lesley Meadowcroft 26 putts

NTP: 7th Jackie Langford 10th Emma Hall 17th Emma Hall

BDL: to Nett 80 c/b

9 Hole competition winner was Sandra Barker (45) with 16 points c/b to Kim Cooper (32)

BDL to 14 points

Thursday, May 18, Open Stableford

The winner of A Grade was Peter Cartwright (5) with 40 points from John Enbom (15) 37 points

B Grade winner was Glenn Botterill (20) with 36 points from Ian Rowell (19) 35 points

C Grade winner was Shane Palmer (23) with 40 points from Greg Stewart (27) 34 points

BDL to 32 points c/b

NTP: 5TH Shane Palmer 7th Greg Stewart 10th Geoff Williamson 17th Neil Butterly

Open 9 hole Stableford

Winner was Alan Tindale (31) with 22 points c/b from Brian Carvell (28) 19 points

BDL to 14 points c/b

Saturday, May 20, Open Stableford

A Grade winner was Lucas Piera (3) with 34 Points from Neville Thurgood (6) 32 Points c/b

B Grade Winner was Terry Crumpton (15) with 36 Points from Konstantinos Kalogiannis (15) 35 points

C Grade Winner was Glen Marshall (23) with 39 points from Phil Foster (22) 36 points

BDL to 32 Points c/b

NTP: 5th Daniel Hall 7th Glen Marshall 10th Glen Marshall 17th Glen Marshall NTP 5th Debra Orr 10th Rhonda Boyd.

9-hole Open Stableford winner was Reg Browne (35) with 18 points from Brian Carvell (28) with 17 points c/b from Len Fenton

BDL: to 16 c/b

## SOUTH GIPPSLAND

SOUTH Gippsland Golf Women's Singles Championship May 15.

Korumburra Golf Club hosted the prestigious South Gippsland Golf Women's Singles Championships last week in ideal weather conditions. Slick greens and heavier than usual conditions were challenging for some players. Many thanks to Leongatha Golf Club who generously sponsored the scratch and handicap events.

Rebecca Thomas from Leongatha Golf Club took out the Singles Championship with 82 off the stick. Rebecca has now claimed this honour twelve times! A great effort.

Merryn Dear from Wonthaggi Golf Club had an excellent 73 nett to win the A Grade handicap event.

The B Grade Championship was won by a newcomer to Korumburra Golf Club, Trudi Mantell, with 103. She won this on a count back from Heather Grist, last year's winner. Trudi also won the B Grade handicap event with 77nett.

The C Grade Championship winner was Inge Giliam from Woorayl Golf Club who was both surprised and delighted at her good fortune. Inge had 115 off the stick and a stableford score of 26 to win the handicap event.

The nearest the pins were won by Kerri Besley (Korumburra Golf Club) on the 1st, Rebecca Thomas (Leongatha Golf Club) on the 7th, Jenny Blackmore (Korumburra Golf Club) on the 13th and Kay Dumbleton from Leongatha on the 10th.

Down the line balls were won by Jenny Blackmore (Korumburra Golf Club) and Kay Dumbleton (Leongatha GC) 80 nett, Keri Besley (Korumburra GC) 81, Deb Wrigley (Korumburra GC), Marg Johnson (Wonthaggi GC), Dawn Judkins Wonthaggi, Wendy Parker Leongatha, Andrea Thorson (Meeniyana GC) and Beth Curram (Foster GC) 83 nett and Heather Grist (Korumburra GC) 84 on a count back.

The South Gippsland Golf match committee would like to thank Korumburra Golf Club for hosting this event, and women's captain Merrissa Cosson for her assistance in running the day. We can now have a couple of months rest before our next women's district event to be held at Lang Lang Golf Club on September 1st. The next mixed district event is to be held on Sunday July 2nd: a 4BBB.

## WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results May 18.

Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole, SR. 71

Winner: Stephen Judd 34 Runner Up: Keith Ridout 34 BDTL to 32.

Men's results May 18.

Competition type: Stableford Front 9 hole, SR. 34.5

Winner: Keith Ridout 19 BDTL to 16.

## Ladies

WEDNESDAY was a smaller field playing par. There were four quarterfinals of the singles knockout being played taking these players out of the field.

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Korumburra's winners last week were Merrissa Cosson, A Grade and Monthly Medal, Julie Brannaghan, Silver Spoon finalist and Jenny Blackmore, B Grade.



Meenyan's Andrea Thorson, Heather Poletti and Kasey Thorson.

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The winner was Karen Sheerin (45) +1. This was the best score on the day and the runner up was Andrea Grenville (30)-3 BDL Marg Johnson -4, Anne Poulton -5, Irene Walsh -6.

Of the knockout matches Simone Lindsay def Pam Hanley, Merryn Dear def Donna Brosnan, Catherine Bolding def Dawn Judkins, Carole Sartori def Marion Walker.

Semi-finals will be played next week.

#### WOORAYL

##### Ladies

THE women of Woorayl Golf Club welcomed visitors for the Woorayl Open Day Ambrose event sponsored for many years by Berry's Creek Cheese. With everyone watching the weather the women ventured out ready for a fun day of drop out Ambrose.

Unfortunately, the weather was against us and the decision was made to shorten the event to 9 holes. There were no complaints as everyone headed inside to the warmth, delicious hot soup and sandwiches, a variety of cheeses supplied by Berry's Creek Cheese and of course plates of slices.

There was a lot of friendly rivalry as the winners and runner-up were announced. Congratulations to Phillip Island 1 team of Deb Orr, Michelle Pardoe, Emma Hall and Vicki Amato with a great score of 32.823 off a

combined handicap of 5.187.

Runners-up was a combined team of Ann Poole, Sherrill Winkler, Chris Gunn and Lia Brent with 35.44 off a combined handicap of 6.56. BDL went to Wothaggi - Carol Satori, Marg Johnson, Wendy Cross and Merryn Dear, Meenyan - Gail Browne, Jenny Cope, Jo Graeme and Tanya Thorson, and Woorayl mixed 3 - Janet Thompson, Jo Fennell, Pauline Lancaster and Joy Hester.

Congratulations to Emma Hall on her fantastic ntp on the 11th. In the heavy conditions most women are impressed you made it to the green.

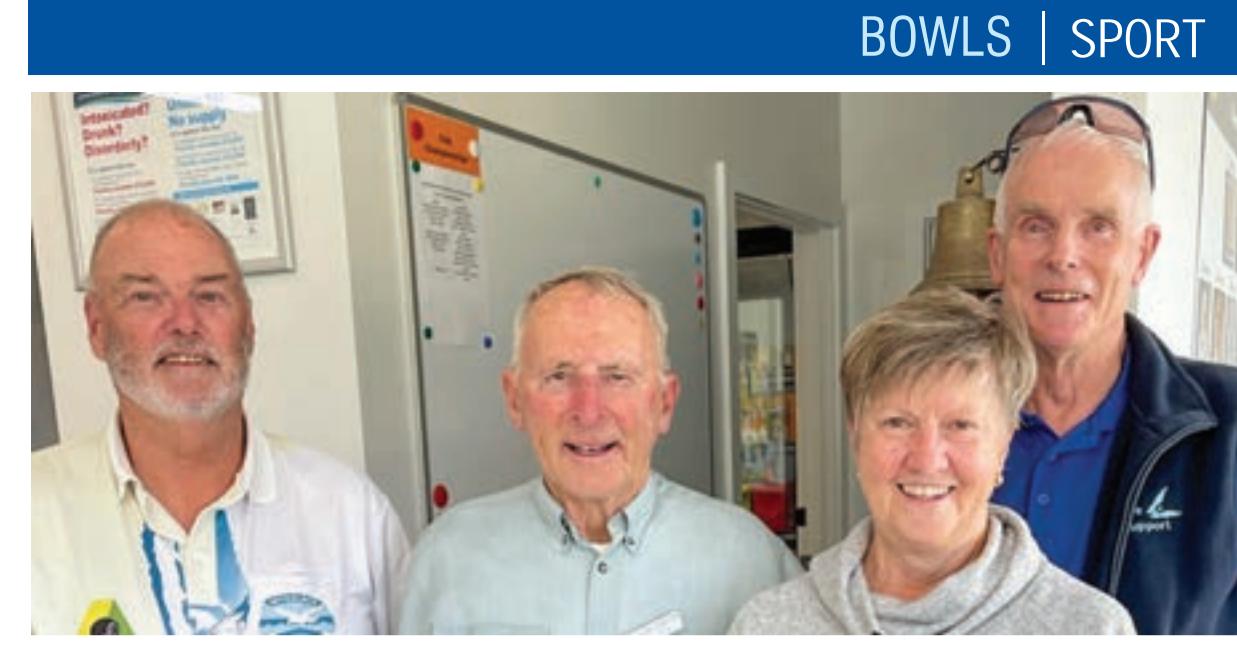
Fortunately the weather stayed fine for the 15 players who competed in the final round of the Shirley and Brian Thomas Stableford Pairs Aggregate board event.

It is a prestigious event, and our congratulations go to Ann Poole and Jo Fennell who came from a shot behind to win by a point.

Last week's event was generously sponsored by Deb and Gavin Price.

The daily event was won by Ann Poole and Jo Fennell with a combined score of 52 points. The runners up were Elly Berryman and Dianne O'Connor with a combined score of 51 points. BDL went to Pauline Lancaster and Janet Thompson and lastly Kath Davis and Fay Maynard 47 points.

NTP'S were 8th Kath Davis, 11th Ann Poole and 17th Elly Berryman.



Inverloch Bowling Club Social Bowls winners Jeff Curwood, Graham Turton, Di Hallas and Bill Selby (skip).



Midweek winners Mark Andreatta (S), Sue Stansfield (3), Bill Williams (L), Gwen Jeffrey (2).



Wonthaggi Bowls Club Wednesday winners Bob Evans, Denise Silver and Frank Seaton.

#### INVERLOCH

DUE to construction work at Inverloch Bowling Club, our Bowl Over Cancer Day on May 25, has been rescheduled to June 8.

If you intend to play pennant this coming season, lists at the club for Midweek and Saturday Pennant are available at the club.

Nomination forms for responsibility roles at the club are on the club noticeboard. If you unsure of a role please speak to a club member.

Thursday saw 32 bowlers play in 8 teams of 4s. Two games of ten ends were played. The runners up with two wins and 30 points was the team of Bruce Corrigan (skip), Keith Cousins, John Cook and Paul Davis. The winners on 2 wins and 31 points were the team of Bill Selby (skip), Graham Turton, Jeff Curwood and Di Hallas.

#### WONTHAGGI

ANOTHER good week at the club with lots of people on the greens for social bowls on Wednesday and Thursday morning.

Additionally, many individuals were just having a roll and practicing.

Wednesday saw a field of thirty bowlers take to the greens on a fine day, which got quite cold when we lost the sunshine. Teams of three and four played

two games over ten ends. There were four teams that won two games, which was a large number for the day. The runners-up were a team of three consisting of Sid Gostling, Frank Cimino, and Peter McBain, with a score of 2 wins and 33 points. The winners were also a team of three, including Bob Evans, Denise Silver, and Frank Seaton, with a score of 2 wins and 34 points. Saturday's session was called off due to the cold weather, even though it was fine. Bowls schedule for this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12:30 pm, Saturday social bowls at 12:30 pm.

Have a great week and enjoy your bowling.

#### INDOOR

THIS week we saw some really good wins by all teams that competed on both Tuesday and Friday. Tuesday the winning team of Linda Newman, Sylvia Mattock, Mary Spooner and

Jim Rodhi won with a plus 19 a win of 15 points.

Runners up Teresa and Allan Ireland, Chris Rose and Jim Wilson had a plus 4.

Friday winners Jeannie Slocombe and Fred Demenech won by 9 points with a plus 17.

Runners up Betty Huitema, Laurie Culph and Lino Cuman had a plus 8.

All teams on both days won two games each.

#### MIDWEEK

WHAT a surprisingly good day for 31 of our family of bowlers. With the weather looking bleak, and with a reasonably high expectation of rain, we were presented with a lovely day. No rain, almost no wind and quite a bit of sunshine for most of the time.

Lots of laughter across the green along with, as usual, a fair amount of friendly banter.

Only a few wrong bias deliveries today, but it helps with our RCH donations, so keep up the good work.

Winners on 35 points were: Mark Andreatta (S), Sue Stansfield (3), Gwen Jeffrey (2), Bill Williams (L)

Runners Up on 34 points were:

Peter Gratton (S), Phil Wright (3), Michael Waring (L)

Best One Game on 24 points were:

Ken Barnes (S), Gillian Harper (3), Robyn Coulson (2), Ruth Waring (L)

Many thanks to Mark for looking after the bar and also to Gwen for looking after the kitchen. Thank you also to Peter, Pauline and John who keep our group playing each and every week.

Next week we will be at Koo Wee Rup at 10am for a 10:30am start. Please be on time to allow Peter adequate time to select the teams.



Woolamai Racing Club board member Peter McCluskey, club secretary Abby Boyle and club treasurer Adam Olszanski enjoy the moment after receiving the Picnic Club of the Year honour on Saturday.

## Woolamai Race Club tops the State's Picnic Clubs

WOOLAMAI Race Club was named the David and Gavan Bourke Picnic Club of the Year during the Picnic Racing Victoria awards ceremony at Frankston RSL.

Club secretary Abby Boyle was presented with the shield, awarded after a range of factors were considered to determine the winning club.

Those factors include financial criteria, community engagement, adherence to safety protocols, the presentation of the track and how it raced and the number of horses entered.

The late David and Gavan Bourke are from a renowned racing family, with both having strong involvement in picnic racing.

David was also a chairman of the Victorian Racing Club for seven years, presiding over the nation's most famous race between 1991 and 1998, and Gavan was a big part of Pakenham Racing Club of which he was a Life Member, spending 22 years on its committee, 16 as secretary.

The annual Picnic Racing Victoria awards night brings together the 11 picnic racing clubs, along with trainers, riders and officials.

Woolamai Race Club treasurer Adam Olszanski reflected on a great evening.

"It was a terrific night; everyone let their hair down a bit, there was live music and dancing after the awards ceremony," Adam said of the sold-out event.

He added it is great to catch up with those from other picnic racing clubs around Victoria, share stories and talk about next season.

As well as earning its own honour, the Woolamai Racing Club sponsored the Leading Rider award, won by Shaun Cooper, the winning jockey in this year's Woolamai Cup.

It was the fourth time Cooper has claimed that honour, this time riding 27 winners for the season, 10 clear of the next best jockey.

"He's a very accomplished rider and he's highly sought after," Olszanski said of Cooper.

The increased competitiveness of the picnic racing circuit last season was reflected by the fact Cooper rode 45 winners the previous season.

Olszanski noted some young riders who entered the circuit this year did well, helping explain the greater spread of winners and Cooper's reduced dominance.



Leongatha player Jack Hume drives Team Red forward during his two goal performance.



Nicola Marriott of Leongatha looks for a teammate during her starring role in Team Red's win over Team Navy.

# Team Navy holds sway to win inaugural All Stars clash

## Senior Footy (Under 25s) Football:

Traralgon's Luis D'Angelo set the standard as the triumphant Team Navy's best player, with his teammate on the day Morwell star and sometimes Box Hill VFL player Tristen Waack the game's top goal kicker, notching three majors.

## Junior Football:

Team Navy proved too strong in combined Under 16/Under 18 action, accounting for Team Red by 32 points.

## Open Netball:

Star Leongatha midcourter Nicola Marriott led the way as the game's best player, guiding Team Red to a 15-goal victory over Team Navy.

April Bethune (Drouin) was the top scorer for the match, with 34 goals for the winning team.

## 17 and Under Netball:

The almost entirely Wonthaggi and Leongatha com-

prised Team Red proved no match for Team Navy, going down by 12 goals.

## 15 and Under Netball:

Team Red's side, featuring three Leongatha players, got the better of the Team Navy outfit formed entirely from Bairnsdale and Sale players, winning by 15 goals.

## 13 and Under Netball:

Team Navy edged out Team Red by four goals.

# Local umpires learn from the very best

AFL field umpire Paul Rebeschini joined the South Gippsland Umpires Association (SGUA) at its weekly training session at the Leongatha Velodrome last Wednesday.

The special guest umpire's visit was part of the Community Umpiring Week initiatives, where AFL umpires travel to community umpiring groups around the state.

The visit entailed running a few skill drills and afterwards taking part in a question-and-answer session with the group. Rebeschini provided great insight into the challenges of umpiring in the national competition.

The session was incredibly beneficial for the developing umpires who aspire to umpire at the highest level.

South Gippsland is no stranger to producing AFL standard umpires, with former Leongatha resident Matt Stevic amongst the AFL's most experienced and highly respected whistle-blowers.

Meanwhile, another Leongatha local in Harrison Bell has also been impressive in his second year on the VFL boundary umpire list.

Whilst the SGUA have been able to maintain a healthy number of umpires, there continues to be a massive shortage of umpires across the wider Gippsland region.

If you would like to get involved contact director of umpiring Gary Scholz on 0413 235 763 or via email at southgippslandumpires@gmail.com.



South Gippsland Umpires Association's Josh Chenoweth addressed the group at Wednesday night's special training session featuring AFL field umpire Paul Rebeschini.

# Breakers get the job done against Frankston

AFTER a dominant start to the season the Breakers were this week elevated into Premier Division this week.

With a big task ahead - facing Frankston the top placed team first up - the Breakers were up for the challenge.

Despite heavy rain and a full complement of Dalyston Football Club games earlier in the day, the ground was still in pretty good condition making for a good contest.

Immy Bradford was busy early getting on the end of a couple of really good scoring opportunities which fell

just outside range with a wet footy.

The Breakers went into quarter time with a narrow 0.2-2 to 0.0-0 lead and big confidence boost.

The fierce contest continued all over the ground with the wet conditions and high intensity leading to stoppage after stoppage with Sophie Bolding and Kate Thompson driving the ball forward at every opportunity.

Ella Cargill broke through for the first goal of the match - converting a set shot from deep in the pocket.

With just a goal in it at three quarter time it was still anyone's game.

Frankston came out firing in the last quarter doing most of the attacking however it was Cargill again who was able to deliver with another strong chest mark and set shot conversion.

Under pressure the Breakers stayed composed - continuing to find targets and work hard to lock the ball in.

Frankston broke through with their first goal for the match and the intensity from both teams once again

lifted.

The backline - which hasn't been tested a lot so far this season - played smart footy, conceding a couple of points and working as a team with Nico Randall solid on the last line of defence.

Final Score: Breakers 2.2-14 def Frankston 1.5-11

Goals: E.Cargill 2

Best: S.Bolding, K.O'Neill, C.Connell, K.Thompson, N.Randall, E.Cargill

This week the Breakers venture to Warragul for a grand final rematch at 6.40pm on Saturday.



Knight's winger Henry Mbuthia keeps possession in the attacking half.

## Leongatha Knights take on Drouin

FOLLOWING a steady week of rain, Leongatha Knights FC headed over to Drouin to play round 5 of the GSL.

An early conceded goal kicked Leongatha into gear with some more positive runs being made through the midfield.

Striker Aidan Hall found the back of the net in the 27th minute putting the Knights back on even ground with the Dragons. Whilst Drouin's forward line were strong, Leongatha's defence were up for the challenge, not giving ground easily.

An own goal in the 52nd minute

was quickly followed by an excellent finish from LKFC's Blake Moscript saw the Knights go home with the 3 points.

Leongatha Knights would like to wish their goalkeeper Charlie Dougherty all the best for his ACL operation this week and a speedy rehab.



Wonthaggi United fought hard against their opponents over the weekend.

## Solid victory for Wonthaggi against Mirboo North

TRAVELLING to Mirboo North, the women found it hard to find the back of the net in the first quarter but with Bridie in the defence line, through to Heidi in the midfield who then put through an absolute cracker of a pass to Alycia who found the back of the net.

With some mighty defence from Aaliyah through to Una and then across to Alycia who nicely crossed it into superstar Faith getting goal number two.

The extreme muddy conditions made it hard to run when Oline, Heidi and Faith got caught in the mud right in front of the goals and unfortunately missed causing the half time score to be 2-0 up.

The half time oranges carefully brought and cut by Yas (champion) were really appreciated and gave the women an added boost for the second half.

With Alana's words of wisdom and team knowledge, the women were going to come out firing.

Second half begin with Heidi running from halfway with the ball and supported by Alycia to score an absolute scorcher.

With lots of support and encouragement Scarlett found the ball constantly and was a vital component when passing the ball to Zoe to score the fourth.

Wonthaggi felt the pressure in their back line when the ball got to Shanah who made a great save.

The kick out to Marion, lead to a great pass to Kesan who flicked it in the middle to Kylie who put through a fantastic ball to Alycia who once again found the back of the net.

With Ania's incredible stance in the backline, she managed to find Scarlett, who tried very hard to get a goal.

With amazing supporters on the sideline from the men's team and parents the women were able to secure a 9-0 win.

## Gippsland United valiant in their latest U14 clash

JBNPL U14: GUFC vs Bentleigh Greens

Gippsland hit the ground at Kingston Heath with renewed enthusiasm against the home team, an assertive Bentleigh Greens.

Despite an ultimate 3-1 loss to the home side, the boys kept their heads and their intensity up throughout a tough match.

The game was quick from the start with both sides making early attempts on goal. Bentleigh scored within five minutes, however Gippsland rallied making strong runs on the wing and retaining possession of the ball.

Unable to convert multiple chances, the score soon became 2-0 to the home team. With five minutes to go before half-time Maurice Baldacchino forced a penalty shot, managing to score a superb goal from the rebound.

Despite a close contest in the second half with both teams playing strongly, a good run from Bentleigh resulted in their third goal.

Declan Ryan was the standout of the match, regularly opening the

play and creating chances for the forward line.

Ruairi Couper, Declan Paku, Mitch Dastey and Ethan Bruce continue to showcase their defensive expertise throughout the match, skilfully backed up by Patrick Frayne and his usual calm under pressure.

Harrison Ritchie from the U13 team replaced an injured Christian Guarascio in goals, performing well in his first game against a strong offensive team.

Regardless of the final score, there were several moments of brilliance from each player showing Gippsland are poised to return stronger than ever.

Next week the boys have a bye, back on June 4, against Kingston City FC.

### Scores:

Pre - NPL U12 - Bye

Pre - NPL U13 - Bye

JBNPL U18 - Dandenong Thunder (3) d Gippsland United (2)

JBNPL U15 - Gippsland United FC (1) drew with Dandenong Thunder (1)

JBNPL U14 - Bentleigh Greens (3) d Gippsland United (1)

## GSL Round five results

Sunday, May 21

Senior Mens: Mirboo North United 3 d Wonthaggi United 0, Leongatha Knights 3 d Drouin Dragons 1, Phillip Island 6 d Korumburra City 1, Trafalgar Victory 8 d Inverloch Stars 1

Senior Womens: Wonthaggi United 9 d Mirboo North United 0, Leongatha Knights 9 d Drouin Dragons 1

Mens Reserves: Drouin Dragons 7 d Leongatha Knights 1, Phillip Island 3 d Korumburra City 0, Trafalgar Victory 1 d Inverloch Stars 0

Under 17 Mixed: Leongatha Knights 3 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1, Phillip Island 7 d Inverloch Stars 1

Under 14 Mixed: Wonthaggi United 5 d Mirboo North United 2, Leongatha Knights Blue 7 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 4, Phillip Island 2 drew Korumburra City 2, Drouin Dragons White 3 d Leongatha Knights White 1

Under 12a Mixed: Wonthaggi United 4 d Mirboo North United 0, Drouin Dragons Maroon 7 d Leongatha Knights 1, Phillip Island 5 d Korumburra City 0

Under 12b Mixed: Phillip Island Blue 6 d Drouin Dragons Maroon/Yellow 2, Trafalgar Victory 6 d Inverloch Stars 2, Phillip Island Red 9 d Korumburra City 3

Round 6 Fixture - Sunday, May 28

Senior Mens, 3pm - Wonthaggi United v Lang

Lang United, Inverloch Stars v Mirboo North United, Trafalgar Victory v Phillip Island, Korumburra City v Drouin Dragons

Senior Womens - 1pm - Wonthaggi United v Lang Lang United, Inverloch Stars v Mirboo North United

Mens Reserves, 1pm - Inverloch Stars v Leongatha Knights, Trafalgar Victory v Phillip Island, Korumburra City v Drouin Dragons

Under 17 Mixed, 9:30am - Leongatha Knights v Drouin Dragons White

Under 14 Mixed - 11:20am

Wonthaggi United v Leongatha Knights White, Inverloch Stars v Mirboo North United, Korumburra City v Drouin Dragons Maroon, Leongatha Knights Blue v Drouin Dragons White

Under 12a Mixed, 10am - Inverloch Stars v Mirboo North United, Korumburra City v Drouin Dragons Maroon, Wonthaggi United v Lang Lang United

Under 12b Mixed, 11:30am - Trafalgar Victory v Phillip Island Red, Phillip Island Blue v Drouin Dragons Yellow, Korumburra City v Drouin Dragons Maroon/Yellow

MiniRoos - Saturday, May 27 - South West/Bass Coast Hub are playing at Lang Lang, North East/South Gippsland Hub are playing at Leongatha.

**MID GIPPSLAND****RESULTS****A GRADE**

Fish Creek 48 d Foster 14  
Mirboo Nth 52 d MDU 43  
Yinnar 59 d Tarwin 42  
N'borough 39 It Morwell E. 74  
Stony Creek 20 It Toora 51

**B GRADE**

Fish Creek 66 d Foster 13  
Mirboo Nth 55 d MDU 33  
Yinnar 48 d Tarwin 20  
N'borough 35 It Morwell E. 51  
Stony Creek 27 It Toora 43  
Thorpdale 8 It Hill End 75

**C GRADE**

Fish Creek 49 d Foster 12  
Mirboo Nth 22 It MDU 42  
Yinnar 37 d Tarwin 27  
N'borough 27 It Morwell E. 33  
Stony Creek 20 It Toora 47  
Thorpdale 11 It Hill End 45

**D GRADE**

Fish Creek 68 d Foster 10  
Mirboo Nth 41 d MDU 17  
Yinnar 40 d Tarwin 26  
N'borough 15 It Morwell E. 25  
Stony Creek 15 It Toora 25  
Thorpdale 15 It Hill End 27

**17 & UNDER**

Mirboo Nth 8 It MDU 44  
Yinnar 47 d Tarwin 21  
N'borough 23 It Morwell E. 29  
Stony Creek 13 It Toora 38

**15 & UNDER**

Fish Creek 28 d Foster 8  
Mirboo Nth 26 d MDU 24  
Yinnar 57 d Tarwin 6  
N'borough 19 It Morwell E. 25  
Stony Creek 14 It Toora 24

**13 & UNDER**

Fish Creek 14 d Foster 13  
Mirboo Nth 20 d MDU 5  
Yinnar 33 d Tarwin 4

**LADDERS**

<b>A GRADE</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>pts</b>
Morwell East	220.14	22
Boolarra	234.12	20
Yinnar	170.54	20
Fish Creek	169.30	20
<b>Toora</b>	<b>165.49</b>	<b>18</b>
Mirboo North	119.23	12
Tarwin	103.91	12
Newborough	81.95	8
Stony Creek	58.23	4
Hill End	48.13	4
Foster	34.27	4
MDU	62.55	0

**B GRADE**

<b>Boolarra</b>	<b>264.66</b>	<b>20</b>
Yinnar	261.32	20
<b>Fish Creek</b>	<b>216.44</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Morwell East</b>	<b>166.67</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Toora</b>	<b>143.28</b>	<b>20</b>
Mirboo North	176.54	16
Tarwin	66.50	8
MDU	88.45	4
Stony Creek	80.08	4
Newborough	78.81	4
Hill End	75.20	4
Foster	41.67	4
Thorpdale	8.86	0

**C GRADE**

<b>Hill End</b>	<b>178.10</b>	<b>20</b>
MDU	154.17	20
Yinnar	271.00	16
<b>Morwell East</b>	<b>155.05</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Toora</b>	<b>110.91</b>	<b>16</b>
Boolarra	201.20	12
Fish Creek	173.58	12
Tarwin	157.61	12
Newborough	96.75	8
Mirboo North	94.48	8
Foster	9.31	4
Stony Creek	60.23	0
Thorpdale	22.34	0

**D GRADE**

<b>Fish Creek</b>	<b>342.31</b>	<b>20</b>
Yinnar	270.00	20
<b>Morwell East</b>	<b>185.71</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Mirboo North</b>	<b>293.83</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Tarwin</b>	<b>151.35</b>	<b>16</b>
Boolarra	110.58	12
Toora	67.31	2
Hill End	105.19	8
Newborough	88.97	8
MDU	66.86	4
Stony Creek	48.37	4
Foster	21.63	4
Thorpdale	21.98	0

**17 & UNDER**

<b>Toora</b>	<b>354.29</b>	<b>20</b>
MDU	254.76	20
<b>Morwell East</b>	<b>101.25</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Fish Creek</b>	<b>171.70</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Yinnar</b>	<b>164.71</b>	<b>16</b>
Boolarra	45.45	16
Newborough	66.35	8
Stony Creek	65.55	8
Tarwin	47.20	8
Mirboo North	18.06	4

**15 & UNDER**

<b>Boolarra</b>	<b>490.48</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Mirboo North</b>	<b>412.50</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Hill End</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Yinnar</b>	<b>386.54</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Fish Creek</b>	<b>145.24</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Morwell East</b>	<b>112.79</b>	<b>16</b>
MDU	163.78	12
Toora	82.50	12
Foster	82.50	8
Tarwin	7.76	4
Stony Creek	33.74	0
Newborough	23.01	0

**13 & UNDER**

<b>Yinnar</b>	<b>523.81</b>	<b>20</b>
Boolarra	440.91	20
<b>Mirboo North</b>	<b>325.00</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Hill End</b>	<b>114.29</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Toora</b>	<b>71.79</b>	<b>16</b>
Foster	64.94	12
Fish Creek	47.62	12
Newborough	56.41	8
MDU	40.96	8
Tarwin	29.70	4

**SPORT | NETBALL**

Opponents Grace McLean and Jeanette Brown contend the ball. Photo: Gerard Bruning



Felicity Fox (WA) takes a flying catch to swiftly pass it off in a fast game. Ob31\_2123



MacKenna Whiteside (GS) takes the pass to go for goal for the Giants. ob21\_2123



Mirboo North's Dani Blair (A Grade) in action against MDU on Saturday. Photo: Annie Holland



Miki Hilliar (A Grade) looks for an opening. Photo: Annie Holland



Toora's Tayah Jenkins makes good position to receive the pass in front of Stony Creek's Jala King.



Gemma Dixon (GD) defends a pass while Georgia Hamilton (WD) prepares to intercept it. Ob30\_2123

**WEST GIPPSLAND****RESULTS****A GRADE**

<b>Bunyip</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>It Phillip Island</b>	<b>62</b>
Dalyston	34	d I-Kongwak	48
K-Bass	53	d Garfield	29
K-Bena	53	d T-Dalmore	58
NNG	59	d Cora Lynn	29
Warragul Ind.	24	d KWR	90

**17 & UNDER**

<b>Bunyip</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>It Phillip Island</b>	<b>48</b>
Dalyston	34	d I-Kongwak	19
K-Bass	31	d Garfield	19
K-Bena	45	d T-Dalmore	14
NNG	23	d Cora Lynn	33
Warragul Ind.	15	d KWR	25

**15 & UNDER**

<b>Bunyip</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>d Phillip Island</b>	<b>26</b>
Dalyston	53	d I-Kongwak	20
K-Bass	41	d Garfield	48
K-Bena	45	d T-Dalmore	61
NNG	59	d Cora Lynn	28
Warragul Ind.	53	d KWR	51

**13 & UNDER**

<b>Bunyip</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>d Phillip Island</b>	<b>33</b>
Dalyston	20	d I-Kongwak	31
K-Bass	33	d Garfield	30
K-Bena	25	d T-Dalmore	38
NNG	47	d Cora Lynn	19
Warragul Ind.	11	d KWR	60

**D GRADE**

<b>Bunyip</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>d Phillip Island</b>	<b>9</b>
Dalyston	17	d I-Kongwak	4
K-Bass			

## ELLINBANK

## RESULTS

## A GRADE

Longwarry 44 It Ellinbank 55  
Trafalgar 28 It Neerim Sth 60  
Yarragon 55 d Nyora 38  
Lang Lang 51 d Poowong 31  
N-Darnum 44 d Buln Buln 26

## B GRADE

Longwarry 20 It Ellinbank 85  
Trafalgar 65 d Neerim Sth 35  
Yarragon 50 d Nyora 24  
Lang Lang 47 d Poowong 21  
N-Darnum 34 It Buln Buln 48

## C GRADE

Longwarry 28 It Ellinbank 42  
Trafalgar 29 It Neerim Sth 36  
Yarragon 43 d Nyora 7  
Lang Lang 18 It Poowong 30  
N-Darnum 24 It Buln Buln 27

## 17 &amp; UNDER

Longwarry 24 It Ellinbank 30  
Trafalgar 61 d Neerim Sth 6  
Lang Lang 3 It Poowong 44  
N-Darnum 12 It Buln Buln 39

## 15 &amp; UNDER

Longwarry 42 d Ellinbank 11  
Trafalgar 47 d Neerim Sth 10  
Yarragon 65 d Nyora 0  
Lang Lang 16 It Poowong 28  
N-Darnum 19 It Buln Buln 34

## 13 &amp; UNDER

Longwarry 16 d Ellinbank 4  
Trafalgar 11 It Neerim Sth 16  
Yarragon 6 d Nyora 1  
Lang Lang 6 It Poowong 21  
N-Darnum 5 It Buln Buln 37

## LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Neerim South	351.59	24
Nilma Darnum	131.14	24
Ellinbank	142.38	20
Trafalgar	138.30	20
Lang Lang	104.92	14
Buln Buln	98.22	12
Catani	102.12	10
Longwarry	76.09	8
Yarragon	65.62	4
Nyora	60.30	4
Poowong	42.37	0

## B GRADE

Trafalgar	190.63	28
Buln Buln	164.10	24
Ellinbank	250.32	20
Catani	99.23	16
Neerim South	120.96	12
Nilma Darnum	97.21	12
Lang Lang	94.35	8
Yarragon	81.93	8
Longwarry	77.14	8
Poowong	49.39	4
Nyora	33.54	0

## C GRADE

Ellinbank	203.40	20
Catani	137.87	20
Buln Buln	118.09	20
Neerim South	184.56	18
Nilma Darnum	121.34	16
Longwarry	134.55	14
Trafalgar	126.60	12
Yarragon	79.78	8
Poowong	70.48	8
Lang Lang	76.47	4
Nyora	10.26	0

## 17 &amp; UNDER

Catani	182.81	20
Longwarry	145.10	20
Trafalgar	264.37	16
Ellinbank	162.83	16
Buln Buln	139.74	16
Poowong	167.57	8
Nilma Darnum	88.24	8
Lang Lang	41.80	4
Yarragon	29.87	0
Neerim South	14.71	0
Nyora	0.00	0

## 15 &amp; UNDER

Buln Buln	237.90	28
Poowong	198.96	24
Yarragon	242.86	20
Longwarry	205.31	16
Trafalgar	121.39	16
Nilma Darnum	94.41	12
Catani	100.88	8
Ellinbank	55.87	8
Lang Lang	66.26	4
Neerim South	39.91	4
Nyora	4.82	0

## 13 &amp; UNDER

Buln Buln	277.03	28
Catani	395.00	24
Poowong	336.84	22
Longwarry	145.95	18
Yarragon	104.35	16
Neerim South	103.70	12
Nilma Darnum	54.14	6
Trafalgar	56.67	4
Ellinbank	35.48	4
Nyora	23.28	4
Lang Lang	35.53	2



Mia Blackwood (A Grade) takes a moment to assess her options.  
Photo: Jeff Tull

Poowong's Mackenzie Fort (A Grade) puts on a strong block. Photo: Jeff Tull

Nyora's Chloe Nestoriwsky (B Grade) looks to make a pass.



Kilcunda-Bass GD Lisa Steel takes an intercept in front of her Garfield opponent in the B Grade match.



Kilcunda-Bass' Isabella Santorini makes strong position for the pass in the A Grade match against Garfield.

Kilcunda-Bass' Jordan Kennedy safely catches the ball under pressure from her B Grade Garfield opponent.

Kilcunda-Bass GD Caitlin Stephens looks for options through the centre court in the A Grade match against Garfield.

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## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 5

## FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

## FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

34 23

FISH CREEK FOSTER

Fish Creek 0.4 0.6 2.9 4.10 (34)  
Foster 0.1 2.2 3.4 3.5 (23)**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Adam Bright, Stewart

McCooke, Jordan Shaw, Jarrod Walker 1 each

**BEST:** Willem Voorham, Pat Pekin,

Thomas Vuillermin, Thomas Cameron,

Jarrod Walker, Levi Cocksedge

**GOALS, Foster:** Tom Bartholomew 2,

Jake Chaseling 1

**BEST:** Mitchell Allott, Matthew Clark,

Todd Bastion, Tom Littore, Michael Howell,

Craig Wray

**RESERVES**Fish Creek 5.2 7.6 10.10 14.11 (95)  
Foster 0.1 1.3 2.3 3.5 (23)**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Toby Redpath 5,

Rhys Staley 2, Brent Cooper, Josh Harry,

Patrick Holian, Liam Howard, Josh Segar,

Owen Straw, Tim Walters 1 each

**BEST:** Toby Redpath, Angus Harding, Archie

Brewer, Owen Straw, Patrick Holian, Tim Walters

**GOALS, Foster:** Caeleb Garlick, Nicholas Hume,

Will Roffey 1 each

**BEST:** Alej Lakanaria, Ethan Lavis, Will Roffey,

Ollie Cox, Ben Tillack, Mikey House

**THIRDS**Fish Crk/Tarwin 4.2 4.3 6.6 7.9 (51)  
Foster 2.0 3.1 3.1 4.4 (28)**GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin:** Antony McWilliams 3,

Joseph Rysko 2, Tige Brewer, Max Fenton 1 each

**BEST:** Rory Standfield, Lane Bowman,

Thomas Hughes, Shea Griffin, Alby Edgeland,

Asher Hamlett

**GOALS, Foster:** Darby Hoskins, Leevi Lidstone,

Flynn Lomax, Will Roffey 1 each

**BEST:** Flynn Lomax, Jedd Davy, Angus Lomax,

Will Roffey, Albert Hercus, Caeleb Garlick

## MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

## MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

61 51

MIRBOO NORTH

MDU

Mirboo North 2.5 5.5 7.5 9.7 (61)  
MDU 1.3 3.4 4.7 7.9 (51)**GOALS, Mirboo North:** Damien Turner 2,

Darcy Brock, Ben Campbell, Jack Couper,

Jedd Felmingham, Hudson Kerr, Justin Pellicano,

Max Woodall 1 each

**BEST:** Beau Peters, Hudson Kerr, Jesse Chila,

Taj Wilkins, Patrick Lewis, Harrison Mahoney

**GOALS, MDU:** Billy Evers 2, Ashleigh Allen,

Jayden Deas, Wayne Stewart, Brendan Tomada,

Nick Tuckett 1 each

**BEST:** Fraser Kelly, Billy Evers, Wayne Stewart,

Thomas Corry, Jake Bromley, Jye Celebrine

**RESERVES**

MDU 4.1 8.4 10.4 18.5 (113)

Mirboo North 1.0 1.0 2.0 2.0 (12)

**GOALS, MDU:** Neil Matheson 5, Brenton Arnup,

Max East, Aaron Trease 2, Martyn Beacham,

Daniel Campbell, Ben Cantwell, Mitchell Hoober,

Benjamin Maxwell, Kayden Scrimshaw,

Yani Zorzos 1 each

**BEST:** Daniel Campbell, Benjamin Maxwell,

Neil Matheson, Brenton Arnup, Charlie McInnes,

Aaron Trease

**GOALS, Mirboo North:** Robert Devine,

Angus O'Loughlin 1 each

**BEST:** Simon Busuttil, Hayden Barnes,

Mitchell Richardson, Luke Gervasi,

Angus O'Loughlin, Sam Bradley

**THIRDS**

MDU 1.3 2.5 3.8 5.10 (40)

Mirboo North 0.2 1.4 1.4 3.6 (24)

**GOALS, MDU:** Angus McInnes 2, Kyra Helms,

Ryan Marshman, Harry Scrimshaw 1 each

**BEST:** Hunter Fennell, Rylie Checkley, Rylan Bell,

Raph Jefferis, Kyra Helms, Ryan Marshman

**GOALS, Mirboo North:** Sam Bradley, Zac Jones,

Jesse Rawlings 1 each

**BEST:** Hayden Barnes, Sam Bradley,

Lachlan Poljak, Jack Jagusch, Beau Melbourne,

Cody Vivian



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## Frustrating loss for Tigers

By Rob Popplestone

FISH Creek (eighth) met Foster (seventh) with the victor capable of jumping anywhere up to third on the ladder in one pounce.

Both the Kangaroos and Tigers were aware of the importance of the encounter, and both were desperate to not burn an opportunity to stay in touch with the business end of town.

The Kangaroos winning in a low scoring encounter.

"A great Gippsland day of footy, a tough slog and an arm wrestle all day. Pleased to get the win against the old foe," Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach said.

Conditions were worse for some teams more so than others, and when it's as tough a slog as the weekend was, every score counts in such a game that goals are hard to come by.

"We got outplayed in the terrible match conditions. Horror day actually, nothing went our way. Two gifted goals in a low scoring game that couldn't be explained doesn't help either," Sam Davies, Foster coach said.

Most sides have either been unfortunate enough to lose by small margins and or just find themselves falling over the line for a win, but the fact is every result is sure to impact a side's fortunes later in the year.

Fish Creek and Foster fought out a tough game in trying condition on Saturday.

## Mirboo North triumph in muddy clash with MDU

By Rover

MIRBOO North replaced Meenyan Dumbalk United in fourth spot on the Mid Gippsland ladder, following a resolute 10-point victory over the Demons in muddy conditions at Tigerland on Saturday.

MDU took to the field wearing black armbands in memory of its former premiership defender Steven Hughes, who died during the week after a short illness.

Although MDU was successful in the Reserves and Thirds footy clashes, Mirboo North retained the Owen 'Spud' Harris Memorial Cup, with wins in the Seniors football, and A, B, D Grade, U15s and U13s netball contests.

Persistent overnight rain that extended into mid-morning, plus two earlier matches, had left large parts of the oval's soggy surface in a chopped-up state for the main event.

As both sides ground it out in the cold and the mud for a tad over 100 minutes, no one's commitment to effort could be questioned.

After a hectic opening five minutes, featuring tough in-and-under footy, Max Woodall found Ben Campbell with a superb pass.

His conversion gave the mighty Tigers an early eight-point lead.

When Jesse Chila broke free and landed the Sherrin on Justin Pellicano's chest, the burly left-footer's banana bender from 40 metres split



The Tigers Ben Campbell looks to boot as MDU counters.

Photo: Annie Holland

the middle of the big white sticks.

Shortly after, Jake Bromley kicked truly for the Demons and the Tigers went to the quarter-time huddle eight points in front.

After consecutive second term goals from Jack Couper, Damien Turner and skipper Hudson Kerr, Mirboo North extended its advantage to 26 points.

The Tigers seemed to have

MDU's measure in most departments of the game.

Beau Peters, Kerr, Chila, Campbell and Harry Mahoney were starring for the home side, with solid support coming from 199cm ruckman Patrick Lewis, as well as Taj Wilkins, Joel Lambourn and Rhys Kratzat in defense.

With Fraser Kelly, Queensland recruit Billy Evers, Thomas Corry and Jye Celebrine beginning to

dominate, MDU started to run the ball faster and better into its forward 50.

Successive goals from Nick Tuckett and Wayne Stewart late in the term saw the Demons trailing by 13 points at the main break.

Despite losing Jake Nash before half-time and Woodall during the third term with leg injuries, Mirboo North increased its lead to 16 points at the last change, after booting two goals straight to MDU's 1.3.

When Mirboo North pushed its lead out to nearly five goals midway through the final quarter, MDU suddenly gained the momentum with a reconciliation action plan to reduce its deficit.

Consecutive goals from Jayden Deaz, Brendan Tomada and Ash Allen closed the gap to 10 points, as a tiring Mirboo North hung on desperately in its back half.

As weariness set in, there simply wasn't enough run left in the Tigers' legs to transport the footy into their forward half.

Kerr, Peters, Kratzat, Wilkins, Campbell, Turner and Lambourn were in the midst of it all, scrapping for every contested ball opportunity.

They fought tooth and nail to keep the resurgent Demons out until the final siren sounded.

This Saturday, Mirboo North will travel to Foster in search of its fourth victory for the season.

# Solid victory caps off Big Freeze fundraiser for Stony

AFTER performing creditably against second-placed Morwell East the week before, Stony Creek was favoured to overcome 12th-placed Toora at the Racecourse Oval on Saturday.

They kicked the first goal, through coach Chris Verboon, and had the game on their own terms early before allowing Toora to get going with a 50-metre penalty and goal to Josh Symons.

And the Pies had the lead going into the first break when Josh Toner finished off a nice lead-up mark with a goal ahead of Stony key defender Matt Brown.

Stony took back the lead with two goals at the start of the second, one of them a nice long shot in the wet by Julian Stone but Toora responded with one of their own in an even contest.

It was some time before Stony was able to take back control again, via goals to Hayden Bull and Chris Verboon midway through.

In the spirit of 'The Big Freeze' Day MND theme, a wintry blast of rain swept the ground during the second quarter, but the crowd was enjoying some good contests with their cream doughnuts, between Dylan Zuidema and Chris Gardiner in the ruck, and between Jack Weston and Stony's on-ballers but especially between Toora legend Cat Grant and Verboon at centre half forward.

Toora might have closed the gap by half time with a kick after the siren, but Chotnyang Park got too close to the man on the mark and the chance went begging.

It didn't hurt that Jacob Byrnes was presented with a gift goal just before the last change, as a result of alleged umpiring abuse from the sidelines, but they were on their way to a win by then.

## Comfortable victory for Yinnar

**By Rob Popplestone**

THE Sharks had not forgotten the Magpies kicking them out of the final's race of 2022, and to that end, were keen to put on a show that went somewhat to repaying the favour on Yinnar's home ground.

Entering round five, the home team sat third and the visitors six but with a superior percentage meaning a win for Tarwin would have them likely to jump a spot or two up the ladder.

What unfolded however, was a surprisingly comfortable home ground win for Yinnar.

What was tipped to be one of the matches of round five, certainly did not deliver what we believe was promised, the pressure possibly too much for the visiting Sharks.

"We weren't us today. We had a few patches where we could have kicked a few goals and switched the momentum, but we didn't take that opportunity. Yinnar to their credit played a great four quarter game. They have great kids and they play with great spirit," Troy Hemming, Tarwin coach said.

In 2022, Tarwin started the season appearing almost unbeatable, before failing late in the season, the Sharks would be hoping for the opposite in 2023.



Coleman Jal and Lachie Thomas clash for possession. Photo: Gerard Bruning



Toora and Stony Creek fought hard in cold conditions on Saturday. Photo: Tarley Maurilli-Pullin



Stony Creek President Mark Le Page making the ultimate sacrifice in the big fundraiser on the day. Photo: Gerard Bruning

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Newborough	5	0	216.67	20
Morwell East	4	1	134.18	16
Yinnar	4	1	133.46	16
Mirboo North	3	2	126.91	12
Fish Creek	3	2	72.57	12
MDU	2	3	132.48	8
Thorpdale	2	3	104.03	8
Tarwin	2	2	89.16	8
Foster	2	3	88.89	8
Stony Creek	2	3	85.92	8
Boolarra	1	3	85.31	4
Toora	1	3	54.65	4
Hill End	0	5	51.61	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Newborough	5	0	353.23	20
MDU	4	1	409.80	16
Tarwin	3	1	300.78	12
Toora	3	1	175.82	12
Yinnar	3	2	136.32	12
Fish Creek	3	2	128.02	12
Thorpdale	3	2	111.89	12
Morwell East	3	2	105.79	12
Stony Creek	2	3	79.93	8
Hill End	1	4	50.26	4
Boolarra	1	3	29.97	4
Mirboo North	0	5	30.50	0
Foster	0	5	22.09	0

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
MDU	4	1	135.29	16
Mirboo Nth	3	2	215.66	12
Yinnar	3	2	161.54	12
Fish Creek/Tarwin	3	2	144.83	12
Foster	2	3	82.11	8
Newborough	0	5	13.44	0
Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 5

### STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

#### TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

**STONY CREEK** **TOORA**  
**79** **48**

Stony Creek 1.2 6.3 10.5 12.7 (79)  
Toora 2.3 4.3 5.3 7.6 (48)

**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Chris Verboon 3, Zac Van Delft 2, Tully Bernaldo, Hayden Bull, Jacob Byrnes, Anthony Dyke, Cody Loughridge, Lochie Row, Julian Stone 1 each

**BEST:** Hayden Funnell, Cody Loughridge, Anthony Dyke, Julian Stone, Lachlan Thomas, Hayden Bull

**GOALS, Toora:** Chotnyang Puok, Josh Symons, Josh Toner 2

**BEST:** Josh Toner, Ben East, Jonathan Pintus, Oscar Cashmore

#### RESERVES

Toora 0.0 3.0 4.1 6.2 (38)  
Stony Creek 0.0 3.1 3.3 3.3 (21)

**GOALS, Toora:** Not supplied

**BEST:** Not supplied

**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Shawn Brett 2, John Phillips 1

**BEST:** Nick Svenson, John Phillips, Jai Bright, James Monaghan, Brett McKnight, Shawn Brett

### TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

**YINNAR** **TARWIN**  
**102** **37**

Yinnar 1.5 5.5 11.6 16.6 (102)  
Tarwin 0.0 2.2 3.5 5.7 (37)

**GOALS, Yinnar:** Josh Bugeja 4, Adam Bailey, Stuart Patten, James Shea 2, Brendan Chapman, Ben Cheffers, Sebastian Famularo, Daniel Johnson 1 each

**BEST:** Harrison McColl, Ben Cheffers, Josh Bugeja, Jack Deen, Daniel Webster, Daniel Johnson

**GOALS, Tarwin:** Not supplied

**BEST:** Ben Ellen, Matthew Williams, Hugh Suckling, Tom Vanderkolk, Nathan McRae, Ricky O'Loughlin

#### RESERVES

Yinnar 3.3 4.5 6.6 9.7 (61)  
Tarwin 0.0 0.1 1.1 2.3 (15)

**GOALS, Yinnar:** Jarryd Garlick 7, Matthew McCaffery, Oliver McColl 1 each

**BEST:** Jarryd Garlick, Gabe Olver, Archie Mills, Reece Malcolmson, Marc Szkwarek, Lachlan Alexander

**GOALS, Tarwin:** Travis Cameron, Royce Patterson 1 each

**BEST:** Wade Haysom, Nick Tucker, Sam Burns, Tom Giroud, Luke Gilbert, Travis Cameron

### THIRDS

Fish Crk/Tarwin 4.2 4.3 6.6 7.9 (51)  
Foster 2.0 3.1 3.1 4.4 (28)

**GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin:** Antony McWilliams 3, Joseph Rysko 2, Tige Brewer, Max Fenton 1 each

**BEST:** Rory Standfield, Lane Bowman, Thomas Hughes, Shea Griffin, Alby Edgelow, Asher Hamlett

### IN OTHER GAMES...

#### SENIORS

Newborough 15.16.106 d Morwell East 6.11.47  
Thorpdale 16.13.109 d Hill End 8.6.54

#### RESERVES

Newborough 14.12.96 d Morwell East 5.3.33  
Thorpdale 10.7.67 d Hill End 5.4.34

#### THIRDS

Yinnar 8.17.65 d Newborough 2.7.19

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## ELLINBANK &amp; DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

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## POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

**86****20**

POOWONG LANG LANG

Poowong 3.1 5.4 9.6 13.8 (86)  
Lang Lang 1.0 2.0 2.0 3.2 (20)**GOALS, Poowong:** Jack Hazendonk 4, Connor Cunningham 3, William Robertson 2, Joel Norton, Zac Gray, Micah Williams, Steven McInnes 1 each**BEST:** Connor Cunningham, Jack Hazendonk, William Robertson, Joel Norton, Kurt Newton, Mitch De Kleuver**GOALS, Lang Lang:** Brody Leitch, Liam Casey, Mitchell Davey 1 each**BEST:** Kalin Parker, Kaden Finlay Smith, Brad Harding, Liam Casey, Luke Clark**RESERVES**

Lang Lang 7.8 11.10 16.13 19.19 (133)

Poowong 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 (1)

**GOALS, Lang Lang:** Jesse Hand, Thomas

Brennan 4, Brett Kelly 3, Mark Penn, Liam Edgar, Luca Mascadri, Alexander Brennan, Andrew Thompson, Jack Jenkins, Benjamin Brierley, Jerrad March 1 each

**BEST:** Jesse Hand, Andrew Thompson, Ryan Flote, Thomas Brennan, Travis Short**BEST, Poowong:** Gavin Broad, Brady Rayner, Tyran Lord, Harrison Sheedy, Jackson Glindemann**THIRDS**

Poowong 2.1 2.4 5.5 7.5 (47)

Lang Lang 0.2 2.7 2.9 3.9 (27)

**GOALS, Poowong:** Thomas Sherar, Tommy Burgas 2, Rory Nettle, Lachlan Wilson, Clavin Langford 1 each**BEST:** David O'Neill, Noah Furness, Angus Halliwell, Thomas Sherar, Bryce Townsend, Anthony Orsini**GOALS, Lang Lang:** Luke Thompson, Jack Stockx, Tai Liddiard 1 each**BEST:** Tyler Dalgleish, Rylen Cranton, Luke Thompson, Joshua Hall, Jaylen Waixel, Lukas Watts**FOURTHS**

Lang Lang 2.9 2.12 5.16 9.20 (74)

Poowong 0.0 2.1 2.1 3.2 (20)

**GOALS, Lang Lang:** Archie Tompson, Xavier Azzato 3, Ty Thom, Jack Stockx, Robi Nooy 1 each**BEST:** Robi Nooy, Jaeden Ward, Blake Lyon, Xavier Azzato, Jack Stockx, Jarrad Francome**GOALS, Poowong:** Lochie Wilson, Gavin Monson, Marty Cook 1 each**BEST:** Kohen Mandemaker, Jett Blackwood, Marty Cook, Rory Nettle, Aaron Damon, Gavin Monson

## NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

**43****19**

NYORA

YARRAGON

Nyora 1.0 4.3 5.6 6.7 (43)

Yarragon 0.2 1.2 2.4 2.7 (19)

**GOALS, Nyora:** Scott Pugh, Connor Thompson, Travis Stewart, Nick Anderson, Brad Drews, Joshua Browne 1 each**BEST:** Jesse Heylen, Max Mattock, Jack Rosenow, Dylan Heylen, Connor Thompson, Jordan Anderson**GOALS, Yarragon:** Trav Davis, Ryan Devine 1 each**BEST:** Joshua Vosper, Trav Davis, Tyler Payrol, Liam Smith Butterworth, Harrison Griffiths**RESERVES**

Yarragon 2.1 4.5 8.9 12.11 (83)

Nyora 1. 3.4 3.4 4.4 (28)

**GOALS, Yarragon:** Corey Binzer 4, Nathanael Dungey, Hayden Favero 2, Blake Mooney, Oliver Marek, Lucas Kilday, Damien Allison 1 each**BEST:** Nathanael Dungey, Damien Allison, Corey Binzer, Kallym Canobie, Chris Brook, David Bates.**GOALS, Nyora:** Luke Forscutt, Shaun Lamb, Andrew Dike, Gavin Doig 1 each**BEST:** Ryan Torelli, Dylan Langhans, Luke Tagliaferro, Andrew Dike, Lincoln Brock, Brayden Browne

## IN OTHER GAMES...

**SENIORS**

Neerim Sth 9.9.63 d Trafalgar 4.9.33

Ellinbank 15.11.101 d Longwarry 2.11.23

Buln Buln 13.19.97 d N-Darnum 5.3.33

**RESERVES**

Neerim Sth 11.17.83 d Trafalgar 1.2.8

Ellinbank 11.20.86 d Longwarry 2.4.16

Buln Buln 13.16.94 d N-Darnum 1.1.7

**THIRDS**

Neerim Sth 6.6.42 d Trafalgar 2.5.17

Ellinbank 13.8.86 d Longwarry 2.5.17

Buln Buln 12.11.83 d Yarragon 2.5.17

**FOURTHS**

Trafalgar 5.7.37 drew Neerim Sth 5.7.37

Ellinbank 11.9.75 d Longwarry 2.4.16

Buln Buln 8.7.55 d N-Darnum 3.5.23



Poowong's Will Robertson kicks it big towards the goal. Photos: Jeff Tull



Mitch Molloy outpaces his Lang Lang opponent.

## Poowong's fortunes continue to improve

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG travelled to Lang Lang in all four grades with the ground in excellent condition and no rain but a breeze blowing down to the highway end.

Poowong made three changes in Joel Norton, Kurt Newton and Jarvis Brown all in with Andrew Logan missing another week.

Both sides coming off losses and needing a win to stay in touch with the top five.

Poowong kicked to the highway end favoured by the breeze worth probably three or four goals, the game for most of the day was played on the far wing from the rooms.

Poowong started off well with Jack Hazendonk opening Poowong's account followed by a goal to Will Robertson a good start.

Lang Lang came back with a goal from a mark and then kicked out of bounds. Poowong went forward and from a ball up at CHF Connor Cunningham kicked the ball off the ground and it rolled through for a goal.

The second quarter was going to have a big say in the result of the game. Poowong went forward first

and from a mark at CHF scored a point and another attempt hit the point post.

A free kick to Matt Cozzio was across goal the ball was kicked to CHF, where Jack Hazendonk took a great mark and passed the ball to receive it back for a goal.

Lang Lang's forward thrusts were held by Poowong's very determined defence which was not giving Lang Lang forwards any room to work.

Poowong made a great start to the third quarter with Connor Cunningham receiving a 50-metre penalty to kick his second, followed by a goal to Joel Norton to open up a

34-point lead.

Poowong were controlling the ball in their forward line

with four shots for three out of bounds and a point, before Jack Hazendonk marked and passed the ball to receive it back for a goal.

Following a point Steve McInnes received a free kick to kick Poowong's fourth for the quarter and a 48-point lead at three quarter time.

Despite the successes of last season, this was probably one of Poowong's best performances for a while and all looks well for this young side in the seasons ahead.

## Tide is turning for Nyora

THE Saints celebrated another well-deserved victory against the Yarragon Panthers in what was a low scoring but competition match.

"Well done boys, that's two wins in a row against top five contenders," said Nyora coach Dylan Heylen.

"It just shows how you are all evolving as a team and last Saturday against Yarragon we won every quarter.

"The belief in yourselves is now really starting to show and I expect more wins than loses for the remainder of the season.

"It was great to see Jesse step up in defence with the absence of the injured Kal to play his best game so far this season and repel attack after attack.

"Dyl along with Adam, Jordy and others continually pumped the ball into our attacking zone giving Scotty, Nick Ando and the other forwards plenty of opportunities.

"Proud of the way all you boys are improving, and you will start to worry even the top sides.

"Nilma Darnum this week can't be taken lightly but we should notch up our third win in a row."

**Reserves:**

It was always going to be a hard slog due to weather conditions and we matched it with Yarragon going into the main break just one goal down.

Yarragon simply handled the wet and slippery condition a bit better in the second half and a few undisciplined moments in the last quarter saw the Saints pay the price, by having two players sent to the bench leaving us short and ruling out any last quarter comeback.

Four disciplined quarters against Nilma this Saturday should see us having our third win for the season and staying in touch with the top five.



The Saints Jack Rosenow and Sam Dixon look to break free as Yarragon picks up the intensity.

## ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 7

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Neerim Sth	9.9.63	d	Trafalgar	4.9.33	Buln Buln	7	0	207.26	28	Neerim South	6	0	637.63	24	Buln Buln	6	1	223.41	85.7
Ellinbank	15.11.101	d	Longwarry	2.11.23	Ellinbank	5	1	197.67	20	Lang Lang	5	1	435.38	20	Neerim South	5	1	233.63	83.3
Buln Buln	13.19.97	d	N-Darnum	5.3.33	Trafalgar	5	2	118.48	20	Ellinbank	5	1	405.97	20	Ellinbank	4	1	310.07	80.0
SENIORS					Neerim South	4	2	244.08	16	Buln Buln	4	3	152.19	16	Yarragon	2	3	90.00	40.0
					Yarragon	3	3	97.21	12	Catani	4	2	127.91	16	Longwarry	2	4	58.02	33.3
					Poowong	3	3	73.64	12	Trafalgar	3	4	157.62	12	Trafalgar	2	4	53.87	33.3
					Longwarry	3	4	62.44	12	Longwarry	3	4	80.40	12	Poowong	2	4	37.91	33.3
					Lang Lang	2	4	91.94	8	Yarragon	2	4	63.37	8	Lang Lang	0	5	34.34	0.0
					Nyora	2	5	68.55	8	Yarragon	2	5	45.84	8	Catani	0	0	0.00	0
					Catani	1	5	67.25	4	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0
					Nilma Darnum	0	6	48.41	0	Nilma Darnum	1	5	23.68	4	Nilma Darnum	0	6	20.47	0.0
										Poowong	0	6	7.01	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0

## PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

 **205**  **6**

PHILLIP ISLAND

BUNYIP

Phillip Island 10.3 17.10 22.14 31.19 (205)  
Bunyip 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 (6)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Brendan Kimber, Travis Woodfield 5, Jack Taylor, Jason Tomada 3, Kai Mackenzie, Cameron Pedersen, Ben Taylor, Max Walton 2, Max Blake, Cameron Brown, Mark Griffin, Jordy Patullo, Daniel Pearce, Eli Richards, Billy Taylor 1 each

**BEST:** Brendan Kimber, Max Walton, Daniel Pearce, Travis Woodfield, Cameron Pedersen, Jason Tomada

**GOALS, Bunyip:** Ned Ashton 1

**BEST:** Curtis Jenkin, Jason Williams, Alex Dijkstra, Adam Banks, Mitchell Sproles, Aaron Miles

**RESERVES**

Phillip Island 6.7 12.13 17.18 24.20 (164)  
Bunyip 0.0 0.3 0.3 0.3 (3)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Tyce Kleverkamp 6, Tully Dickie, Jett McMillan, James Nicolaci 3, Harry Anderson, Samuel McRae 2, Tom Aylett, Finn Cashman, Brady Ross 1 each

**BEST:** Tyce Kleverkamp, Tom Aylett, Saxon Mau, Tully Dickie, Jett McMillan, Samuel McRae

**BEST, Bunyip:** Patrick Davis, Nick Roberts, Mitchell McKenzie, Tyler McMillan, Finlay Pinkster, Noel Mollison

**FOURTHS**

Phillip Island 4.5 8.9 15.13 20.16 (136)  
Bunyip 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 (1)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Jasper Cashman, George McCausland, Joel Robinson 3, Harry Arceo, Bailey Hennessy 2, Harrison Carlon, Benjamin Chihotski, Max Kelsey, Finn O'Brien, Charlie O'Garey, Xavier Williams, Cade Wragg 1 each

**BEST:** Charlie O'Garey, Joel Robinson, Benjamin Chihotski, Finn O'Brien, Harrison Carlon, Harry Arceo

**BEST, Bunyip:** Jaylen Grace, Dean Schultz, Heath Mollison, Callum Kennedy, Toby Ronaldson, Samuel Hughes

## KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

 **103**  **25**

TOORADIN-DAL

KORUMBURRA-BENA

Tooradin-Dal 4.4 5.13 7.14 14.19 (103)  
Kor-Bena 2.3 2.4 3.7 3.7 (25)

**GOALS, Tooradin-D:** Julian Suarez 6, Piva Wright 3, Adam Oxley, Stewart Scanlon 2, Panos Papas 1

**BEST:** Julian Suarez, Brad Butler, Brad Lenders, Piva Wright, Jordan Kelly, Cooper Shipp

**GOALS, Kor-Bena:** Paul Fermanis 3

**BEST:** Jay Walker, Blake Webb, Codie Anderson, Joel Cuman, Paul Fermanis, Kodie Walker

**RESERVES**

Tooradin-Dal 4.5 8.9 11.15 17.19 (121)  
Kor-Bena 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)

**GOALS, Tooradin-D:** Timothy Lenders 3, Adam Galea, Michael Hobbs, Luke McKenna, Alexander Sabatucci, Jason Siegel, Scott Szucs 2, Brett Coffey, Jack Denereaz 1 each

**BEST:** Tadhg O'Riordan, Scott Szucs, Adam Galea, Luke McKenna, Jacob Lesjak, Jason Siegel

**BEST, Kor-Bena:** Austin Gurnett, Lachlan Smith, Terence Sanderson, Jesse Harris, Alessi Green, Blake Fisher

**THIRDS**

Tooradin-Dal 1.1 5.5 8.6 14.11 (95)  
Kor-Bena 1.1 2.1 2.2 2.2 (14)

**GOALS, Tooradin-D:** Jehi Esler 4, James Ahern, Kye de Little, Logan Downe, Anthony Mirauta 2, Jack Grist, Aaron Knight 1 each

**BEST:** Anthony Mirauta, Tyler Kirkbride, Aaron Knight, Logan Downe, Cooper Bassett, Jehi Esler

**GOALS, Kor-Bena:** Zachary Barrett 1

**BEST:** Josh Checkley, Xavier Spaul, Charlie Carew, Braith Minchin, Zachary Barrett, Tarkyn Walker

**FOURTHS**

Tooradin-Dal 1.1 5.3 5.8 5.15 (45)  
Kor-Bena 1.2 1.3 2.3 3.3 (21)

**GOALS, Tooradin-D:** Ben Brown, Chayse Campbell, Kasy Deren, Kyan Kerslake, Hudson Rogers 1 each

**BEST:** Harrison Hardy, Kyan Kerslake, Vasilis Papas, Hudson Rogers, Kasy Deren, Daniel Ahern

**GOALS, Kor-Bena:** No players named.

**BEST:** No players named.



Cam Brown considers his options to send Phillip Island deep into attack.



The Bulldogs Jason Tomada boots it long during their high scoring match against Bunyip. Photos: Carol Ratcliff

## Bulldogs prove too strong in goal-filled Bunyip clash

PRE-GAME saw a couple of changes in the senior side, with young guns Jack Papas and Daniel Bourke being managed as of Thursday night, and some further late changes.

Elder statesman Damian Holmes also out with what could be described as a hole in his foot as a result of an errant nail at his building site.

Matt Jones came into the side for his first game of the year, and Brendan Kimber a welcome addition back after several games on the

sidelines.

Heavy rain made conditions slippery and hard to keep feet. After teams felt themselves out Kimber opened scoring with two goals in a minute.

Trav Woodfield then followed suite kicking two more.

Kimber kicked his third and Phillip Island were on their way to a 10 goal first quarter.

Second quarter started similarly with Max Blake opening the scoring.

Trav Woodfield then kicked

two more to take his first half tally to four. Each Taylor (Jack, Bill, Ben) kicked a goal and Kimber goaled again for four first half goals of his own.

Half time saw a 112-0 scoreline.

Much of the same in the third quarter but less scoring from the Island.

The highlights were a dashing goal from Kai McKenzie off half back and three consecutive goals to "Sauce" Tomada making his semi-regular switch up forward.

Kimber kicked his fifth,

and a 146-0 lead.

The Island kicked nine goals in the last to finish with 16 individual goal kickers for an even team performance, only conceding one goal for the afternoon at the 21-minute mark of the last.

So, the gulf between top and bottom in this competition was clearly revealed.

The test for the Bulldogs will be to continue the focus when games against the bottom sides come around, with the first test passed with a 199-point win.

## Giants downed by swooping Seagulls

KORUMBURRA BENA, coming off the loss to Garfield, welcomed the reigning premiers Tooradin Dalmore to the Korumburra Showgrounds in cold and windy conditions.

The ball was pinging from end to end as neither side could gain too much of an ascendancy as the Seagulls booted the game's first major, followed by a reply from the home side's coach Paul Fermanis who snapped truly.

Visiting big man Piva Wright then got himself on the board as the ball continued to move up and down the ground with neither side gaining full control of the match.

Fermanis slotted another, but Tooradin Dalmore's big forwards started to assert themselves towards the end of the term as they went into the first break 13-points ahead.

It became a strong battle between the young Giants stringy defence and the powerful Seagulls attack in the second term, as the reigning premiers kicked the first of the term.

In the end, it was the sole



Jay Walker handballs across to a teammate with a clear run ahead. ob24\_2123

major for the quarter thanks to some inaccuracy from the hosts, who were again superb defensively, they trailed by 16-points at halftime though.

Korumburra Bena lifted their pressure and attacked hard to start the second half, but their turnover cost them, as they will against an accomplished contender such as Tooradin Dalmore.

The Seagulls made them pay

with a trio of major scores, before the game opened up again and the ball started to travel up and down the ground with decent pace.

Fermanis got himself a third for the afternoon as his back six were again holding up bravely, the Giants going in 31-points down at the final break, mostly due to the visitors inaccuracy.

With seven goals and 14

behinds on the board, the 'Gulls were looking to clean up their act and close out the win in the final quarter, they did exactly that.

Once again, despite an extremely brave effort, the Giants were overrun by their opponent's attacking prowess as the visitors found their straps in the last, began to move the ball quicker and with more precision.

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## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Phillip Island 31.19.205 d Bunyip 1.0.6

Inverloch-Kongwak 15.13.103 d Dalyston 5.5.35

Kilcunda-Bass 11.9.75 d Garfield 7.8.48

Tooradin-Dalmore 14.19.103 d Korumburra-Bena 3.7.25

Cora Lynn 12.8.80 d Nar Nar Goon 10.12.72

Warragul Industrials 10.12.72 d Koo Wee Rup 8.3.51

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Mason Storr leads his Inverloch opponent after the loose ball. ob27\_2123w

## Magpies unravel as Sea Eagles soar



Michael Marotta takes off with the ball down the field. ob28\_2123

**SENIORS**  
Cora Lynn 12.8.80 d Nar Nar Goon 10.12.72  
Warragul Ind 10.12.72 d Koo Wee Rup 8.3.51

**RESERVES**  
Nar Nar Goon 15.10.100 d Cora Lynn 4.4.28  
Koo Wee Rup 6.5.41 d Warragul Ind 5.7.37

**THIRDS**  
Nar Nar Goon 5.6.36 d Cora Lynn 5.4.34  
Warragul Ind 11.10.76 d Koo Wee Rup 2.1.13

**FOURTHS**  
Warragul Ind 14.8.92 d Koo Wee Rup 0.1.1

### THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, MAY 27

#### ELLINBANK ROUND 8

Neerim South v Lang Lang  
Ellinbank v Trafalgar  
Poowong v Yarragon  
Nyora v Nilma Darnum  
Buln Buln v Catani  
Longwarry - BYE

#### GIPPSLAND ROUND 7

Bairnsdale v Traralgon  
Sale v Morwell  
Wonthaggi v Warragul  
Leongatha v Moe  
Maffra v Drouin

#### MID GIPPSLAND ROUND 6

Boolarra v Yinnar  
Toora v Newborough  
Tarwin v Fish Creek  
Morwell East v Thorpdale  
Foster v Mirboo North  
Hill End v MDU  
Stony Creek - BYE

#### WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 7

Cora Lynn v Bunyip  
Garfield v Dalyston  
Inverloch-Kongwak v Korumburra-Bena  
Phillip Island v Kilcunda-Bass  
Tooradin-Dalmore v Koo Wee Rup  
Warragul Industrials v Nar Nar Goon

The game commenced in overcast, but dry conditions and the Sea Eagles made the early running with Lachie Scott posting a goal on the run. The usually lethal Mahoney missed with a set shot and Balta hit the post before the home side opened their account through Mason Storr.

The ball was pinging end to end and Dalyston defenders Monson, Duve and Clarke stood firm while Rankin, Patterson and Scott applied good service for the Sea Eagles.

Inverloch-Kongwak failed to make the most of their forays and led by an inaccurate six behinds at the break.

Again, the second started in similar fashion with I-K pressing early while the Dalyston defence worked in unison to nullify their advance. Having a good season Dalyston's Hayden Wallis spiralled a goal from fifty while young gun Taite Cumming answered at the other end.

Another goal apiece saw the tempo of the game developing at the other end. Magpie supporters' expectations rose with two early third

into an entertaining arm-wrestle. However, a late untidy tackle proved costly for Dalyston. The relayed free kick plus fifty metres to boot gifted Balta his second. Then the umpires, before the bounce, found another indiscretion and Marcus Tousaint repeated the dose.

The Pies left to rue their ill-discipline as they headed into the rooms 20 points behind. Magpie supporters' expectations rose with two early third

quarter goals via Marotta and Barry as the team capitalised on winning centre clearances.

But not to be denied I-K coach Tom Hams came to the rescue lapping up a loose ball to kick a long bomb goal to change momentum. Team-mates Balta with two and Mahoney added more score board pressure and the writing was on the wall. The final term began with a deluge of rain initially and Sea-Eagles' goals to follow. The ball

was like soap but Will Hams exhibited great skills to scoop, settle and deliver a terrific six-pointer in the wet.

And his side showed the polished composure that will take them a long way this season to run out clear winners by 68-points. Dalyston will now lick their wounds and hope to bounce back against Garfield while the Sea Eagles host the Giants at home in Round 7.

# Gibson bags seven more as Panthers even their ledger

KILCUNDA BASS welcomed Garfield down the highway to Bass Recreation Reserve, which despite rain through the morning was looking beautiful and was not slippery, there was a wind advantage to start out though.

The Panthers welcomed back the services of guns Nathan Foote and Ben Eddy, but the Stars began the game kicking to the wind-favoured Wonthaggi end of the ground and used it well.

Garfield drew first blood with the game's first two majors and created plenty of other opportunities as well, but the hosts were good enough to match them through spearhead Taylor Gibson who slotted his first of the afternoon against the wind.

The Stars then responded with another before the quarter time siren to take a 16-point lead into the first break.

With Gibson imposing himself on the game the home side booted five goals to none in the term as their midfield got right on top on the back of their returning duo Foote and Eddy and star ruckman Dale Gawley.

After a poor start, Killy Bass took a 14-point lead into the main break.

As the teams emerged from their respective changerooms for the second half, the wind advantage had died off and it was game on.

This helped the Panthers kick three goals to the Melbourne end in the third to Garfield's two, seeing the home side's lead sit at 23-points.

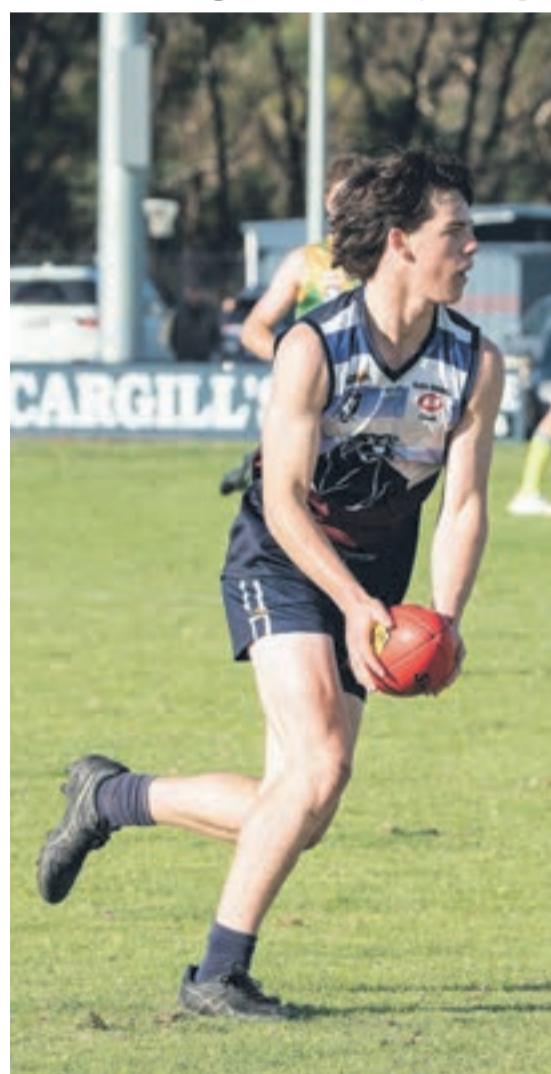
The Panthers were desperate to start the final quarter well and they did exactly that, slotting the first two goals of the term.

They missed some chances but it didn't matter in the end, opening up a 40-point buffer which proved to be enough to withstand an impressive late game Stars charge that saw them kick the final two of the game.

Kilcunda Bass closed out the 27-point win behind a seven goal outing from Gibson, which was matched gallantly by Lang who booted four of his own for Garfield.



Lachlan Burns gets the kick away under pressure from Garfield.



William Campbell looks for options to send the Panthers back into attack.



Kilcunda-Bass' Nathan Foote looks to handball to his teammate in the match against Garfield.



Dale Gawley applies pressure to his Garfield opponent.

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

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### KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

**75** **48**

KILCUNDA-BASS	GARFIELD
Kilcunda-Bass 1.0	6.1 9.4 11.9 (75)
Garfield 3.4	3.5 5.5 7.6 (48)

**GOALS**, Kilcunda-Bass: Taylor Gibson 7, Marcus Baxter 2, Lochlan Scott, Daniel Starling 1 each

**BEST**: Taylor Gibson, Nathan Foote, Benjamin Eddy, Dean McRae, Mitchell Wood, Dale Gawley

**GOALS**, Garfield: Nicholas Lang 4, Isaac Braaksma, Jonathan Sauze, Jack Tenace-Greenall 1 each

**BEST**: Nicholas Lang, Will Pickering, Jett Pickering, Cooper Reilly, Zac Soutar, Joshua Evans

### RESERVES

Garfield	2.2	2.2	3.2	5.2 (32)
Kilcunda-Bass 1.4	1.6	2.8	3.10 (28)	

**GOALS**, Garfield: Jack Salan 2, Tyler Constantine, Ryan Dalton, Oliver Whibley 1 each

**BEST**: Ash Russell, Scott Simpson Brewer, Sam Cheeseman, Lachy Fernandez, Liam Reid, Tyler Constantine

**GOALS**, Kilcunda-Bass: Zach Gorsuch 2, Jonathon Rocatas 1

**BEST**: Harry Maclean, Zach Gorsuch, Owen Thomas, Myles Owens, Robert Taylor

### THIRDS

Garfield	1.2	4.2	6.3	7.3 (45)
Kilcunda-Bass 0.0	1.2	1.3	1.5 (11)	

**GOALS**, Garfield: Jake VanDenBerghe 3, Cam Jenkins 2, Billy Anile, Charlie Fitzpatrick 1 each

**BEST**: Sean Marsh, Kade Nibbs, Trent Capizzi, Charlie Fitzpatrick, Daniel Freriks

**GOALS**, Kilcunda-Bass: George Blum 1

**BEST**: Ashden Grenness, Blake Baker, Lleyton Cartmel, Tommy Bartels, George Blum, Howqua Gibson

### DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

### INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

**103** **35**

IMVERLOCH-K	DALYSTON
Inverloch-K 1.7	5.10 9.12 15.13 (103)
Dalyston 1.1	3.2 5.4 5.5 (35)

**GOALS**, Inverloch-K: Nicholas Baltas 4, Tom Hams 3, Joe Soumilas 2, Taite Cumming, Will Hams, Toby Mahoney, Clinton McCaughan, Lachlan Scott, Marcus Toussaint 1 each

**BEST**: Tom Hams, Will Hams, Lewis Rankin, Nicholas Baltas, Lachlan Scott, Kairon Dorling

**GOALS**, Dalyston: Jake Barry, Michael Marotta, Hayden McLean, Mason Storr, Hayden Wallis 1 each

**BEST**: Brad Monson, Michael Harris, Ben Lewis, Mitch Hallahan, Brayden Duve, William Clarke

### RESERVES

Inverloch-K	7.2	11.6	15.11	23.12 (150)
Dalyston 1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1 (7)

**GOALS**, Inverloch-K: Liam O'Neill 5, James Scott 4, Jack Butcher, Jaxon Hayes, Dylan Taylor 3, Patrick Jobling 2, Ashton Hewitson, Lachlan Johnson, Todd Mackie 1 each

**BEST**: James Scott, Liam O'Neill, Ashton Hewitson, Dylan Taylor, Todd Mackie, Jack Butcher

**GOALS**, Dalyston: Ben McRae 1

**BEST**: Lachy Ireland, Shaun Silver, Timothy Gallert, Tyson Andrigutto, Ben McRae, Luke Speed

### THIRDS

Inverloch-K	2.6	8.7	11.10	17.14 (116)
Dalyston 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 (0)

**GOALS**, Inverloch-K: Jarvis Harvey 6, Cade Brown, Callan O'Flynn 3, Zak Box, Harry Butcher, Luca Gleeson, Tate Rigby, Jai Williamson 1 each

**BEST**: Blake Green, James Rowe, Cade Brown, Charlie Dawson, Zak Box, Jack McNally

**BEST**, Dalyston: Sebastian Ori, Max Connell, Jaxon Foon, Keyva Kay-Darts, Chase Krause, Ryda Kay-Darts

### FOURTHS

Dalyston	1.0	3.0	3.2	6.5 (41)
Inverloch-K 2.0	3.0	3.0	4.1 (25)	

**GOALS**, Dalyston: Jesse Dugard, Noah Shepherd 2, Bailey Anderson, Harry Howell 1 each

**BEST**: Jesse Dugard, Lincoln Harris, Noah Forrest Mabilia, Bailey Anderson, Riley Brinkman, Malachi Ori

**GOALS**, Inverloch-K: Archie Terlich 2, Riley Harris, Noah McLennan 1 each

**BEST**: Lucas Allen, Patrick Dwyer, Andot Mankhong, Harrison Foster, Noah McLennan, Frederick Soumilas

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

ROUND 6

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts av
Inverloch-K	6	0	313.04	24	Inverloch-K	6	0	617.48	24	Inverloch-K	6	0	316.79	4.00	Phillip Island	6	0	618.67	4.00
Tooradin-Dal	5	1	155.27	20	Tooradin-Dal	5	0	753.25	22	Garfield	4	1	271.88	3.20	Warragul Ind	5	1	951.52	3.33
Phillip Island	4	1	202.61	18	Nar Nar Goon	4	1	260.36	18	Phillip Island	4	1	181.62	3.20	Nar Nar Goon	4	1	125.24	3.20
Cora Lynn	4	2	123.46	16	Cora Lynn	4	2	194.44	16	Tooradin-Dal	4	2	198.97	2.67	Dalyston	3	1	300.00	3.00
Dalyston	4	2	114.83	16	Phillip Island	3	3	101.30	12	Warragul Ind	3	2	149.28	2.40	Kor-Bena	2	3	51.99	1.60
Warragul Ind	3	3	124.30	12	Koo Wee Rup	3	3	100.75	12	Cora Lynn	3	3	166.21	2.00	Tooradin-Dal	1	3	44.62	1.00
Kilcunda-Bass	3	3	76.92	12	Garfield	3	3	74.05	12	Kilcunda-Bass	2	3	83.92	1.60	Koo Wee Rup	1	3	35.59	1.00
Nar Nar Goon	2	3	118.97	10	Warragul Ind	2	4	101.77	8	Nar Nar Goon	2	4	58.72	1.33	Garfield	1	3	25.00	1.00
Garfield	2	4	68.12	8	Dalyston	2	4	93.22	8	Dalyston	1	4	23.56	0.80	Inverloch-K	1	4	66.36	0.80
Koo Wee Rup	1	5	72.31	4	Kilcunda-Bass	2	4	45.76	8	Koo Wee Rup	1	5	54.15	0.67	Bunyip	0	5	12.62	0.00
Kor-Bena	1	5	49.12	4	Bunyip	1	5	15.52	4	Kor-Bena	5	0	17.38	0.00	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bunyip	0	6	31.63	0	Kor-Bena	0	6	11.14	0	Bunyip	0	0	0.00	0.00	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

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Toora gets a desperate pass as both sides swarm. Photo: Gerard Bruning

## Umpires threaten to abandon match

THE Stony Creek versus Toora game at the Racecourse Oval erupted into controversy last Saturday, May 20 when one of the field umpires stopped the contest late in the third quarter, allegedly as a result of unsavoury comments from the boundary line.

But it may all have been a total misunderstanding.

Here's what happened.

Stony Creek's Cody Loughridge was awarded a 50 metre penalty in the midfield, and his pass to Stony coach Chris Verboon resulted in a point, at which stage, the boundary umpire on the coaches' box side of the ground ran out to report what he understood to be abuse from the sidelines.

But actually, what was said

by a Toora club official, after the umpire awarded the 50 metre penalty, was: "You should be a copper, mate".

In other words, the Toora official, unhappy with the 50-metre decision, said the central umpire should get a job as a police officer... hardly an offensive comment.

There was no bad language and none of the traditional invective towards umpires, such as "white rabbit" and the like.

The field umpire promptly awarded a free kick in the goal square to Jacob Byrnes who happily popped it through for a goal, although, like everyone else, oblivious in the confusion about what had actually happened.

It stretched Stony Creek's lead to five goals, significant in

a hard-fought, low-scoring affair played at one stage in torrential rain.

The field umpire, with boundary umpire in tow, marched across the ground to where the offending remarks allegedly made and asked to speak to Stony Creek President Mark Le Page, urging him to eject the alleged offender.

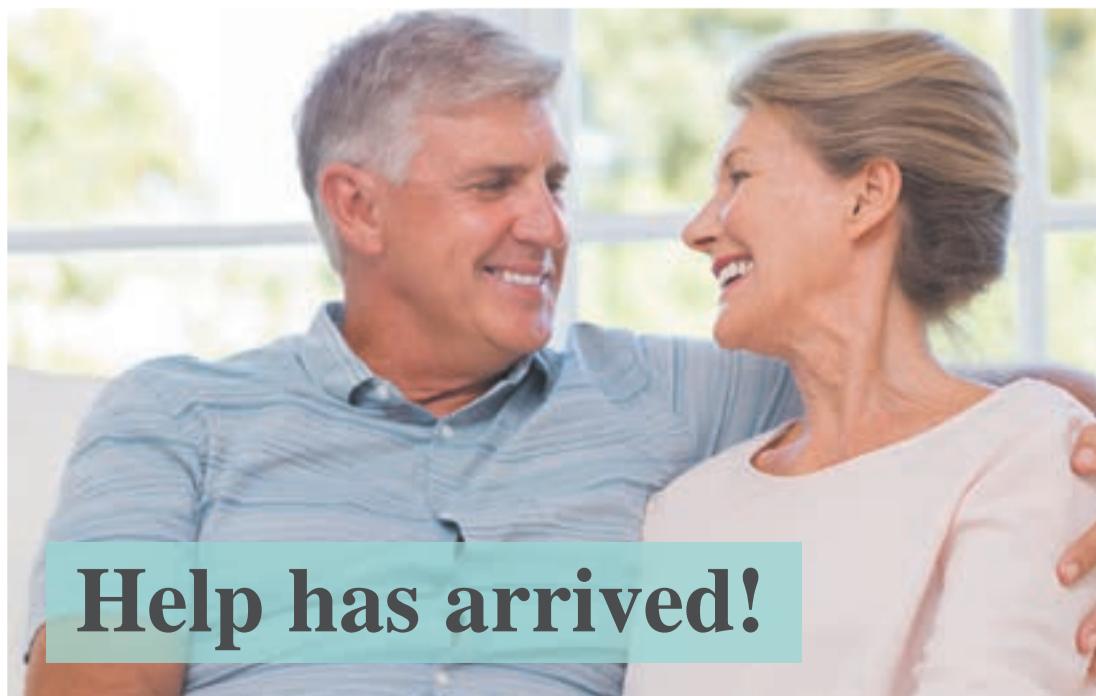
The game, he said, would not go ahead until the person not only left the spectator area, but also the property.

The match went ahead, and Stony Creek recorded a 31-point win, with the result largely unaffected by the incident.

The 'Big Freeze' day was highlighted by the raising of \$5000 for Motor Neurone Disease (MND) research.



Two of the umpires in charge of the Stony Creek versus Toora match urge Stony Creek President Mark Le Page to eject a Toora official over unacceptable barracking.



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