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Need for Feed and Port Welshpool Coast Guard volunteers Lindsay, David (coast guard), Paul, Neil (coast guard), Kim, Kevin and Brian in front of the King Islander as it is being loaded. See story on page 5

ONE WAY PARADE

A LOT of people say they don't want it and the council acknowledges there will be angst among the nearby residents but there's no stopping it now, an important section of Surf Parade Inverloch is only going one way.

Manager Strategy and Growth at Bass Coast Shire Council Donna Taylor confirmed it, "advice received from the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Change (DEECA), indicated that the coastal reserve cannot be utilised for this project".

That is, the shire can't, as was originally proposed, cut into the vegetation along the beach side of Surf Parade, for a sealed two-way road and car parking.

Not going to happen, agreed the councillors at last Wednesday's council meeting.

So, we might as well look on the bright side, as discussed by Cr Brett Tessari, and embrace the new coastal promenade that will be created in one of the coast's most popular summer hotspots.

"I've heard from so many people that the priority with this project is the path and no one in the community would deny that. So, number one is to get the path, and number two, that I've heard from the majority of people is the parking," said Cr Tessari.

"The only way we can get the pathway and the parking, as it stands right now, is the one-way strip.

"So, I understand the frustration from people because this has been going on for so long, but to send in emails and to make the comments as such, 'let's just do it the way it was and don't worry about what they say'; it just doesn't work that way.

"They're the state government that we have to get permission off to do the project. They've told us umpteen times now that they're not going to give us permission to take away the foreshore and it would be irresponsible to take away the foreshore anyway, when we've lost almost 60 metres from the other direction," said Cr Tessari.

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Only one way to go on Surf Parade, they say

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"So, why would we cut into this side when we can avoid it? We've done this sort of thing before, turn two ways into one way and it's worked fantastically, okay not to this scale, but we did it on the Esplanade in Cowes and it's become a real nice little vista, where I guess you can wander along and there's room for community members to walk, bike riders to ride, and also the cars can still travel along."

"I'm sure that this is going to cause grief to the people who live in that area, because change does cause grief, but I know that we can work together to come up with a solution that is going to be fitting and in that, I am more than comfortable to vote on the recommendations put forward."

So, the two-way option with carparking that was originally going to run the full length of Surf Parade until some bright spark on council called for yet another report to be done, after all the authorities ticked it off, is dead and buried.

At the council meeting the councillors were asked to vote on one of two options but it was always going to be one-way from Ozone Street, where the path terminates presently, to the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club at Goroke Street.

The scene of mums with prams dodging cars and little nippers hurrying out on the road of a busy summer morning will be no more.

"The purpose of this report is to present the outcomes of



Option one has been chosen by council, which allows for parking and one-way vehicle traffic on Surf Parade between Ozone Street and Goroke Street reportedly with 67 carparking spaces.

the recent community engagement process on the alignment of stage 3B of the Surf Parade path project," said senior shire officer Donna Taylor, noting that the report addressed a petition signed by 564 people which was tabled at the December 2023 Council meeting, requesting Council cease with the current two options.

Those options are:

Option 1: Allows for parking and one-way vehicle traffic on Surf Parade between Ozone Street and Goroke Street reportedly with 67 carparking spaces.

Option 3: No parking provision. Retain two-way vehicle traffic on Surf Parade.

There was a third option with two-way road traffic, and lengths of one-way with limited

parking (17 spaces).

"The report outlines the results of the community engagement process and advice received from the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Change, which indicated that the coastal reserve cannot be utilised for this project," said Ms Taylor.

"The report recommends that a one-way option with inclusion of parking on one side of the road is the preferred alignment for the past. If approved, next steps for the project will include commencement of the statutory process to make the section of the road one way. In addition, additional funds required to complete the project will be considered as a part of the 2025-26 budget process."

There is \$620,000 available

in the 2023/24 capital Works budget for the construction phase of this project. At this point, prior to detailed design being completed, it is anticipated that an additional \$350,000 would be required to complete construction for either option – so almost \$1M.

Cr Leticia Laing has also taken a keen interest in the progress of the Surf Parade path, especially consulting with stakeholders and she offered her thanks for their participation and patience.

"This has always been the priority so that when young families or whoever want to get out of the car, adults don't have to anxiously supervise this road to get to the beach, nor do people with a disability or accessibility limitations have to move along on a very dangerous road navigating it with other vehicles. I'm sure there will be some adjustment challenges and there will be further work that will be undertaken and it's not the end of finding parking solutions on that road." Ms Laing said.

The road traffic is proposed to travel west-bound, away from the Inverloch CBD, in other words, cars travelling west along Surf Parade will not be able to turn around and travel back east after passing Ozone Street.

How this will ultimately impact traffic movement in Ozone Street, Lohr Avenue and Goroke Street is unknown.

Perhaps the council should model the changes before making it permanent.



A property located in the Northern Views Estate Wonthaggi has plunged by \$150k in value because of the Environmental Audit Overlay issue affecting over 1000 land owners.

Properties plunge \$150K, loans refused

PROPERTIES have plunged \$150k and loans are being refused to land owners impacted by the recently revealed Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO) debacle in Wonthaggi.

A young couple were shocked to learn that their property located in the Northern Views Estate was initially valued at \$800k but has plummeted to \$650k, in a recent evaluation conducted by a loan officer representing the Commonwealth Bank (CBA).

The bank initially refused to provide any form of evaluation because of the ongoing EAO issue but did eventually agree to attend the property.

The property owners who don't wish to be named, were verbally informed by the loan officer that because of the EAO, the property has been devalued by \$150k and CBA have refused to provide a written evaluation.

The married couple are the first property owners with the overlay to approach the CBA for a loan and were informed by bank representatives that the CBA's decision on their matter will set the precedent for the rest of the properties in the area.

The couple faced additional shock just a week later, when the small loan they applied for was also refused by the CBA.

Owing only approximately \$290,000 on their mortgage and having about 65% equity in their home, the couple thought a small loan would be easily secured.

While their initial application for the loan was auto approved, the loan officer informed them it had to be reviewed.

They were subsequently informed that the loan posed too much risk for the bank and was refused.

"As it stands the Commonwealth Bank will refuse to consider any form of loan with any of the properties that have an overlay," said the resident.

"Any other day of the week it would have been approved."

"It was a bit of a shock."

To have their loan considered, the affected residents are required to pay for testing and provide a certificate or wait for the overlay to be removed.

The costs of having soil tests and receiving a certificate of clearance (or otherwise) is estimated to be between \$15k and \$30k.

Commonwealth Bank have been contacted for comment.

Save the Wonthaggi North East residents are off and powering ahead

Helen Povall, Prue Scholtes and Liam Martin who held their first meeting last week.

Helen, Prue and Liam are amongst around one thousand people adversely effected by the retrospective Environment Audit Overlay (EAO) the State Government placed on their properties without consultation and without notification.

This EAO has devastated local residents, properties have been devalued overnight without justification and of properties tested so far at

huge cost to the owners, zero contamination has been discovered.

The first action undertaken is the development of a petition which was sponsored by Alan Brown and will be presented to the Victorian Parliament.

The petition calls for the immediate removal of the EAO on people's properties. Mr Brown is a former Leader of the Liberal Party in Victoria and the petition was organised by Liberal MP Renee Heath MLC, an Upper House Member of Parliament for the

region who attended the Wonthaggi rally and is now online for people to download and sign.

Mr Duscher said the Committee would actively promote the petition and ask as many people as possible to sign it to call on the Government to immediately reverse the EAO.

The petition is also expected to be available soon to sign in person in various businesses across the area and in the Wonthaggi shopping precinct at specific times to be announced.

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Wind AM: Light
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7° 16°



THUR | May 23

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Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

9° 16°



FRI | May 24

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
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8° 17°



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Attendees will also receive a one-on-one mentoring session with Luke or Amanda and a catch-up session with other attendees to share progress.

Don't miss this chance to accelerate your entrepreneurial journey.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, June 22, at the Baromi Centre in Mirboo North.

The session will run from 10am to 5pm.

Heath calls to urgently overturn Wonthaggi contamination issue

FOLLOWING the weekend public meeting attended by over 200 residents, Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Renee Heath, has called on the State Government to overturn the retrospective planning amendment

which is affecting thousands of blocks of land, and many hundreds of residents in Wonthaggi North.

The Wonthaggi North-East Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) was approved by the Minister for Planning and gazetted on 18 January 2024 under Amendment C152 and will affect nearly 1,100 acres, an estimated 1,000 plus residents in over 500 homes, and up to 5,000 blocks of land, including the estates of Parklands, Powlett Ridge, Summerfields and Northern Views.

Dr Heath is also sponsoring a petition to Parliament calling for this decision to be overturned. Once the petition is approved by Parliament it will be available to sign online, or in person at Dr Heath's office or during any of the public events Dr Heath will be holding next Thursday May 23 in Wonthaggi.

For more information phone 5941 1112 or email renee.heath@parliament.vic.gov.au

Share your safety concerns with Vic Police

Community members in Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires, along with others across the state, are urged to complete a Community Sentiment Survey to let Victoria Police know their local safety concerns. Visit bit.ly/3WhFkHF to complete the survey.

Local police do it for Dolly: Members of Wonthaggi Pro-active Police Unit were proud to take a leading role on 'Do it for Dolly Day', working with over a dozen schools in Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires.

The aim is to end bullying and Make Dolly Everett's dream of a kinder and safer society a reality.

Primary and secondary school students across the region dressed and decorated in blue, Dolly's favourite colour, with gold coin donations collected to help fund

anti-bullying initiatives.

'Do it for Dolly Day' was held on May 10, honouring Dolly Everett who took her own life aged just 14 due to being subjected to online bullying.

Beach Works

BASS Coast Shire has appointed SR Excavations to carry out maintenance repair works at Bourne Creek Beach, Kilcunda East and Mussel Rocks Access Stairs Upgrade.

Construction works have commenced and will be completed by end of June 2024, subject to favourable weather, contractor, supplier, and material availability. The total budget for this project is \$240,000 and these works will be as part of Council's 2023/24 Capital Works Program.

"This project will renew and enhance the beach access structures to improve safety and accessibility for everyone and is a much-needed project. I thank everyone in advance for your patience while the works are upgraded", said Mayor, Cr Clare Le Serve.

Our excellent health professionals

CONGRATULATIONS to the Finalists of the Victorian Rural Health Awards 2024. These award recognise the outstanding contributions made by rural health professionals working in rural communities and RWAV has proudly hosted the annual awards since 2005.

Local finalists include: Outstanding Contribution to Rural Practice Management - Ms Suzanne Simpson, Inverloch Healthcare, Inverloch and Ms Robyn Butler, Inverloch Healthcare, Inverloch. Outstanding Contribution by a Rural Primary Care Nurse or Midwife - Ms Robyn Butler, Inverloch Healthcare, Inverloch. Outstanding Contribution by

a Rural GP or Rural Generalist - Dr Philip Worboys, Foster Medical Centre and South Gippsland Hospital, Foster and Dr Sarah Smith, Inverloch Healthcare, Inverloch. Outstanding Contribution by a Mentor/Supervisor - Dr Graham Toohill, Leongatha Healthcare, Leongatha and Dr Phil Worboys, Foster Medical Centre, Foster. A Victoria-wide virtual event will be held on Thursday June 20 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. To attend register at www.rwav.com.au/victorian-rural-health-awards-2024

Mat Morgan will contest Bass Coast Shire Council election

SIXTH Generation Gippslander Mat Morgan will stand for the Bunurong Ward in October's local government elections.

'I've worked in and around Bass Coast for many years. I care greatly about our community and coastal environment, and I am ready to put my energy into helping Bass Coast rise to the challenges of the future.'

In 2022, Mat ran as The Greens' candidate against Russell Broadbent for the federal seat of Monash, gaining a 2% swing. He spent the following eighteen months as an Advisor to the Minister for Mental Health, Seniors and Veterans in the ACT.

Mat has been critical of some local councillors, stating, 'Local government is important; it shouldn't just be a hobby for part-time politicians.' We have seen recently with the planning disaster in Wonthaggi, just how damaging it is when the ball gets dropped.'

I'm committed to improving services within our local community and making our area more liveable and environmentally sustainable. I'm running for Bass Coast Shire Council because our community needs young leadership.

Local council elections will be held in October this year.

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Need for Feed helps King Island farmers

By Andrew Paloczi and Michael Giles

THE KING Islander, run by Eastern Line Shipping, arrived at severely drought hit King Island early Sunday afternoon carrying crucial hay and feed pellets purchased by Need for Feed Australia, a registered charity and Lions Club project, having departed Port Welshpool the previous day.

It carried about 220 tonnes of cattle pellets in bulk bags and approximately 500 bales of oaten hay.

Loading the ship was a huge job, with volunteers working through the night and into Saturday afternoon, the journey to King Island getting underway a bit after 3pm.

"It's the largest ever single shipment of stockfeed from anywhere on the mainland to anywhere in Tasmania," Chairman of Need for Feed Graham Cockerell of the Upper Beaconsfield Lions Club said.

There will be a further sailing, with about 250 bales of hay left behind to ensure the ship's stability in the expected rough Bass Strait conditions.

That proved a sensible decision with the King Islander encountering three metre seas during its journey.

The original intention was for bales to be nine high in the main part of the stack but that was cut back to seven.

"We got about two thirds of the hay on and all of the bulk bags of cattle pellets," Graham said.

A convoy of about 30 trucks set off from Swan Hill on Friday morning, arriving at Port Welshpool that night after battling through peak hour Melbourne traffic and rain.

Those volunteer-driven trucks came from many places,



Hay is brought aboard the King Islander on Saturday morning. A25_2124

including Sydney, Goulburn, Yass, various locations throughout Victoria and even Tasmania.

From the time those at Need for Feed learned of the drought situation on King Island it was about three months until Sunday's delivery, a stunning achievement given the logistical challenges involved.

"You can't just take hay to Tassie; it's got to go through biosecurity, and you've got to have permission to import it and it has to pass inspection when it gets there," Graham said, noting there are weeds and pests on the mainland that aren't in Tasmania.

"The last three to four weeks has basically been a fulltime job for me and part time for a few other people getting everything organised," he said.

Graham expressed the pride those in charge at Need for Feed have in the organisation's army of volunteers.

Efforts continued on Sunday morning with volunteers putting the hay left over in Port

Welshpool into a shed for storage until transportation to King Island can be organised.

"They're volunteers and they just keep giving," Graham said.

All the hay and pellets were paid for from donations to Need for Feed, while the Tasmanian Government agreed to pay for freight to King Island.

"We negotiated cost-price shipping from Eastern Line Shipping, which was very generous but that has now been covered by the Tasmanian Government, not the commercial price, just the cost price, so I guess they're just breaking even which is something but not ideal," he said.

Graham explained that Need for Feed was previously getting hay and feed from Tasmania but there is no more left there for sale.

"We've got 98 farmers registered with us over there and about half that number will benefit from this," he said of the King Islander's special delivery.

The island's drought, its driest

start to the year in over a century, has seen thousands of head of cattle moved off parched paddocks, some of them through Port Welshpool, and many tonnes of hay and other emergency feed shipped back.

One of the problems has been a lack of shipping access for such a major event.

The volunteers of the Port Welshpool Coast Guard supported those from Need for Feed, providing coffee and breakfast, while those from the Yarram Lions Club served lunch.

While everyone at Need for Feed greatly appreciates all the help they have received, the need for the organisation's services is ongoing.

"You can support our efforts to continue making a difference when and where it's needed with a tax deductible donation," Graham said.

Go to needforfeed.org/donate.html for details on how to donate money, time or fodder.

Our Rates, Our Rights, Our Rules rally

AUSSIE Outdoor Emporium held their It's Our Rates, Our Rights, Our Rules rally at Berninieit on Sunday, May 19 with over 65 people in attendance to hear what Andrew Higgins had to say about the forced closure of this decade long business.

With the issue regarding private property located on farmland; Mr Higgins continues to oppose council on their decision to cease operation of the Phillip Island nursery on 2124 Phillip Island Road, Cowes due to the property being located within a Farming Zone pursuant to the Bass Coast Planning Scheme.

Sarah and Andrew pleaded their case to the community on Sunday afternoon in the council owned building – a peaceful protest against council's decision, stating "Stand with us united and make them listen."

Local business owners who preferred to remain anonymous shared their own experiences on similar issues with Andrew and Sarah, with Sarah declaring that they have no other choice but to fight for their business.

Sarah shared frustration with obtaining permits for agricultural land use, citing the council's lack of transparency and accountability. "We're not fighting council on getting permits, we're happy to oblige and pay for permits, but they're simply saying no, we have to close," said Sarah.

"It is impossible for us to clear the land by June 10, it's just impossible."

Andrew said, "The head town planner at the time said that she categorised me selling plants on this property as retail and that she could not issue a permit."

A re-inspection of the land will be conducted by Council on Monday, 10 June at 10.00am. Mr Higgins may incur the following penalties of up to \$230,772.00 and \$11,538.60 for each day offence continues.

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Mayor's Message



Cr Clare
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MESSAGE from the Mayor: Promoting Diversity, Engagement, and Community

The last few weeks have been very challenging for some of our community who live, are building or planning to build in the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan area.

I want to assure you all that through the CEO Greg Box and Senior Planning Officers, Council are constantly in touch with the State Government, the Victorian Planning Authority and the Environmental Protection Authority and are working to resolve this as a matter of urgency. I have also personally sent a letter to the Minister of Planning.

It may take some time as the authorities work through the process as it is a very complex planning issue. I also encourage all of you affected, if you haven't already, to sign up for updates from Council. You can do this by emailing planningapplications@basscoast.vic.gov.au or calling Customer Service.

Diversity and Inclusion

Recently, I had the pleasure of attending a fantastic Diversity and Inclusion 18th breakfast hosted by the Wonthaggi Rotary Club, alongside Cr Geoff Ellis. It was a wonderful event that highlighted the importance of diversity and inclusion in our community. We are stronger when we embrace our differences and work together towards a shared future.

Citizenship Ceremony

With that, one of my favourite events is coming up – the next Citizenship Ceremony, where I can't wait to welcome new citizens into our community. It's always a joyous moment that reflects the diverse richness of our region.

Active Bystander Training

Council will soon be accepting expressions of interest for Active Bystander Training. This training is open to all members of the public who are passionate about creating a safe and inclusive environment for everyone. It's an opportunity to learn valuable skills and contribute positively to our community. Stay connected to our Social Media or our website for further information.

Community Awards

We have the upcoming Community Awards on the 30th of this month. This is a special occasion where we celebrate individuals who have made significant contributions to our community. Many deserving people have been nominated, and I am looking forward to honoring their dedication and commitment.

Projects fuel consultant spending

THE cost of consultants, green energy and workers compensation insurance are all on the rise for the Bass Coast Shire Council while development is on the decline.

This fiscal year, the council's expecting to spend an extra \$300,000 on consultants and a further \$200,000 on contractors than what it budgeted to "support the delivery of successfully grant-funded projects".

The shire is also facing a 13 per cent increase - \$125,000 - for renewing its contract of green energy.

Workers compensation insurance is up \$230,000 more than expected, and there's an extra \$185,000 for diesel, bitumen and asphalt after usage and price increases were greater than budgeted.

In addition, the council is expecting less cash from statutory fees and fines, as well as user fines, due to "increased compliance and a reduction in development".

There was also the provision for emergency relief following the storm event in February.

On the flip side, the council says these so-called "unfavourable projections" are fully offset by an unbudgeted uplift of \$1 million in council's financial assistance grants from the Commonwealth.

All of this was laid out in the council's quarterly community report, for January to March 2024, endorsed at last week's council meeting by all in attendance bar Cr Les Larke.



The shire is facing a 13 per cent increase - \$125,000 - for renewing its contract of green energy, one of the items laid out in the quarterly community report and endorsed at last week's council meeting. ob02_2124

Planning pain

Speaking on the report, which provided an update on various actions and strategies, Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead took aim at the State Government's planning regulations.

Cr Halstead said the Housing Strategy and Neighbourhood Character Study were two critically important documents for council's use in the pursuit of protecting communities' history and characteristics.

She said those two points, in recent times, had been "neglected by the cookie cutter approach imposed on councils through the State Government planning regulations".

The regulations, Cr Halstead, had "continued to strip away the ability for communities to protect the very things they love about where they live".

Looking at other actions, Cr Halstead said there had been significant and exciting feedback since the release of the Mountain Bike/BMX/Pump Strategy to guide the development of tracks in Bass Coast.

"There's still some work to do to get it right, however the community is well-versed in these recreational activities and they really are keenly offering their experienced feedback for council's consideration," Cr Halstead, who is also the chair of the reference group for the strategy, said.

At risk actions

The report highlighted three actions which were unlikely to be delivered this fiscal year.

They were:

- Develop a Public Art Plan to provide a clear outline of the council's approach to public art in the municipality.
- Implement the Tracks and Trails Delivery Plan for 2023/24.
- Develop an Integrated Transport Strategy to support co-ordinated and linked transport modes.

The Tracks and Trails Delivery Plan had experienced "slight delays", a council report said.

"Stage 2 and 3 of the Cowes to Rhyll Shared Pathway is

progressing through final approvals with construction planned to commence by the end of Q4.

"Cowes to Rhyll Shared Path stage 4 and 5 are progressing through feasibility and design phases.

"Options are being reassessed for Surf Parade Stage 3B following the outcome of the coastal hazard assessment, community engagement and advice from Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action on utilisation of the coastal reserve.

"The Wonthaggi to Inverloch shared path is progressing through the tender evaluation phase with construction expected to commence in Q1 2024/25.

"The Woolamai to Nyora feasibility study has commenced with [the] first community engagement sessions completed."

Finances

Cr David Rooks said the report showed council was in a "sound financial position".

The council's forecast net result ending June 30, 2024, is on track to be \$12.9 million better than expected primarily thanks to receiving \$13.2 million in unbudgeted capital grants.

It puts the council on track for an \$18.1 million surplus this financial year, while its adjusted underlying result - which is after non-recurrent revenues (such as one-off capital grants and non-monetary contributions from developers) have been removed - has improved from \$500,000 in the red to \$159,000 red.

Inverloch drainage services given the go ahead to relieve flooding pressure

DRAINAGE renewal and flood mitigation works are ready for delivery in Inverloch after council addressed the Drainage Services Asset Management Plan (DSAMP) and Delegation to Award Tender for Drainage works in Bayview Avenue, Inverloch.

As part of the drainage renewal and flood mitigation program, urban areas subject to flood risk were investigated, and where flooding is found to exceed the target service levels mitigating treatments are investigated, designed, and prioritised for delivery.

Properties near Bayview Avenue, Garden Crescent, Corsair Grove and Pier Road, Inverloch have all experienced

ongoing stormwater flooding. In response, treatment options were investigated, with the appropriate mitigating treatment designed this financial year.

As part of this investigation council officers put forward an early report in order to deliver the project on time and on budget; a budget that was totalled \$1.8 million:

- 2023/2024 Drainage Renewal and Flood Mitigation Program \$600,000 allocated to project.
- 2024/2025 Drainage Renewal and Flood Mitigation Program \$1,000,000 allocated to project.
- 2024/2025 Sealed Road Renewal Program \$200,000

Cr Brett Tessari said this is fantastic news for the residents of this area. "This is a constant issue that they have been facing for a long time."

Since last reviewing the DSAMP in 2020, the replacement value for Drainage infrastructure assets has grown from \$106.5 million to \$231.8 million as at June 2023 - with council confirming drainage infrastructure is growing approximately 2% or \$6.0 million per annum.

Cr David Rooks said, "we should recognise that as our assets grow and our assets are growing in this area that our costs will increase accordingly.

So, our budget does need to reflect that."

Bass Coast Mayor Clare Le Serve said Bass Coast had an extensive network of drains, spanning 570km of pipes and 23,000 pits and outfalls, with 40 water quality treatment systems.

Since the last plan review in 2020, the number of drainage assets in Bass Coast has increased significantly, largely due to new developments and the Pioneer Bay drainage improvements.

Cr Leticia Laing followed by stating that this topic is one of the things that affects every landowner in the shire - acknowledging the work that goes into the discussion.

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SOLD: Finger lickin' \$3.2M paid for Wonthaggi KFC store

WHEN 35 commercial properties went under the hammer at a three-day auction extravaganza, 22 of them in the Yallamundi Rooms at the Sydney Opera House this week, one of the stars of the show was Wonthaggi's prominently located Kentucky Fried Chicken store.

While prices of \$3.5 million to \$4.5 million were common, Wonthaggi's KFC was right up there in terms of yield, returning 3.92% to the new investors, at a knock-down price of \$3,205,000.

Representing the selling agents Burgess Rawson of Lonsdale Street Melbourne, Raoul Holderhead, formerly of Leongatha, said it was a significant result for Wonthaggi and South Gippsland generally.

"We all know how much Wonthaggi has grown in recent years, but this is the high-water mark in terms of commercial interest in the town," Mr Holderhead said this week.

"Amongst 34 other properties being sold Australia wide, the Wonthaggi result is right up there," he said, noting that it was a very strong endorsement for the area, alongside properties sold elsewhere by Burgess Rawson in Bass Coast and South Gippsland in recent times.

Beau Coulter, also representing the selling agents Burgess Rawson in this round of investment portfolio



auctions, said that after three days of sales, on May 14 in Melbourne when 15 properties went up for sale, on May 15 in Sydney (22 including KFC Wonthaggi) and May 16, eight in Brisbane; 31 properties were sold at a clearance rate of 91%, grossing \$87.1 million.

"In total we had 600 individual bids, and 181 registered to bid over the three days with a blended yield of 5.53%," Mr Coulter said indicating just how good the Wonthaggi result was by comparison.

Other Victorian sales included the DF Fitness Centre in Leongatha for \$596,000 at an attractive yield of 4.71%, Duncan's Dingley cellars for \$1.1 million (yield 5.33%) and Jaycar Traralgon for \$1.32M (5.84% yield).

Several properties were sold for \$7 million-plus with properties listed in Qld, NSW,

Vic, Tas and SA.

Burgess Rawson listed the following highlights for KFC, at 44-48 Graham Street (Bass Highway), Wonthaggi:

This investment has the following key highlights:

- Renewed 10 + 10 + 10 year ground lease from August 2024 through to December 2054.
- Proven KFC restaurant with tenant on-site 19+ years.
- Southern Restaurants: Australia's largest private KFC franchise group with 6,000+ employees across 94 locations in VIC, NSW & ACT. (1)
- Highly sought after ground lease structure – tenant responsible for all capital and structural repairs and maintenance.
- Investor preferred net lease terms with tenant paying all usual outgoings including building insurance.
- Fixed 3% annual rent increases assuring income growth.
- Impressive KFC restaurant with major 2024 store refurbishment planned.
- Strategic 2,330sqm* 'corner island site' with 193m* quadruple frontage and important 20 on-title car spaces.
- Site includes 663sqm* of surplus land providing immediate development upside (STCA).
- High profile Bass Highway corner landholding with exposure to 18,995+ vehicles passing daily. (2)
- Potential 50% stamp duty saving.
- Wonthaggi: capital township of Bass Coast shire, with a trade catchment of circa 20,000 (plus season holiday influx).
- Net Income: \$125,620pa* + GST (as at 5 August 2024).

Borrowings of \$4.574 million tied to capital works projects

COUNCILLORS addressed the new loan borrowings at the May council meeting with an increase of \$4.574 million that is tied to the delivery of recent capital works projects, specifically.

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

Council established a one-year loan facility with TCV in June 2022; however, as no further change has been made to this facility during the 2024/25 budget development, Council will be re-financing \$12.574 million when the facility of \$8 million falls due for rollover in June 2024.

The 2023/24 Budget has provided for this facility to be re-financed in full when it falls due in June 2024. Council has included in its Long-Term Financial Plan principles that are in place to responsibly guide the use of borrowings, with a focus on borrowing only for new intergenerational projects, like the ones previously mentioned.

The projected interest costs are in line with Council's forward estimates and will have an insignificant impact on its financial plan:

- Rollover of the loan amount of \$12.574 million at an estimated interest rate in the range of 4.5 per cent to 5.0 per cent per annum.
- Council's annual interest costs in relation to this loan rollover are expected to be between \$565,000 and \$630,000 per annum.

Council declared that the community were consulted in Council's Long Term Financial Plan 2021-2031 back in 2021, stating "Borrowings have been identified as an important funding source for the capital works program." However, this was a community consultation over three years earlier, despite the community being a key stakeholder in this influential decision, the community may just have their opinion on this financial decision.

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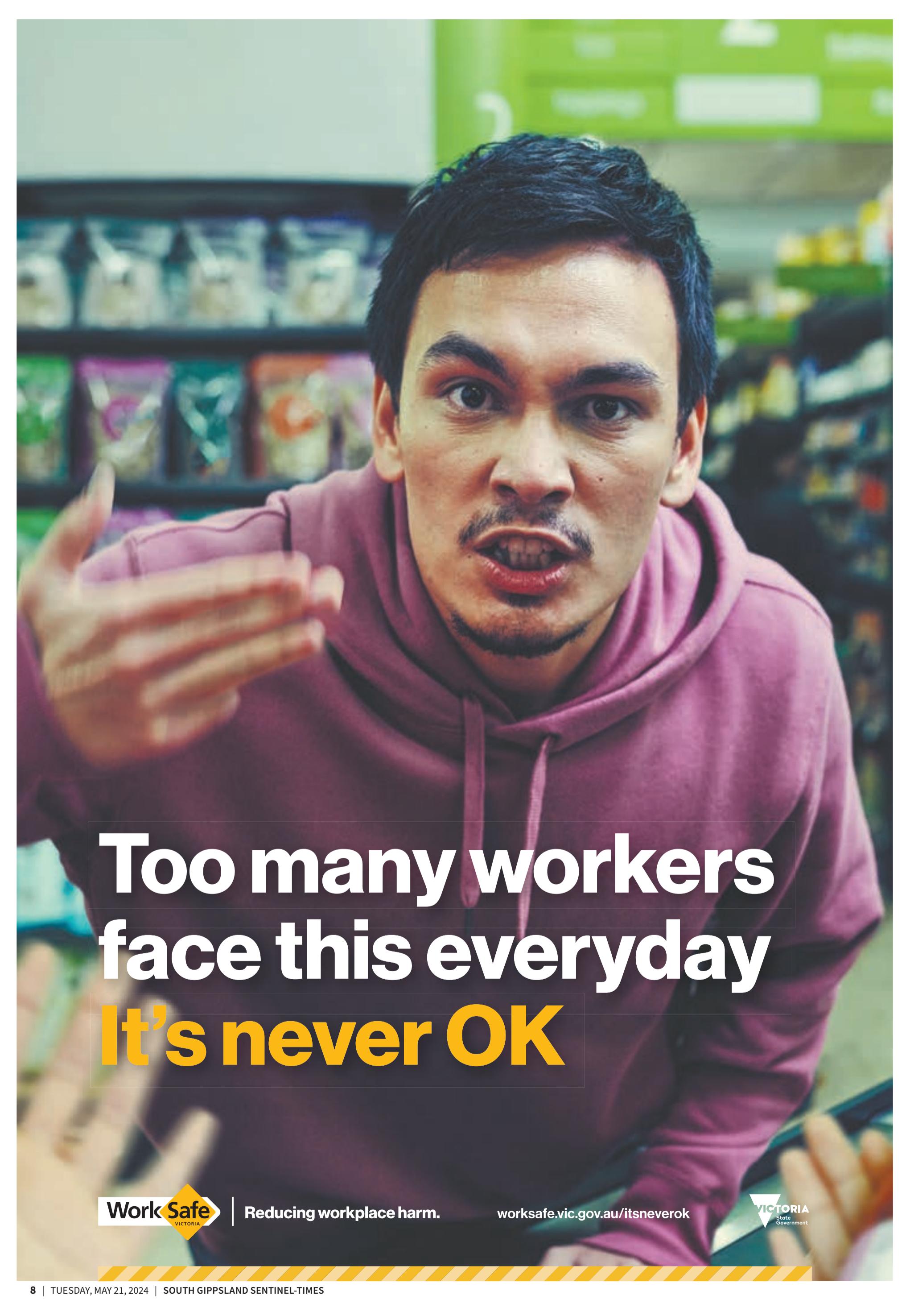
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50 years of the 'Bloody Garage' in Welshpool

WHILE Eddie Fowler fended off lighthearted comments from family that it's time he retired, a large number of people were present on Friday to celebrate him and his wife Helen and the combined milestone of 50 years in business achieved at the Corner Service Station and Welshpool Outdoors.

The couple began their time at the Corner Service Station, nicknamed the 'Bloody Garage' by Helen, on the Queen's Birthday weekend in 1974, moving to the business' current premises in 2010.

Welshpool Outdoors continues to service vehicles and is a Husqvarna and CFMOTO dealer, also providing bottled household gas.

The couple's four children Tania, Stacey, Jason and Rikki have all been part of the business, with son Jason having completed his apprenticeship there.

While Helen has long since retired from the business, Tania and Stacey are ready to continue it for the long term, but Eddie isn't going anywhere yet.

"Thank you very much, and no I'm not resigning," he said following family speeches of support that included the odd gentle nudge.

Amusing stories were told, including the fact Eddie used to tie one of Tania's kids to the



Members of the Fowler family Jason, Tania, Helen, Eddie and Stacey celebrate Eddie and Helen's 50 years in business, with Rikki absent. A30_2124

tyre stand to prevent him getting out and straying onto the road.

One of those present at Friday's celebration, Mohya Davies, referred to Eddie as the Mayor of Welshpool, a title by which he is popularly known due to his huge contribution to the community.

"You're the driver of this community and have kept it together," she said during the speeches.

Mohya elaborated afterwards that Eddie is a strong advocate for those in Welshpool and surrounds and was instrumental in helping

establish the town's Transaction Centre that has been pivotal for locals.

Eddie continues as president of the Welshpool & District Community Group, one of the local organisations he is part of. He is also a Justice of the Peace.

Ian Conn was one of the many at the Welshpool pub to celebrate the 50 year occasion.

"I've been dealing with Eddie since I used to call him Mr Fowler," he said, the farmer having bought motorcycles from the business over the years.

"He can't do enough for

you," Ian said.

Mel Brindley has been dealing with the business for 20 years as a sales representative for Burson Automotive Parts, and Capricorn Society where she is now area manager.

"He's got both daughters working for him plus a son-in-law and an ex-son-in-law, so it tells you the calibre of the business," Mel said.

Welshpool Outdoors has withstood the setback of last year's Boxing Day storm despite the lack of insurance coverage for flooding, with more milestones set to be celebrated in future.

New grants for tourism operators announced

THE MINISTER for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos today visited Penguin Parade at Phillip Island to open applications for a new round of the Regional Tourism Investment Fund.

Phillip Island Nature Parks is one of Australia's most popular wildlife attractions with more than 900,000 visitors a year – and works are underway on the iconic Penguin Parade, thanks to a \$5 million upgrade through a previous round of the Fund.

A new accessible boardwalk with penguin viewing stands and additional seating will improve the visitor experience, ensuring more people from across Victoria and interstate can enjoy this tourist attraction for years to come.

The works will also protect the penguins' habitat by reducing erosion from visitors walking in the area, minimising the impact of visitors on the species.

The Fund provides grants of up to \$5 million for small and large-scale projects and accommodation improvement projects, with the State Government's investment of up to \$62 million creating more jobs and a strong pipeline of demand-driven tourism infrastructure projects across the state.

Grants between \$100,000 and \$5 million are open to tourism businesses, not-for-profit and Traditional Owner organisations.

The grants will be delivered in three streams – between \$100,000 and \$1 million for small-scale projects, grants between \$1 million and \$5 million for large scale projects, and grants between \$500,000 and \$2 million for accommodation improvement projects.

The Fund is guided by the five priorities identified in the Experience Victoria 2033 strategic plan – First People's led experiences, wellness, arts and culture, food and drink, and nature.

Applications for the Regional Tourism Investment Fund are open until Friday, 19 July 2024.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News **National Volunteer Week**

This National Volunteer Week (20 to 26 May), we recognise and thank our volunteers for the vital role they play in our lives and the significant contribution they make to South Gippsland.

This year's theme is 'something for everyone', meaning that we recognise and celebrate the diverse passion and talents everyone brings to the act of volunteering. From the football and netball supporters keeping our sporting clubs alive, to the people who share their love for our community by looking after tourist attractions or providing essential services to those doing it tough,

volunteers embody the true spirit and heart of our region.

We are fortunate that in South Gippsland 22 per cent of people volunteer in their local community, which is significantly more than the state average of 13 per cent.

Thank you to everyone in our community that chooses to volunteer. If you know a volunteer, say 'thank you' to them this week for all their hard work.

If you would like to volunteer with Council, please visit:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/volunteer

Impound of Vehicles



Council impounded the following vehicles in accordance with Schedule 11 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

- A champagne Mercedes sedan from Ridgeway, Mirboo North on Wednesday 24 April 2024.
- A silver Mitsubishi hatchback Louis Road, Venus Bay on Wednesday 8 May 2024.
Year: 1998
Engine Number: JMFNMCJ2AXU000723

Unless the vehicles are collected and relevant fees paid within 14 days of the date of this notice, the vehicles will be offered for sale to the public.

For enquiries, please contact our Community Safety team on 5662 9200 during office hours.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 26 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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Bookings are essential, so book your spot at:
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CHAT TO VICGRID

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

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

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available.

To register for the community workshop, please visit:

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Bushfire Assessments likely to guide planning in Foster and Mirboo North

FOSTER and Mirboo North Bushfire Assessment Summaries, which contain planning recommendations, have been adopted by South Gippsland Shire Council despite the reservations of some councillors.

Cr John Schelling was the most outspoken in expressing concerns, while Councillors Scott Rae and Adrian Darakai also voted against adopting the reports that are likely to influence future planning decisions.

The trio was outvoted by Councillors Jenni Keerie, Mohya Davies, Nathan Hersey and Clare Williams.

Councillors Sarah Gilligan and Mick Felton were absent.

"I'm not very happy at all with this report," Cr Schelling said during the meeting, noting it was based on a desktop approach rather than physical inspection of the towns.

Cr Schelling explained to the Sentinel-Times his major concern relates to the Mirboo North Bushfire Assessment Summary.

"Some of the overlays just didn't make sense to me when I looked at them," Cr Schelling said, providing the example of a proposed overlay on land that doesn't contain trees.



Cr Jenni Keerie believes council must heed expert advice in order to minimise fire danger for community members.

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"There's always potential when you get a report like that for people to adopt it into a planning policy without giving it due consideration, so I wanted to make sure that we're giving it due consideration," Cr Schelling said.

Cr Hersey contemplated calling for a deferral of the decision on whether to adopt the pair of Bushfire Assessment Summaries in order to allow further consideration, but decided he was ready to support

the adoption of the reports compiled by experts.

"We have to begin to move forward with how we advise our residents and look forward to how we can better prepare for disasters in the future as well," he said.

Cr Hersey made it clear council needs to give serious consideration to the observations and recommendations put forward.

"Once the council has the understanding that there is a risk

to townships or properties, or something that may impact a future planning scheme, we must act on that," he said.

Cr Davies highlighted the increasing prevalence of emergency events such as the recent storms that have severely hit parts of South Gippsland Shire.

"I find that scary, particularly in communities that are increasingly more populated, so it really is incumbent on council to ensure that our planning is the best and most informed it can be and that we are preparing for these continued emergency events," she said.

Cr Keerie spoke of her intention to support adopting the bush fire assessment reports.

"It's really important for us to know how a fire is likely to unfold in some of those areas, and it would be irresponsible for council to allow further houses to be built in areas that are a risk for the people who are moving there," she said.

Cr Keerie was emphatic that the assessments for both Mirboo North and Foster should play a part in council's planning process to help ensure the safety of residents, minimising risk to lives and infrastructure.

Bena Road project knocked back for now

PLANS for a large development at 99 Bena Road Korumburra will need to be altered if the developer, Hillview Rise Pty Ltd wishes to proceed with subdivision and building on the land, after South Gippsland Shire councillors voted on Wednesday against the project in its current form.

As reported in the Sentinel-Times in the lead up to the May council meeting, council officers hold a number of concerns about aspects of the Development Plan submitted.

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

Locals have spoken out about aspects of the intended development they view as unsatisfactory.

They argue its density would be excessive for rural living, that Bena Road would be unable to adequately handle the

volume of traffic that would result, and there would be a significant impact on its various intersections.

While knocking back the intended development that was expected to provide 170 residential lots and 1.5 hectares of residential aged care over eight stages, councillors authorised council officers to consent to a future alternative Development Plan if it satisfactorily addresses the areas of concern.

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

During the council meeting, Cr Jenni Keerie spoke in support of the recommendation before councillors to vote against the intended Bena Road development in its current form.

"I'm a resident of Korumburra and I understand that growth is essential for our shire and it's going to happen, but how that growth occurs is critical," Cr Keerie said.

"It's a matter of balancing growth, liveability, environment and neighbourhood and many

other factors and there are elements to this Development Plan that I'm not comfortable with at this stage."

Cr Mohya Davies also spoke in support of the recommendation not to approve the submitted Development Plan and to enable council officers to negotiate on any future plan put forward.

"There are a number of issues with this site, mostly around drainage, traffic and earthworks, also managing biodiversity and bushfire risk," Cr Davies said.

"There is also some concern with soil contamination and as we've seen in neighbouring councils this is important that these sorts of issues are resolved at this stage of the development's approval."

Councillors voted unanimously against the development, with councillors Sarah Gilligan and Mick Felton absent and Cr Nathan declaring a conflict of interest and leaving the chamber before the matter was discussed or voted on.



Cr Mohya Davies outlines her concerns about a proposed development at 99 Bena Road Korumburra and is unwilling to accept the current plans. A07_2124

Nyora supermarket negotiations to proceed

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council officers now have the authority to negotiate the conditions applicable to the Planning Permit for the development of a Nyora supermarket when the matter is heard at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) in July.

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

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

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

In the absence of councillors Sarah Gilligan and Mick Felton, the councillors present voted unanimously at their May public meeting to authorise council officers to negotiate outcomes at the formal VCAT hearing on July 24 and 25.

A Compulsory Conference will be held in the lead up to

that on May 29.

Cr John Schelling spoke during the council meeting about the planned supermarket and the importance of the parties involved working together to achieve a positive outcome for Nyora.

"It's great to see that we are working with both the applicants and the people of Nyora; we know that Nyora's going ahead and it's going to require a supermarket, so the officers have gone to a lot of trouble here to work with all parties concerned," Cr Schelling said.

Council's May meeting agenda detailed the consideration

council officers have given to the points in dispute.

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

Cr Schelling looks forward to seeing the Nyora supermarket come to fruition when the conditions in dispute have been dealt with.

Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams



HELLO South Gippsland.

The May Council Meeting was held last Wednesday, with some important discussion about a range of topics including the Organisational Performance Report, the 99 Bena Road Korumburra planning application and Bushfire Assessment Summaries for Foster and Mirboo North. If you haven't been to a Council Meeting, or watched one online, I strongly encourage you to. It is a great way to get an understanding of what is happening in our region.

To watch the Council Meeting, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

MAV State Council

Last week, Deputy Mayor Hersey and I attended the Municipal Association of Victoria's (MAV) State Council where Council's motions on renewable energy transition and coastal hazard assessments were endorsed. This means that MAV, who represent all councils in Victoria, will assist us with advocacy on these important issues. This is a significant accomplishment as a majority of councils represented at the State Council must agree on these motions being added to their list of priorities. This is just another example of the amazing work we have been doing in the advocacy space and the understanding we have of shared issues across Victoria.

Great Southern Rail Trail Tree Works

A large tree between Bair Street and Simons Lane in Leongatha has been removed. This tree was impacted by the February 13 storm event and had become hazardous. Thank you to the teams who removed the tree and allowed the Trail to remain safe for everyone.

Events

Last week, Council raised the rainbow flag in support of the LGBTQIA+ community in our region. IDAHOBIT Day aims to raise awareness of the discrimination that people in this community still face today. Thank you to everyone who came along to show their support.

The Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival kicked off over the weekend! On Saturday, I participated in the Waste Knot Workshop facilitated by Sarah Parkes. Using recycled silage wrap, we transformed it into a new use, as rope. We truly have some spectacular creative people in South Gippsland that are thinking of new ways to use old materials. Don't worry though, the Tea Cosy Festival is on until Sunday, May 26, so there is plenty of time to head on down to Fish Creek and check out the tea cosy's and participate in the workshops on offer. For more information please visit: www.teacosyfestival.com.au

If you are looking for something new to do, there are plenty of ideas on the Visit South Gippsland website: www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au

VicGrid Information Session

On Wednesday, May 22 a drop-in session and community workshop will be held at Memorial Hall in Leongatha. The drop-in session is on between 3pm and 5pm, and the Community Workshop between 6pm and 7.30pm. This is a great opportunity to ask your questions and learn more about the Draft Renewable Energy Zone Community Benefits Plan.

For more information and to register for the Community Workshop, please visit: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/victransmissionplan>

Mirboo North community keen to boost biodiversity and habitat

COMMUNITY members turned out in large numbers to hear and discuss ideas to restore the biodiversity of Mirboo North and surrounds at a 'Recovery, Replant, Renew' session held at Walter J Tuck Reserve on Tuesday night.

The information evening was organised by the Mardan Mirboo North Landcare Group, and Preserve Our Forests Mirboo North.

Speakers represented those organisations along with Parks Victoria, the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), South Gippsland Shire Council and Ecocentric Consulting.

"It might be incumbent on us to support mother nature in her efforts," Susan Koci, a member of Preserve Our Forests' Biodiversity Working Group said.

She outlined the destructive impacts of the February 13 storm, including loss of animal habitat and biodiversity, as well as the opportunities for community members to protect biodiversity.

"You can go out in the forest and learn about our native species, plant a garden of local native species, propagate your own plants, create habitat and control weeds," Susan said, also suggesting joining a landcare group.

Another member of the working group, Ian Starkey offered practical advice for those keen to boost the biodiversity of their gardens.

He spoke of the value of indigenous plants, the need to keep weeds out, and the wonderful plant nurseries in the area, advising people of the need to plan well ahead if wanting plants of tube stock size so growers can



Members of Mardan Mirboo North Landcare Group Aaron Doty, Helen and Ian Hasty, Deborah O'Connor, Rosemary Trease and Denyse Menzies. A03_2124

meet orders.

Ian said Autumn is generally a good time to plant due to decent rains and recommended mulching around plants even if using gravel to minimise fire risk.

He mentioned the South Gippsland Seedbank in Leongatha, open on Thursdays, and noted people can learn how to pick seed.

"I hope you all get out there and do your bit," Ian said, encouraging people to create more habitat.

Peter Gannon of Ecocentric Consulting advised people to resist the urge to turn all fallen timber into firewood or wood-chips, saying that leaving some

of the debris on the ground helps protect new plants.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Chris Rankin focused on Mirboo North's Baths Road Reserve, explaining the extent of the damage and the fact the reserve is yet to be reopened due to dangerous trees.

He stressed that council wants to know people's views on what they would like to see happen there.

Gerard Delaney, area chief ranger for South Gippsland and Bass Coast spoke of the need to balance fire risk reduction against environmental benefit in determining how to manage bushland.

He also touched on the need for organisations to work together to achieve the best results.

DEECA's Andy Gillham noted the need for human intervention to assist nature to bounce back from February's storm, with the huge amount of resultant coarse woody debris one of the challenges needing to be overcome to achieve desired regeneration.

He mentioned damaged forests are now more vulnerable to the next weather event that comes through and are susceptible to drying quicker and presenting a fire risk.

Andy explained that DEECA has a strong focus on its fire

responsibilities on public land and is aiming for positive forest outcomes and effective fire management.

"Nature won't do this on her own; we need some kind of intervention but what that looks like we don't know," he conceded, saying much more is known about the impacts of fire than windthrow events.

Andy noted the importance of working in partnership with Gunai Kurnai people.

An extensive Q&A session followed the speeches, with the high level of community passion on show.

People raised ideas such as the opportunity to consider the flammability of various species in determining what to plant, the need for a diverse range of species and the chance to create koala habitat.

A major part of the night was the desire to get community members active in recovery, renew and replanting efforts.

"What we want to do is get a group together that will help to coordinate replanting around town," Denyse Menzies of Mardan Mirboo North Landcare Group said.

While work still has to be done to establish who needs help with replanting, and to source funding, she is keen to hear from those interested in helping.

Those keen to be involved or wanting to learn more are encouraged to email denyse@menziesco.com.au or call Denyse on 0417 566 783.

"It went really well and I think it's something that the town needed," Denyse said of Tuesday's event and the strong local desire for revitalisation.



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Wonthaggi RSL merchandise sales are to be used toward RSL Hall repairs and
commemoration activities such as painting, the installation of a new
RSL notice board to be placed at the front of the building next week.

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IDAHOBIT joy and acknowledgement

WITH all its rain, South Gippsland does rainbows better than anyone else Cr Mohya Davies declared before the hoisting of the rainbow flag outside Leongatha's council office to celebrate IDAHOBIT on Friday.

The International Day Against LGBTQIA+ Discrimination falls on a pertinent date, with May 17 the day the World Health Organisation removed homosexuality from its Classification of Diseases.

A healthy gathering assembled in Leongatha despite the chilly weather.

Sam Jones-Hunter, a South Gippsland representative of the Gippsland Pride Initiative described it as an important day for the LGBTQIA+ community.

She is pleased to see councils around Australia advocating for equality and showing their support for people who continue to face discrimination.

"There are still hate crimes," Sam said, adding that a lot of people don't feel safe and it is important to see others in the community lending support.

"The more we show that being yourself is ok, the better the world's going to be," she said.

Her wife Sarah Hunter was also at Friday's IDAHOBIT event, representing Anglicare's Qspace, which provides counselling for the LGBTQIA+ community, face to face or by telephone or videocall, being funded by Drummond Street Services in Melbourne.

Qspace's services are available to people of all ages.

"It's to provide counselling, a



Lucinda Young, Rachel Jones and John Grenville get into the IDAHOBIT spirit. A12_2124

safe space, an opportunity to work through what's happening for them, linkages to the local community whether that's an online group or in person," Sarah said.

Qspace is a pilot program that Anglicare has been running for the last four years, currently due to expire next year and subject to review.

"Some of my clients aren't even out to the community," Sarah said, noting many are also socially isolated.

"You're not being your true self or living your true life if you're not out to the community and not out to yourself and comfortable," Sarah said.

"It doesn't need to be announced but it's about allowing that person to express

themselves, who they are, and being comfortable in their own skin."

South Gippsland Shire Council's Tony Peterson said IDAHOBIT is a chance to celebrate and show support, opening up conversations and helping address discrimination and create a more inclusive environment.

He mentioned that unfortunately many members of the LGBTQIA+ community continue to be affected by negative or offensive statements and subtle forms of harassment in the workplace, referring to the Gippsland Pride Initiative's 'Rainbow Brick Road Report' that quantified such impacts locally.

"Seventy three percent have

considered self-harm or suicide in their lifetime," he said of one of the alarming statistics revealed.

While Mohya's comment about doing rainbows better was lighthearted, she reflected on the serious side of the day by acknowledging that discrimination still exists, albeit she is confident progress is being made.

Rachel Jones, who works for South Gippsland Shire Council, was resplendent in her sequined rainbow jacket.

She considers the open discussion and positivity that IDAHOBIT promotes as important.

No doubt the vibrant burst of rainbow gear will be missed as another South Gippsland winter approaches.

MP issues a 'please explain' on intersection cash

SOUTH Gippsland motorists will have to continue to put up with what they've dubbed "Kamikaze Corner" following the State Government's failure to fund stage two of Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Bypass, a local MP says.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien said it was a blight on the State Government to leave such a dangerous intersection as it was.

"The South Gippsland Highway intersection at McCartin, Roughead, Anderson, Long and Hughes Streets is a nightmare to navigate," Mr O'Brien said.

"Finding a solution to this convoluted intersection is the number one concern for many locals and it needs to be addressed as a matter of priority.

"Stage one of the bypass was completed in 2016 – yet eight years on and we still don't have any money on the table for the completion of this vital project."

Speaking in Parliament recently, Mr O'Brien again called on the Minister for Roads to heed the calls of locals who signed a petition calling on the Government to fund stage two of what he said was a crucial project.

"More than 1000 people signed a petition to get this intersection fixed," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Nationals took a commitment to the last election that we would fix this intersection and it's time Labor followed suit.

"I would like the Minister to explain when this intersection is going to be fixed and when stage two of the Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Bypass will actually proceed."

Mr O'Brien said he would continue to advocate on behalf of Leongatha and the wider community to ensure the State Government understood the importance of finding a solution to put an end to the so-called "Kamikaze Corner".

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Safeguarding Vision: The Crucial Role of Safety Glasses

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Whether it's operating farm machinery, handling chemicals, or working with livestock, the eyes are susceptible to injury without adequate protection. Safety glasses act as a barrier, guarding against flying particles, harmful chemicals, and UV radiation, thereby preventing accidents and potential vision loss.

2. Enhancing Workplace Safety:

In manufacturing facilities tasks can involve cutting, welding, grinding, and machining, all of which generate airborne debris and projectiles. Without proper eye protection, workers are vulnerable to eye injuries that can range from minor irritations to severe trauma, leading to permanent impairment. Safety glasses not only mitigate these risks but also promote a culture of safety within the workplace, fostering productivity and well-being among employees.

3. Promoting Outdoor Recreation:

Beyond the realm of work, safety glasses play a vital role in outdoor recreational activities. From cycling, footy or cricket to leisurely pursuits like fishing and hunting, we are exposed to various hazards such as flying insects, branches, and projectiles. By wearing safety glasses designed for outdoor use, you can enjoy yourself with peace of mind, safeguarding your eyes from unexpected injuries.

4. Setting an Example:

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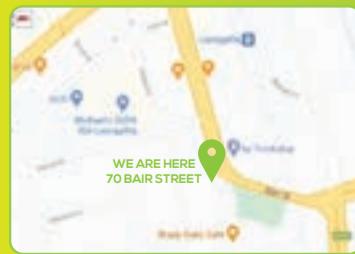
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Heather Gibson and her daughters Michelle and Liane enjoy the opening night of the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival. A17_2124



Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival director Marge Arnup with local identity Nadia Stefani OAM who is displaying Marge's tea cosy tribute to her. A13_2124

Tea Cosy joy returns to Fish Creek

A VIBRANT gathering marked the opening of the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival on Friday evening, the town's Memorial Hall transformed into a sea of colour and creativity, with a mixture of exhibits ranging from entirely practical to anything but.

One tea cosy that wouldn't keep your tea hot but caught the eye of judge Sarah Parkes was made of ring pulls from cans.

Sarah, who is best known for her artworks created with ropes and knots, reflected on the challenge of judging the diverse entries.

"It's been a joy, and a responsibility I've not taken lightly," she said, adding that she was there for hours making her selections.

"I could not go past the Royal Family, so they got first prize," Sarah said of the category for this year's festival theme, 'Celebrations and Celebrities'.

An honourable mention in that category went to a tea cosy depicting local celebrity

Nadia Stefani that was created by the festival's director Marge Arnup, celebrating Nadia being awarded an OAM.

Nadia posed proudly with Marge's handiwork that featured a miniature OAM medallion.

Entrant Lynne Carlin travelled from her home in Fremantle, inspired by Back Roads presenter Heather Ewart's promotion of Fish Creek and its festival.

Lynne has a background in fashion and costume design, getting the tea cosy making bug some time ago when she took part in a tea cosy knitting workshop.

One of her entries perfectly captured the famous beard of celebrity television gardener Costa Georgiadis in a garden setting.

"This is what the Tea Cosy Festival does; it brings people from all over Australia," Marge said during her opening speech, having mentioned Lynne's presence.

Marge also noted the

company of visitors from further afield.

French travellers Cesar Santerre and Romane Pantano arrived in Fish Creek during a bike ride from Phillip Island to Sydney.

Keen to visit a wide range of places and see the real culture of Australia, they were happy to pitch in during the festival set up, having been put up by Marge, and looked to be having a ball during the opening event.

The biennial Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival has grown remarkably since its 2013 establishment, with its founder the late Deidre Granger fondly recalled during Friday's event.

Deidre and her partner Luke Dearlove arrived in the town in 2011 as the new owners of the post office, with Deidre realising Fish Creek made an ideal location to fulfil her dream of establishing a tea cosy festival.

Others were less convinced.

"She suggested having a tea cosy festival and we all

laughed at her," Heather Gibson said before presenting a couple of prizes in Deidre's honour, Heather and Luke having picked entries they felt would have appealed to her.

Heather has been a part of the festival since it was first held and continues as one of its volunteers.

She said the event is in good hands with a lovely younger committee in charge.

"They call me the matriarch," Heather told the Sentinel-Times, displaying her characteristic humour.

Marge told attendees the festival has highlighted the strength and creativity of the Fish Creek Community, with that message spreading far and wide.

"Who would have thought a little town of 207 people could host a festival for nine days celebrating a humble tea cosy," she said.

This year's festival runs until May 26.

Visit teacosyfestival.com.au for more information.

A sea of red ink and little for Gippsland in the budget

VICTORIANS will be condemned to spend \$25 million per day on interest on the state's debt but Gippsland will again see very little for it.

That's the view of The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien on the State Budget delivered by the State Government.

Mr O'Brien said spiralling debt forecast to hit \$188 billion in four years would mean more money spent on inter-

est and less for hospitals, schools, police and our roads.

There's also little spending for South Gippsland.

"There's no money for the planned new Sale College, to finish Foster Primary School and to build new fire stations for Mirboo North and Foster," Mr O'Brien said.

"No plan for fixing Leongatha's Kamikaze Corner, rebuild the Mirboo North gymnasium and despite years of

disruptions, still no new rail services to Sale.

"Most concerning for our appalling roads, the roads maintenance budget is still 16 per cent less than it was four years ago.

"I am pleased that after my lobbying of the Minister for Community Sport, \$500,000 has been allocated to help Fish Creek Football Netball Club rebuild its community club rooms. It's a good start

but will not be enough.

"There's a vague commitment to new bus services on the Leongatha and Yarram line but no detail, and an unknown commitment of funds to the Sale heavy vehicle alternate route."

Mr O'Brien said Victorians would be hit again with increases to the Fires Services Property Levy and waste charges when they put the bins out or visit the local tip.



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SGBCLLEN Annual General Meeting and networking dinner

THE SOUTH Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning & Employment Network (SGBCLLEN) conducted its 22nd Annual General Meeting on Thursday March 16, 2024 at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club. SGBCLLEN Chair, Sarah Fenton was pleased to be able to conduct proceedings and highlight the many wonderful achievements of the SGBCLLEN delivered in 2023.

'Our Annual Report is now available for all to review on our website and it highlights the many thousands of interactions with local students that the LLEN has been able to facilitate. In partnership with more than 50 organisations across our region, businesses have provided more than 100 volunteer mentors to participate in the many events we coordinate. Together we are striving to immerse students in local career opportunities and raise their aspirations for the future'.

Executive Officer Angelo Saridis also stated 'We continue to be humbled and amazed at the ongoing support we receive from schools and businesses in our region. Even through tough times, our community rises to the occasion and delivers opportunities for our young people...this is the true definition of resilience'.

The AGM also ratified the

election of Joel Stevenson as the newest member of the SGBCLLEN Board who brings a wealth of local knowledge and experience. 'We are so happy to welcome Joel on the Board and look forward to him bringing his experience and community leadership to strengthen our organisation.'

The AGM was followed by a networking dinner that saw more than 50 local school and business representatives spend time together and talk about how we can continue to support young people through mentoring as well as offering opportunities for work placements.

The highlight of the evening was the keynote address by futurist James Allen who shared insights into the world of Artificial Intelligence and the impact its having on education and careers. 'AI in education is such a very hot topic and there are so many developments occurring right now, making it a critical time for educators and parents alike to know more about it and influence the direction these technologies might take'.

Members of the public can review the latest SGBCLLEN Annual Report on the website at www.sgbcllen.org.au and can contact the SGBCLLEN via email on info@sgbcllen.org.au



James Allen shared insights into the world of Artificial Intelligence and the impact its having on education and careers at the recent SGBCLLEN AGM.



Over 40 people gathered on the weekend to support an end to the current conflict in the Middle East.

Gather for Gaza

A 'GATHERING for Gaza', organised by the group 'Phillip Island 4 Palestine', was held on Saturday May 18 to advocate for a liberated Palestine and an end to the current conflict happening in the Middle East.

Phillip Island 4 Palestine is led by students from Bass Coast and aims to take peaceful community-based actions and create safe spaces for everyone to learn about Palestine, the current conflict, and how small communities like ours can be a part of the movement for peace.

The gathering on Saturday was attended by over 40 people from all over Bass Coast and was organised by local 16-year-old student Gabriel Di Falco from Newhaven College.

The group intends to host more actions in the future, the details of which will be on their Instagram page @PhillipIsland4Palestine.

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With over 30 years of experience in teaching and practicing meditation, Cheryl also offers an intuitive, healing painting process and if requested can paint a personalised birth certificate for naming day ceremonies. Her caring and warm personality, coupled with her artistic talents, ensures that each ceremony she designs is heartfelt and memorable.

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Writing workshop a great delight

THE Write On! Writing Workshop with Jane Clifton held at Phillip Island Library at Berninnett recently was a resounding success, drawing aspiring writers and literary enthusiasts from the local community.

The workshop, led by accomplished author and performer Jane Clifton, provided attendees with invaluable insights, inspiration, and practical guidance for their writing projects.

This event covered a range of topics including crafting memoirs, exploring poetry beyond traditional structures, and understanding the nuances of different writing genres such as crime writing, mystery and thrillers.

"We are enormously grateful to the Bass Coast Council Arts and Culture team in supporting this workshop. A huge thank you to Jane for so generously sharing her wisdom and expertise; everyone who came along was rapt. She provided such a warm and encouraging atmosphere for all to explore their creative side, flex their writing muscles and share with the group," MYLI's Jessica Berry said.

Participants praised Jane Clifton's expertise and engaging teaching style, describing the workshop as both informative and inspiring.

"My husband and I attended this workshop, along with 10 women – some of whom were not "writers", but along for the curiosity. Jane was a knowledgeable and engaging workshop leader, and it was a tremendous amount of fun," local author Christine Grayden said.

"Along with pearls of wisdom, anecdotes and readings from her A Day at a Time in Rhyme book of her beautifully crafted poems, we also did a few writing exercises. After the workshop, John and I decided we were definitely going to book in to see



Jane Clifton addresses the attendees at the recent writing workshop at the Phillip Island Library.



Jane Clifton's one-woman performance will be held at Berninnett on August 24.

Jane's one-woman show based on her writing, acting and singing careers and life."

Jane Clifton is renowned for her illustrious career as an actress, singer, radio host and voice-over artist, and notably known for her role as prison bookie Margot Gaffney in Prisoner.

She also served as the MC at the opening of Berninnett in November 2023, adding humour and warmth to the inaugural program launch.

Clifton will be returning to Berninnett for a one-woman live performance of A Day at a Time in Rhyme on Saturday, August 24.

Workshop attendees were treated to a sneak peek of Jane's striking

rhymes during the event, diving into a mesmerising journey of storytelling and reflections on life's experiences.

The Write On! Writing Workshop with Jane Clifton was made possible through a partnership with MYLI and Bass Coast Shire Council's arts and culture team, highlighting council's commitment to supporting local creativity, female voices and storytelling initiatives.

Don't miss the opportunity to experience Jane Clifton's unique storytelling and reflections on life's journey at A Day at a Time in Rhyme on August 24.

Get your tickets early to secure your place for this unforgettable performance.

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Survey reveals shipwreck secrets

THE ghostly remains of a forgotten shipwreck off Wilson's Promontory have been revealed thanks to a new marine archaeological survey.

Maritime archaeologists filmed the wreck of the Cheviot in Waterloo Bay as part of a land and sea archaeological survey of the Prom by Parks Victoria and Heritage Victoria.

Data from the survey will create a virtual tour, allowing people the chance to experience the wreck, which has lain underwater since 1854.

"We're excited for people to experience a virtual dive to the wreck of the Cheviot, thanks to this survey work," Parks Victoria statewide heritage advisor Dr Janine Major said.

"Surveys like this help develop our understanding of these places and ensure any works planned there don't adversely impact on heritage values. This is our responsibility as custodians for current and future generations."

Archaeologists will also use the data and imagery for research and conservation work.

Submerged for 160 years, the wreck now teems with all kinds of marine life, including sea jellies, wrasse, sponge and kelp.

Much of the wooden structure has been eaten away, but iron parts like the capstan and stove, as well as piles of cargo including bricks are clearly visible.

This Cheviot is not to be confused with the better-known SS Cheviot which sank off Point Nepean in 1887.

Launched in Britain in the 1820s, it operated between New Zealand, Hobart and along the coast of New South Wales and Victoria, changing hands several times.

On the death of own Charles Seal, a prominent whaler, the Cheviot and the rest of his ships passed into the hands of his wife Phillis, making her the first woman shipowner in Australia.

Phillis sold the Cheviot on to another whaler, William Mansfield, who was master when it sank.

The exact circumstances of the shipwreck aren't known.

The Cheviot's masts were seen sunk in Waterloo Bay by a passing vessel in late March 1854.

As part of the wider archaeological survey, several historic sites in Wilson's Promontory were examined.

The ruins of huts at Refuge and Home Coves, and the former sawmilling settlement at Sealer's Cove were surveyed to make sure any works nearby – including the Sealer's Cove Boardwalk rebuild – don't impact them.

At Refuge Cove, some whalebones were discovered still bearing cut marks made by whalers 150 years ago, as they butchered the carcass and rendered it into whale oil.

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Deb Leonard appears as a Duty Lawyer at the Korumburra and Wonthaggi Magistrates Courts.

Duty lawyer servicing the community

DEB Leonard started her own firm, Leonard & Associates, and its conveyancing branch, Cowes Conveyancing, at Phillip Island in 2008. Deb said she saw the need for an expansion of legal and conveyancing services in the area with the growing population.

The firm has since expanded significantly, with Rebecca Fairthorne and Robert McLaurin coming on as partners, in addition to four other full time legal and support staff.

The firm practices in a variety of areas to meet demand of the local community, including family law, wills, deceased estates, litigation, commercial matters, criminal law, and conveyancing.

Deb's particular interest is in family law, family violence matters and criminal law. She often appears as Duty Lawyer in the Korumburra and Wonthaggi Magistrates Court, acting for people that come to Court without a lawyer and need legal assistance.

Deb says it gives her an insight into the vastly different demographics in the community, as well as highlights the need for greater mental health services, drug and alcohol counsellors, and other support services in the area, as this is often a common factor in offending.

Lyndal's work and generosity recognised

LYNDAL McKenzie, partner at Cardell Accountants in Wonthaggi, was recently recognised as a Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA) at a presentation ceremony at Crown held by Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand (CAANZ).

After a 30-year professional career, Lyndal was nominated as an FCA for using her professional accounting skills for community service. Since becoming a partner of Cardell Accountants in 2013, Lyndal has made a significant contribution to the community by undertaking financial audit services for local charities and other not-for-profit organisations on a pro bono basis or for reduced fees.

More recently Lyndal has acted as Treasurer for the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group, taking over during the height of the COVID pandemic. Lyndal assisted the committee to navigate this challenging period where live performances were unable to be held or were severely restricted.

Lyndal was raised on a farm at Glen Forbes and attended Wonthaggi High School. After leaving the area to study at Monash University, Lyndal then started her accounting career as a graduate with Deloitte. Lyndal trained as an auditor; however, after completing further study



Lyndal with her daughters Kyla and Camryn, and husband Paul at the Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand presentation ceremony.

to become a Chartered Accountant, she left Deloitte to undertake roles in financial management for various organisations.

After the birth of their first child, Lyndal and her husband Paul decided to move home to the Bass Coast area.

Initially Lyndal worked as the Financial Controller for Phillip Island Nature Parks

for over two years. After the birth of her second child Lyndal commenced working with Cardell Accountants. Moving back into the audit field after 10 years, Lyndal re-trained as an auditor and attained qualification as a Registered Company Auditor.

During her acceptance speech, Lyndal reflected that an important aspect of

living and working in a regional area is the sense of community. "I really value being able to give back to the community where I grew up by using my professional skills and it is so rewarding". Lyndal concluded her speech by thanking her family, daughters Kyla and Camryn, and husband Paul for their ongoing support.

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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK EVENTS

The theme for 2024, **Now More Than Ever**, is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will, and must continue. You can get involved by attending one of the below National Reconciliation Week events.

FIRST NATIONS FILM SCREENINGS

Myli Libraries from 27 to 30 May
www.myli.org.au/nrw2024

COMMUNITY EVENT - POWLETT RIVER - KUGERUNGMOME

Thursday 30 May, 10am to 12pm

The Bunurong Land Council in collaboration with West Gippsland CMA and Westernport Water are hosting a cultural values assessment activity for First Nations Community members, bookings: cultural.values@bunuronglc.org.au

BOOK DISCUSSION WHITE FRAGILITY

Thursday 30 May, 2pm Inverloch and Friday 31 May, 5pm Leongatha
The Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group invites you to one of two sessions. Bookings: Marg Lynn on 0419 361039

Presented by the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network

For bookings and further information visit: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation

San Remo drop-in this Friday

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HOW MUCH range do you need in an electric vehicle and what impacts on the range you have?

Drive have done their research and more range means bigger batteries which adds more weight to the car and is more costly. If your driving habits just see you running around town, you'd be surprised to see how little range you would actually need.

The current crop of full electric cars on sale in Australia offer an average range of around 400km. For urban dwellers, this is more than enough for most days, up to a week even, but if you are heading out on a longer run, can this range be guaranteed?

Just as adding weight, carrying loads on the roof, or towing will impact the efficiency of a petrol or diesel car, these will impact the range of an EV. The same goes for a heavy right foot, as aggressive acceleration will use more energy just like it will chew more fuel.

Extreme temperatures, at both ends of the scale, will also impact an electric vehicle with energy needed to warm the battery to its operating temp during winter, and air conditioners drawing more power to cool the car in summer.

The benefit of an electric car is these can be set to precondition before you drive anywhere, even while the car is parked. Heading back to a cool cabin on a midsummer's day is worth a few less kilometres between charges in our book!

Where a traditional petrol or diesel engine will operate more efficiently on long highway runs, an electric car tends to work better around town. Here, energy recaptured during braking is used to charge the battery, making a stop-start run far more energy friendly than a sustained drive at highway speeds.

And just like a bigger fuel tank will extend your time between service station visits, a bigger battery will give an EV longer range. As noted the average is a bit over 400km, with the current range leader the 625km BMW i7 Limousine.

As to what lies in store, we're already seeing claims of over 700km from EVs in other markets, and the Mercedes-Benz Vision EQXX concept car has managed an impressive 1000km run from a 100kWh battery. Plus, at the other end of the scale, we're seeing brands like Volvo look to offer smaller, lighter and cheaper batteries with less range to better suit urban drivers.

Can you drive from Melbourne to Sydney on a single charge? Not today, but it won't be long until you can. You just need to ask whether you need to.

Types of Electric Cars

WITH rising petrol costs, the phasing out of traditional combustion engines, government rebates and increased focus on infrastructure, there is no doubt that Electric Cars are the way of the future.

However, the Electric Vehicle (or EV) landscape can be a tricky one for newcomers. Understanding the various types of EVs, the set-up needed to own and charge one, and the logistics and considerations required for taking longer trips are just a few examples of what owners need to navigate. The Drive Electric Car hub provides everything you need to make this new world a little easier to understand.

Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV) – "Hybrid"

A closed-loop hybrid is currently the most common type of electrified vehicle. Hybrids combine a traditional petrol engine with a battery and electric motor to reduce fuel consumption. The battery in



Kia offers a hybrid vehicle which combines a traditional petrol engine with a battery and electric motor.

the hybrid is charged through driving so they never need to be plugged in. Brands who produce hybrids include Toyota, Lexus, Kia and Haval.

Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) – "Plug-in"

Like a hybrid, PHEVs feature a petrol engine that works in tandem with an electric motor. Here though, the battery is

bigger, allowing a PHEV to drive anywhere from 40 to 100km on electric power alone. As the name suggests, PHEVs need to be plugged in to recharge the battery. Brands who produce plug-in hybrids include Mitsubishi, Ford, Peugeot and BMW.

Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) – "EV"

The poster children of electric

cars, EVs are fully-electric vehicles featuring a large battery array that powers one or more electric motors. With driving ranges of anywhere between 250 to 600km, EVs require charging, either at home or at public charging stations. Brands who produce EVs include Audi, Nissan, MG and of course, Tesla.



CONVERSATION with Claire

No notification for due regos is costing us

By author Claire Chitty

SOMETIMES you have to take a stand in life for what's right and just.

So, I would like to know why, according to a conversation with the ombudsman that it is not mandatory for VicRoads to notify drivers when their vehicle registration is due? And that in fact, it is the driver's responsibility to remember when to renew.

Until recently, I was not aware you can now register online to receive reminders, but what happens to those who are not computer literate? Older people tell me it was much easier when rego stickers were issued, making the month of renewal clearly visible.

My story started last November when for some unknown reason, Australia Post couldn't deliver the licence renewal letter, which was returned to VicRoads who subsequently blocked further communication. Yet, three weeks later, when I advised our new address, VicRoads sent three licences to this address.

I'm sure you're like me; I rely on companies to notify me of upcoming bills particularly after Christmas which merge into weeks of outgoings that I thought I'd paid. So, after being pulled up by the police on a Sunday, I was in disbelief and shock. The fine for an unregistered vehicle is \$962, plus \$52 for a temporary registration and \$295 for a roadworthy certificate. Not happy.

Upon returning home, I immediately contacted VicRoads via their website and by phone the following day. In addition, two letters were sent through the internal post bag from Leongatha to Kew yet I received no acknowledgment.

Not prepared to let matters rest; the ombudsman was next on the chain of action. Their lack of encouragement and with hands-tied attitude, it did little to appease my search for justice. Eventually, a response from the Department of Transport and Planning also abdicated accountability throwing it back onto

drivers to remember. The department then sent a second email, advising their initial error in dates, and admitting that my vehicle registration due 21st April was not sent to me.

Victoria Police also reissued the fine due to the incorrect date.

As a result, I've turned to our local MP, who responded within 36 hours with "quite the journey", and passed this matter onto two ministerial portfolios Roads and the Attorney General (Fines). I'm awaiting further communication.

Many people may not be aware that from 1 July 2022, the state government upheld tenure, with Australian Retirement Trust, Aware Super, and Macquarie Asset Management governing operations for forty years to generate \$7.9 billion for pandemic debt.

Over the ANZAC weekend, 18 unregistered vehicles were pulled up by the police and I wonder how many of these were also unaware of their status? That's an additional \$17,316, add in temporary

registration permits and it equates to a considerable amount more. In addition, 20 speeding, 2 alcohol and 1 drug related fines were issued. And I'm only talking about one weekend and one region, the Bass Coast. Meanwhile, our local highways are plagued with potholes and sloppy patch up jobs.

My argument is where is the liability for a consortium that fails to uphold communication and integrity whilst telecommunications, insurance, gas, electricity and water corporations notify their customers in advance, and if bills remain unpaid, make contact again.

In today's economic situation, no one needs additional financial stress.

My hope is that I can raise awareness so that others are spared this unprincipled approach by VicRoads and state laws, and that we stand together to be the change we want to see in the world; a world filled with honesty, respect and accountability and responsibility thrown back onto corporations.

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OH WHAT A FEELING

Volunteers Celebrated at Phillip Island Nature Parks

THE CONTRIBUTION of hundreds of Phillip Island Nature Parks volunteers will be celebrated this week with a program of activities and a special 'Breakfast with a View' to mark National Volunteer Week.

Kate Adams, Community Impact Manager at Phillip Island Nature Parks said the Nature Parks is lucky enough to be able to provide a diverse range of volunteering opportunities.

"We have over 150 active volunteers that do a broad range of activities including native plant nursery work, Eastern barred bandicoot surveys, wildlife rehabilitation support, heritage restoration, visitor engagement, community events, seal field work and more," said Ms Adams.

Some of the highlights over the past year include:

- Koala Conservation Reserve – Volunteer Coordinator Louise Casey works closely with Ranger Ashley Reed on the Curlew Custodians program with 21 volunteers sharing duties including daily curlew feeding and monitoring, enrichment and educating visitors. The dedicated team provides ongoing support and plays an important role in efforts to return the bush stone-curlew to its natural habitat on Millowl.

- Churchill Island Heritage Farm – Museum Curator Dr Andrea Cleland, led volunteers Marg Knapton, Jude Adams and Linda Patterson through an intensive workshop as part of the Collections and Community Resilience Project. Volunteers learnt techniques to handle and preserve textiles and lace collected by the Amess family over four generations since 1850. Handling such fragile material involved learning how to check and assess each textile for its condition and best practice for unfolding larger pieces, including one of the earliest pieces, a Limerick lace chemise dating from the 1850's. The volunteers worked diligently to preserve a collection of 94 major pieces in total, a significant collection contributing to Churchill Island's unique history.

- In the 2022-23 financial year, there were 321 registered volunteers including 49 new volunteers and contributing 4,547 hours. There were many service milestones achieved during this period including 22 volunteers with five years of service, three with ten years of service, three with 15 years of service, three with 25 years of service and one volunteer achieving an incredible 45 years of service.

Kerri Ritchie, Volunteer Coordinator at Phillip Island Nature Parks, said diversity of both volunteers and the volunteer activities available at the Nature Parks fits perfectly with this year's National Volunteer Week theme of 'Something for Everyone', which is all about inclusion.

For volunteering opportunities at the Nature Parks, please visit penguins.org.au



Darren Roylance of Disaster Relief Australia, Storm Cell Volunteers Bernadine Brullo and Katrina Foster, and Pete Jones of Disaster Relief Australia at the Mirboo North Community Shed. A01_2124

Volunteers continue Mirboo North cleanup

RECOVERY efforts continue in Mirboo North, with Sentinel-Times recently visiting a group of the town's Storm Cell Volunteers and a volunteer crew from Disaster Relief Australia who were working with them to clear storm-hit properties.

The Storm Cell Volunteers group formed quickly after the February 13 disaster and is now operating at the Mirboo North Community Shed where it has been warmly welcomed, with support from the local Men's Shed.

The group originally used the RSL Hall, which was eventually reclaimed for other activities.

Storm Cell Volunteers have previously worked with independent volunteers with support from local businesses.

The collaboration with organised group Disaster Relief Australia began recently.

That arrangement has operated over a couple of weekends.

Disaster Relief Australia is set to return to Mirboo North in big numbers late this month working seven days a week for at least four weeks under an agreement with Emergency

Recovery Victoria (ERV) that will sponsor the operation.

That period may be extended by two weeks.

The Storm Cell Volunteers have provided a list of jobs for Disaster Relief Australia, with ERV having a separate list to work through.

Storm Cell Volunteer Katrina Foster said while the Disaster Relief Australia team members know how to work hard, they have been a lot of fun to be alongside.

She noted the collaboration has re-energised the Storm Cell Volunteers.

"It revitalised us; we have been running on empty for a little while and knowing these guys were coming in has really lifted our spirits," fellow Storm Cell Volunteer Bernadine 'Deanie' Brullo said.

Darren 'Daz' Roylance, an arborist and part of the Disaster Relief Australia contingent, has been a driving force in terms of organisation and brought his woodchipper along to help with the cleanup.

"We just want to help people regardless of who they are, what they've got,

what they haven't got," Daz said.

Disaster Relief Australia is a not-for-profit organisation that helps communities recover from events such as storms and fires, being based in Sydney but having a nationwide presence, and a large percentage of its volunteers have a military background.

It receives funding through the Federal Government's National Emergency Management Australia, along with a range of philanthropic contributors, enjoying support through Andrew 'Twiggy' Forrest's Minderoo Foundation.

Disaster Relief Australia has also been active in recovery efforts in Rochester and Pomonal.

Over the weekend of May 11 and 12 the combined Storm Cell Volunteer and Disaster Relief Australia teams worked to clear five properties of wind-blown timber.

Not all the fallen or irreparably damaged trees are turned into chips, with some larger pieces milled and some of the timber going into a community wood reclamation project, while use as firewood is another option.

VIEW Clubs call on the community to help make change

INVERLOCH VIEW Club is calling on members of the community to give their time to the children's education charity, The Smith Family, as part of National Volunteer Week (May 20-26).

VIEW (Voice, Interests and Education of Women) is a leading women's organisation with 14,000 members in close to 300 communities across Australia, all dedicated to supporting children in need with their education through The Smith Family. Members do this through community fundraising, spreading awareness, and volunteering.

The theme for this year's Volunteer Week is 'Something for Everyone', providing an opportunity to recognise the diverse motivations and skills of volunteers, which Inverloch Club President Heather said is an accurate reflection of VIEW's work across Australia.

"We help The Smith Family make tremendous change by giving children the best start to life through a quality education. Last year alone, the charity's educational and mentoring programs reached over 162,000 children and young people across the country."

VIEW members volunteer their time for The Smith Family in a variety of ways, all of which have a lasting impact on a child's life.

"We help raise funds for programs like student2student, which pairs younger children with reading buddies, we sponsor students through the Learning for Life program, so they are supported throughout their entire education, and members can volunteer at Learning Clubs, where children are given help with their homework after school."

The Smith Family's CEO, Doug Taylor, said the charity could not have the impact it does without the help of volunteers.

"Each year, thousands of volunteers play a vital role in our learning support and mentoring programs and provide invaluable in-house administration support, with the students and families we support being the ultimate beneficiaries."

"We are very grateful to all VIEW members for continuing to donate their time and energy, especially during the last few years which have been disrupted by the pandemic, and now the cost-of-living crisis."

Members of Inverloch VIEW Club volunteer for The Smith Family by raising funds for the Learning for Life Program and by directly sponsoring a number of students for educational needs. President Heather said, "There are many opportunities for people to help out."

"We are always looking for women to join us in supporting The Smith Family and we would encourage anyone interested to get in touch and come along to our next meeting to learn more about VIEW."

Anyone interested in finding out more about Inverloch VIEW Club contact the club president Heather on 0412 46 33 44 or visit view.org.au.



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SES volunteers say 'Thank you' to their support networks this WOW day



Sunny Egresits – Disabled Bass Coast Board Riders Inc. "I volunteer because I get to share the stoke of surfing with others."



Vicki Love, "I volunteer in the Bass Coast Adult Learning's English As a Second Language classes because they are lovely people and we laugh all the time"

THIS year the San Remo SES volunteers are recognising the crucial role of their employers and their families in supporting each SES member, and the impact that their support has on their ability to serve the community effectively during Wear Orange Wednesday (WOW).

Unit Controller of San Remo SES, Mandy Chancellor highlighted the challenges faced by volunteers and the importance of employers and families recognizing and supporting their efforts.

Mandy values the obstacle there is with some employers, particularly small businesses to allow their employees to take the time out of their paid positions to volunteer in their community. She also recognises the commitment from the family for supporting their loved ones in their volunteer roles – backing their decision in turning out to a job or taking the time for training.

"I value the families that are mindful of the situations that SES volunteers are facing. Simply by asking after a job – How are you? How did you go? Is everything okay. This support allows us to do what we do," said Mandy.

Working for Victoria Police, Mandy recognised that her position is unique. "They are fantastic in supporting my role with SES and I have a strong working relationship," she said.

"This is a week where we as SES volunteers can actually

Wear orange to support the SES this WOW day

AFTER a strong response by SES crews to the devastating storm event at Mirboo North in March, among other events, we're being urged to show our thanks by wearing orange for one day this month.

Wear Orange Wednesday on May 22 is held annually and encourages the public to express their thanks and acknowledge the work of SES volunteers within their community, by dressing in orange in a show of solidarity.



Mandy Chancellor Unit Controller San Remo SES with Senior Sgt Hullick and members of Wonthaggi Uniform Police.

say to our families and to our employers - you're not invisible to us and we appreciate you."

The dedication and commitment of volunteers is what WOW day during Volunteer Week is all about and this year the volunteers are saying thank you – thank you for the flexibility in work, personal lives, and life as an emergency

services volunteer.

Julia Munro, Bri Reid Deputy Controller of Phillip Island SES, Justin Thomson, and Lil Crump met with Bass Coast Shire Mayor Clare Le Serve to thank the shire for their flexibility and ongoing support, whilst Deputy Controller of San Remo SES, Elise Biggs thanked her husband, Frank. This nationwide recognition

underscores the importance of teamwork and collaboration in ensuring the safety and well-being of all members of the community, and as emergency service volunteers the SES members each say, 'thank you'.

To become a member of the San Remo SES unit, visit the station at 14 Davis Point Road, San Remo.



Rhyce Davis, CFA volunteer, "Volunteering makes me feel privileged. I volunteer because if not me... who?"

Over 6000 volunteers grace the Bass Coast Shire

BASS Coast Shire Council, along with many community groups and dedicated individuals are thrilled to be celebrating Volunteer Week from 20 to 26 May this year. With the theme for 2024 being 'something for everyone', Council is delighted to be showcasing a range of brilliant people who make our community thrive.

"As Mayor of Bass Coast Shire Council I would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all the incredible volunteers who make up our community. Communities cannot run without volunteers. This is the spirit that keeps our places and communities vibrant, healthy and connected" said Mayor, Clare Le Serve.

"We want to recognise the diverse passions and talents everyone brings to the act of volunteering" she said.

From young to old, from individuals to those who make up groups – Bass Coast proudly has a community that thrives from the work from volunteers who make this region sparkle and shine that little bit more.

Bass Coast has a large range of community and not for profit organisations and an enormous number of volunteers. The last census proudly shows our region as having a higher than average number of volunteers, with nearly 20% volunteering, that is 6000 people.

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Join www.volunteeringgippsland.com.au.

In the last 12 months, VICSES volunteers have been hard at work responding to emergencies within their communities, with more than 33,000 requests for assistance (RFAs) received across the state.

Their broad skillset has been tested, responding to more than 16,000 RFAs for downed trees, more than 3000 RFAs for reports of flood, 1600 road rescues and almost 500 technical rescues.

"Wear Orange Wednesday is an opportunity for the public to say thank you to all the volunteers who sacrifice their time away from their family, friends and loved ones to help the community rain, hail or shine," VICSES Acting Chief Officer Operations David Baker said.

"I continue to admire the remarkable and relentless efforts of our VICSES volunteers and applaud their significant contributions to Victorians

across the state over what has been a particularly busy period."

To help celebrate WOW Day 2024 and to thank volunteers for all their hard work, the public can share a message of thanks to SES volunteers this WOW Day by posting on Facebook or Twitter and using the hashtag #ThankYouSES.

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

Thank you to all our volunteers!



Bass Coast Shire Council would like to thank all volunteers in our community for their contribution and dedication.

Their service to the community is appreciated by the visitors and residents they assist.

Volunteers are part of Visitor Information Centres, Community Asset Committees, Foreshore and Bushland Reserve Management as well as emergency services and the many community groups and sporting clubs in Bass Coast which enrich our community.



Volunteers help Bass Coast Health care for the community



BCH Ladies Auxiliary member Wendy Martin serves Angela Favretto at the Auxiliary's fete.



Hosting a fundraising day at Woolamai Races was all part of the fun of volunteering for Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary. Treasurer Joan Gaunt, supporter Julie Thomas and President Lyn Wadeson.

THIS National Volunteer Week, Bass Coast Health (BCH) wishes to acknowledge the contribution of our valuable Volunteers.

Their extensive service, across many roles, helps our community to access public healthcare, both in Bass Coast and further afield.

BCH CEO Jan Child said the service of around 200 Volunteers was valued by BCH Board, Executive, staff and our consumers.

"From helping in reception, wayfinding and driving patients to appointments locally and as far as Melbourne, to gardening, visiting patients and aged care residents, it's truly remarkable where you can find a Volunteer," Ms Child said.

"They also help with administration and take part in our Community Advisory Committee, working with us to enhance our level of care. They always have a smile on their face while they're contributing to your public health service.

"We're also fortunate to have Volunteers across five Auxiliaries: Inverloch Art Show Auxiliary, Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary, BCH Ladies Auxiliary, San Remo Opportunity Shop Auxiliary and the Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary. They hold fun-filled events, sort and sell goods, conduct raffles and do other amazing work to raise funds so we can buy medical equipment that benefits our patients.

"These are wonderful people, giving so freely of their time to help others. Individually they make a difference. Together they achieve so much."

Wendy Martin volunteers in many ways – as a member of the BCH Ladies Auxiliary and also visiting patients at

Wonthaggi Hospital.

"I like interacting with the patients and it's nice for them to have someone to talk to about trivial stuff, rather than medical matters," she said.

Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary President Lyn Wadeson said it was an honour to serve the community.

"The Auxiliary members are like-minded people who want to help the community by raising funds for extra equipment that makes the lives of patients and staff easier," she said.

"As President I care for new members and try and make meetings run smoothly but still allow for individual expression and ideas, as well as coffee and cake."

"We all pull together as a team and understand when people have commitments, family, travel and work. Basically, it's fun to volunteer and be part of something to help others."

Joan Ray volunteers at the BCH San Remo Opportunity Shop to raise funds for BCH.

"The community is amazing because they know the money they spend here is going to a great cause," she said.

Volunteer Michelle Wilson helps with administration tasks at Wonthaggi Hospital.

"I like volunteering because I like talking to different people and meeting different people, and I'm giving back to the community as well," she said.

For more information, please contact the Volunteer Support Team on 5671 3372 or email Vicki Riley, Volunteer and Fundraising Manager, vicki.riley@basscoasthealth.org.au

You can also go to: <https://www.basscoasthealth.org.au/about/volunteer>



GIPPSLAND SOUTHERN HEALTH SERVICE

Building a healthier community in South Gippsland together.

Join us in celebrating Volunteer Week!

As we celebrate Volunteer Week, we fondly look back on the countless hours and unwavering dedication our volunteers have given to GSHS. From lending a comforting hand to patients, to supporting our staff in times of need, keeping the gardens looking immaculate or driving patients and residents to appointments or events, your selfless contributions have made a lasting impact on our community. We cherish the memories of all the lives you have touched and the joy you have brought to those in our care. If you're interested in getting involved and making a difference in your community, reach out to us today to learn more about volunteer opportunities. Thank you for being the heart and soul of GSHS.

Contact us and become part of something special!

Our community programs are dedicated to promoting health and wellness, and we depend on the generous support of our volunteers to make them possible. Whether it's giving patients a ride to events, assisting our nurses, or helping with setup, our volunteers play a crucial role. Joining our team as a volunteer is an opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those in your community. Whether you're a retiree seeking purpose or a student seeking real-world experiences, there's a place for you in our program. Your contribution can make a real difference.

Opportunities include assisting in Aged Care Facilities, Planned Activity Groups, Administration, and Patient Transportation at various locations such as Korumburra, Leongatha, Mirboo North, and Tarwin Lower. We welcome a diverse range of enthusiastic people to get involved.



CONTACT US

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This National Volunteer Week, we'd like to thank the Volunteers who help BCH to care for our community.

They help us in so many ways:

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- Ward visiting and more.

To learn more, contact Vicki Riley, 0439 367 129 or email vicki.riley@basscoasthealth.org.au

Wonthaggi Hospital, 5671 3333
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basscoasthealth.org.au/volunteer

Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund celebrates 45 years

GIPPSLAND Emergency Relief Fund is celebrating 45 years of operation and is holding a special event to acknowledge the milestone.

President Andy Tegart said "We actually turned 45 in December last year but due to a high level of activity with fire, flood and storm emergencies we had to put our celebration plans on hold. Now we're able to go ahead with a birthday function to recognise the journey and contribution of GERF members and supporters for the last 45 years and the future of GERF in 2024 and beyond."

GERF was set up in 1978 as a result of a fire in Australian Paper plantations which impacted on local residents in the East Gippsland region. The manager at the time felt obligated to make arrangements to provide emergency financial assistance to those families. And so, the GERF concept was born.

Since 1978 GERF has distributed in excess of \$20 million to more than 6000 Gippsland residents. Over the 45 years this has been managed by a volunteer committee and every dollar that has been raised by the fund has been distributed to families in their time of need following natural disaster.

Mr Tegart said that the function to be held on Friday May 24 at De Grandis Winery in Traralgon will be both a celebration of the achievements of GERF over 45 years and a recognition of the magnificent volunteers who swung into action during flood fire and storm emergencies to provide prompt financial assistance to impacted residents.

"This is the first time we have held such an event, and it is being held in National Volunteers Week. The week is to recognise the diverse passions and talents everyone brings to the act of volunteering. This is very true of GERF volunteers over the years. We are very keen to acknowledge the role that GERF has played in the Gippsland community in emergency response and the people who made it happen," Mr Tegart said.

Mr Tegart also added "We are extremely grateful to Ausnet Services, Latrobe Health Services and Marinus Link who have kindly sponsored our 45th birthday event. These organisations have also been significant donors in the past when we have launched an appeal, and they are to be congratulated for their contributions to the Gippsland community in times of emergency".

Former Emergency Management Commissioner, Andrew Crisp will be guest speaker on the night and invitations have been extended to all current and former GERF committee members along with representatives from local government, emergency response agencies and major donors to the fund. Former members of the GERF Committee who have not received an invitation should contact GERF at info@gerf.org.au

Mandy helps volunteers to make the most of their contribution

HELPING volunteers to make the most of their contributions to the community has been part of Mandy Gilcrist's life for 10 years.

Now Mandy is helping Gippsland Southern Health Service's team of volunteers to not only help the health service but to help themselves.

Mandy has lived in the South Gippsland area for 35 years and has a strong passion for the community and GSHS and has 10 years prior experience as a volunteer coordinator before joining GSHS.

"I have three grandchildren born at GSHS, including one who was critically ill at birth and received excellent care," she said.

"I'm excited to meet the team and to grow the



With a strong passion for the community Mandy Gilcrist is helping Gippsland Southern Health Service's team of volunteers.

volunteer base for the health service. It's a privileged position to work alongside community."

GSHS has a range of volunteering opportunities, including assisting in aged care facilities, planned

activity groups, administration, and patient transportation.

Mandy said the volunteers get as much out of it as those receiving the assistance.

"Volunteers get a great sense of community involvement and create many new friendships," she said. "It helps to grow our services to the community and volunteers feel good about themselves knowing that they are making a meaningful contribution."

GSHS offers training and support to volunteers and encourages a diverse range of enthusiastic people to get involved.

People interested in volunteering for GSHS can contact Mandy Gilcrist on Mandy.Gilcrist@gshs.com.au or call 5667 5555.



Rob Singh and Gilly Taylor volunteer at Opportunity Lochs, where all funds go back into the community.

Opportunity Lochs for volunteers

OPPORTUNITY Lochs was set up by community volunteers about five years ago following on from the legacy left by Roma Jenkins who started an OpShop in the town many years ago.

Raising funds for the community, by the community, was the idea and the group became incorporated under the auspice of the Loch Community Development Association (LCDA).

With fifteen volunteers, Opportunity Lochs has come along in leaps and bounds and is thriving in its space at the Masonic Hall.

Volunteers man the shop from Thursdays to Sundays and keep busy sorting and pricing items, tidying the shop and chatting with customers who come both from the area and from far and wide.

"We'd always like to be open more, if we had more volunteers that would be quite a good thing. We have three men that volunteer with us which is good and there's a variety of ages, but it'd be nice to see younger people volunteering too," said President Joan Hicks.

Since 2020, Opportunity Lochs has raised over \$25,000, all of which has gone back into the community.

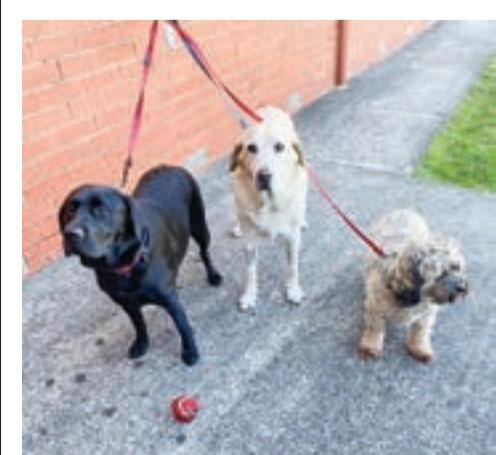
Defibrillators in town have been updated and each year the service and maintenance of the equipment is funded, CPR training has been held for residents, a family whose house burnt down has been helped out, the school and preschool have received donations for various things, bench seating has been installed in town, donations have been made to the Men's Shed and funding for the beautification of the community run post office have been made.

"Loch is a very community orientated town," said Joan.

Even the dogs of the town are catered to, with a dedicated dog parking spot outside the shop.

At the heart of this group is the generosity of the people willing to contribute to their community and see it flourish.

For anyone interested in volunteering with Opportunity Lochs, contact Sally on 0428 590 175.



Even the dogs of Loch are catered to, with a dedicated dog parking spot outside the shop.

Nod to 'Gippsland royalty' in parliament

LOCAL MP Melina Bath has hosted Gippsland Motorcyclists Toy Run volunteers, Alf and Stella Vella, at State Parliament to launch the 25th Gippsland Motorcyclists Toy Run and celebrate National Volunteer Week.

Speaking in State Parliament, Ms Bath - who is the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Volunteers - described Alf and Stella Vella as Gippsland royalty, paying tribute to their tireless and dedicated contribution to disadvantaged children in Gippsland.

"Each year over 2000 children benefit from Alf and Stella's volunteerism, receiving a Christmas gift generously donated by local industries, businesses, sporting clubs and individuals," said Ms Bath.

"Alf and Stella represent everything that is great in Gippsland - they are warm, empathetic, motivated, highly respected, and much-loved members of our community.

"Coordinating the Gippsland Motorcyclists Toy Run keeps this Yallourn North couple busy for nine



The Nationals Melina Bath (left) hosts Gippsland Motorcyclist Toy Run volunteers, Stella and Alf Vella at State Parliament.

months of the year but with cost-of-living pressures impacting many families, the need is growing.

"On behalf of thousands of Gippsland children, I say thank you.

"The theme for National Volunteer Week this year is 'Something for Everyone' and Alf and Stella truly embody this mantra."

Ms Bath said each and every day volunteers generously donate their time and talents, making a positive difference in our communities.

"Whether it's delivering emergency services, caring for our environment, fund-

raising, coaching, or providing social support, our volunteers are the heart and soul of community.

"Our volunteers help keep us connected - and their combined efforts make us all happier and healthier.

"The State of Volunteering report tells us in 2019 our hardworking volunteers contributed an incredible \$58.1 billion worth of benefits across Victoria - that's an impressive record!

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

OPPORTUNITY LOCHS
is an op shop located in Loch Village.
It is a volunteer run not for profit organisation.

All funds raised will go back into local community groups & will help fund a proposed community hub in the village.

Cnr Roy and Victoria Sts Loch
Open Thursday - Sunday
10am - 3pm

Shining spotlight on spinal health

NATIONAL Spinal Health Week (May 20-26), an initiative of the Australian Chiropractors Association (ACA), highlights the more than 6.1 million Australians who suffer from Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSDs) including low back pain, and the organisation's commitment to improving everyone's spinal health.

ACA says that 80 percent of Australians experience back pain at some point in their lives, usually as a result of MSDs, which account for the greatest proportion of persistent pain conditions and cost Australia's economy over \$55.1 billion annually through direct health costs, lost productivity and reduced quality of life.

Low back pain is identified as the leading cause of disability throughout the world for men and women, being labelled a global public health issue by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The WHO provides evidence-based recommendations on holistic non-surgical interventions including chiropractic treatments in a guideline written by leading musculoskeletal health practitioners from around the world.

President of the ACA, Dr David Cahill, welcomes the WHO's first guideline aimed at addressing low back pain and chronic low back pain in adults, including older people.

"With its findings focused on individualised holistic healthcare, the WHO's research aligns with the heart of ACA's chiropractic philosophy that patient education and self-care strategies, tailored exercise programs and physical therapies including chiropractic spinal manipulative therapy, and massage, can provide effective evidence-based holistic drug-free solutions, for back pain sufferers," Dr Cahill said.

"Although the WHO research determined that in some cases non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications may assist sufferers in the short term, the WHO recommends against the commonly prescribed use of opioids and paracetamol to treat low back pain."

Dr Cahill explained that is because these medicines have been found to be largely ineffective and come with a range of significant risks and side effects.

"For people who experience chronic back pain, their ability to participate in family, social and work activities is often limited, leading to negative impacts on both physical and mental health, with significant costs to families, communities and Australia's economy," ACA states.

Physical workers form the highest percentage of Australians at risk of back pain and injury, which if left untreated can lead to chronic pain or disability.

Older Australians are also at high risk.

Inactivity and long periods sitting are risk factors that can lead to musculoskeletal problems.

Dr Cahill stressed that growth in musculoskeletal cases is projected to be 43 percent over the next two decades, with the health burden on Australians and our economy continuing to be significant.

As a leader in musculoskeletal health, ACA has invested over \$2.2 million to advance research in building evidence-based practice for chiropractic healthcare and promotes the importance of maintaining spinal health through its annual flagship campaign, National Spinal Health Week.

Visit spinalhealthweek.org.au for more information.

Doctor inspires the next generation

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is proud to welcome well known and much-loved General Medicine Doctor, Megan Scott, to a new role: that of BCH Clinical Dean.

Dr Scott will provide guidance to BCH's 5D medical students, not only to help them provide a high-level service to the community, but also to ensure they have a positive experience with BCH so they may consider joining the team on an ongoing basis.

Dr Scott will also be a conduit between BCH and Monash University, where the students are studying.

"As a rural medical graduate myself, I'm passionate about ensuring the next generation of Doctors experience the diverse opportunities offered by working in rural medicine," Dr Scott said.

The 5D students rotate throughout the acute, sub-acute and emergency department, and also undertake

specialised training.

Dr Scott took over as Clinical Dean from Associate Professor Bruce Waxman, who resigned last December after serving the BCH community since 2014.

Associate Professor Waxman will remain as a mentor for Dr Scott and medical supervisors in an honorary appointment at BCH.

BCH CEO Jan Child said the healthcare service, and the community, was fortunate to have medical practitioners of such quality providing healthcare locally.

"Megan is an experienced doctor with an affinity for the Bass Coast community and so is well placed to offer our medical students the most informative and beneficial experience," Ms Child said.

"We're also grateful to Bruce for the exemplary service he has given BCH and the community, and look forward to his continued involvement with us."



Clinical Dean Dr Megan Scott discusses patient care with 5D medical student Ethan Goh from Monash University on Bass Coast Health's Kodowlinun Acute Ward.

General practices pilot a palliative care toolkit

SIX Gippsland general practices are working with Gippsland Primary Health Network to pilot a palliative care toolkit to enhance the palliative care services they deliver.

The toolkit was developed by Gippsland, Murray and Western Victoria PHNs as part of the Australian Government's Greater Choices at Home Palliative Care Program to improve palliative care coordination in the regions, and to enhance capacity and responsiveness of services to meet local needs.

Being cared for at home and dying at home is most people's preference. This initiative aims to help make that possible. The six practices expressed interest to participate in the pilot which includes education and training.

Over the coming months, at least one general practitioner, practice nurse and an administrator will undertake a package of training from the Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach (PEPA), considered the industry standard. The participating practices are:

- Advantage Health Point in Bairnsdale
- Bairnsdale Medical Group
- Project Health in Traralgon
- Mercy Medical Clinic
- Inglis Medical Centre in Sale
- Neerim South Medical Clinic

Gippsland PHN Chief Executive Officer, Amanda Proposch, said Gippsland PHN completes a needs assessment before commencing programs of work



Enhanced palliative care services across the region means there is greater capacity for people to be cared for in their own homes rather than in hospital.

or commissioning services.

"We engaged with consumers, health professionals and services including the Gippsland Palliative Care Consortium," Ms Proposch said. "This feedback included the need to upskill the primary care workforce in palliative care.

"Building relationships between general practice and palliative care teams in the region to ensure that our community has access to the best palliative care support is also so important."

The practices are also undertaking up to three targeted

quality improvement activities aimed at improving the palliative care services they can deliver and embedding a palliative care approach in their daily practice. The toolkit includes information and resources to facilitate the implementation of this quality improvement.

Care Coordinator at Inglis Medical Centre, Meg Osborn, said the general practice was participating in the palliative care initiative to improve its systems when assisting a patient commencing palliative care due to their medical status or going through the stages of

palliative care.

"We aim to provide our patients with up-to-date knowledge and satisfactory care, especially when going through these end stages of their life," Ms Osborn said. "We are here to support our patients but also their loved ones."

A governance group is overseeing the pilot project and the project will be evaluated once completed. To find out more about the Greater Choices at Home Palliative Care Project, go to the Gippsland PHN website at gphn.org.au/what-we-do/programs/palliative-care/

Gippsland health services should not amalgamate, says O'Brien

DISCUSSIONS of forced mergers or amalgamations for Gippsland hospitals has been called on to be immediately ruled out by the Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien.

Speaking in Parliament recently, Mr O'Brien highlighted his concerns after reports of a draft Health Services Plan whereby the State Government is considering the amalgamation of rural and regional health services like those across Gippsland.

Mr O'Brien said any suggestion that amalgamating

regional health services would in any way improve access for Gippslanders was absurd.

"I am calling on the Minister for Health to immediately alleviate any concerns for Gippslanders that their crucial health services may be forced to amalgamate," Mr O'Brien said.

"My concern is that these mergers will go ahead as a cost-saving exercise rather than for any real benefit to our community."

Victoria currently has 76 health services, but recent reports suggest that the State

Government is considering reducing this to just 12, with six servicing Melbourne and another six to service the whole of regional Victoria. This may include Gippsland's 11 health services being merged into one.

"You only need to look at Foster's South Gippsland Hospital to see a great rural hospital that successfully provides theatre and maternity services as well as great relationships with the local GP clinic next-door and the nearby aged care facility."

"It is hard to imagine that

any benefit could come from forcing this hospital to merge into one large health service."

Mr O'Brien highlighted that having just one large health service to provide for all of Gippsland would only lead to a loss of local control, and ultimately to a loss of local services.

"I strongly believe that any forced amalgamation would be a disaster for health services, particularly in the smaller, rural parts of Gippsland. The Minister must rule out forced amalgamations as quickly as possible."

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Broad approach at Wonthaggi Chiropractic & Natural Health Centre

WONTHAGGI Chiropractic & Natural Health Centre takes a holistic approach to health, a philosophy that is being continued by Dr Danielle Martin who began working there as a chiropractor this year.

Her presence will enable practice owner and principal chiropractor Dr Neil Smith to reduce his hours and will allow the business to resume operating on Fridays from early July.

"I always wanted to go into the health field," Dr Martin said.

A visit to a chiropractor during Year 12 inspired her to pursue a career in that field, having previously considered becoming a physiotherapist.

She loves the variety, helping people with a wide range of conditions.

Back pain and migraine are a couple of examples.

Chiropractic treatment allows some people to live migraine free, even if they have had migraines for years, she noted.

Dr Martin returned to Wonthaggi where her family has strong roots after studying a double degree at RMIT in Bundoora, completing a Bachelor of Health Science and a Bachelor of Applied Science (Chiropractic).

Wonthaggi Chiropractic & Natural Health has been run by Dr Smith since 1986 and he remains passionate about how a chiropractor



Dr Danielle Martin finds it rewarding treating a wide range of conditions as a chiropractor. ob01_2124

with a holistic approach to healthcare can improve the wellbeing of patients, having studied nutrition in order to complement chiropractic treatment.

National Spinal Health Week, an initiative of the Australian Chiropractors Association (ACA) and running from May 20-26, highlights the more than 6.1 million Australians suffering from musculoskeletal disorders including debilitating back pain.

The ACA states that 80 percent of Australians experience back pain at some point in their lives, with low back pain particularly prominent.

ACA president Dr David Cahill spoke about the best

approach to tackling that issue.

"When it comes to treating most back pain, best practice starts by avoiding prescribed and over-the-counter medications and instead accessing person-centred, low risk, non-surgical, drug free therapies that can treat the underlying cause not just the symptoms while providing self-care preventative measures essential in delivering holistic patient care," he said.

Dr Smith subscribes to that approach and elaborated on how he addresses such issues.

"I try to look at any musculoskeletal problem from a holistic point of view," he said, explaining a range of lifestyle factors are often involved in causing pain.

Such factors include poor eating, stress, being overweight, lack of exercise and excessive sitting.

Insufficient sleep is another consideration, with use of electronic devices often playing a part.

"Disrupted sleep impacts on the brain's perception of pain and ability to manage pain," Dr Smith said.

He explained that spinal and joint issues used to be viewed in isolation but that isn't the right approach for how people now live.

"It's a case of treating spinal and joint problems but at the same time looking at a number of other factors," Dr Smith said.

Approaching pain therapy through exercise

STATISTICS show four out of five Australians will suffer from back pain and the theme for the 2024 Spinal Health Week promotes Chiropractic healthcare is for everyBODY, providing effective, drug-free treatment for back pain for all Australians regardless of your age, profession or lifestyle.

As resident Chiropractor at Safflower Clinic in Newhaven and Island Sports Clinic in Cowes, Dr Matt Gheller utilises a range of chiropractic techniques with a keen focus on rehabilitation.

Matt's special interest area is therapeutic exercise. He specialises in this area because of his fascination of how it affects the body. In his experience, it can turn someone who is in pain and has dysfunction of the body into a pain free and functional

person ready to return to the things they like doing.

Having practised on Phillip Island since 2018 he implements a holistic approach.

In Matt's eyes therapeutic exercise can create a lasting difference when implemented and done with the right guidance. There are some limitations to hands on therapy like manual manipulation and massage, for example, coming into the clinic to feel the effects, while therapeutic exercises can be done at home, work or on your holiday and if done well they can give relief at the time and support for the future.

Matt's areas of specialisation are shoulders and knees and the kinetic chain surrounding these structures alongside spinal health and stimulation of the nervous system.

To feel the effectiveness of therapeutic exercise, it's important to use specificity and control to make sure you do not compensate with other muscles or movements. This means making sure you use the muscles you're supposed to be targeting, without the use of the over-active muscles doing the job of the target muscle.

An allrounder, Matt's range of experience includes treating headaches and migraines, neck and back pain or injury, shoulder and upper arm injuries, Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI) through to soft tissue and sports injuries and rehabilitation for chronic and acute injuries.

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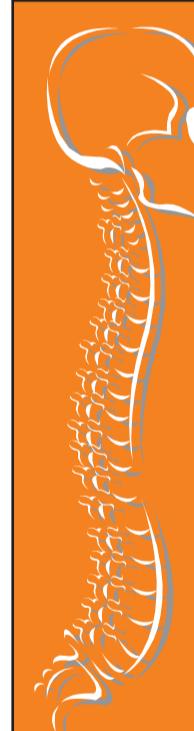
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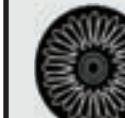
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The truth about Inverloch's path

LAST Wednesday, the Bass Coast Shire Council voted to finally go ahead and extend the Surf Parade footpath at Inverloch from Ozone Street to Goroke Street.

However, they claimed the only way DEECA would agree to a roadway plus carparking was with a one-way strip.

Cr Brett Tessari said the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action "told us umpteen times" that they were never going to allow vegetation to be removed from the foreshore, a fragile foreshore it must be acknowledged, for the works to go ahead.

But the reality is that back in 2015, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) had already ticked it off, and not just on the short section between Ozone and Goroke, but the whole 2.4km length from Cape Paterson Road, all the way to Abbott Street.

Here's what the shire officers' report to council said that year, at the March 18 and March 25 meetings, when the council took the unprecedented step of postponing a decision on an item and calling a special meeting the following week just to receive a late submission.

"The proposed footpath will be approximately 2.4 kilometres in length stretching from Cape Paterson Road in the west to Abbott Street in the east. The footpath will be 2.5 metres wide with a one-metre barrier kerb to the Surf Parade Road Surface. The footpath will be constructed of reinforced concrete. The project also involves the formalising of a number of on street parking spots and some existing gravel car parking areas. Two bridges are to be provided one over Wreck Creek and one over Ayr Creek. The application involves the removal of native vegetation along the route of the proposed footpath. The total extent of vegetation to be removed is 0.753 hectares of which 0.542 ha of this is remnant patches of vegetation."

Did you mark that... "0.753 hectares" to be removed (and offset) over the entire 2.4km length of the path.

The officers even recommended that the council approve the plan, taking into account the conditions set out by DELWP and it was even moved successfully as such by Cr Clare Le Serve and Cr Andrew Phillips. However, the vote was effectively scuttled by a contrary motion moved by Crs Jordan Crugnale and Neil Rankine, calling for a deferral "for a short time" while DELWP was asked to review its own decision and a slab of the funding was used for "an appropriately qualified specialist in primary and secondary dune and coastal vegetation and independent ecologist/botanist and a geomorphologist to assess the impact of the proposed pathway including the access tracks and car parks to the coastal foreshore".

Ultimately, the original project didn't go ahead, and may never be extended through to Cape Paterson Road as a result.

We could have had a 2.4km path with minimal loss of vegetation and plenty of parking, now we've got a one-way road and some parking that may well do the job but that's the truth of what happened.

And attempts by others to try and rewrite history should be exposed for what they are.



Enough is enough

I THINK we should be saying enough is enough to the ways we continue to do the same things and it does not change anything. Marching on the streets with placards in hand and screaming words we know and should know by now does not work. What we know is every person wants this to end but if a deterrent we are using does not work would we not get a better one.

Enough of the marching, enough of the colours to represent. Only days after the marches a woman was killed by her partner stabbing her in the neck and head so clearly this is not working. How about we get the crowds into the Minister for Domestic Violence office and pressure her to put pressure on our governments to change the laws and stop our justice system from letting these perpetrators on our streets? How does anyone learn without facing consequences and taking responsibility unless they are given the opportunity? How about we put a system in place that includes neighbours, friends and communities taking responsibility on the first sign of violence, we say enough is enough?

I am a survivor of domestic violence and in the '70s in Australia there was no support and services but on the first signs that the relationship was heading that way I made up my mind I was leaving and put processes into place to never tolerate violence of any sort physical, emotional, financial and mental and never have. It was me taking responsibility and me making up my mind that I deserved better.

This is very sensitive to me because fifty years ago we should have said enough is enough. I did. Will we be saying that 50 years from now? So, let us stop sugar coating this dreadful crime and making our politicians and the justice system accountable. At the first signs of violence the perpetrator needs to be locked up and stay there until he has proved he is acceptable in society – no excuses. I am over hearing about cases, I want to hear more about no cases – now.

Dilene Hinton, Inverloch

National Volunteers Week

20-26 May will mark National Volunteer Week 2024 with this year's theme being "Something for Everyone".

This is a wonderful theme that highlights the vast array of volunteer opportunities that are available to anyone who has the time and the will to help better their community.

Volunteer week provides an opportunity to both highlight the volunteer roles available around our community, but also to thank those who tirelessly take up these

opportunities and donate their time and expertise for the good of others.

Thank you to every person who fills a volunteer role in Gippsland South. From emergency services volunteers and op-shop attendants through to school helpers - you are all amazing and your efforts are so very greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday 22 May, Victoria State Emergency Service (SES) will also be encouraging us all to take part in Wear Orange Wednesday (WOW Day) in support and recognition of SES volunteers.

WOW Day participants are encouraged to take and post a photo or video to social media of themselves wearing orange using the hashtags #WearOrangeWednesday #WOWDay #WOW and #ThankyouSES. They may also choose to collect donations through hosting a casual day. Donations can be made online at ses.vic.gov.au/donate.

If you have ever thought about volunteering, please know that you are needed. Please visit volunteeringvictoria.org.au or speak to your local schools, sporting clubs or not-for-profit organisations about how you may be able to help.

Thank you again to everyone who takes the time to make Gippsland South the wonderful place that it is to live.

Danny O'Brien MP, The Nationals State Member for Gippsland South

Australian Mental Health Prize

AS CO-CHAIRS of the Australian Mental Health Prize, we're reaching out to Australian communities to encourage nominations for the 2024 Prize.

With almost half of Australians facing mental health challenges in their lifetime, it's clear that no community is untouched by these issues.

Despite this, mental health funding remains disproportionately low, exacerbating service gaps and leaving marginalised individuals without essential support.

The Australian Mental Health Prize serves as a platform to honour individuals who have made significant contributions to mental health advocacy and service provision. Categories include lived experience, professional, and community hero.

Everyone is urged to nominate deserving candidates who have shown outstanding dedication to mental health in their communities. Nominate before July 8 visit australianmentalhealthprize.org.au

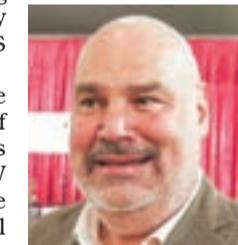
Lucy Brogden AM and Allan Fels AO, Co-Chairs of the Australian Mental Health Prize Advisory Group

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.

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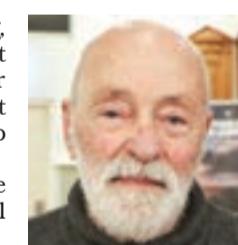
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What is your favourite tea?



Scott Rae

"I'm very partial to lemon and ginger at the moment with a bit of honey from Blue Tree Honey Farm in Dumbalk."



Yianni Banikos

"My favourite is Madura straight ordinary black tea from the Griffith area. I find it much more satisfying than Twinings or any of those ones."



Mohya Davies

"English Breakfast style Nerada Australian tea is always my tea of choice and I drink it black."



Anda Banikos

"I like the 'Organic Tea Box' that is a herbal tea blend for good health."



MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

What's Happening at Milpara Community House?

AS WE move into the colder months, we are keeping people busy with many activities. You are welcome to come along to join social classes such as the Milpara Singers, Mahjong, Crafts with Barb or guitar. We also have some new classes commencing soon including Learn Mandarin, Crochet and Test and Tag training. Visit <http://milparacommunityhouse.org.au/> to see the whole program and

make bookings or call us on 56552524.

Coming up is National Volunteer week - May 20 - 26. We at Milpara are so grateful for our wonderful team of volunteers who are essential to the success of the Community House. If you have time to help, teach, or assist in any way we welcome you to come and speak with us about joining the team.

Let's Share Lunch is coming up on June 3rd. Bring something to share and join

a diverse group of people to eat, meet and enjoy good food and conversation. Book your spot by calling Milpara Community House on 56552524, or book online here - <https://www.socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=22530>

We'd like to thank all those who continue to donate goods for the Emergency Food Bank. All the great variations of pumpkin have been a delight! These and all the other foods are critical to help those in need particularly in the

Winter months.

Whether you participate in activities, access services or dedicate your time to make Milpara as wonderful as we can, you all help make Milpara what it is, and we'd love for you to join us.

Drop in and visit at 15 Little Commercial St, Korumburra.



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WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

PUT ON your dancing shoes and rock the night through at the 'Lionel Loves Vinyl', a fundraiser happening next Saturday May 25, 7pm to 10.30pm. It's at Inverloch at the Warrawee Club, 22 A'Beckett St. and is for the Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group who play a part in bringing refugees to safety and a new life in Australia through practical means which are hands-on and enriching. It's \$40 a ticket and includes a light supper which is catered for by our multicultural community. There will also be a silent auction, bid for something you fancy.

Book through www.trybooking.com/COVWB or contact the WNC, Mitchell House.

Whether one is a refugee settling into a new cultural environment or being part

of a culturally diverse section of our community, it is very important to have those friendship and support connections which buoy our spirits and give us meaning and purpose. Well our Multicultural Women's Group can provide avenues for this. They meet on Thursdays 10am to 12 noon. It is for support for those who are socially and culturally isolated and culturally and linguistically diverse. Providing, among other things an improved awareness of cultural mores and expectations as well as opportunities for the development of practical life skills.

Feel that you have a maverick streak in your nature? Put it to crafty strategy use when playing chess. The Chess group meet every Monday from 1pm.

If you're a newbie to the game, perhaps binge watch 'The Queen's Gambit' beforehand, it might help you get your head around the game.

So, depending how your Chess Group encounter went, you might like to attend Yoga Class with Linda on Tuesdays 10.30 to 11.45am. Linda has extensive training in yoga as well as relaxation and meditation. It may be time well spent as your well-being is improved, to review how your game plan went on Monday. The Adults Living on the Spectrum Social Group (ALOTS) meet on the fourth Saturday of the month, 1.30pm to 2.30pm. It is for Autistic people and their supporters, and they are supported by AMAZE, the peak body in Victoria. Contact Kate Harmon on

0438 730 119 for more information.

Please book in for your activities. We have lots going on at the WNC so consider becoming a member of the WNC and get discounts to many of our activities and receive a monthly newsletter plus The Grapevine program which lists groups, dates, days and times for the term. Both can be delivered online or by post, your choice. Call Mitchell House or visit us on Facebook: Wonthaggi Neighborhood Centre at Mitchell House. Or go to our website:

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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

TWO weeks ago, the English as an Additional Language classes hired a minibus and visited the NGV in Melbourne. Teacher Anny Bevan drove the bus with volunteer tutor Annie Chisholm car pooling the extras. For some, it was their first visit to the city in several years. It is always such a pleasure to visit the National Gallery of Victoria. Just experiencing the front water window, the great hall and the sculpture garden holds joy and wonder.

The group mainly focused on Level one at the Gallery. It has works from China, India, Korea, and South-East Asia. It also has Japanese Art and works from Britain and Europe of the 13th-16th century. As usual, the

students loved the social experience of travelling together and chatted and laughed all the way.

The students later collected their experiences in a blog they have set up to record their activities. For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit www.bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115.

WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

Connecting interested local people through gardening and food growing is the theme of a series of free workshops being held across all eight of Bass Coast's community gardens. The WCG will host its first workshop this Thursday May 23 from

10am, covering topics such as water resilience, drought-proofing and challenges of home food growing in a changing climate.

The Bass Coast Shire's Garden Gems project aims to encourage residents to grow their own fresh produce, "contributing to healthier lifestyles, and a more resilient community." The community garden will host a further two workshops in July and September on Fermenting and Preserving and Natural Pest Management.

Bookings are essential and can be made at thecap.com.au/garden-gems. To learn more about Wonthaggi Community Garden, drop in on Thursdays between 10 and noon or call BCAL on 5672 3115.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

New member Johan has dived right into the creative spirit in the woodturning group. Rather than start off with a single bowl or table legs, his first project has been a high tea set, comprising three tiers of serving trays. Not your typical first piece.

The options in woodworking are only limited by the imagination, and this is a very imaginative piece of work. For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au or visit workshop.



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Torta di Nocciole

Hazelnut cake



By Meg Viney

A COMPLETELY delicious cake, and very Italian. Lots of egg whites in this, so best to save them from when you make a custard or mayonnaise - they do freeze well.

Ingredients

- 300 gm hazelnuts
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup plain flour
- 8 egg whites at room temperature
- 1/2 teasp salt
- 1 teasp vanilla essence

Method

Preheat oven to 180. Butter a 23 cm cake tin, dust with flour and tip out the excess (or you can line it with baking paper - even better)

In a food processor, grind the nuts with 1/2 cup sugar. Remove to a bowl and stir in the flour.

In a large bowl, beat the egg whites with a pinch of salt (helps to dry them out so they whisk better), then continue beating whilst gradually adding the remaining sugar until they form soft peaks. Stir in vanilla. Using a spatula and a folding motion, fold in the flour and nuts. Once nearly incorporated, spoon into the cake tin. Cook for about 55 minutes, until a skewer inserted comes out dry. Cool 10 minutes then remove and cool completely.

Lovely served with marinated oranges - pith removed, sliced and marinated in syrup - save the juice and make a sugar and water syrup - pour over oranges and marinate. And cream.

• FAITH FACTOR

God is a Gentleman

Assistant Pastor Karen Thorp of Grace Chapel in Archies Creek

GOD IS loving, He isn't forceful. He is a gentleman; He doesn't barge His way into the lives of people. The proof is that He stays back and leaves us to our shortcomings.

We think that our ability to choose our direction is our superpower, but in truth, it's often the very thing that takes us away from the all-abiding source of life. Often when we do everything our own way we remain blind to the eternal power of the heavenly God.

Many of us are stubborn, we push aside our creator. We toss any thoughts of a creator so far away and out of the mind that it resides somewhere in another world; they call that world the imaginary place. Others have finally stopped resisting the urge to keep tossing thoughts about God away to investigate Him for themselves and when they did, they found Him.

It only takes one small ingredient to test if there is an all-loving, all-knowing, powerful God, that is a simple measure of willingness. King David spoke to his son Solomon in 1 Chronicles 28:9 he said; "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever."

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The daredevil, thrill seeking Wickersham trio played by Chelsea Connell, Michelle Hall and Charlie Swan. Photo Trevor Foon

The joyous Seussical brought to life

THE VIBRANT world of Dr. Seuss has come to life on stage, captivating audiences with its enchanting charm and infectious energy. In a recent interview, cast and crew members expressed their overwhelming love for the production and its ability to bring smiles to the faces of all who witness it.

Chloe Stoops (Bird Girl) shared, "I have loved just the pure joy of this show and its intent on just making the audience smile, it is a really magical experience! Not to mention the amazingly hardworking cast and crew, dream team!"

Michelle Hall (Wickersham Trio) echoed the sentiment, expressing excitement for audiences to enjoy the heartwarming journey: "It has

been the most joyous journey watching the characters unfold bringing this heartwarming and imaginative world of Seuss to life! Blessed with the best hardworking cast and crew always filled with continuous fun."

Sarah Pedersen (Mayzie La-Bird) shares, "I never thought I could do this but my dream is coming true! To have a lead role with the support of this amazing cast and crew!" exclaimed the newfound star. "Our director, vocal & musical directors are so supportive and with their expertise, they have transformed Wonthaggi Theatre into the magical world of Seuss! You NEED to see this or with be remorseful for missing out!"

For many involved, Seussical represents more than just

a theatrical production—it's an opportunity for the coming together of a community to reach a common goal. One member from the band (Jake Denerly) highlighted the significance of showcasing instrumental skills outside of a school setting: "Having the opportunity outside of a school setting to showcase our instrumental skills is fantastic to have! It's been so great to be part of such a fun show with some great music writing."

With its uplifting message and talented ensemble, Seussical promises to be an unforgettable experience for all ages.

Seussical opens May 24 until June 9. Tickets on sale now at wtg.org.au or phone 03 5672 2470



Seussical Musical Director Fiona Moldrich shows her musical flair and passion in Wonthaggi Theatre Groups latest production, with Director Lousie Adkins.

Fiona's passion for music shines through in Seussical

FIONA Moldrich's journey with Seussical, the whimsical musical extravaganza, has been nothing short of magical. From her beginnings as a primary school teacher in Bass Coast, to her current role as Musical Director of this production, her passion for music and collaboration has shone brightly.

Having immersed herself in the local music scene since her arrival in 2017, Fiona's musical talents have graced numerous school and community productions, including performances with the esteemed Wonthaggi Citizens' Band. However, it is her love for Seussical that truly stands out. As Musical Director, she's relishing the opportunity to breathe new life into the beloved tale.

One of the highlights of Fiona's Seussical journey has been the collaboration with the talented ensemble of musicians comprising the Seussical orchestra. Drawn from the rich pool of local talent, these individuals bring their unique flair to the production, infusing it with energy and vibrancy. Their collective dedication and skill are evident in every note played, enriching the experience for audiences young and old.

Fiona is quick to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of Graeme Patterson, the rehearsal pianist whose expertise and guidance have been instrumental in shaping the production.

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Lyndal's versatility shines in Seussical

FOR ONE production manager turned cast member Lyndal McKenzie, Seussical has been a journey of discovery and delight. In a surprising turn of events, they found themselves not only behind the scenes but also under the spotlight, embodying an ensemble role in the whimsical world of Dr. Seuss.

"I must admit I did not know anything about Seussical before signing on to be production manager and then auditioning for the show. Both firsts for me! What I have found is a heart-warming tale with wonderful characters that appeal to young and old."

Their sentiment is shared by the entire production team, who have embraced the challenge of bringing Seuss's beloved characters to life. Despite initial unfamiliarity with the source material, they have found themselves enchanted by its timeless appeal.

With dedication, creativity, and a shared passion for storytelling, the cast and crew of Seussical are ready to transport audiences to a world where anything is possible. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this unforgettable theatrical experience!

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Newhaven College Principal Tony Corr with 1985 alumni and College Captain Cameron Ashe AIM, who presented to the College assembly with reminiscences from his school days and stories of his career in intelligence and national security.



Newhaven College Principal (1998-2011), Mr Mike Brewin back to the college for Foundation Day, pictured here with Vice Principal and Head of Senior School, Jason Scott and Life Governor Penny Manning.



Sisters Christine from Wonthaggi and Bernadette from Dingley were catching up and practicing yoga together for the weekend. obo3_2124



Maddy found the ocean flow class to be very calming and Georgia taught a yoga flow class for confidence and self-esteem. obo4_2124



Kerryn and Jenny were busy spinning away at the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival on Saturday, May 18. nsSnap1_2124



Leesa was selling various items at the Tea Cosy Festival. nsSnap2_2124



Wing Yi was on tea and scone duty at the Tea Cosy festival. nsSnap3_2124



Lorraine Shaw of Stuff Re-vamped had an incredible collection on display which included recycled pre-loved items. nsSnap4_2124



Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival committee members Lisa Williams and Judy Edwards enjoy the opening event. A19_2124

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Newhaven College Foundation Day Assembly, Bass Coast Yoga Festival and Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival.



Yvonne, Wendy, Michelle, Robyn and Heather from the Mornington Peninsula stayed in Inverloch for the weekend to get fully immersed in the Yoga Festival. ob10_2124

Susan, Liz, Fiona, Maria and Menka all enjoyed the variety of classes, the yoga community coming together and having an early morning ocean dip together. obo6_2124



Sally O'Neill from Phillip Island with friend Jacqui Dreessens who taught a Garba dance of the sacred feminine class over the weekend. obo7_2124



Tara and Doug, sound duo from Paths r One used singing bowls, a didgeridoo, keys and spoken word to create a powerful and moving sound ceremony. obo8_2124



Nadia Stefani OAM and Tracey Rayner relax at the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival on Friday evening. A20_2124



French travellers Cesar Santerre and Romane Pantano arrived in Fish Creek in time for the Tea Cosy Festival. A21_2124



Dhiraj Sharma enjoyed the release your PSOAS class, with Jigyasa Sharma who found the yoga for menopause class to be very beneficial. obo9_2124

Q and A with John Jarratt

ACTOR, director and screenwriter John Jarratt will be holding a live, in person Q and A in Leongatha following the screening of his new film 'What About Sal,' on Wednesday May 22 at 1:30pm at the Stadium 4 Cinema.

In a ground-breaking move for inclusivity and representation in the film industry, Gerard O'Dwyer, a talented actor with Down Syndrome, takes the lead role in the new feature film 'What About Sal.'

This heart-warming and feel-good story follows Sal, a young man in his thirties with Down Syndrome, who embarks on a poignant journey after discovering his mother's terminal illness. As Sal grapples with the news of his mother's lung cancer diagnosis, he sets out to find the rock musician father he never met, unravelling a tale of love, loss, and reconciliation. With time ticking away, Sal's quest becomes a race against time, mirroring the urgent reality faced by many individuals with Down Syndrome and their families.

The film, inspired by real-life encounters and directed by Aussie acting legend John Jarratt, sheds light on a pressing concern within the Down Syndrome community. Historically, individuals with Down Syndrome have faced limited life expectancies, but advancements in healthcare have extended their lifespans to match those of the general population. However, this progress

brings with it a new challenge: the potential for these individuals to outlive their primary caregivers, predominantly their parents.

"I was at the footy and I noticed this young exuberant Down Syndrome man in front of us. Every time we scored, it was like he'd found Mecca," says writer and director John Jarratt.

"Later I said to my mate, 'I wonder what would happen if his mother passed away and he had nobody,' and I immediately knew I had a film – and knew just the actor to be in it."

"What About Sal" adeptly tackles this dilemma, emphasising the urgent need for comprehensive support systems for individuals with Down Syndrome and their families. By showcasing the resilience, determination and humanity of its characters, the film aims to challenge stereotypes and foster greater understanding and acceptance.

Gerard O'Dwyer's portrayal of Sal not only showcases his exceptional talent but serves as a powerful reminder that actors with disabilities deserve equal opportunities in the entertainment industry. With his remarkable performance, O'Dwyer reaffirms that he is not defined by his condition, but by his talent and passion for acting.

"What About Sal" promises to be a touching and thought-provoking cinematic experience that resonates with audiences worldwide.



John Jarratt will be hosting a Q and A following the screening of his new movie What about Sal.



What about Sal is a heart-warming story that follows a young man with Down Syndrome, who embarks on a poignant journey after discovering his mother's terminal illness.

Jungle Jim Smith at the Sandy Point Community Centre



SANDY Point Music will be hosting Jungle Jim Smith a foot stomping blues act that will move the audience out of their seats to groove along.

"You can't stay still with our local Jungle Jim in the House!"

Armed with a 3-string cigar box guitar, trusty 6-string, and stomping' foot drums, Jungle Jim Smith is a one-man-blues show with a rock 'n' roll heart.

Last years' 7-track debut 'Electric Boogieland' was released to a great response, with a follow-up album planned for this year.

Experienced local musician

Meg Doherty will be the support act for Jungle Jim.

If you love folk with a bit of country and western, you'll love Meg's earnest vocals and earthly sounding, authentic and mature songs.

The event will be on Saturday May 25 at the Sandy Point Community Centre, Church Parade, Sandy Point. For tickets go to <https://www.sandypointmusic.com/>

LEFT: Jungle Jim Smith will bring audiences at Sandy Point his one man blues show with support act Meg Doherty.

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It's the last chance to catch these stunning exhibitions across the region including Tamara Bailey's, 'Goodbye Girlie' at the Meeniyian Art Gallery.

It's the last week to catch these exhibitions

Berninnett Art Gallery

MY ISLAND Home is showcasing selected works from Lindy Yeates at the Berninnett Art Gallery.

Lindy finds herself examining disused papers and objects for the marks and signs of ageing, for silent narratives hidden or long forgotten, for histories that may intersect with her own.

She then allows the regenerative promise of nature to play a hopeful counterpoint to these musings and through drawing, painting and printmaking, offers a gentle way of seeing the world.

"Sitting at the low tide mark, surrounded by the teeming diversity of Millowl's unique natural habitat, I contemplate the beauty and vulnerability of My Island Home, pen in hand." Lindy Yeates said.

Closing on Sunday May 26 at Berninnett, 91-97 Thompson Ave, Cowes. Free Entry.

Meeniyian Art Gallery

IN GALLERY One, four PICES artist showcase their work including Chris Lawry's lino prints, Helen Philipp's natural world sculptures, Lana de Jager prints, and Warren Nicols paintings. Chris Lawry's lino cut prints are traditionally printed on an etching press onto archival Italian or Japanese paper using tonal – black, white, and shades of grey. Helen Philipp's work draws on the colours and forms of the natural world using enlarged photographs of plankton, fungus and lichen as a reference for creating sculptural works. Lana de Jager's work investigates loss and grief, mental health and human impacts on the earth through transfer drawings to polymer etching plates for traditional printmaking. Warren Nichols recent works have focused on Western Port and Gippsland, exploring and applying numerous transparent and translucent layers of oil paint over a pure white, sometimes textured base.

Gallery Two features Tamara Bailey's, 'Goodbye Girlie' exhibition where she delves into the enigmatic realm of a scandalous affair set against the backdrop of 1920's country Victoria, through composite photography techniques.

Gallery Three features Kate Caish's 'Water and Wood' exhibition with seascape paintings that aim to capture an abstracted sense of place, weather and her love of the synthesis of clouds and the sea.

Closing on Monday May 27. Meeniyian Art Gallery, 84 Whitelaw Street, Meeniyian.

Stockyard Gallery

NATURES Reflections is the theme that brings painter Pip Cleeland and photographer Jillian Mitchell to feature in Stockyard Gallery. Pip Cleeland's gorgeous colours and textures achieved in her paintings create a sense of freedom and vibrancy. While Jillian Mitchell's stunning images from her Prom series are featured in sepia tones and stylishly framing captures the texture and mood of the Prom.

Closing on Monday May 27. Stockyard Gallery, 12 McDonald St Foster.



Is property investment still a good idea?

WHILE the housing crises continues to loom large, investing in property is still possible and offers substantial financial rewards.

Presspay offers the following advice to help novice investors understand the benefits of building a property portfolio, achieving financial freedom and increasing equity to diversifying investment assets and creating multiple income streams.

Financial freedom is all about creating sustainable wealth over time through strategic real estate investments.

By buying and holding properties, significant capital growth can be gained over the years. This appreciation in value is often greater than many other investments, making it an ideal way to build net worth.

Owning multiple properties also offers several streams of rental income, adding to cash flow stability and increasing financial independence even further.

With smart property management strategies, timing market trends right and using mortgage financing effectively, achieving financial freedom through property investment becomes an attainable reality for regular Australians.

Building a sizeable property portfolio can lead to significant equity growth. Acquiring more properties diversifies investment portfolios and multiplies the pace at which equity is accumulated.

Over time, this increased equity enables further expansion of real estate portfolios. Equity release presents another opportunity for investors, allowing them to unlock and convert existing value from your portfolio into other types of assets such as shares or businesses.

This is yet another compelling reason why Australian consumers should consider bolstering their property holdings – harnessing the power of increased equity can propel broader wealth creation beyond just real estate investment.

Diversification is crucial in building a successful property portfolio. This strategy involves owning multiple investment properties dispersed in various locations and incorporating different property types.

The beauty of this approach lies in its ability to reduce exposure to location-specific risks and property-type-specific disturbances. Consequently, the overall stability of property investments increases as it's not relying on one area or type of asset for returns.

More chances at securing returns occur even if one portion faces a downturn or underperforms. Diversification proves essential for risk mitigation within property portfolios, paving the way for consistent revenues irrespective of market fluctuations!

Building a property portfolio in Australia reaps the benefits of multiple streams of income. The heart of this strategy lies within owning numerous properties, each churning out regular rental income.



Blue chip car dealership in Leongatha

WILSON Property are proud to offer for sale this blue chip car dealership site, located at 6-8 Koonwarra Road (South Gippsland Hwy) Leongatha.

This very modern car dealership site leased to Gippsland Motor Group Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of Motus Holdings Ltd, is an exceptional investment opportunity offering the sophisticated investor an ideal opportunity to buy a low maintenance property with a strong return. Commercial Specialist Ben Wilson stated "Motus Holdings Ltd is a multinational powerhouse known for its expertise in automotive mobility solutions, boasting a leading market presence in South Africa, the United Kingdom, Australia, South East Asia, and Southern and East Africa.

With a global workforce of over 19,800 individuals and a track record spanning

more than 75 years, Motus embodies stability, reliability, and consistent growth."

By securing the Blue Chip Car Dealership freehold, strategically located on the South Gippsland Highway boasting a prominent 93-metre frontage, with a daily traffic count of 11,000 vehicles, ensures unparalleled visibility and accessibility for customers.

Moreover, the modern Subaru and Isuzu Ute showroom, built in 2013, epitomises Motus' dedication to innovation and customer satisfaction. With its open-plan display area, office space, amenities, and state-of-the-art workshop and service area, the dealership offers a premium experience reflective of Motus' high standards.

Ben made mention of the financial benefit, stating "the lease agreement

demonstrates Motus' long term commitment to the region. With a current net rent of \$231,336 per annum, subject to annual increases, the deal not only generates revenue but also fosters economic stability for both parties involved. The current lease term of ten (10) years runs until September 2027, with 2 x 5 year options. Additionally, the potential 50% stamp duty concession available as of May 2024 further underscores the beneficial nature of the opportunity, further incentivising investment."

In an era marked by economic uncertainty, Motus stands as a beacon of stability and reliability in the automotive industry.

This partnership not only strengthens Motus' market position but also reaffirms its dedication to delivering excellence to customers. As Motus continues to drive forward, guided by its unwavering commitment to innovation and customer satisfaction.

The FREEHOLD of this property is FOR SALE via Expression of Interest closing Thursday, June 27 2024 at 3pm (if not sold prior). For more information or to arrange an inspection, please contact Ben Wilson 0412 525 542 or Emma Dunne 0407 865 838.

Commercial Freehold

6-8 Koonwarra Rd, Leongatha

EOI Closing Thurs, June 27 at 3pm

Agent Wilson Property

Ben Wilson 0412 525 542

Emma Dunne 0407 865 838



for sale

6-8 Koonwarra Road (South Gippsland Hwy)
Leongatha VIC 3953

Blue Chip Car Dealership Leased to Multinational Powerhouse

> Ten (10) year lease to September 2027 with 2 further five (5) year options

> Gippsland Motor Group Pty Ltd, a fully owned subsidiary company of Motus Holdings Ltd

> Current net rent \$231,336 p.a. with annual increases

Expression of Interest closing Thursday 27th June 2024 at 3:00pm (if not sold prior)

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OUTSTANDING HOME IN A PRIME LOCATION

A truly exceptional residence in a prime location, boasting a perfect blend of modern luxury and practical design. This two-story home is a testament to quality craftsmanship and thoughtful layout, offering a comfortable and stylish living experience.

Large families/retirees will love this spacious home with 4 generous sized bedrooms, main bedroom on ground floor, 3 living zones, office,

huge under cover outdoor area and plenty of backyard to enjoy. Access to a large garage from the rear lane great for a tradesman, car storage, caravan or boat.

Other features – double glazed window throughout, solar panels, polished floorboards, ensuite with spa bath, Ducted heating, Evaporative cooling, alarm system, water tanks.

16 Hagelthorn Street, Wonthaggi

Open for inspection

Wednesday May 22, 4.30-5.30pm
Saturday May 25, 2.00-2.30pm

Contact

Glenn Bolam for price guide
- 0419 219 828



350 JEETHO WEST ROAD, JEETHO

PICTURE PERFECT 222 ACRES FOR SALE

The owner of this tightly held for over 45 years property known as "Belvalo" meaning "Beautiful Valley" who bought this land from the original selectors is now up for grabs.

With its sprawling undulating 222 acres of lush land, this property is ideal for those seeking a rural lifestyle or neighbours wanting to expand.

It boasts 10 paddocks secured by 2 wire electric fences, in addition it has 7 dams. The stunning array of Blue Gum and Mountain Manna Gum trees are spectacular while at the same time providing shelter to the cattle.

There are many ideal sites on this property to build a country dream home. The land is fertile and has been well maintained, making it ideal for various farming pursuits.

The moment you set foot on this property, you'll be captivated by the stunning lush green surrounding hills which provide a picturesque backdrop to an already picture perfect position.

Located only minutes away from the vibrant village of Loch. 15 minute drive to major town of Korumburra and only 30 minutes to the stunning beaches of Inverloch.



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Walk to shops & huge shed!

FOR THE shed enthusiast, here is a rare gem conveniently located within an easy walking distance to the park, medical clinic, rail trail and a short walk to the shopping precinct of Leongatha.

Set on a spacious 1122m² block, you have a big back yard, excellent off-street access for car parking with space for four plus cars, in addition to the huge 9m x 12m workshop.

The weatherboard home offers:

Kitchen with electric cooking and Rayburn wood stove, separate dining and living room with three bedrooms all with built in robes, an updated bathroom with separate shower, bath, and vanity, in addition to a second toilet in the laundry.

Reverse cycle air conditioner in the living room and the Rayburn wood heater in the kitchen provides not just classic country cooking but warmth in winter.

The shed is 9m x 12m fully concreted with power, electric roller door and additional rear storage space. In the back yard there is a small studio room that with some love would make an ideal hobby craft room or even a fourth bedroom.

This home has plenty of character with ornamental cornice, polished timber floorboards, timber sash windows to name a few, and with some love you have an opportunity to put your touch on a home with the classic big back yard and great shedding.

To arrange a personal inspection, please contact Irene Walker at SEJ Real Estate.

3 | 1 | 4 1122m²

30 Koonwarra Road, **Leongatha**

For Sale \$595,000

Agent SEJ Real Estate

Irene Walker 0429 045 632



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NERRENA



- Magnificent quality home
- Situated on of an 3/4 acre
- Stunning rural farm views
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- Great shedding & garden
- Easy 10 min. drive to Leongatha

\$895,000

WOOREEN



- 'Tarwin View' - 167 acres grazing
- Ideal breeder & fattening cattle
- Fantastic views / house sites STCA
- Good sheds & stock yards
- Secure water & 12 paddocks
- 12km to Leongatha / \$8000 p/ac

\$1,336,000





Tips for building a successful property portfolio

HOW TO shape property dreams with a clear vision, understand the risks and stay firm for the long term with the following tips from PressPay.

Set clear investment goals

Setting clear investment goals paves the way for effective property investing. Acknowledge long-term and short-term financial aspirations, from wealth accumulation to potential retirement plans. Take these into consideration while identifying suitable Australian properties.

Defining precise objectives allows investors to select ideal opportunities aligning with these goals. Envision a financial road map by curating achievable targets and recognising how the Australian property market can contribute positively towards attaining them. Comprehending property trends ensures wise decision-making.

To succeed, establish a practical budget reflecting current financial status coupled with future expectations. The foundation of a profitable portfolio lies in setting specific, realistic targets that facilitate smart choices relating not only to purchasing but also to managing risks associated with investments.

Understand and manage the risks involved

Property investment in Australia carries certain risks that should not be overlooked. These include changes in market value, interest rate hikes and unexpected repair costs, among others.

It's crucial to identify these potential obstacles early on and form ways to deal with them efficiently.

A smart property investor knows how to mitigate these dangers by diversifying their portfolio across different property types or regions. Following a thorough investment strategy can also help manage future uncertainties effectively.



Moreover, staying updated about the ever-evolving Australian property market could prepare better for possible fluctuations in prices or rental demands.

Long-term commitment is key

Investing in real estate isn't a pursuit for the short-sighted, it requires long-term dedication. A well-managed property portfolio unfolds over years, not months. It's essential to understand that capital growth and financial freedom aren't achieved instantly but can be quite impressive once they take hold.

This road may have ups and downs due to fluctuating property market conditions. Patience is one's best ally. Plan early, laying the foundation of investment strategy with a clear vision of property ownership ambitions to secure future rewards aptly.

The key is building one brick at a time while focusing on sustainable rental properties that promise steady revenue

streams and eventually impart increased equity into the portfolio pool.

Continuously learn

Investing in property demands constant learning and growth. Latest market trends often dictate the profitability of investment decisions. Grasping these changes requires continuous education, giving an edge to a property investor.

Australia's real estate ecology has its uniqueness, so specialised knowledge becomes critical for risk minimisation and profit maximisation when building a successful property portfolio here.

Utilise comprehensive guides, training courses and expert advice to expand understanding related to portfolio management.

Leverage digital platforms too! They offer valuable insights into local markets that will augment one's market understanding, aiding in making informed choices about

where to buy next or how much rent to charge on existing properties.

Explore techniques outside comfort zone, since stepping out often leads towards synthesising innovative strategies aligning with changing times!

Finally, never undermine networking with other investors – they are gold mines of practical knowledge based on first-hand experiences that no book or course can deliver effectively.

Focus on properties with strong owner-occupier appeal

Investing in properties that draw the attention of prospective homeowners is a sound strategy for building a profitable property portfolio. Identifying these appeal factors requires an understanding of market conditions and detecting specific trends catering to owner-occupier demand.

A residential market analysis should confirm factors such as location, safety, community amenities, and school district ratings—components widely appealing to potential homeowners.

Notably, about 70% of Australia's property market consists of owner-occupiers. Thus, these types of properties tend to give reliable returns even during fluctuating economic climates because they attract both investors and those looking for their next family residence.

By purchasing wisely with emphasis on owner occupancy allure points out to soaring investor demand while considerably enhancing the value proposition within your real estate portfolio.

Get finances in order

Managing finances appropriately forms the crux of building a successful property investment portfolio in Australia.



Real Estate

AUCTION

475 GRANTVILLE – GLEN ALVIE ROAD, ALMURTA



'RIVERVIEW' - 121.80HA/301 ACRES

'Riverview' presents an excellent opportunity to secure a superb grazing property in the highly sought and picturesque South Gippsland/Bass Coast region of Victoria. Boasting magnificent views extending over Bass River and the valley beyond are afforded from home sites that allow you to maximise the lifestyle potential of 'Riverview.'

- Historic grazing property with an excellent balance of undulating land & sheltered river flats
- Pristine bush & trees over approx. 70-80 acres plays host to an abundance of wildlife and birdlife
- Heavy duty stockyards & lock up shedding for machinery
- Water via dams and a reliable 40-inch annual rainfall
- Ideally suited to cattle fattening/breeding, equine pursuits, viticulture & more
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- Just 5 mins to Grantville, Westernport Bay & 1 hour to Melbourne Southeastern Suburbs

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2775 DROUIN-KOURMBURRA ROAD, POOWONG EAST



'LARINGA' - 54.63HA/135 ACRES

'Laringa' is a stunning grazing/lifestyle combination that has been in the same family ownership for over 70 years. A rare opportunity to secure one of South Gippsland's finest properties.

- Magnificent 135-acre parcel of gently undulating highly quality 'Bluegum' grazing land
- 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom brick homestead set in park-like setting
- Quality working improvements in shedding, stockyards & fencing
- Secure water plus reliable high rainfall
- Poowong 6km, Korumburra 12km, Drouin 33km & Warragul 34km & Melb CBD 1 1/2 hours

Inspection by private appointment only

EOI Closing Thursday, May 30 at 4pm

Web ID: 300P151852

Contact: For further information please contact Don Olden on 0417 805 312 or Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083



Renovated gem on spacious block in Loch Village

SITUATED on a large 1,120m² in the popular village of Loch, this warm and inviting home offers the perfect blend of functionality, style, and comfort, promising an ideal haven for couples, small families or those seeking tranquility amongst convenience.

This tastefully renovated home has had a total upgrade with new wiring, plumbing, carpets, window furnishing and freshly painted throughout. There are three bedrooms all with built in wardrobes and ceiling fans. The stylish central bathroom with floor to ceiling tiles features a walk-in shower, freestanding bath plus a separate toilet.

The central kitchen has electrical appliances, a dishwasher, a spacious walk-in pantry and flows seamlessly into a relaxed dining area with large windows providing beautiful views. The separate lounge is a warm and inviting area, comfort all year round is guaranteed with an electric fire heater and a split system reverse cycle.

Great for families or entertaining friends the outdoor living area has a large undercover private back balcony that overlooks a beautifully maintained garden. There is a large lock up double garage for secure parking of vehicles, also a garden shed for extra storage. Your electric bills will be reduced with a solar system and inverter.

Only a stone's throw to Loch's main street known for its trendy cafes, the Loch Brewery and Distillery, country markets, and the award-winning Gippsland Wine Company. Located 10 minutes to Korumburra, 25 minutes to Leongatha, 30 minutes to Inverloch & Wonthaggi and just 1.5 hours to Melbourne's CBD. Do not miss out on purchasing this fantastic property. For further information or to inspect the property, please contact Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083 or Don Olden on 0417 805 312.



3 | 1 | 4 1,120m²

28 Clarence Street, **Loch**

For Sale \$695,000

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Koonwarra 95 Acres

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- Undulating to rolling country
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- 5 water catchment dams

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\$1,187,500



Boolarra 8.8 Acres

Vacant Block in Boolarra

- Attractive undulating 8.8-acre block
- Build your dream home (STCA)
- Suited for horses, cattle, alpacas or sheep

Web ID: 300P105909

\$475,000



Korumburra 773m²

Brick Home in Ideal Location

- 3-bedroom, 1-bathroom home
- Kitchen & an adjoining dining area
- Double garage & spacious backyard

Web ID: 300P130475

\$520,000



Poowong 5.31 Acres

Top of Mt Lyall

- 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home
- Kitchen with induction cooktop & WIP
- LU shed with concrete floor, toilet & power

Web ID: 300P130608

\$1.39 Million



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Highly productive grazing property

LOCATED just two kms to the Leongatha township and showcasing a stunning backdrop, this rural property with a three bedroom weatherboard home offers a once in a lifetime opportunity to purchase a flat, easy to manage 213.8 acres (approx) in a highly sort after position.

The country style family home is surrounded by beautiful and well-kept fruit trees and offers an array of car parking options with a large double garage plus a four car carport with extra storage. The large open plan kitchen/dining space featuring massive amounts of bench space and cupboards, is perfect for entertaining and leads out onto an undercover outdoor entertaining area. The formal living area has a wood heater to keep you cosy in those cooler months plus there is ducted reverse cycle throughout the home. Each of the bedrooms are a great size and have built in robes with the central family bathroom having been renovated with no step shower.

This property boasts an extensive amount of infrastructure including:

- Three bay hay shed
- Three bay Machinery shed
- Disused dairy
- Workshop/garage
- Stockyards with ramp

The land is made up of 10 main paddocks with a central laneway. The fencing is in good condition and water is in abundance with a mixture of dams and troughs as well as being bordered by the Tarwin River (town water also available).

Conveniently located just three kms from the VLE Koonwarra Saleyards and accessed by the South Gippsland Highway as well as having two other road frontages making access a breeze. Contact Kasey 0439 207 196 or Mick 0417 311 756 to arrange a time to tour this magnificent property.



3 | 1 | 1 213.8 acres

345 South Gippsland Hwy,
Leongatha South
For Sale \$3,420,000
Agent Ray White Leongatha
Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196
Mick Hanily 0417 311 756

Best of both worlds

A BEAUTIFULLY presented three bedroom homestead set on 4.2 acres, on the edge of the popular township of Meenyan.

Surrounded by farmland and opposite the South Gippsland Rail Trail, this property has a unique aspect of feeling like you have no neighbours, while being only a two minute drive to shops and schools.

Inside is as neat as a pin with as new floor coverings, window furnishings and freshly painted only two years ago. The Tasmanian Oak kitchen has electric cooking, dishwasher and a large dining space. The living area overlooks the stunning parkland gardens with magnificent established English trees.

Other features include:

- Master bedroom with large WIR & ensuite
- Two remaining bedrooms, both with built in robes
- Solid fuel heating and new 7.1kW reverse cycle air conditioning
- Huge covered outdoor area
- Large paddock for a horse with a dam
- 9m X 6m lock up shed
- Town & tank water
- Orchid and bird aviaries
- Home office/ bungalow
- 4.5kW solar panels

In a sought after location, this property offers the best of both worlds - space, privacy and close proximity to cafes and shops. A must see for anyone wanting small acreage or a lifestyle change. To arrange your private inspection, contact Mick Hanily 0417 311 756.

3 | 2 | 2 4.2 acres



13 Morgans Road, **Meenyan**
For Sale \$1,250,000
Agent Ray White Leongatha
Mick Hanily 0417 311 756

**For Sale****8 Parkside Close, Leongatha****DOWNSIZERS DREAM**

- Immaculate, contemporary family home
- Open plan living/kitchen/dining
- Large covered alfresco & neat fenced yard
- Easy stroll to shops, hospital & rail trail

Paige Matthews 0418 794 468

\$689,000

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For Sale**47 Brown Street, Leongatha****ENTRY LEVEL HOME**

- Perfect for 1st home buyers or investors
- Spacious living area with A/C
- Updated kitchen & bathroom
- Low maintenance & well maintained

Paige Matthews 0418 794 468

\$450,000

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**For Sale****17 A'Beckett Street, Leongatha****ULTIMATE FAMILY HOME**

- Open plan living & covered alfresco
- Solid fuel heater plus A/C & solar power
- 6m x 2m swim spa & 'man cave'
- Short 500m to shops & close to schools

Dave Trotman 0418 589 805

\$790,000

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**For Sale****44 Rayson Drive, Leongatha****WHY BUILD?**

- Modern family home with neutral tones
- Spacious open plan living/dining/kitchen
- Second formal living & well sized bedrooms
- Established landscaped gardens

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756

\$729,000

4 2 2

**For Sale****3 Worthy Street, Leongatha****LITTLE GEM**

- Short walk to town centre
- Polished floorboards & decorative cornices
- Updated kitchen, bathroom & formal dining
- Good sized, flat rear yard & 2 driveways

Dave Trotman 0418 589 805

\$480,000

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**For Sale****12 Valley View Crescent, Leongatha****PEACEFUL LOCATION**

- Blend of modern updates & classic charm
- Large living area plus formal dining
- Renovated kitchen & 2 alfresco areas
- Fully fenced & close to schools

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756

\$640,000

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**Michael Hanily****For Sale****25 Roughead Street, Leongatha****CHARMING COTTAGE, CLOSE TO EVERYTHING**

- Stones throw to shops & sporting precinct
- Attractive period features & cosy living space
- Stunning, lovingly planted garden
- Rear lane leading to garage & carport

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$470,000

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**For Sale****3/105 McCartin Street, Leongatha****HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER UNIT COMPLEX**

- Immaculate unit complex close to shops
- Light & airy open plan living/dining/kitchen
- Small patio area & private backyard
- Single garage plus off street parking

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756

\$530,000

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**For Sale****9/17 MacDonald Street, Leongatha****'THE GRANGE'**

- Over 55's community
- Formal living with A/C
- Open plan living/dining/kitchen
- Fully fenced yard with private patio

Dave Trotman 0418 589 805

\$539,000

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**Dave Trotman****For Sale****41 Farmers Road, Dumbalk****FAMILY HOME IN THE DUMBALK VILLAGE!**

- Formal living with wood heater & A/C
- Well serviced kitchen plus sun room
- Spacious 827m2 block with fully fenced yard
- Carport, workshop & bungalow

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$460,000

3 1 1

**For Sale****11 Louisa Court, Leongatha****OOZING POTENTIAL**

- Elevated 3-4 bedroom home on 1118m2 block
- 2 living areas, A/C & solid fuel heating
- Dbl garage plus 10 m x 8m brick shed
- Located in the prestigious "Panorama Estate"

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756

\$600,000-\$660,000

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**For Sale****7 Leongatha Road, Leongatha****OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS**

- Spacious 1216m2 block
- Opportunity to subdivide (STCA)
- Large living area & undercover verandah
- Dbl garage, single garage, carport & LU shed

Dave Trotman 0418 589 805

\$515,000

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**Kasey Bowman**

Ray White Leongatha
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Private court location

LOCATED on a spacious allotment (862 square metres) in an exclusive private court, this contemporary coastal inspired home will suit those seeking a property that the whole family can enjoy. The home features four bedrooms over two levels. Our ground floor has a light filled open-floor plan with kitchen, a dining space leading onto an east facing deck and a comfortable lounge space with a slow combustion wood fire. The master bedroom is on the ground floor complete with a walk in robe and private ensuite. A ground floor powder room adds that extra level of comfort and convenience for your guests and family. There is secure entry into the home from the double garage complete with laundry and direct access to the yard.

Upstairs we have three more spacious bedrooms, two with built in robes, ceiling fans and wall panel heaters, a family bathroom with bath and shower plus a second large living area that leads onto the balcony to take in a sweeping view of Westernport Bay. The balcony has an electric awning to provide shade and shelter in all conditions and creates the perfect spot for a cold drink on a warm evening.

The landscaped garden is established with fruit trees, a netted vegetable garden and raised timber deck to sit and enjoy this tranquil setting. Gates next to the home provide extra parking for your boat or caravan.

The village township of Rhyll is renowned. Popular restaurants and cafes, a well stocked licensed general store, the best boat ramp on the Island, a boat chandlery, the historic Rhyll hall and tennis courts add to the charm and appeal of this sought after address.

Inspection will impress. Call our office on 5952 2633 to arrange your private inspection.



4 | 2 | 2 | 862m²

4 Pear Tree Lane, **Rhyll**
For Sale \$949,000
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Cowes office 03 5952 2633

Discover rare exquisite luxury

INDULGE in opulence with this captivating bay view residence nestled at 42 Colonnades Circuit, Coronet Bay. Offering a splendid array of features, this home presents 4 bedrooms, a study, and three distinct living zones, ensuring ample space for the entire family. Set upon an expansive 2,063m² block, it epitomises the perfect fusion of elegance, functionality, and lavishness.

At the core of this abode lies the expansive open-plan living, dining, and kitchen area, adorned with lofty 2.7m ceilings throughout. The kitchen, a culinary haven, showcases a butler's pantry, generous bench space, and a magnificent island bench top with an inset sink, all crowned with luxurious 40mm Caesarstone countertops. Equipped with top-tier appliances including a dishwasher and a 900mm electric oven paired with a gas cooktop, it transforms meal preparation into a delightful experience, enhanced by sweeping bay views and an abundance of natural light.

The main living space exudes an inviting ambiance, complemented by a built-in wall fireplace and seamless design elements.

Crafted with meticulous attention to detail, the home radiates sophisticated luxury while maintaining an airy and spacious atmosphere, further accentuated by reverse cycle heating and cooling for year-round comfort.

Floor-to-ceiling windows in the dining area frame captivating

scenery of Western Port Bay, while the expansive undercover deck, accessible via bifold doors, invites outdoor entertainment.

Extending beyond the confines of the home, the property offers ample space for children and pets to frolic in the sprawling backyard, complemented by a three-bay shed for additional storage of vehicles or recreational equipment. The double garage, thoughtfully designed with heightened ceilings, caters to larger vehicles, including boats and boys toys, ensuring utmost convenience and security.

Designed to accommodate modern lifestyles, this residence features a dedicated study and a well-appointed media/theatre room, catering to professionals and entertainment enthusiasts alike.

Each bedroom is outfitted with built-in robes and air-conditioning, prioritising comfort for every family member. The master suite stands as a serene sanctuary, boasting its own air-conditioning, ceiling fan, and access to the deck, where awe-inspiring bay views await.

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\$580,000

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WONTHAGGI



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- New carpet and paint
- 2 living rooms

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33 Brown Street

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- Beautiful family home on 1243m²
- Corner location with garage and carport

\$735,000

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- Picturesque 5 acres
- 5 bedroom / 5 bathroom
- Endless possibilities

\$1,420,000

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6 Smith Street

- Delightful 2 bedroom home
- Generous 708m² (approx.) block
- 2 min walk to foreshore

\$539,000

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KILCUNDA



6B Hill Street

- Large 1500m² allotment
- Quiet court location
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathrooms

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LEONGATHA



17 Brown Street

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Corner location with rear yard access
- Flat block, in a quiet part of town

\$495,000

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KORUMBURRA



18 William Street

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Outdoor entertaining
- Views

\$575,000 - \$585,000

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CORINELLA



22 Cuthbert Street

- Huge corner block of approx. 1740m²
- Cosy 3 bed, 1 bath weatherboard home
- Subdivision potential STCA

\$595,000

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WONTHAGGI



105 Merrin Crescent

- South side of Wonthaggi
- 1/4 acre block, cute cottage
- Rear lane access

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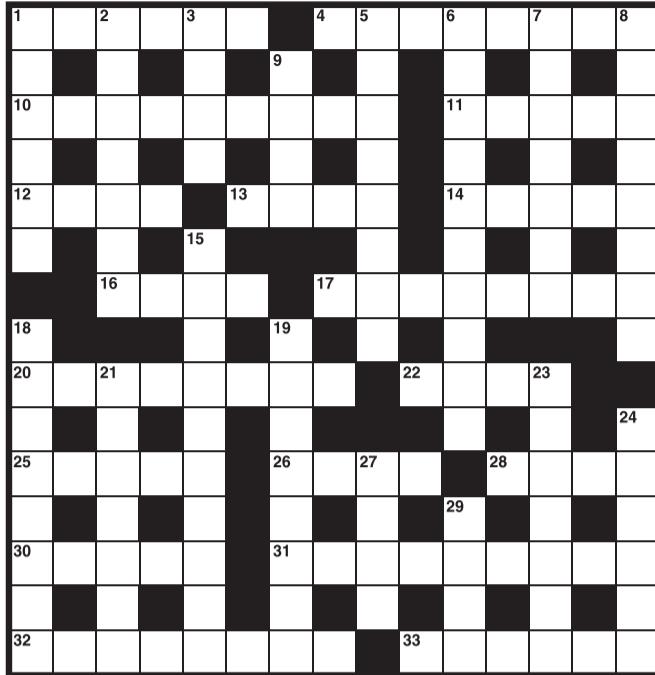
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ACROSS

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4. Happy (8)
10. Disclosing (9)
11. Gem weight (5)
12. Furrow (4)
13. Conceal (4)

14. Arab state (5)
16. Element's smallest part (4)
17. Directories (8)
20. Large dog breed (8)
22. Show sullenness (4)
25. Pacific country (5)
26. Wildcat (4)

9-LETTER

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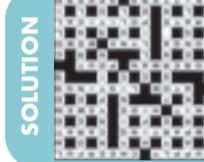
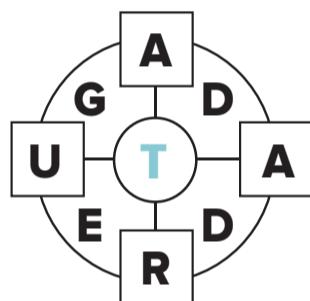
Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".

Today's Aim:

15 words: Good

22 words: Very good

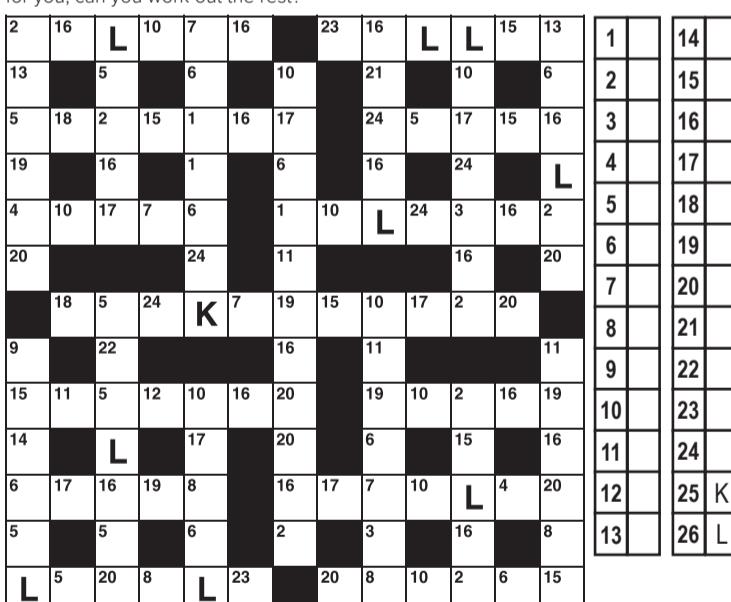
30 words: Excellent



CODEWORD

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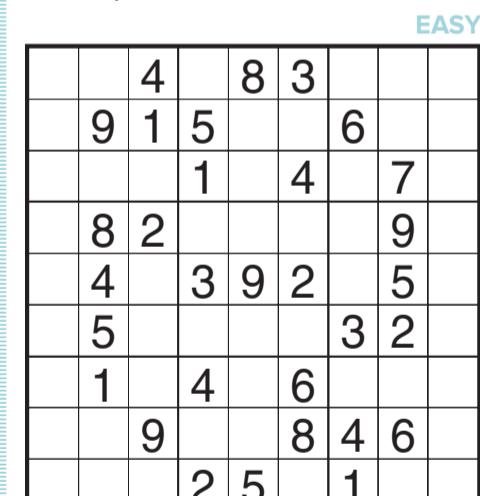
Each number corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. Two have been filled in for you, can you work out the rest?



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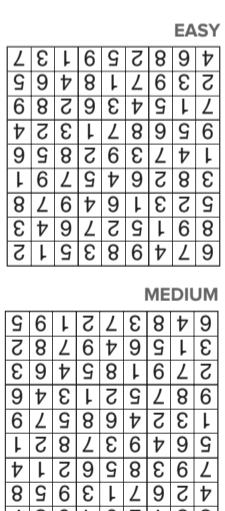
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3x3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



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SOLUTIONS



QUICK QUIZ

1. Russet Burbank, Yukon gold and Maris Piper are all kinds of what?
2. Riley Keough (pictured) plays the title character in which 2023 series based on a book by Taylor Jenkins Reid?
3. And which music icon is she the granddaughter of?
4. The quetzal is the official currency of which country?
5. Wade Wilson is the alter ego of which comic book antihero?
6. True or false: robusta beans typically contain twice as much caffeine as arabica coffee beans?
7. The dog breed King Charles Spaniel is named after King Charles II, who reigned during which century?
8. What is the only country with a name ending in K?
9. In which Australian state is the Gulf St Vincent?
10. Who had a hit with Summer of '69?



ANSWERS: 1. Potatoes 2. Daisy Jones & The Six 3. South Australia 4. Gutelema 5. Deadpool 6. True
7. The 17th 8. Denmark 9. South Australia 10. Bryan Adams

WORD SEARCH

No. 138

Can you find all the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.



ADAM	ETHAN	KAI	NOAH
AIDEN	EZRA	LEONARDO	OWEN
ALI	FINN	LEVI	RYAN
ANGUS	FLYNN	LEWIS	SAMUEL
ARI	GEORGE	LIAM	SEBASTIAN
ARLO	HARRY	LOGAN	SONNY
ARTHUR	HARVEY	LOUIS	THEO
BEAU	HENRY	LUCA	XAVIER
BENJAMIN	HUGO	LUKA	
BILLY	ISAAC	LUKE	
BODHI	JACK	MASON	
CALEB	JACOB	MATTHEW	
CHARLIE	JAMES	MAX	
ELI			

SECRET MESSAGE: The most popular male names



Farmers wiped out by live sheep ban

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) says the federal Labor government's decision to ban live sheep sea exports could have dire consequences for Victorian farmers and demonstrates a complete lack of understanding of the entire agricultural industry. VFF President Emma Germano said the move has sent shockwaves across the industry and has left many local farmers questioning the motive of our decision makers.

"The flow-on impact of this decision simply cannot be underestimated and couldn't come at a worse time. Undoubtedly there will be direct impacts, none-the-less the livelihoods and generational farmers that



have been destroyed. That is devastating and the mental health impacts will sadly be enormous."

"Decisions like this don't actually improve animal welfare outcomes. It's ignoring the fact that Australian farmers are world-leaders in animal welfare practices and are regulated using science-based methods."

"Here we have the government pandering to the demands of

minority activists and that is incredibly concerning," Ms Germano said.

Ms Germano added the live sheep sea export ban decision will add further strain to an already insecure food security situation. "It astounds me that as evidence mounts of an increasingly difficult food security outlook, our leaders are in the business of shutting down a critical industry supplying food

to millions."

"Decisions like this don't just impact those directly involved in the industry. It sends a message that your business can be shut down with the stroke of a pen and that leads to massive uncertainty throughout the entire Australian agriculture industry."

"We urgently need leaders that understand the critical importance that our industry plays. We help feed millions around the globe, inject billions into the economy and employ hundreds of thousands of people in the country. It's time our leaders understood the decisions they make have very real and potentially dire consequences," Ms Germano said.

Applications open for Matthew George Young Stockman Award

APPLICATIONS for the Matthew George Young Stockman Award for 2024 are now open.

The award, facilitated by the Ballarat Foundation, provides an opportunity for young breeders, aged 21 to 30 years, to undertake a study tour of beef cattle breeding programs, developments and practices.

As well, they act as ambassadors for the beef cattle industry in Australia.

Sixteen young industry leaders have been rewarded with the award since 2009, creating a legacy of positive impact in the agricultural industry.

The award is offered nationally with the winner being announced at the Royal Melbourne Show and is in memory of Matthew George.

"The Ballarat Foundation is proud to continue to honour the memory of Matthew by recognising the enthusiasm and commitment of young farmers in Australia," Ballarat Foundation CEO Andrew Eales said.

Matthew lived in the Stock-

yard Hill area in Victoria and at age 19 he purchased a property about seven kilometres from his parents' farm.

Matthew passed away in November 2007, aged 21, as a result of a motor vehicle crash close to home.

From the time Matthew could walk, he was his father's shadow.

He embraced farm life from that point on.

He was a natural at handling stock, whether it be sheep or cattle, but as he grew older, cattle – Black Angus cattle in particular – became his passion.

Matthew loved to prepare his animals for the show ring and the sale ring and provided the same service to other leading cattle studs in Victoria.

Matthew was like a sponge when it came to genetics.

He would study every stud sale catalogue, American and Canadian Angus Journals, and kept them as a ready reference.

When Matthew went to a stud cattle-sale, he would already

have chosen the cattle he would like to purchase.

He wasn't successful in purchasing all the cattle he liked because the ones he had selected usually went for the highest prices.

Matthew's dream was to travel to Canada on a working holiday.

He wanted to stay at some of the stud ranches where they welcomed the help and in exchange gave you firsthand experience on how their operation worked.

Matthew really wanted to see the Angus genetic in Canada, as he believed this was where his own Angus Stud would benefit the most.

His quest was to find the magic genetics that would elevate his Stud Stock to be the breeding stock that other cattle breeders wanted to place in their breeding herds.

Following Matthew's death, the Angus cattle family of Australia rallied together, along with local businesses from the Beaufort and Ballarat areas in

Victoria, to form The Matthew George Young Stockman Award in his memory.

Award recipients have used funds from the award to participate in overseas study tours.

"Matthew George's dream has inspired many people, myself included, to travel outside our comfort zones to embrace the opportunity of a lifetime," 2019 award winner Lilli Stewart said.

"As I'm shaping my future in the Australian beef industry, this experience is invaluable – there have been no better people to learn from than those living and breathing our industry daily."

Award criteria and information on how to enter are available at www.ballaratfoundation.org.au.

"This is a great opportunity to explore and understand how the Australian cattle industry is becoming a world leader in breeding programs," Mr Eales said.

Entries are now open and close on July 5.

Avenue of honour removed

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is preparing to remove 39 trees along Grip Road in Toora that have been identified as posing a potential risk to residents and road users. An independent arborist report shows that the trees – which are located along the Avenue of Honour – have an increased likelihood of breakage and damage due to structural defects including stem decay, poor formation of major unions and a history of limb failure.

As such, removal was recommended. Due to the location of the trees, Council has been working closely with the community and RSL to select the most appropriate species for replanting. Replanting is expected to take place throughout autumn and winter 2025.

Many Avenues of Honour across the Shire are reaching the end of their life-cycle. When a tree on Council land such as a roadside, is diseased, dying or dangerous, Council will look to prune or remove the tree to minimise risk to our community.

Before any removal occurs, all options are explored, including whether the tree can safely remain and provide habitat.

When removal is necessary Council considers how the tree could be replaced and with what species. Many Avenues of Honour include exotic species such as oak, plane tree and pine.

Today we have a greater variety of species better suited to certain landscapes and environments. In order to create a long-lasting avenue, a different species of tree may be selected as a replacement.

Trees, provide many wonderful benefits: the shade from their canopies help to reduce street temperatures and can even reduce cooling costs in summer, they provide habitat and improve biodiversity, they clean our air producing oxygen and sequestering carbon, they can help with reducing wind and flood impacts, and they create inviting and beautiful spaces in our communities adding to our well-being.

Council plants around 500 additional street trees each year, and aims to replace removed trees where appropriate.

MARKET REPORT

Brought to you by...

CLAAS Harvest Centre 

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, May 13, 2024

Jersey & Jersey x \$15 to \$31

Friesian Bulls \$26 to \$67

Friesian Heifers \$20 to \$160

Beef Bulls \$25 to \$120

Beef Heifers \$15 to \$70

Number of Calves: 327

Number purchased to rear: 62

Black Simmental Bulls for sale



Working age, easy calving, quiet

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Brian Vuillermoin

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0429 436 040

0408 176 063

Rob Ould - Livestock Manager

WONTHAGGI

0408 595 183

David Holden

0428 749 390

Alan Bolding

0419 723 255

Dale Atherton

0428 888 300

0418 595 265

PAKENHAM

0409 443 473

David Setches - Livestock Manager

0408 975 476

Glen Barwick

0457 001 877

Morgan Croucher

0420 306 599

Tim Gibson

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DAIRY SALE

Monday, May 27 at 11am
VLE Koonwarra Saleyards

125 SPRINGING HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 125

PTIC to Sexed Holstein Semen:
Leaninghouse Taos & OCD Renegade DMAC
A/c Lancey Family Trust - 95hd
- due 10th June,
Sired by bulls such as Dylan, Viewpoint,
Dreambig, Kingdoc, Samuri
A/c Foote Dairies - 30hd - due 12th June,
Sired by bulls such as Aristocrat, Pairing,
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A tremendous line of Holstein Heifers
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Michael Robertson 0484 041 653
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Cartoons inspire career in genetics

NOT many people can claim 1990's Saturday morning cartoons as the inspiration for a successful career in genetics... but Rick Schmidt can.

Mr Schmidt has been appointed as Genetics Australia's Gippsland sales representative. He comes from a diverse background in sales and industrial sciences, most recently as a Key Account Manager for a chemical engineering company in the paper industry. His experiences also cover retail, hospitality, industrial laboratories, genetic research, and a little graphic design.

And it all stems from those oddball cartoons.

"Genetics has been a passion of mine since the early 90s, watching Saturday morning cartoons where every show was mixing this with that to create a super-whatever," he said.

"That later translated into video games doing much of the same and then into a passion for biology and how things work."

Mr Schmidt started his career in groceries as a trolley pusher and worked his way up to duty manager while at high school and university before getting a taste of a working lab environment in a water chemistry lab.

He left university at 20 when his father passed away and focused on getting a career without a degree. Including managing a Good Guys store



Rick Schmidt is the new Genetics Australia Gippsland sales representative.

in Traralgon for five years, developing his customer service and sales skills.

Mr Schmidt later returned to Federation University to study a Bachelor of Science - Biotechnology while finding work in local laboratories, including a research lab and industrial labs in the dairy industry and later the paper industry.

Mr Schmidt says he's up for the challenge of bridging the gap in his knowledge about

I have a solid foundation to build off and I look forward to the learning experience," he said.

"I get to use my skillsets in a new and interesting way while exploring the Gippsland region and get to help people do what they love in a field I have a lot of passion for."

"I am here to help farmers and retailers with their unique needs from GA. I have a great team behind me with decades of experience who I can rely on for whatever may come up and I'm most looking forward to working with farmers and seeing the next generation of their herds."

Genetics Australia CEO Anthony Shelly said Mr Schmidt would bring a high level of sales and account management skills to the role. "Rick has sold everything from groceries, fridges, beer, chooks and chemicals, so his sales skills are vast with some great achievements," Mr Shelly said.

"He obtained a Bachelor of Science - Biotechnology and spent several years as a quality technician and lab supervisor in the dairy industry and as a visiting researcher in a Genomics Research Laboratory."

"He now has the stimulus to develop a deep understanding of the cattle breeding industry," he said.

Mr Schmidt is based in Churchill and will cover the broader Gippsland region.

CLEARING SALE

Friday, May 31
at 10.30am
A/c A & A Walker

340 Middle Creek Rd, Yinnar

Items include but not limited to:

New Holland T6020 tractor, FE loader, bucket, 142hp 4x4, 6,000hrs; New Holland TS115 tractor, FE loader, 115hp, 4x4, 7,350hrs; New Holland BR740 super feed baler, 5x4, 36,000 bales; McHale Orbital silage bale wrapper, 5x4, 5,000 bales, exc cond; Kuhn GA7301 twin rotor hay rake; Honda Big Red 300 quad bike, 1,680hrs, 12,285km, 50lt spray tank; International 584 2wd tractor, approx. 8,000hrs; Goldacre's 600lt spray unit, 8m boom kit & hose reel; 3PRDP Hugh Lennon 3 furrow reversible disc plough; Crump 1ton PTO trailing spreader; Krone Vendor 680 tedder, 7.5m exc cond; Kuhn HRB302 3m power harrows; Duncan T760 till seeder seed drill; Kuhn GMD800 GII 8 disc mower, exc cond; Berends S tyne ripper / cultivator, 12ft; Massey Ferguson tyne ripper; International TD-5 diesel crawler; Howard 2.5m rotary hoe; Connor Shea seed & fert drill, 14run; Port potato digger, single row; Honda CT110 step through ag bike; Honda CT200 auto ag bike; The Boss leader silage & hay feeder; Maize planter, 3 rows; Mobil Co swing saw & saw bench; Masport vacuum pump, 3 phase motor, 7.5hp; Baby Giant Connor Shea discs; 20ft single axle hay trailer; 3PL Sunbeam 500kg super spreader; 2 Furrow Mouldboard plough; 3PL David Brown ripper; Hyster D7J bulldozer winch; stick rake; 3PL paddock drag / smudger; Masport garden rotary hoe; hay forks & silage grabs; soft hands; silage elevator / firewood elevator; portable grader blade, 6ft; 1000lt water containers x 3; paddock roller & paddock smudger 10ft; 6x4 stock crate; Al pot; cream can; McKay Sunshine gate; DeHavilland FY1260 tinny boat; wire spinner; 2ft 6" grinding stone; New Holland Forage blower; 500 silage bales 4x4 (450 this season, 50 last season); Approx 30 round bales 5x4 shedded old hay; ass fencing equipment; ass machinery & sundry items too numerous to mention.

Outside Vendor: 700cc Honda side by side, GC

TERMS: Cash, Cheque or Eftpos on day of sale. GST applicable.

Number system & Photo ID for registration. Light Luncheon & refreshments (cash only).

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Australian cattle market in balance, but price upside potential ahead

AUSTRALIA'S cattle market is sitting in a state of balance with improved beef production waiting on an increase in demand but an upside in prices is expected towards the end of the year, Rabobank says in its Australian Beef Seasonal Outlook 2024.

The current absence of any strong demand along with a higher herd inventory, with no real liquidation or rebuilding urgency means cattle prices are more exposed to changes in producer sentiment, the agribusiness banking specialist says. And this, in turn, is highly dependent on seasonal conditions.

However, as the year progresses, according to report author, RaboResearch senior animal protein analyst Angus Gidley-Baird, we feel global beef demand, led by the US market, will start to have a stronger influence on the Australian cattle market, providing upside to cattle prices.

Mr Gidley-Baird said there are, though, a couple of known unknowns to watch, which could weigh on the market.

"With a heavily producer-influenced market, any negative seasonal change could see producer sentiment fall and prices drop accordingly," he said.

We saw this happen last year

with the declaration of El Nino every dry month, we saw cattle prices drop as producers lost confidence in the market.

"Furthermore, if demand recovery in Australia's key Asian beef markets fails, our growing production may cause prices to fall."

Cattle numbers

The rebuild of the Australian breeding herd over the past couple of years is now generating increased numbers of slaughter-age cattle, the report said.

"We believe Australian cattle slaughter will rise about 15 per cent in 2024 to be close to

eight million head," Mr Gidley-Baird said.

Increases in processing capacity with increased labour will also support the rise in slaughter numbers. Eight million head is slightly higher than the 10-year average from 2014 to 2023 and we believe is more reflective of a 'normal' slaughter volume for Australia.

Mr Gidley-Baird said with the increased slaughter number, beef production is set to increase by 10 per cent to 2.4 million tonnes cwt (carcass weight) for 2024. This is slightly higher than the 10-year average of 2.2 million tonnes.

WELLINGTON LIVESTOCK 'WHERE LOYALTY COUNTS'



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Wellington Livestock would like to advise our South Gippsland customers that bookings for cull cow and livestock going Tuesday will need to be booked in over the weekend or Monday prior to travel on Tuesday.

From Monday, May 20.

- ✓ more EXPORT ORDERS
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- ✓ more MONEY IN YOUR POCKET
- ✓ more LOYALTY & BETTER SERVICE

ABS Direct: Cattle processed from Friday to Friday

LIVESTOCK RATES

250+ KG/DW	\$4.30
200 TO 249	\$4.10
160 TO 199	\$3.80
120 TO 159	\$2.00

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FOR A BOOKING

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Hemp Bill gives Victorian farmers opportunity to grow

THE VICTORIAN Farmers Federation (VFF) is backing a private members Bill that would remove regulations stopping farmers from growing industrial hemp.

President Emma Germano said the Hemp Industry Bill 2024 introduced into the Victorian Parliament by the Legalise Cannabis Party provided an exciting opportunity for Victorian farmers and industry to unlock the benefits of hemp.

Victorian farmers want to be able invest in industrial hemp, but the regulatory burden is simply too heavy. We commend the Legalise Cannabis party for their leadership on this opportunity for Victoria.

We know hemp holds vast potential for various applications, including sustainable agriculture

and construction materials. Removing government barriers, particularly those that are onerous or confusing, will unlock hemp's full benefits, including the potential for secondary processing and manufacturing.

We need government to get out of the way and give farmers the opportunity to harness the full potential of hemp cultivation and create new opportunities for our regional communities.

The introduction of the Bill follows the 2023 parliamentary inquiry into industrial hemp where the VFF had called for removing unnecessary regulatory barriers.

The laws regarding industrial hemp are not fit for purpose and create an ongoing stigma that links the crop with illicit drugs.

Industrial hemp has been

allowed to grow in Victoria since 1998, but the stigma and onerous regulations that require licences and expensive testing has made it too difficult for farmers and industry to invest.

Industrial Hemp has the potential to provide Victoria with sustainable building materials, which we know are in increasingly short supply.

"Hemp can be used in the production of a wide range of products, including textiles, paper, building materials, abrasive chemicals, oils, food, inks, cosmetics and more. I encourage Premier Jacinta Allan and her government to look at the opportunities that industrial hemp production will bring to Victorian farmers and support this Bill through the Parliament," Ms Germano said.

Have your say on the future of Biodiversity Protection

SOUTH GIPPSLAND Landcare Network has developed a Biodiversity Protection Plan (BPP) for South Gippsland to guide a coordinated response for improving the natural environment in the region. We are seeking community and stakeholder feedback on the final draft. Please join us and share your feedback on the BPP at a Community Information Session on Wednesday June 5 from 10am to 12noon at the Korumburra Community Centre.

In 2021, South Gippsland Landcare Network identified the need for a BPP and brought together a broad cross-section of the community, from individuals and small community groups to large organisations, to discover what can and needs to be done to protect South Gippsland's natural environment. The BPP is an ambitious 10-year plan that identifies improvements needed to protect biodiversity in South Gippsland. At the

community information session, we will describe the process we've used to develop the BPP, its structure and how we intend for it to operate in the future. You will be able to review the actions contained in the BPP and discuss them one-on-one with our staff and volunteers. We'd love to see you there and hear your feedback! If you can't attend the Community Information Session, there will be opportunities to provide your feedback online. A link to the draft BPP and online form will be emailed closer to the start of the feedback period which runs from May 28 to June 12.

We are extremely excited to be presenting the BPP to the public and thank everyone who has participated in our workshops and surveys, contributed data and reviewed drafts of the BPP. It has been a long process, and we are grateful to everyone for their time and support.

VLE LEONGATHA STORE SALE 4000 CATTLE 4000

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024 - Starting at 9am

GROWN STEERS

A/c NW Page, Sale (NUTRIEN)
120 Angus steers, 2 yo
A/c Tarwin Meadows (ELDERS)
65 Hereford steers, rising 2 yo, Marwarra blood
A/c Yanakie Farms (ELDERS)
60 Angus/HH X & Hereford/Shorn X steers, 20 mths, Western District bred, GF & ABF
A/c DA & PM Conn, Hedley (PHC)
60 Angus steers, 16-18 mths Flinders Island or Central Tablelands Bred
A/c Holloway Agri, Ex Flinders Island (ELDERS)
50 Hereford steers, 15-16 mths, VB, GF, ABF, W
A/c M E Telling, Woodside North (PHC)
45 Hereford steers 14-18 mths, Karoonda & Mawarra blood
A/c White Past (ELDERS)
40 Angus steers, rising 2 yo
A/c Radevenjoy (ELDERS)
40 Angus steers, 18 mths, Battersby blood, VB, GF, ABF & NE Accred
A/c APS Properties, Sale (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 18 mths
20 Hereford steers, 18 mths
A/c A&D Friend (ELDERS)
16 Hereford steers, 2 yo
20 Char/AA X steers, 14-15 mths
A/c B & A Ross, Stockdale (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 18 mths, Kunuma blood
A/c McRae Pastoral, Inverloch (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 18 mths, Rennylea & Landfall sires
A/c Behmer Pastoral, Pound Creek (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 16-18 mths
A/c Y McCartney (ELDERS)
30 Shorthorn steers, 20 mths
A/c Wigg Grazing, Maffra (ELDERS)
29 Hereford steers, 18 mths, East Gippsland bred, GF & ABF
A/c R Benson, Yinnar (SEJ)
25 Hereford steers, 18 mths
A/c Est AA Birrs, Stradbrooke (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 2.5 yo, Kunuma blood
A/c Malanda Pastoral, Stradbrooke (ELDERS)
20 AA/HH X steers, 16 mths, Leewood blood, GF & ABF, VB
A/c N & R Lee, Stratford (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 15-16 mths, Innesdale blood
A/c G & S Vagg, Leongatha Sth (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus X steers, 15-18 mths
A/c M & C Masterson. Warragul South (ALEX SCOTT)
14 Angus steers. 18 mths. Yea Dist. Bred.

A/c G Murray, Nar Nar Goon (ALEX SCOTT)

12 Angus steers, 2 yo, By stud absolute Angus bulls, VB
A/c Stephens McMaster, Ruby (SEJ)
12 Angus steers, 18-20 mths
A/c R & H Harrison, Arawata (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus steers, 18 mths, VQ
A/c M Anderson, Longwarry (ALEX SCOTT)
12 Saler steers, 20-22 mths
A/c C Rankin, Inverloch (NUTRIEN)
11 Angus steers, 18-20 mths
A/c R & M Vernon, Boolarra (PHC)
11 Angus steers, 16 mths, Cold Country bred
A/c M O'Brien, Cowwarr (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 18-20 mths
A/c JT & PJ Fleming (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 18 mths, Roskin blood
A/c T Dibianco, Buffalo (SEJ)
9 Angus & Hereford X steers, 14-15 mths
A/c P Allen, Childers (NUTRIEN)
8 Angus steers, 18 mths
A/c R&B, P&C Carmichael, Woolamai (NUTRIEN)
8 Angus & Angus Hereford x steers, 16-18 mths
A/c R & L Whitaker, Korumburra (NUTRIEN)
7 Angus steers, 14-15 mths
A/c Von Pace Pastoral, Giffard (NUTRIEN)
35 Angus & Angus Hereford X mixed sex, 18 mths

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c A & A Missen, Woodside (NUTRIEN)
25 Angus heifers, 18 mths
A/c Pinora Angus, Heyfield (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus heifers, 16-18 mths, By stud Pinora bulls, NE Accred
A/c Malanda Pastoral, Stradbrooke (ELDERS)
20 Angus heifers, 16 mths, Leewood blood, GF & ABF, VB
A/c RA O'Hara, Meerlieu (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus heifers, 16-18 mths, Kunuma blood
A/c A&D Friend (ELDERS)
20 Char/AA X heifers, 14-15 mths
A/c G Murray, Nar Nar Goon (ALEX SCOTT)
11 Angus heifers, 14 mths, By stud absolute Angus bulls, weaned 2 x 5 in 1 and drenched, VB

ANGUS WEANERS

A/c G & C Hosking, Woodside (SEJ)
70 Angus steers
40 Angus heifers
8-9 mths, VB, GF and ABF. Leewood & Battersby blood

A/c CT Ferguson, Seaspray (ELDERS)

100 Angus heifers, 12-15 mths, Pure Pinora blood, VB, GF & ABF
A/c A & K Rakip, Bunyip North (ALEX SCOTT)
80 Angus mixed sex weaners, 7-8 mths, By stud "absolute Angus" bulls, VB, 5 in 1 inj
A/c R & C Donat, Mirboo (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus steers, 8 mths
20 Angus steers, 12-14 mths
A/c KP Trotman (ELDERS)
60 Angus mix sexes, 12-14 mths, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred
A/c RW & P Savory, Orbost (NUTRIEN)
60 Angus mixed sex, 9-10 mths, NE Accred
A/c Teana Farms, Woodside (ALEX SCOTT)
30 Angus Mix Sex weaners, 12-14 mths, Ex Innesdale and Merlewood blood Angus cows By stud "Te Mania" bulls
20 Red Angus mix sex weaners, 12-14 mths, Ex "Raeden" & "Koorooman" blood Red Angus Cows By "Yuroke" stud Red Angus bulls
All calves are weaned, 2 x 5 in 1 vac. and drenched
A/c A.G Landy, Walkerville (SEJ)
50 Angus steers, 9 mths, By Landfall New Ground & Temania Angus Bulls, yard weaned 5 weeks, drenched & vac
A/c R & K Telling, Woodside (PHC)
46 Angus steers, 8-9 mths, Innesdale & Pinora blood, weaned
A/c GA & CA Gell, Seaton (ELDERS)
30 Angus mix sex weaners, VB, weaned, GF & ABF
A/c D & L Taylor, Allambee (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus mixed sex weaners, 10-12 mths, Leewood blood
A/c G Murray, Nar Nar Goon (ALEX SCOTT)
25 Angus weaners, 8-10 mths, By stud absolute Angus bulls, yard weaned, 2 x 5 in 1 inj. and drenched, VB

A/c Sage Family Trust, Whitelaw (NUTRIEN)

25 Angus mixed sex, 12-13 mths
A/c Armstrong & White, Johnsonville (NUTRIEN)
24 Angus steers, 10-12 mths, weaned, Tabletop blood, Dectomax drenched, 2x5in1
A/c Rario Farms, Woodside (ELDERS)
20 Angus Steer weaners, VB, GF & ABF
A/c M Berry, Wonthaggi (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 10-11 mths, by Temania & Bowman stud bulls

A/c D & L White, Fernbank (SEJ)

20 Angus Weaner heifers, Vendor bred, Greenhams NE Accred
A/c M Berry, Wonthaggi (NUTRIEN)
20 x 20 Angus x cows with Angus calves at foot 2-3 mths, not rejoined
A/c RA Jones, Glen Forbes (NUTRIEN)
5x5 Angus cows with Angus calves at foot 1-2 mths

A/c Fuller Downs, Foster (ALEX SCOTT)

18 Angus Steer calves, 10-12 mths by Yancowinna and Banquet stud bulls. Weaned
A/c R & C Turnbull, Allambee (NUTRIEN)
17 Angus steers, 10-12 mths
A/c W Caldwell, Yinnar South (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 9-10 mths
A/c Groves Estate (ELDERS)
14 Angus steers, 10 mths, Banquet blood, weaned
A/c JG Coleman, Llowlalong (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus steers, 10-11 mths, weaned, GF, AF, AI Sire Millah Murrah Quixote 80
A/c Jackson Malley, Mirboo (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus / Hereford x steers, 12-14 mths
A/c D&K Bowman (ELDERS)
10 Angus steers, 8-9 mths
A/c C Rankin, Inverloch (NUTRIEN)
8 Angus steers, 12 mths
A/c Ripplebrook Estate (ELDERS)
8 Angus steers, 10 mths, Leewood blood, VB, GF, ABF & weaned

COLOURED WEANERS

A/c MM & MB Lee, Bundalaguah
20 Hereford steers, 10-12 mths, Karoonda & Mawarra blood
A/c Boxbank, Woodside (ELDERS)
20 MG/Speckle X steers, 7-8 mths
A/c C&N Downie, Ripplebrook (ALEX SCOTT)
12 Poll Hereford heifers, 12 mths, By Waruna & Red Rocket Sires, weaned, 2 X 7in1
A/c M & K Hall, Budgeree (NUTRIEN)
10 Hereford steers, 10-12 mths
A/c P G Ringer, Bass (PHC)
5 Charolais steers
5 Charolais heifers
10-12 mths, Palgrave blood

X/BRED & DAIRY

A/c P Hicken (ELDERS)
12 Xbred steers, 2 yo
A/c R&B, P&C Carmichael, Woolamai (NUTRIEN)
7 Hereford/Fries x & Ang/Fries x steers, 18-20 mths
A/c Nuture The Earth (NUTRIEN)
15 Friesian steers, 14 mths

COWS & CALVES

A/c M Berry, Wonthaggi (NUTRIEN)
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A/c RA Jones, Glen Forbes (NUTRIEN)
5x5 Angus cows with Angus calves at foot 1-2 mths



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O'Brien encourages fairer rates for Gippslanders

THE NATIONALS Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien, along with his colleagues in The Nationals, is continuing to fight for a better deal for locals by ensuring Gippslanders are not paying more than their fair share of rates.

A Parliamentary inquiry into local government funding and services, which The Nationals successfully fought for in the Upper House, has kicked off and aims to address inequities in the funding of local councils.

Mr O'Brien said it is important that the government examine the impact that cost shifting from the state and federal governments is having

on our local councils, especially on long-suffering ratepayers.

"I don't believe property rates are the best or most equitable form of revenue raising for local councils and it is time to start looking at alternative models," Mr O'Brien said.

"Our local governments provide many crucial services to our communities from waste collection and libraries to the repair of local roads, but cost-shifting between levels of government severely impacts their ability to deliver those services.

"It's getting harder and harder for rural councils to keep up with costs and rural ratepayers are paying more

than their city counterparts.

"What we end up with is frustrated ratepayers who are struggling to keep up with rising costs while local governments also struggle to maintain service delivery with cost-of-living increases being felt right across the board."

"This Inquiry provides an important opportunity to examine what is working well and what can be done better. It must provide constructive advice to government on building a more sustainable future for Victoria's local councils.

"I encourage both local councils and residents to make submissions to the inquiry."

The Committee will investi-

gate local government funding and service delivery in Victoria, including:

- cost shifting from state and federal governments to local council;
- ability of local governments to meet core service delivery objectives;
- local government's revenue structure, as well as whether these structures are sustainable and appropriate; and
- whether there are alternative models of funding to consider.

Submissions are due by 28 June 2024 and can be made online at <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/localgovernmentfunding>.



Danny O'Brien speaking in parliament about the inquiry into inequities in the funding of local councils.

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COLEMAN, Les:

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CRIDGE, Robert Leonard Arthur (Bob):

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Loving father to Suzanne, Karen, Janine, Robyn, Gaylene, Darrin, Laureen, Elisha, Belinda, and families.

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CRIDGE, Robert (Bob):

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Father of 8 daughters and son Darren.

Loved brother of Graeme, brother-in-law of Mavis, uncle of John, Cheryl, Linda, and Steven.

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DeVOOGD, Barry Thomas:

01.05.1937 - 17.05.2024.

Loving husband of Shirley for 66 years.

Adored father and father-in-law of Debbie and Paul, Katrina and Leo, Amanda and Coby.

Grandad to 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Rest Now Darling until we meet again.

Your's forever, Shirley.



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THOMAS, Yvonne:

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Aged 86 years.

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Sister of Dave, Sue, and Deb.

We love you so much Mum and will miss you greatly.

Mum and Dad are together again.

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THOMAS, Yvonne:

Passed away peacefully May 16, 2024.

Age 86 years.

Loving sister of Dave, fond sister-in-law of Ros, and auntie to Jodie, Kylie, Shelley, and their families.

Reunited with her beloved Trev.

Go Saints!

THOMAS, Yvonne:

Passed away peacefully May 16, 2024.

Our dearest friend for over 50 years.

We will miss our visits and our phone calls.

But most of all, we will miss you.

Our sincere love to Sharon, Robert and Rebecca and families.

Forever in our hearts, Jean and Kevin Elkin and family.

FUNERALS

ABRAHAMSON:

The Funeral Service to Celebrate the Life of Margaret Ann Abrahamson will be held at the Wonthaggi Town Hall, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi, on Friday May 24, 2024 at 11am.

Following the Service the Funeral will proceed to the Wonthaggi Cemetery where Margaret will be laid to rest.

Family have requested that you wear a "Splash of Colour" to Help celebrate Margaret's Life.

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for election of committee

Sunday, May 26 at 2pm

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ABRAHAMSON, Margaret:
A strong, determined, talented woman; who above anything else loved her family.
Marg cared about her friends, remembered everyone's birthday, always with a visit and a gift.
Marg chose her time to leave us, until we leave, Marg will be with us.
-- Wendy Crellin and family.

CRIDGE, Robert Leonard Arthur (Bob):
It is with deep sadness that we share that Bob Cridge peacefully left this world on Thursday, May 16, 2024.
Bob is the devoted and loving husband of Anne (dec.) for 61 years.
Loving father to Suzanne, Karen, Janine, Robyn, Gaylene, Darrin, Laureen, Elisha, Belinda, and families.
Adored pop to 22 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.
Any man can be a father, but it takes a special superman to be our dad.
Bob is dearly loved and adored by all.
For funeral details please visit our website at www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au

DeVOOGD, Barry Thomas:
01.05.1937 - 17.05.2024.
Loving husband of Shirley for 66 years.
Adored father and father-in-law of Debbie and Paul, Katrina and Leo, Amanda and Coby.
Grandad to 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Rest Now Darling until we meet again.
Your's forever, Shirley.

TAYLOR (nee McGarry), Kathleen Mary:
09.01.1939 - 15.05.2024.
Dearly loved wife of Malcolm (dec.).
Loved and loving mum and mother-in-law of Delia, Soo and Bruce, Annie and Michael, Simon and Carey.
Beloved nanna of Priscilla, Rosie, Gabbi, and Luca. Great Nanna to Archie.
May She Rest In Peace.

THOMAS, Yvonne:
02.05.1938 - 16.05.2024.
Aged 86 years.
Loving wife to Trevor (dec.) for 66 years.
Precious mother to Sharon, Bob, and Rebecca.
Loved nana to Ashley, Jasmine, Maddison, and Lachlan.
Mother-in-law to Doug, Rachel, and Mark.
Great Nan to Romayne, Charlotte (dec.), Elizabeth, and William.
Sister of Dave, Sue, and Deb.
We love you so much Mum and will miss you greatly.
Mum and Dad are together again.
For funeral information, please visit www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au.

DeVOOGD:
The Funeral Service for Mr. Barry Thomas DeVoogd will be held at Handley and Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Monday May 27, 2024, commencing at 11am.
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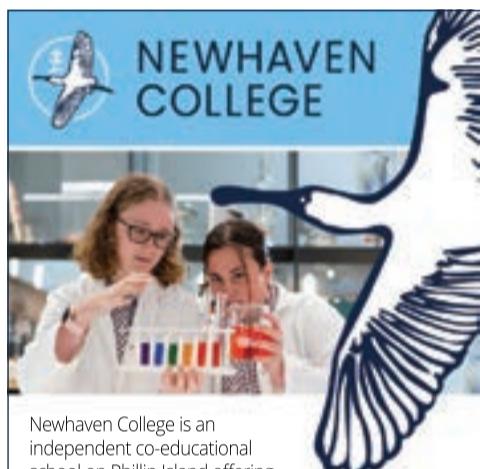
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PUBLIC NOTICES



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Please support the fundraiser for Sam Fraser's children, to help cover the cost of their care and education. To donate, go to gofund.me/b6e777cb, or search gofundme.com for "Caring for Sams Children".

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Air scouring is a proven method of cleaning water mains and involves injecting filtered pressurised air through the pipe.

Air scouring will take place in the following locations: Ventnor, Sunset Strip, San Remo, Kilcunda, Dalyston, Archies Creek, and Coronet Bay.

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- Impacted customers may be without water for a few hours.
- A schedule is available on our website.
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Sentinel-Times

Local Catholic school families miss out on unfair support package

THE Allan Labor Government has excluded the vast majority of Catholic school families from the \$400 School Savings Bonus announced in this week's State Budget in a move described by Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL) as blatantly unfair.

Director Paul Velten said it is deeply disappointing that 82 per cent of students across the Diocese's 45 Catholic schools (16,663) students will miss out on the much-needed support, while 100 per cent of government school families will benefit from the program. The Diocese of Sale covers Catholic Schools across Gippsland and Melbourne's outer south-east suburbs.

"Our Catholic school families are feeling cost-of-living pressures too, yet only those who are healthcare card holders (around 18 per cent) are eligible for the program."

"Like government schools, the vast majority of our Catholic school families are in the low and middle-income brackets. They are taxpayers too yet have been excluded from this program."

"We want to work with government to ensure students across all sectors receive the support they need to get the best education possible, but this policy is blatantly unfair."

"We believe the payment should apply to all students or should be means-tested for all students. It should not be based on which school you attend," Mr Velten said.

Mr Velten said there will be thousands of parents across regional Victoria wondering why the State Government is refusing to help them with their cost-of-living pressures, while handing out money to families in Melbourne's wealthiest suburbs.

"Our sector will be seeking to meet with the government as a matter of urgency, to better understand why they are treating families in Catholic schools like second-class citizens," he said.

Tech School shines a spotlight on STEM for Education Week

PRIMARY schools in the Latrobe Valley benefitted from the support of the Gippsland Tech School (GTS) in celebration of Victoria's Education Week, that was held from May 13 to 17.

With the support of education partners TAFE Gippsland, the team from GTS has been busy developing a hands-on challenge for Latrobe Valley students in grades 5 and 6 to support their learning in design technologies during Education Week.

GTS Facilitator Anthony Paterson said the 'Great Marble Run' activity provided to local schools was designed with this year's Education Week theme - Spotlight on STEM - in mind.

"The activity involves students working to create their own physical marble run with the goal of having the longest travel time for the marble from the top to the bottom of the board," Anthony said.

Anthony worked with colleague and fellow facilitator Molly Irvine to create the marble run activity, saying the pair had a great time doing so and that it is rewarding supporting the learning of local primary school students.

The marble run kits, designed and built by Anthony and Molly at the GTS campus in Morwell, include all the necessary resources and instructions for teachers to use with their classes.

"Education Week is a fantastic chance for teachers to challenge students with a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and maths) activity," Molly said.

"There's a range of other resources out there for teachers to use but we thought it would be good to create something locally for schools in our own region to be able to use."



Laraine Ashe, Clifford Ashe, David Jobe, Keith Jobe, Rhonda Jobe were welcomed to the College's Foundation Day assembly.

Newhaven College Celebrates Foundation Day



Junior School Captains Edward Lee and Chloe Shapardon presented Cameron Ashe AIM with a gift after his address to the assembly with reminiscences from his school days and stories of his career in intelligence and national security.



Deputy Principal and Head of Senior School, Jason Scott delivered his final speech to a whole-school assembly before retiring at the end of this term, after 30 years in education and 14 years of those years as Vice Principal at the College.

LAST week Newhaven College came together at an all-school Foundation Day Assembly, marking Newhaven College's 44th birthday. From the youngest Prep to the most senior of our Life Governors, the whole school came together to celebrate the College's past, present and future.

The College was honoured to welcome back founding Principal Mr Mike Brewin (1998-2011) and 1985 alumni and the College's first Student Captain, Cameron Ashe AIM. Also in the audience were members of the College Life Governors, College Board members, early teachers at the school, the College leadership team, staff, students, and families.

The celebrations commenced with an address by Mr Cameron Ashe, 1985 alumni and College Captain. Since leaving school, Cameron has led an interesting life working in national intelligence. Cameron is currently the Deputy Director General of the Australian Signals Directorate - Australia's intelligence agency responsible for signals and cyber intelligence.

Cameron reminisced about being one of the first students to attend Newhaven College in its infancy. "In 1980 I was in Year 8 and one of 150 founding students at Newhaven College. But, 'Newhaven College' was just a fancy sounding name for four portable classrooms, and as many teachers, in a swamp-like environment, where it was no coincidence the classrooms were named after ferries," he quipped. Cameron joked about being at the "first Foundation Day, the first student to eat a sausage roll at the canteen, the first student to get hit in the head by a cricket ball in the playground... and the first student to receive the Papworth Prize for Excellence." Cameron went on to graduate with honours at La Trobe University and win a graduate position at the Defence Signals Directorate. Cameron was also awarded the Australian Intelligence Medal (AIM), a civil decoration awarded to national intelligence community members for distinguished service. "I'm now the Deputy Director General of the largest and most consequential intelligence Agency in Australia and last month the Governor General pinned a medal on my chest for

having done things I can never tell anyone about," he said.

During his final address to the College as Vice Principal, Jason Scott was thoughtful "I am finishing my teaching career at the end of this term, and I have found myself reflecting on my time at Newhaven and trying to identify the special and unique character and personality of the College. The Vibe." Jason has drawn on words for the College's school song to summarise his thoughts on the 'vibe' of the school, "my Newhaven College vibe, is: All through life, heart and mind hold the key."

Student leaders were given the opportunity to present to the assembly, with College Captains Max Arceo and Alice Mabilia speaking about the fundraisers the Year 12 Leadership and House groups have been running to raise funds for the Cancer Council, praising the results so far. Middle School Captains Amara Pittorino and Finn Campbell Walker presented to those present about Middle School initiatives. Junior School Captains Edward Lee and Chloe Shapardon presented a thank you gift to guest speaker Cameron Ashe.

The Preps had their moment in the spotlight, when the Middle and Senior House Leaders awarded them with their house badges, providing the first exciting opportunity for the preps to get up onto the assembly stage.

Proceedings were punctuated by musical performances by Senior School band, Marchioness - Nissa Campbell Walker (vocals) and Archie Robson (guitar) performed supported by Eve Oakley (vocals), Finn Campbell Walker (keyboards), Isaac Savona (drums) and teacher Rob Turton (guitar). They performed 'This is Why' by Paramore with finesse. The leads of Little Shop of Horrors, Jemima Aitken, and Dean Lyle performed 'Suddenly Seymour' with backing from the entire cast of the production. Also, the Junior School Choir, the Combined Choir and the College orchestra performed enthusiastically.

Newhaven College's annual Foundation Day assembly celebrated everything the school should be proud of, a rich history, leadership, involvement, encouragement, and music!



Over 45 Men 1st place 15.47 and Over 50 Men 1st place 16.16 to Arthur McKenzie (Cowes). Photo Credit: Noah Clifford / Surfing Victoria



Single Fin Over 50 Women second place to Michelle Fincher (Ventnor, over 50 Women), 9.50. Photo Credit: Noah Clifford / Surfing Victoria

State Champions decided in excellent conditions at Jan Juc

IT was a typical Victorian day down at Jan Juc Beach for the 2024 Victorian Masters titles with a mix of weather throughout the event. However, competitors were greeted by 3-4-foot sets rolling through with a light offshore wind. The Over 60 Men put on a show from quarters to finals, as did the Over 35 women who produced excellent surfing.

As the finals began, all eyes were on the water as the Men's Over 60s division took to the waves. To start the heat, a perfect set rolled through the lineup with Martin Rennhakkamp (Lara) finding the best of the set, teeing off on multiple forehand hacks to receive a 7.33 point ride and take an early lead. Grayme Galbraith (Jan Juc) went on the hunt for some inside runners, picking up a 5.50 point ride for a tidy two turn combo. This put Galbraith into the lead with a low scoring back up ride.

As the heat progressed, it was anyone's to win, with all scores being very close. It was only a matter of time before someone capitalised on a set wave. Heading into the five-minute mark, Rennhakkamp regained his lead with a quick turn out the back, but he left the door open for his competitors to overtake him. Then with a minute to go, it was all looking to go Rennhakkamp's way as he secured a solid left-hand ride out the back to consolidate the win with 10.50 points.

Placing in second was Grayme Galbraith with Kim Shannon (Melbourne) and

Rowan Sapwell (Torquay) coming in third and fourth.

In the Men's Over 55 division, Stuart Engel (Portland) went on a dream run as his smooth, flowing style picked up multiple excellent rides throughout the day. However, it was in the final that Engel really shone, locking into a swooping carve on his first wave and finishing off strongly to score an 8.00 point ride. His momentum continued into the back half of the heat as he improved his situation by laying into a couple bigger forehand carves to take out the final with a combined total of 16.53 points.

On the other side of the draw in the Over 35 women's, the final was set up to be a highly contested one. The one to beat looked to be Tiffany Riggs (Torquay) as she put on a solid display of surfing in the earlier rounds, scoring a 9.33 point ride. As the competitors paddled out amid an onshore squall they faced tricky conditions with impressive skill and resilience.

To start the final, Jade Ogilvie (Point Lonsdale) and Angie Reiter (Torquay) split the peak, with Ogilvie starting strong by tagging a few backhand hits to score a 6.00 point ride. She quickly backed this up with an even better 6.93, showcasing a variety of carves and snaps. Midway through the final, Hannah Trigger (Merricks North) threw her hat in the ring with a big carve to lip line floater combo, earning an 8.17 point ride and putting her in close contention for the win.

Riggs, the earlier round's

favorite, made a late run finding a steep left and executing two backhand snaps to score a 6.83. However, Trigger was able to solidify her lead with a backup wave on her paddle back to the peak, completing multiple forehand slashes to the beach. With a combined heat total of 14.04, Hannah left the rest of the competitors needing scores of 7.00 points and above to challenge her lead. As the clock ran down, none of the other surfers could find the opportunity to overtake her, securing Hannah's victory in the challenging conditions.

Placing in second was Riggs on 13.10 points with Jade Ogilvie and Angie Reiter coming in third and fourth.

Finals Results:

Over 60 Men

1st - Martin Rennhakkamp (Lara), 10.54, 2nd - Grayme Galbraith (Jan Juc), 8.50, 3rd - Kim Shannon (Melbourne), 7.70, 4th - Rowan Sapwell (Torquay), 6.27

Over 55 Men

1st - Stuart Engel (Portland), 16.53, 2nd - Craig Lloyd (Armstrong Creek), 12.57, 3rd - Raymond McIntosh (Jan Juc), 10.13, 4th - Jason Agosta (St. Andrews Beach), 9.97

Over 50 Men

1st - Arthur McKenzie (Cowes), 16.16, 2nd - Raymond McIntosh (Jan Juc), 14.33, 3rd - Mark Walker (Seaford), 9.06, 4th - Clayton Allen-Ankins (Marshall), 4.04

Rowan Sapwell (Torquay) coming in third and fourth.

Over 45 Men

1st - Arthur McKenzie (Cowes), 15.47, 2nd - Mark Miccoli (Patterson Lakes), 14.77, 3rd - Craig Lloyd (Armstrong Creek), 9.07, 4th - Jason O'Loughlin (Jan Juc), 8.90

Over 40 Men

1st - Joel Reid (Blairgowrie), 15.77, 2nd - Tim Birnie (Jan Juc), 15.20, 3rd - Hayden Bleazby (Torquay), 13.07, 4th - Luke Beerling (Rye), 9.40

Over 35 Women

1st - Hannah Trigger (Merricks North), 14.04, 2nd - Tiffany Riggs (Torquay), 13.10, 3rd - Jade Ogilvie (Point Lonsdale), 12.93, 4th - Angie Reiter (Torquay), 6.20

Over 35 Men

1st - Tim Birnie (Jan Juc), 15.00, 2nd - Joel Reid (Blairgowrie), 12.64, 3rd - Luke Beerling (Rye), 7.67, 4th - Hayden Bleazby (Torquay), 6.33

Single Fin / Over 50 Women

1st - Mark Miccoli (Patterson Lakes, Single Fin), 15.50, 2nd - Michelle Fincher (Ventnor, Over 50 Women), 9.50, 3rd - Jamie Reichelt (Balnarring, Single Fin), 6.93, 4th - Grant Price (Fairhaven, Single Fin), 3.77

The Victorian Masters Titles is supported by Park Lane Holiday Parks, Danny Green's Coward Punch Campaign, VicRoads Community Safety Grants, Cancer Council Sunscreen, earLAB and Surfing Victoria.

Rip Curl provides boost for top junior surfers

THE Rip Curl GromSearch Phillip Island presented by Bass Coast Shire Council is set to bring the best under 18 surfers from across the country to the Bass Coast Shire this October school holidays.

As a 10,000 point marquee event on the Surfing Australia National Rankings, the event is only one of five of this calibre in the country and will provide surfers with valuable ranking points in their quest for a spot in the Irukandjis team heading to the ISA World Junior Surfing Titles.

The inaugural event in 2023, the Phillip Island Junior Pro, was a huge success bringing together more than 170 of Australia's top junior surfers. In 2024, the event will see the exciting addition of major event partner Rip Curl, taking the event to the next level and offering a premium experience for competitors.

"We are thrilled to partner and host the Rip Curl GromSearch Phillip Island in October this year" said Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Clare Le Serve.

"We are blessed to have pristine landscapes here on the Bass Coast with some of the best surf breaks in Australia, and that's recognised through Victoria's only National Surfing Reserve at Cape Woolamai. We can't wait to host the best junior surfers from across the country at our eco-friendly and welcoming region."

Featuring Boys and Girls divisions for Under 18, Under 16 and Under 14, the event will run over the Victorian school holidays from October 1 – 5, 2024.

"Rip Curl is stoked to team up with Surfing Victoria to bring the best talent in the country to Phillip Island," said Mark Flanagan, Rip Curl Australia Sports Marketing manager.

"The Rip Curl GromSearch series is all about supporting the next generation of surfing talent and it's going to be epic to see what they can do in one of the best wave zones in the country."

Victorian Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos said it's fantastic to see the Phillip Island Junior Pro receiving this strong additional support.

"The inaugural Phillip Island Junior Pro was an exciting and significant event for regional Victoria in 2023 and it will be even bigger this year."

"We can't wait to welcome the Pro back to Bass Coast this October thanks to the Significant Sporting Events Program."

"We are proud to host a marquee junior rated event in Victoria, and an event that will shape our future surfing champions," said Surfing Victoria CEO Adam Robertson.

"Having the support of Rip Curl, the Bass Coast Shire and Victorian Government is an incredible show of commitment to help the future generation of our sport."

"This event will be an integral part of our junior surfing pathway and give our young aspiring athletes a chance to earn valuable points in their home state."

The event will be webcasted for the final two days of the event, with further details to come. Entries open July 8 and will close July 22 to eligible junior surfers via surfingvic.com/events

Wonthaggi Angling Club

WONTHAGGI Angling Club held its Monthly Competition on Sunday May 19 with the sponsor of the month being South Gippsland Motors. The competition winners were Senior Female, Deb Senior, Senior Male, Kelvin Temme, and Veteran was Allan Bentick. No juniors weighed in. The next competition is Sunday June 16 and the target species is Perch.

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 21	WEDNESDAY May 22	THURSDAY May 23	FRIDAY May 24	SATURDAY May 25	SUNDAY May 26	MONDAY May 27
3.32am 0.70m	4.30am 0.63m	5.17am 0.55m	5.59am 0.48m	12.28am 1.41m	1.12am 1.44m	1.55am 1.47m
10.37am 1.36m	11.34am 1.46m	12.22pm 1.56m	1.04pm 1.65m	6.38am 0.42m	7.16am 0.38m	7.54am 0.35m
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The grade winners at Wonthaggi Golf Club were Marg Johnson, Irene Walsh and Kathy Geyer.



Korumburra Golf Club's B Grade winner Steve McNamara +1 and A Grade winner Mat Wrigley +3 on Saturday.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's Ken Chisholm 4BBB winners Danny Crellin and Michael Scott (back), and Ross Lovett, Alan Jones and Ian Gilmour (front). Absent: Simon O'Halloran.



The A Grade winners were Irene Holm, Lisa Brusamarello and Layla Robertson at Wonthaggi Golf Club's Friendship Day.

FOSTER

Ladies

THERE was a good rollup for the Foster ladies' stroke flag competition, sponsored by Trudi Prue.

Winners:

A Grade: Kylie Collins (16) 72. B Grade: Rae Knee (28) 72. NTP: Beth Curran sixth and Josie Parisi 17th. BDTL: Susan Anderson (39) 74, Barb Britten, (18) 75 and Deb Bray (44) 74. Raffle winners: Deb Bray and Barb Warren.

FRIENDSHIP DAY

WONTHAGGI hosted 91 players from local and metropolitan clubs for their annual Friendship Day.

Many thanks to TS Construction Wonthaggi for its generous sponsorship, enabling wonderful prizes for all the winners on the day.

The perfect spell of autumn weather ended with a bang and the forecasted "showers" turned into a drenching soaking and kudos to the players who kept their resolve and stayed out playing.

It tested the "love of the game" to the maximum.

There were three grades, with A Grade winners Layla Robertson (Wonthaggi), Lisa Brusamarello (Wonthaggi) and Irene Holm (Meeniyan) 107 points.

B Grade winners were Karen Sheerin (Wonthaggi), Camille Morris, Heather Wintle (Wonthaggi) 109 points.

C Grade's winner was the team from Centenary Park of Kristine Roney, Catherine McDermott and Julie Cornish 108 points.

NTP on second was Elly Berryman (Woorayl), fourth Lisa Brusamarello (Wonthaggi), eighth Marg Johnson (Wonthaggi) and 17th Catherine Bolding (Wonthaggi).

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, May 14.

Stableford: 37 players.

A Grade: Greg Jones (14) 36 points.

B Grade: Paul Turton (21) 35

C/B points.

NTPs: first John Solly, seventh John Kerry, 10th Brian Clasby and 13th Peter Hislop.

Thursday, May 16:

Stableford: 16 players.

Winner: Steve Duffield (18) 38 points.

NTPs: first John Kerr and 10th John Kerr.

Saturday, May 18:

Sponsor: Ben Graham.

Par: 49 players.

A Grade: Mat Wrigley (3) +3.

B Grade: Steve McNamara (20) +1.

NTPs: first John Kerr, seventh Mat Wrigley, 10th Steve McNamara and 13th Steve McNamara.

Ladies

THE golfers had nice, relaxing Stableford event on Wednesday.

Jenny Blackmore (24) won A Grade with 35 points and Shelley Snooks (18) was runner-up, on a c/b, 32 points.

Pam Evers (38) won B Grade with 32 points and runner up was Lorraine Knox (39), 30 points on a c/b.

BDTL went to Julie Branaghan (25) 32 points, then Merrissa Cosson (10) and Kim Enbom (41), both 30 points.

Well done to Marg Harper (36) who won the nine-hole comp.

NTPs were first Maree Witting-slow, 10th Merrissa and 13th Johanna van den Heiligenberg.

The club had many of members play in the Friendship Day at Wonthaggi on Friday, with rain a dampener on the golf but most of the girls managed to finish the round.

It was great to see Heather Grist and Lyn Perks winning BDTLs in their teams from neighbouring clubs.

On Saturday, there were tough-er conditions for the Par event.

Trudy Olden (30), was the winner, four down, Shelley Snooks (18), runner-up, five down. Diane Maskell (34) won a BDTL and was NTP on the 13th green.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, May 14: Stableford.

Sixty-two members and guests played Tuesday's Stableford round.

A Grade winner: Craig Hams (10) with 41 points. Runner up: Chad Clasby (5) with 40 points.

B Grade winner: Trevor Steer (19) with 35 points. Runner up: Greg Donohue (Trafalgar Golf Club) (18) with 33 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Ken Wardle (21) with 35 points. Runner up: Anthony Seabrook (34) with 34 points.

Eagle on the second: Chad Clasby.

NTP 14th: Andrew Smith at 356cm.

NTP 16th: Chris Leaver at 240cm.

NTP second shot fifth: Gary McGrath at 260cm.

Thursday, May 16: Ambrose with a Twist.

Eighty members and guests played in the four person Ambrose with a twist event.

Some stellar scores were returned as the player whose drive was selected also set the handicap for the hole.

Winners: Lou, John Fuataga, Bernard Skerys, Matthew Pearce, and Tim McCarthy with 66 points.

Runners up: Alan Starkey, Ken Lay, Simon Kaiserman, and Allan Briggs with 62 points.

Saturday, May 18: Par.

Ninety-eight members and guests played in the Saturday's par event.

A Grade winner: Christopher Leaver (7) with +4. Runner up: Glenn Marsham (13) with +3.

B Grade winner: Stuart Harry (16) with +5. Runner up: Doug Cleemann (14) with +1 on a countback.

C Grade winner: Philip Edwards (19) with +5. Runner up: Daniel Ruffin (21) with +4.

D Grade winner: Michael Delaney (27) with -1 on a countback. Runner up: Paul Luck (24) with -1.

NTP 14th: Nicholas Hill at 100cm.

NTP 16th: Alan Starkey at 80cm.

NTP second shot fifth: Chris

Leaver at 60cm.

Ladies

THIRTY-SIX women played in a Stableford event last week, with the weather pleasant again. Can it last?

Chris Lay won A Grade with a very respectable 36 points, and Kay Dumbleton was runner up just one shot behind.

B Grade was won by Joc Howson scoring 34 points on a count back from runner up, Nola Kim.

Balls down the line went to Bev Reinhard, Jenny Teasdale, and Maxine Eabry, all on 33 and Robin Smith and Neryl Hopcraft with 32 points.

Nearest the pin on the 16th was Anna de Bondt, and second shot on the fifth went to Di Williams.

Wonthaggi

RESULTS: May 16, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Simon O'Halloran 38.

Runner up: Andrew Hooton-Shandley 36.

BDTL to 33.

Ball sweep: Stephen Kane 34, Craig Charles 34, Philip McCrimmon 33, Chris Wilkinson 33 and Peter Kane 33.

Results: May 16, SR. 34.5.

Competition: Stableford front nine-hole.

Winner: John Davis 20. Runner up: Andrew Hooton-Shandley 18.

BDTL to 15 C/B.

Ball sweep: Ken Cuman 17, Secondo Tiziani 16 and Norm Burne 15 C/B.

Results: May 18, S.R. 72.

Competition: Ken Chisholm second round 4BBB Scratch and Par. Ken Chisholm results:

Overall winners: Alan Jones and Simon O'Halloran +16.

Scratch: Michael Scott and Danny Crellin 139 total.

Second round winners: Ross Lovett and Ian Gilmour +10. Runners up: Robert Geyer and Steven Brann +7.

BDTL to +5 C/B.

Ball sweep: A. Hooton-Shandley and Doug Putt +7, Simon

O'Halloran and Alan Jones +7, Brad Andrews and Alan McLean +5, Mark Tiziani and Peter Dell +5, and Ian Johnson and Jonathan Clayton +5 C/B.

NTP: Ian Gilmour second, Brad Andrew fourth, Peter Dell propin eighth, Simon O'Halloran 13th and Geoff Huther money hole 17th.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY saw 30 players enjoy a round of Stableford in great autumn weather.

There were three grades, and the winners were A Grade Marg Johnson (15) 31 points on c/b Catherine Bolding.

B Grade's winner was Irene Walsh (26) 35 points, while C Grade's winner with the round of the day Kathy Geyer (39) 36 points.

NTP on second was Marg Johnson and eighth Sharon Patullo.

BDL went to Anne Poulton 35, Robyn Wilkinson 34, Simone Lindsay 34, Geraldine Prentice 33, Marg Ryan 33, Dawn Judkins 31 and Catherine Bolding 31.

WOORAYL

Ladies

THANKS go to great supporters Gavin and Debbie Price for sponsoring the daily event.

They generously donated two dozen golf balls.

All players received one ball and the three DLB winners received two balls each.

The Shirley and Brian Thomas Stableford pairs aggregate board event was played over two rounds.

The winners, Sherrill Winkler and Linda Forrester, were thrilled to have Shirley present.

Sherrill spoke fondly of memories when she started golf and Shirley's kind words of encouragement.

Their score of 66 was well clear of the remainder of the field.

BDL went to Bev Bridge and Inge Giliam 58 points, Ann Poole and Kath Davis 57 points and Anne Grist and Lyn Delaney 55 points.

NTPs were eighth Pauline Lancaster, 11th Elly Berryman and 17th Inge Giliam.



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners John Nicholson (S), Cheryl Floyd (L), Neil Andreatta (3) and Mark Andreatta (2) (inset).



The best one game winners for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group were Laurie Bell (3), Peter Thorley (L) and Steve Hickson (S).



Inverloch Bowling Club's Tuesday evening, green one winners, Kathy Hiscocks, and Gerry Carcour.



Tuesday evening, green two winners, Bill Selby, and Di Selby at the Inverloch Bowling Club.



Inverloch Bowling Club's Thursday social bowls winners Reg Varty, Judy Parker, and Graham Turton.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners were Allan Lowe, John Migliorisi, Teresa Davidson and Ken Gage.

INVERLOCH

TUESDAY evening bowls continues to be well supported with 40 bowlers turning up on a chilly, but clear evening where the dew became heavier as the evening progressed.

On green one there were two, two-game winners, the runners up being Carol Hughes and Angela Smith with wins of 6/5 and 7/5 and 27 points which was not good enough to counter the 10/8 and 8/4 wins of Kathy Hiscocks (a visitor to Inverloch) and Gerry Carcour who ended up scoring 30 points.

On Green 2, there were also two, two-game winners Peter Shaw and Keith Cousens taking the runners-up position with wins of 8/6 and 9/6 and a score of 29 points.

With 30 points, however, was the team of Bill and Dianne Selby who had wins of 10/7 and 9/5, scoring 30 points.

The Tuesday evening bowls has only two rounds to go before the end of the series and the club looks forward to having all rinks filled, so get your names down as soon as possible.

Thursday social bowls on May 16 saw 35 bowlers come out to enjoy the wonderful sunny conditions that Inverloch provides.

Given the number that turned out there was a mixture of Fours and Triples which led to some excellent bowling.

On the day there were two, two-game winners together with another team with a draw and win.

The hard luck story went to the team of Jenny Slater (L), Nick Van Grunsven (third) and Steve Snelling (S) with scores of 8/8, 10/4 and 27 points.

The runners up, falling one point short, were Chris Nevill/Karen Orford (L), Jill Bateyman (second), Paul Davis (third) and Malcolm Marshall (S), with scores of 13/5, 7/6 and 32 points.

Winners on the day, with 33

points and scores of 10/8 and 16/3 were Judy Parker (L), Graham Turton (third) and Reg Varty (S).

The sheet for next week is on the board so get in early.

A further note about bowling, on Thursday, June 13, the club will be holding the annual "Bowl Over Cancer Day" where all proceeds from the activities on the day are to be donated to the Wonthaggi Hospital.

The bowling component will be the same format as the usual Thursday social bowls, names in by 9.30am with play commencing 11am.

Activities will include a trading table, raffle, and afternoon tea.

Further information to come.

The club's membership draw took place on Friday evening last with \$160 up for grabs and unfortunately, Pam Wilson (#119) was not in attendance to collect her winnings, so we have another jackpot for the next draw of \$180, which is to be held on May 31.

The wine went to Lorraine Seaward (#183) while the major winners in Jack's Lucky Envelopes were Bill Massier and Dianna de Forest.

The next member's draw will be on May 31.

Next Friday evening, May 24, will be the meal night and with bookings filling rapidly you are encouraged to get your names down on the board to ensure a place at the table and a chance on the largest spinning wheel in Inverloch.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

IT was a great day, with great company and great numbers at Corinella.

San Remo was, unfortunately, lacking electric power, making it difficult to play there.

Thankfully Corinella put its hand up to cater to the family of bowlers.

Like always, the club looked after the group excellently.

Cheryl and Terry went above

and beyond cleaning up and preparing everything before the bowlers arrived – what a lovely job they did.

Out on the green, 54 players met to once again fight it out for team of the day, and what a fight it was with close matches across the green.

There was a lot of friendly sledging together with quite a bit of laughter.

It is so much fun with the family of bowlers, it's what keeps everyone coming back week after week.

The winners on a score of 34 points were John Nicholson (S), Neil Andreatta (3), Mark Andreatta (2) and Cheryl Floyd (L).

Runners up on a score of 33 were Tony Heppleston (S), Max Summers (3), Michael Saunders (2) and Frank Verco (L).

Best one game winners on 25 points were Steve Hickson (S), Laurie Bell (3) and Peter Thorley (L).

Once again, a big thank you to Peter for all his hard work putting the teams together and also to Pauline and John for greeting all our players and getting them signed in.

Thanks also to Terry once again for all his hard work in the kitchen and also to Chris for his work keeping the thirsty bowlers with liquid refreshment.

Next week, the bowlers will be returning to their normal fixture and meet up at Lang Lang.

The group looks forward to catching up with the friendly bowlers again.

Everyone is asked to be on site by 10am to allow time to get the teams selected.

WONTHAGGI

IT was another good week at the club with the annual general meeting being held on Tuesday night.

A good number of members voted in an election for Saturday Pennant selectors.

The meeting was well attended with all positions being filled.

Wednesday saw a perfect day for bowls where a field of 35 bowlers graced the greens, in teams of three and four, over two games of 10 ends.

There were four teams that were two game winners.

The winners were Allan Lowe, John Migliorisi, Teresa Davidson, a visitor from Tarwin, and Ken Gage, with a score of two wins and 22 shots up.

The runners up were a team of three being Rob Westbrook, George Pargeter and Wayne Mattock with a score of two wins and 18 shots up.

Saturday saw another good day for bowls on a fine sunny day.

Twenty-two bowlers turned out for two games over ten ends.

The format for the day was shots up.

There was only one team that was a two-game winner.

That team was Norm Evans, Frank Tagell, Rod Beech and John Kappler with a score of two wins and plus 10 shots.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30 pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

TUESDAY (May 14) winners: Jean Wyld, Jim Rodhi and Fred Demenech two games plus 12.

Runners up: Teresa Ireland, Pat Novak and Ken Peterson one draw plus two.

It was a wet and stormy Friday, but it was warm inside with a good turn up 25 brave players.

Four mats were used.

Winners were Laurie Cluph, John Rook and Jimmy Wilson two games plus five on percentage.

Runners up were Judy Sweetnam, Jean Wild and Elain Grabham two games plus five.

A great day had by all.

Bowlers embrace the State Championship experience

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The club continues to attract members with its supportive atmosphere.

"I joined the club during COVID. I didn't know anyone in town, and I thought it would be a good way to meet people. I found I really enjoyed the game. I've only been bowling for a few years," Denise Silver said.

"Being a member of Wonthaggi Bowls Club has been great. The club is very sociable, friendly and welcoming."

The club offers social bowls twice a week, as well as free coaching.

However, Allan credited barefoot bowls as the ideal pathway for new members.

Barefoot bowls has changed the game by allowing more people to participate in a relaxed, commitment-free environment.

The bowls club is also increasing its public profile by opening its rooms to the public, most recently hosting the Wonthaggi Primary School's trivia night.

Coming into the winter months, the activity at Wonthaggi Bowls Club will continue with social bowls and Triples events, which will prepare it for the next competitive season of pennant starting in mid-October.

Wonthaggi Bowls Club congratulates high achievers

WONTHAGGI Bowls Club would like to congratulate its high achievers for the years 2023/24.

Craig Fisher had a great season, winning the Wonthaggi Bowls Club Championship and the Strzelecki Section Championship.

He then paired off with Caroline Donohue, where they won the Mixed Pairs in the Strzelecki Section – a great effort from a good pair, good members and good people.

Lo and behold, Caroline teams up with Joy Phillips, Jan Jeeves and Robin Denis (Phillip Island) to win the Strzelecki Fours.

It was a great effort from the individuals to represent the club and gain the highest honours.

South Gippsland Bridge Club

MAY 14 at Wonthaggi RSL: seven tables competing.

In the master points:

First: Kathy Dowd and Anne Somerville. Second: Alan Johnston and John Sutton. Third: Richard Poole and Denise Allitt. May 17 at Inverloch Angling Club: four person teams.

Competing in the club's team championship: eight teams.

First week leaders: the Currier team were overtaken in the second week of the competition by eventual winners, the Chapman team, comprising Nev and Phillip Chapman, Matti Shub and John Quayle totalling 141 points

Well deserved -congratulations.

In second place with 117 points were John French, Debbie Anglim, Faye Rowlands and Julie Perriam.

Coming in third was John Currier, John Sutton, Alan Johnston and Clive Hope with 114 points.

Congratulations to the winners.

Chess players wanted

CALLING all chess players in the South Gippsland area.

Local chess players meet on Monday afternoons at Mitchell House in Murray Street Wonthaggi between 1 and 4pm and are looking for more players.

Ladies and gents, and boys and girls, are welcome, from learners to expert level.

By playing chess, you will exercise those little grey cells and improve levels of concentration as well as problem solving techniques.

Studies have also found that students improve in many areas, particularly in mathematics and problem solving.

Playing chess is a social activity and more beneficial than staring at screens.

All you need is a chess set of any description.

This is an ideal activity during school holidays or during any free time in the school timetable.

For details, contact Ken Barnes on 0403 218 830.

Experience wins out at Wonthaggi Table Tennis

WONTHAGGI Table Tennis lit up like the Southern Lights this week when emerging youngsters challenged the established guard with frisky confidence.

The old dogs stood firm and will not give over the mantle that readily – just the way sport is meant to be.

Past halfway through the season and yet every team is still a contender.

The match of the day was Michael from Pink knocking over Luke from White 12 to 10 in the deciding set.

A clash of differing styles, blocks v flicks, patience v impetuosity, tenacity v tenacity.

A game ending with mutual heartfelt congratulations – just the way sport is meant to be.

Young Braden, coming off a stretch of stellar form, succumbed to the wily fox that is Mark Donohue and his paddle of peculiarity in five sweaty sets.

Fizz and steam popped off the table like a Turkish hammam.

However, Braden's winning ways returned in both doubles and secured a very tight win for his team Pink over White.

Black defeated Yellow with grizzled stalwart Dirk dominating.

Dirk refuses to slow down.

Justin again was in rollicking form.

With able support from Lee Lee Costello and Fred, Blue conquered Green.

The vanquished Green never gave in – fought to the end, just the way sport is meant to be.

Blue defeated Green 7 to 4; Pink d White 6 to 5; Black d Yellow 6 to 5; Brown bye.

Ladder

Pink 20, Yellow 16, Blue 16, Black 12, White 12, Green 8, Brown 8

Leading players: Justin 17, Braden 17, Brad 16, Dirk 15, Andrew D 13 and Sven 13.



Jordan Crugnale MP with Mayor Clare Le Serve, Cr Leticia Laing, President Gerrit Kool, committee members and club players.

Wonthaggi Croquet Pavilion officially open

THE Wonthaggi Croquet Club now has a real home advantage with the completion of the new accessible and female friendly pavilion.

Member for Bass Coast Jordan Crugnale joined Bass Coast Shire Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve and club players to officially open the new building, made possible with a \$400,000 investment through the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program.

Ms Crugnale acknowledged Bass Coast Shire for its contribution of almost \$245,000 and the Wonthaggi Croquet Club for its outstanding contribution of \$25,000.

The new pavilion replaces an old portable and features fully accessible light filled facilities including female friendly change rooms, office space,

full kitchen, multi-purpose social space and a deck with views over the existing lawns. There's also a new equipment storage shed.

The extra room and modern facilities make for a more welcoming environment for the club to host more women's and men's training and competition, also providing a great new venue for community gatherings and events.

"I am thrilled that this amazing club of active and energised members now has this new pavilion that is light filled, accessible, modern, female friendly and no doubt will inspire even more locals to join in the fun, train longer and compete at this quality facility and grounds," said Ms Crugnale.

"Big thank you to president

Gerrit Kool, treasurer Paul Andrews, the committee, members, TS Constructions, Council and everyone involved – it is a great example of community at its best when we all come together to support our local clubs and organisations and turn a vision into a reality."

"Our club expresses its great appreciation of the support provided from our local MP the State Government and Bass Coast Shire in enabling us to have such a beautiful, modern, and fit for purpose pavilion. Our members are so happy with our Clubhouse," said Gerrit.

The Allan Labor Government's investment has already delivered new pavilions at Wonthaggi Tennis Club and Phillip Island Croquet Club.

These three projects combined were funded more than \$1.7 million from the Victorian Government and were built by local company T.S. Constructions.

From new sport pavilions to pitch lighting, investments like these provide high-quality and accessible facilities that allow Victorians to reap the benefits of sport and active recreation participation.

They are also about creating jobs, stimulating local economies, and improving the health, wellbeing, and social outcomes for Victorian communities.

For more information about infrastructure grant opportunities available through the Government visit sport.vic.gov.au

Thrilling finish for the Joseph Rizza Memorial Trophy

GREAT camaraderie and competitive spirits filled the air on Monday night as eight teams battled it out for the coveted Joseph Rizza Memorial Trophy.

The event, structured as a round-robin drawn teams competition featuring three players per team engaging in straight games of 801, witnessed intense matches and remarkable displays of skill.

After seven rounds of fierce competition, it was Jamie, Mark and Paul's team and Chris, Scott and Tony's team, both tied with five wins each, emerging as frontrunners.

The tension escalated as a sudden death game ensued, with the stakes at their peak.

Ultimately, Jamie, Mark and Paul's team clinched victory, pegging out on 53 to claim the prestigious trophy.

Congratulations poured in for the triumphant team, hailed as worthy winners of the memorial tournament.

Jamie's fortune continued as he also triumphed in the San Remo Butchers meat tray raffle, adding to the night's jubilant atmosphere.

Notable mentions were

reserved for Jamie and Bob, who showcased their prowess with a couple of 180's each during the warm-up session, alongside Will's impressive achievement of hitting the elusive big fish, a 170.

With anticipation building, participants eagerly look forward to reconvening next week for round nine of the regular season, with the team 'That's All' enjoying a bye.

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The team of Jamie, Mark and Paul won the Joseph Rizza Memorial Trophy.



Jamie with the San Remo Butchers meat tray.

Will hit an elusive 170 last week.

GSL Round 5 Results

- Sunday 19 May

Senior Mens: Leongatha Knights 6 d Lang Lang United 1, Phillip Island Breakers 15 d Wonthaggi United 0, Inverloch Stars 1 d Trafalgar Victory 0

Senior Womens: Leongatha Knights 8 d Lang Lang United 2, Phillip Island Breakers 6 d Wonthaggi United 0, Trafalgar Victory 2 d Inverloch Stars 1

Mens Reserves: Drouin Dragons Maroon 7 d Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 2, Trafalgar Victory 4 d Inverloch Stars 3

Under 17 Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 6 d Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 1, Phillip Island Penguins 5 d Wonthaggi United 4

Under 14 Mixed: Phillip Island Stingrays 7 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 2, Korumburra City 6 d Mirboo North United 1, Phillip Island Penguins 6 d Wonthaggi United 0

Under 13 Girls: Wonthaggi United 4 d Phillip Island Breakers 3, Korumburra City 6 d Mirboo North United 0

Under 12a Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 2 d Phillip Island Stingrays 0, Phillip Island Penguins 6 d Wonthaggi United 0

Under 12b Mixed: Drouin Dragons Yellow 6 d Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 2, Mirboo North United 8 d Korumburra City 2, Leongatha Knights 6 d Lang Lang United 1, Phillip Island Sharks 4 d Wonthaggi United 3

GSL Round 6 Fixture

- Sunday 26 May

Senior Mens - 3pm
Korumburra City V Lang Lang United, Leongatha Knights V Phillip Island Breakers, Wonthaggi United V Trafalgar Victory

Senior Womens - 1pm
Mirboo North United V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Leongatha Knights V Phillip Island Breakers, Wonthaggi United V Trafalgar Victory

Mens Reserves - 1pm
Leongatha Knights V Phillip Island Breakers, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Inverloch Stars

Under 17 Mixed - 9:30am
Leongatha Knights V Phillip Island Penguins, Wonthaggi United V Drouin Dragons White

Under 14 Mixed - 11:20am
Mirboo North United V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Leongatha Knights V Phillip Island Penguins, Phillip Island Stingrays V Inverloch Stars

Under 13 Girls - 8:30am
Leongatha Knights V Phillip Island Breakers, Wonthaggi United V Korumburra City

Under 12a Mixed - 10am
Leongatha Knights V Phillip Island Penguins, Wonthaggi United V Trafalgar Victory, Korumburra City V Drouin Dragons Maroon

Under 12b Mixed - 11:30am
Mirboo North United V Drouin Dragons Yellow, Leongatha Knights V Phillip Island Sharks, Korumburra City V Lang Lang United, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Inverloch Stars.

MiniRoo Gala Day

All Under 8 and Under 10 teams from across the league are playing at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve in a MiniRoo Gala Day. The Under 8s kick off at 8:30am and the Under 10s kick off at 11am on Saturday May 25.



Senior Men's Ethan Bath Midfielder for LKFC played a magnificent game, scoring four goals.

Knights shine for win over Lang Lang

Senior Men - LKFC V Lang Lang

WITH the weather looking ominous, the Knights took to the pitch away at Lang Lang's home ground. As only their third game this season and coming off the back of a solid win against 2023 Grand Final rivals Trafalgar last week, the Knights were feeling composed. Launching a strong attack from the first whistle, Knights scored their first goal within 9 minutes courtesy of the forward pressure from LKFC's Ethan Bath. With Lang Lang playing a strong, physical game, the Knights relied

on first touch passing to get the advantage of space. A lovely finish by Mitch Bath saw the Knights leading 2-0 at half time. Despite conceding in the second half, the Knights continued to play a strong game with Ethan Bath scoring a hat trick plus one and a wonderful finish from defensive midfielder Miles Rodrigues bringing the score to 6-1 in the Knights favour.

RESULTS:

U13 Girls v Korumburra 0-6
U12B v Lang Lang 6-1
Senior Women v Lang Lang 8-2
Senior Men v Lang Lang 6-1



LKFC's Senior Women's Captain Bernie Fitzgerald played a strong game on the wing.

Perfect day out for Gippsland United teams

By Solomon Nash

HEADING into match week eight of the Men's State League One season, Gippsland United's senior men's squad hadn't won in seven games. You had to stretch back all the way to match week one on the 23rd of March, where Gippsland got off to the perfect start, defeating Old Scotch SC at home.

Since this result they have seen defeat four times and drawn twice. The performances have always been positive since their last victory, however, for one reason or another, results haven't quite gone in Gippsland's favour.

But they wouldn't be the ones to dwell on past shortcomings and instead make the most of the next opportunity, that being against Mornington Soccer Club. After various close encounters with Mornington over the years, it would be no easy feat for Gippsland to topple their opponents.

But they showed why they can beat any opposition on their day, especially at home, posting a 2-0 win at Baxter Park. The foundation of this much needed victory was built on an impenetrable defensive display.

The return of centre back Nick Modaffari certainly helped ease some of Gippsland's recent defensive woes. Alongside him, Riley Hamilton played another tremendous game, making crucial challenges and blocks to keep out Mornington.

Due to the outstanding defensive efforts of Gippsland's out-field players, keeper Aiden Riley had very few shots to save. But he

was called into action late in the game and stood up for his team, making an unbelievable reflex save as he pushed a deflected shot around the post to safety.

All of Gippsland's defensive excellence earned them their first clean sheet of the season. Up the other end of the pitch, the two telling goals were scored by Gippsland's number nine, Rory Wagner. His pair of goals fell either side of half time.

The first, a trademark header at the back post, as Wagner showed again why he is so difficult to defend in set pieces situations. Nathan Lugton was the provider of the assist, delivering the ball from a corner for Wagner to convert. Wagner's second was created by some wonderful team build up down the right wing by Oscar Sheehan and Ashley Ross.

Wagner then converted the killer blow, scoring his fourth goal of the season. Gippsland saw out the game from here on in sealing a valuable three points, taking their season tally up to eight and bumping themselves up to eighth on the league table.

Reserves

Before the seniors got their second win of the season, Gippsland's reserves also returned to the winners circle after two defeats in a row. Two uncharacteristic and unacceptable defeats to say the least, as before match week six, they'd won all of their first five games. But

the defending league champions set the tone for the seniors to make it a perfect day out for Gippsland, as they were back to winning ways, defeating Mornington's reserves 3-1.

A slight reshuffle of personnel saw Alexandru Popp deployed in a more attacking role compared to his usual position at left back. Popp well and truly vindicated coach Jason Dastey's decision to release him further up the pitch, as he scored all three goals in the game. After multiple slow starts in recent weeks where Gippsland's reserves conceded some early goals, they managed to flip this narrative in their favour.

The first goal of Popp's hat-trick was scored within the first five minutes, as he ran in behind, and finished the first presentable chance of the game with aplomb. But Mornington had plans of their own, showing a great reaction to going 1-0 down early on, as they equalised soon after. Gippsland however said to their opponents, "anything you can do, we can do better". Before Mornington knew it, minutes after they'd equalised, Gippsland scored again through Alex Popp, to reclaim the lead. This was the first lead Gippsland's reserves held at half time since defeating Springvale White Eagles 0-4 in match week four.

Every time they've led at half time this season they've gone on to claim all three points and did so again on this occasion. But, it wasn't as straightforward as it sounded, as Mornington

came out firing on all cylinders, throwing everything at their hosts. Gippsland were penned in, having to defend deep and weather the storm Mornington were conjuring up. The highlight of this defensive fortitude was Ben McCartney's instinctive and vital goal line clearance, which single handedly maintained his sides lead in this moment. With no goal to show for all their attacking dominance, Mornington eventually ran out of steam.

Gippsland kept probing on the counter attack and Alex Popp scored his third goal of the game. They were ruthless, carving their opponents apart, as substitute Lusanda Mapiye assisted Popp who finished with composure and accuracy. He then wheeled away to celebrate with his teammates, ecstatic to score a hat-trick but above all else, sealing all three points.

A wonderful two victories at home, much to the delight of Gippsland supporters, none more so than Cameron Bowering. Gippsland #1 supporter, Cameron turned 25 the day after these two wins. It's safe to say, his wishes all came true on the weekend as he was on the match day flyer, did the coin toss for the senior game and got to sing the song after two magnificent wins. Gippsland now prepare to take on Malvern City SC in match week nine. Another home fixture to take place at Baxter Park in Warragul, with reserves kicking off at 12:45 PM, before seniors take centre stage at 3 PM.

MID GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Yinnar 44 d Morwell East 37
 MDU 55 d Stony Creek 29
 Fish Creek 64 d Mirboo Nth 34
 Boolarra 59 lt Foster 70
 Tarwin 31 lt Toora 43
 Newborough 75 d Thorpdale 32

B GRADE

Yinnar 34 lt Morwell East 54
 MDU 34 lt Stony Creek 54
 Fish Creek 38 lt Mirboo Nth 47
 Boolarra 59 lt Foster 73
 Tarwin 36 lt Toora 47
 Newborough 71 d Thorpdale 50

C GRADE

Yinnar 44 d Morwell East 33
 MDU 42 d Stony Creek 29
 Fish Creek 38 lt Mirboo Nth 41
 Boolarra 25 lt Foster 31
 Tarwin 34 lt Toora 36
 Newborough 69 d Thorpdale 9

D GRADE

Yinnar 33 d Morwell East 26
 MDU 26 lt Stony Creek 33
 Fish Creek 55 d Mirboo Nth 38
 Boolarra 57 lt Foster 37
 Tarwin 30 lt Toora 36
 Newborough 66 d Thorpdale 8

17 & UNDER

Yinnar 53 d Morwell East 16
 MDU 52 d Stony Creek 18
 Fish Creek 40 d Mirboo Nth 29

15 & UNDER

Yinnar 35 d Morwell East 15
 MDU 38 d Stony Creek 30
 Fish Creek 8 lt Mirboo Nth 41
 Boolarra 47 d Foster 11
 Tarwin 10 lt Toora 42

13 & UNDER

MDU 30 lt Stony Creek 14
 Fish Creek 17 d Mirboo Nth 8
 Boolarra 43 lt Foster 7
 Tarwin 11 d Toora 8

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
MDU	171.34	24
Yinnar	156.15	20
Morwell East	122.60	18
Fish Creek	122.07	18
Mirboo North	98.19	16
Toora	91.90	16
Newborough	105.21	12
Foster	97.17	12
Boolarra	94.76	12
Stony Creek	87.96	12
Tarwin	73.97	4
Thorpdale	52.83	0

B GRADE

Foster	195.59	24
Boolarra	159.72	20
Fish Creek	127.49	20
Stony Creek	142.72	16
Morwell East	119.28	16
MDU	107.20	12
Toora	106.18	12
Hill End	102.16	12
Mirboo North	94.20	12
Yinnar	84.75	12
Newborough	91.84	8
Tarwin	39.65	4
Thorpdale	36.32	0

C GRADE

MDU	168.63	24
Yinnar	162.12	24
Morwell East	135.26	20
Tarwin	143.28	16
Newborough	135.26	16
Toora	128.25	16
Mirboo North	134.71	12
Boolarra	119.08	12
Hill End	93.63	12
Foster	72.20	8
Stony Creek	73.63	4
Fish Creek	64.10	4
Thorpdale	13.42	0

D GRADE

Stony Creek	182.71	24
Fish Creek	153.19	24
Yinnar	119.44	20
MDU	156.67	16
Tarwin	112.99	16
Toora	120.00	14
Mirboo North	100.00	14
Boolarra	120.69	12
Morwell East	94.38	10
Newborough	131.90	8
Hill End	69.87	6
Foster	68.48	4
Thorpdale	13.07	0

17 & UNDER

Toora	220.83	24
Boolarra	213.43	24
Yinnar	209.65	20
Fish Creek	149.23	20
MDU	167.57	16

15 & UNDER

Toora	224.42	24
Boolarra	224.00	24
MDU	232.58	20
Hill End	152.78	20
Mirboo North	182.11	16
Yinnar	158.42	16
Fish Creek	103.79	12
Foster	48.28	12
Newborough	57.06	8
Fish Creek	45.35	8
Morwell East	51.87	4
Tarwin	22.12	4

13 & UNDER

Yinnar	310.53	24
MDU	160.94	24
Boolarra	184.48	20
Hill End	178.38	16
Tarwin	166.15	16

11 & UNDER

Newborough	86.30	16
Fish Creek	50.00	16
Mirboo North	198.31	12
Toora	29.79	8
Stony Creek	28.45	8
Foster	12.59	8

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Fish Creek's Isabella Cocksedge looks for an opening. Ns13_2124



Grace McLean pushes her reach against Mirboo North. Ns21_2124



A Grade's Bella Schmidt shoots for Dalyston.



The anticipation builds. Ns17_2124



A catch by the fingertip for Jessica Edgar. Ns18_2124

Hayley Magro pulls the ball in during Dalyston's U13s match.



Hands up for Fish Creek! Ns23_2124



GS for Inverloch Kongwak puts up a good defence against Kilcunda Bass.

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Bunyip	44	lt Tooradin-Dal.	52
I-Kongwak	51	d K-Bass	38
Kor-Bena	43	lt Cora Lynn	48
NNG	60	d Dalyston	52
Garfield	58	d Warragul I.	39
KWR	50	d Phillip Island	41

B GRADE

Bunyip	34	lt Tooradin-Dal.	49
I-Kongwak	42	d K-Bass	41
Kor-Bena	31	lt Cora Lynn	47
NNG	63	d Dalyston	27
Garfield	49	d Warragul I.	39
KWR	39	d Phillip Island	48

C GRADE

Bunyip	29	d Tooradin-Dal.	38
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MIRBOO NORTH

UNDER 13s: Mirboo North 9 vs Fish Creek 17. BOC: Finlay Bradley (MNFNC Canteen). Coach's Award: Ruby-Sue Lia (MNFNC Canteen)

Under 15s: Mirboo North 41 vs Fish Creek 8. BOC: Beth Wallace - (MNFNC Canteen) Coach's Award: Ocean McQualter (MNFNC Canteen)

Under 17s: Mirboo North 29 vs Fish Creek 40. BOC: Alyssa Snell (Foodworks). Coach's Awards: Montana Samarias (Lamezleighs)

D Grade: Mirboo North 38 vs Fish Creek 55. BOC: Carolyn Movchan (Foodworks). Coach's Award- Alison Snel (Craig Young Butchers)

C Grade: Mirboo North 41 vs Fish Creek 32. BOC: Aleisha Kerr (Craig Young Butchers). Coach's Award: Kylah James (Foodworks)

B Grade: Mirboo North 47 v Fish Creek 38. BOC: Holly Chila (Craig Young Butchers). Coach's Award: Jess Holland (Foodworks)

A Grade: Mirboo North 34 vs Fish Creek 64. BOC - Emma Evans (Mirboo North Hotel & Jimmy Jambs). Coach's Award - Sienna Cheffers (FoodWorks)



Kelsie Schelling celebrated her 250th game on the weekend. Photo by: Gerard Brunning



Poowong's Ashlee Smith takes a clear grab in the goal circle in the B Grade match against Lang Lang. Photo Jeff Tull



MDU is ready to capitalise on an accurate pass against Stony Creek. Photo: Gerard Brunning



Tiana Heylen has ball in hand for Nyora during its B Grade win over Yarragon. Photo: Gerard Brunning



MDU and Stony Creek compete on Saturday. Photo: Gerard Brunning



Tanasha Walters passes the ball for Nyora during its narrow win over Yarragon. Photo: Gerard Brunning

ELLINBANK**RESULTS****A GRADE**

Neerim Sth 46 d N-Darnum 43
Poowong 44 lt Lang Lang 67
Buln Buln 46 lt Longwarry 55
Ellinbank 79 d Catani 30

B GRADE

Neerim Sth 44 lt N-Darnum 47
Poowong 18 lt Lang Lang 40
Buln Buln 53 d Longwarry 33
Ellinbank 64 d Catani 30
Yarragon 47 lt Nyora 48

C GRADE

Neerim Sth 44 d N-Darnum 33
Poowong 23 lt Lang Lang 35
Buln Buln 34 d Longwarry 28
Ellinbank 39 d Catani 34
Yarragon 65 d Nyora 15

17 & UNDER

Neerim Sth 8 lt N-Darnum 49
Poowong 51 d Lang Lang 26
Buln Buln 24 lt Longwarry 46
Ellinbank 7 lt Catani 67
Yarragon 73 d Nyora 6

15 & UNDER

Neerim Sth 23 lt N-Darnum 26
Poowong 35 d Lang Lang 21
Buln Buln 42 d Longwarry 28
Ellinbank 15 lt Catani 38
Yarragon 43 d Nyora 1

LADDERS

	%	pts
Neerim South	177.59	24
Ellinbank	191.57	20
Nilma-Darnum	185.47	16
Lang Lang	114.81	16
Trafalgar	106.73	8
Poowong	82.72	8
Yarragon	79.23	8
Buln Buln	76.50	4
Longwarry	55.64	4
Catani	52.33	0
Nyora	0.00	0

B GRADE

	%	pts
Ellinbank	198.85	24
Neerim South	141.92	24
Nilma-Darnum	132.24	24
Lang Lang	165.58	16
Buln Buln	123.85	16
Trafalgar	101.32	12
Poowong	93.07	12
Catani	86.40	8
Nyora	62.98	4
Yarragon	64.47	0
Longwarry	48.50	0

C GRADE

	%	pts
Neerim South	205.52	28
Ellinbank	229.92	24
Lang Lang	186.07	24
Nilma-Darnum	142.04	12
Catani	117.96	12
Yarragon	109.04	12
Buln Buln	103.35	12
Poowong	88.37	8
Trafalgar	77.93	8
Longwarry	57.76	0
Nyora	14.35	0

17 & UNDER

	%	pts
Poowong	157.89	22
Catani	262.61	20
Trafalgar	165.71	20
Longwarry	140.00	20
Yarragon	205.41	18
Nilma-Darnum	186.89	16
Buln Buln	91.08	8
Ellinbank	67.07	8
Lang Lang	71.29	4
Neerim South	32.70	4
Nyora	11.17	0

15 & UNDER

	%	pts
Buln Buln	203.94	24
Catani	182.57	24
Poowong	181.45	20
Lang Lang	163.56	16
Neerim South	121.62	16
Nilma-Darnum	95.21	12
Trafalgar	93.59	12
Yarragon	106.47	8
Ellinbank	76.79	8
Longwarry	47.95	0
Nyora	4.95	0

13 & UNDER

	%	pts
Buln Buln	974.07	24
Lang Lang	355.00	24
Poowong	248.53	20
Yarragon	183.33	20
Neerim South	128.57	12
Nilma-Darnum	124.73	12
Longwarry	75.00	12
Ellinbank	127.62	8
Trafalgar	63.03	8
Catani	10.55	0
Nyora	2.80	0

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RND 6

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB



BOOLARRA **64** **FOSTER** **89**

Boolarra 3.5 4.8 5.11 8.16 (64)
Foster 4.2 4.2 11.4 14.5 (89)

GOALS, Boolarra: Luke Marriott, Joel Mason, Sam Mazou, Nicholas Miller, Simon Noy, Aidyn Sheers, Daniel Wilson, Josh Wilson 1 each

BEST: Simon Noy, Josh Wilson, Mason Porykali, Daniel Wilson, Caleb Bell, Nicholas Laing

GOALS, Foster: Jake Best 9, Billy Flavelle 2, Michael Green, Leevi Lidstone, Dylan Williams 1 each

BEST: Jake Best, Dylan Williams, Billy Flavelle, Willem Duursma, Mitchell Allott, Cody Banbury

RESERVES

Boolarra 6.1 11.4 12.10 17.15 (117)
Foster 1.1 1.2 1.3 2.3 (15)

GOALS, Boolarra: Jesse Giardina 6, Thomas Poulton, Eddy Stanton 3, Shane Colbert, Glen Richards 2, Jordan Gill 1 each

BEST: Thomas Holley, Chris Riseley, Jesse Giardina, Glen Richards, Jordan Gill, Jamie Maggs

GOALS, Foster: Flynn Lomax, Jason Midwinter 1 each

BEST: Mitchell Gregson, Flynn Lomax, Simon Gibson, Brayden Hall, Riley McDonald, Alej Lacanaria

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB



MDU **81** **STONY CREEK** **50**

MDU 1.1 4.4 6.8 12.9 (81)
Stony Creek 6.0 7.1 7.4 7.8 (50)

GOALS, MDU: Timothy Harris, Ben Perry, Wayne Stewart, Shaye Walsh, Lachie Wright 2, Nathan Allen, Brendan Tomada 1 each

BEST: Ryan Giliam, Samuel Wilson, Ben Perry, Ashleigh Allen, Joel Leeden, Timothy Harris

GOALS, Stony Creek: Kael Bergles 3, Chris Verboon 2, Hayden Funnell, Nathan Trotto 1 each

BEST: Cameron Stone, Julian Stone, Tom Stone, Aidan Simmons, Jai Bright, Jack Stuart

RESERVES

MDU 2.1 3.6 3.8 5.9 (39)
Stony Creek 0.4 0.4 0.7 3.7 (25)

GOALS, MDU: Jack Dunn, Luke Harris, Tyson Harris, Neil Mathieson, Travis Ruedin 1 each

BEST: Matt Harris, Blake Moscript, Charlie McInnes, Toby Goss, Ben Cantwell, Alexander Battersby

GOALS, Stony Creek: Ryan McKnight, Brad Renden 1 each

BEST: Matthew Portelli, Jarrad Byrnes, Tyson Davies, Adam Atkins, Jayden Battersby

THIRDS

MDU 5.9 10.9 15.11 20.14 (134)
Newborough 0.2 1.4 2.7 3.8 (26)

GOALS, MDU: Jhett Brown 5, Angus McInnes 4, Hunter Fennell 3, Lincoln Hamilton, Kyra Helms 2, Joshua Doolan, Finn Dunn, Edward Kratz, Harry Scrimshaw 1 each

BEST: Hunter Fennell, Cohen Harrison, Lucas Duvoisin, Angus McInnes, Finn Dunn, Lachlan Hibberson

GOALS, Newborough: Riley Kunziak, Lincoln Mulley, Jackson Shields 1 each

BEST: Zach Daley, Ryan Mellon, Jacoby Gibbs, Riley Kunziak, Oscar Hanson, Jackson Shields

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MDU eclipse fast starting Stony

By Rob Popplestone

IT HAD come to that stage of the year where the jostling for the all important ladder positions was starting to intensify as clubs looked to firm up a grip on a position further up the leader than not.

MDU, although seventh on the MGFNL ladder prior to their weekend clash, and unbelievably just a game off top position, knew they were in for a challenge from the visiting Stony Creek, who themselves were just a game behind the home side.

Needless to say, a win for both was crucial and in the early part of the game it was the Lions that appeared to want it more.

Leading by nearly five goals at quarter time, Stony Creek still led the way until the final break before the Demons really put the heat on, eventually rolling on to a comfortable win.

Nathan Allen, MDU coach "Stony got a hold of us early with some slick footy. We were able to hold them up late in the first and early in the second as we started to get our game going. Was a big day for the club and great to celebrate with a win."

The victory has MDU, right where they need to be, inside the League's top six, while for the Lions it was one that appeared to get away.

Chris VerBoon, Stony Creek coach "We started the game doing everything right, kicking the first six goals. We knew Meenian would keep coming and it was always going to be tough to maintain a lead. Meenian used the space well which opened up the middle for them. Hit ups and overlap run were hard to stop. We had our chances in the last quarter to put scoreboard pressure on but couldn't convert the goals. I was really happy with our backline who did a great job all day. There's positives to take from the game but in the end it's another one that got away."

The Lions will not be able and cannot afford to let many more get away as they did on the weekend, or their season will quickly slip away, and the quality that they have and the way that they are led demands more than that.

Fit Foster takes the points over Boolarra

By Rob Popplestone

A WEEK off with a bye, the return of several first choice players and a home ground contest had the Demons fully prepared for a talented and in form Foster.

Boolarra had produced some patches of very good football but were under no illusions that it would take all of one hundred minutes of their very best to get the better of the visiting Tigers.

At half time, it appeared that a major upset might well be on the cards, the Demons not only in the game, but leading it, before the Tigers really got their teeth into the contest, running away to a twenty five point win.

Sam Davies, Foster coach said, "Hard fought win against a very persistent Boolarra side - we turned it on in the third quarter and that was the difference. They're a better team than the ladder suggests. Bye week - can't wait."

For the Tigers, a week's rest could not have come at a better time, Foster are perfectly positioned for a continued assault on the top of the ladder, as their weekend opponents just desperately need a win.

Brendan Mason, Boolarra coach said, "It was a really good game of football. Foster just came out after half time and played the better footy. Disappointing to once again fall short."

There has been very little difference between sides in more games than not, but it is slowly becoming evident that if sides do not make the most of their opportunities, even if they are just half chances, they will quickly fall out of contention.



Stony Creek applies pressure as MDU looks to break free. Photos: Gerard Bruning.



MDU and Stony Creek have eyes on the footy.



Stony Creek and MDU compete for possession on Saturday.



Damien Turner keeps up the pace. Ns09_2124



Joe Brooks contests the ruck. Ns10_2124

Roos overpower the Tigers

By Rover

IT was raining goals by reigning Mid Gippsland premier Fish Creek on Saturday, when the Kangaroos thumped Mirboo North by 128 points, in glorious autumn sunshine at Fish Creek.

However, unlike the previous evening when Sydney gave Carlton a near five-goal start — before defeating the Blues by 52 points — a far less generous Fish Creek allowed Mirboo North only two majors relatively late in the match.

The first of these came during time-on in the third term from gallant giant ruckman, Patrick Lewis, after which,

William Jacka found the wide opening of the big white sticks, early in the final quarter.

Mirboo North made nine changes to the side that lost to Newborough by 99 points the week before at Tigerland.

These included the selection of Todd Alexander, William Lewis and Harrison Reville-Gent, each of whom was making his first senior appearance for the mighty Mirboo North Tigers.

Fish Creek's overall dominance was so supreme, it

may have been easier for Mirboo North to roller skate in a buffalo herd, than tackle the Kangaroos' powerful running machine of pacy onballers and classy key position big men.

Some of the Kangaroos' supply chain link-ups had to be seen to be believed, with rapid-fire hand passing a constant feature of their incessant speed-orientated game plan execution.

With little or no movement inside Mirboo North's attacking 50 for much of the contest, its forwards sometimes resembled 'statues of severe

limitations'.

Match winners in Fish Creek's decisive victory were Pat Pekin, Harrison Smith, Lachlan Gale and Darcy Berryman, who booted five goals.

Best players for Mirboo North were Harry Mahoney, Joe Brooks, Ethan Woodall and Riley Oddy.

Other trojans who stuck to their tasks with Yeoman's work for the Tigers included Taj Wilkins, Patrick Lewis, playing coach Damien Turner and Hayden Barnes.

This Saturday, Mirboo North hosts Yinnar at Tigerland.

Sharks outstay Toora in game defining fourth quarter

By Rob Popplestone

TARWIN were well aware of just what was on the end of this game and it was so much more than just the four premiership points, a win would keep them in touch with the very top of the table, whilst a loss would see them fall back to the trailing pack with still plenty of work to do in the back half of the season. That pressure to win was enough to see the Sharks fight their way into, and inevitably run away with, a contest that no doubt could have gone either way.

Jack Weston, Toora coach said, "A half of footy at Tarwin wasn't enough to get the job done, eighteen fit players after half time meant we just ran out of gas. It was a disappointing result, but credit to Tarwin for hanging on and running out the

game better."

The home side looked in trouble early, trailing by four points at the first break and falling to ten points behind at the main break, before starting to work into the game through the efforts of Ricky O'Loughlin, Ben Chalmers and Ben Allen. Jason Kennedy, Tarwin Coach said, "It was a solid day for the club, our new group are starting to see the reward for effort. It's great to have our first win at home and also now two on the trot."

The Sharks may not be inside the League's top six, but given the evenness of the competition, they find themselves just one win from the top of the table and reigning premiers Fish Creek.



Kane McCarthy secured three goals for Tarwin during the match. Ns33_2124

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 6

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Fish Creek.....	4	1	200.79	20	MDU.....	5	0	311.11	24	MDU.....	4	0	290.41	22
Yinnar.....	4	1	167.50	20	Newborough.....	5	1	371.04	20	Yinnar.....	2	2	184.39	16
Foster.....	5	1	122.56	20	Stony Creek.....	5	1	288.64	20	Fish Creek/Tarwin.....	2	2	116.44	14
Newborough.....	4	2	167.72	16	Yinnar.....	3	2	248.47	16	Newborough.....	2	3	45.75	12
Morwell East.....	4	2	167.05	16	Fish Creek.....	3	2	229.27	16	Mirboo North.....	1	4	39.84	8
MDU.....	3	2	124.32	16	Morwell East.....	4	2	171.91	16	Stony Creek.....	0	0	0.00	0
Tarwin.....	3	2	105.47	16	Boolarra.....	3	2	89.57	16	Hill End.....	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale.....	4	2	96.94	16	Tarwin.....	2	3	138.68	12	Toora.....	0	0	0.00	0
Stony Creek.....	2	4	112.89	8	Thorpdale.....	3	3	69.61	12	Boolarra.....	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra.....	1	4	83.12	8	Mirboo North.....	2	4	24.11	8	Thorpdale.....	0	0	0.00	0
Toora.....	2	4	75.36	8	Toora.....	1	5	45.61	4	Morwell East.....	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End.....	0	5	24.64	4	Hill End.....	0	5	10.53	4	Foster.....	0	0	0.00	0
Mirboo North.....	0	6	32.42	0	Foster.....	0	6	17.56	0					

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 6

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

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FISH CREEK

MIRBOO NORTH

Fish Creek 5.2 14.5 18.7 22.10 (142)
Mirboo North 0.2 0.2 0.2 2.2 (14)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Darcy Berryman 5, Tom Buckley 4, Jordan Shaw 3, Thomas Cameron, Jack Hayes, Harrison Smith 2, William Brydon Waldren, Jake Staley, Josh Standfield, Jarrod Walker 1 each

BEST: Pat Pekin, Harrison Smith, Lachlan Gale, Darcy Berryman, Josh Standfield, Kairon Dorling

GOALS, Mirboo North: William Jacka, Patrick Lewis 1 each

BEST: Harrison Mahoney, Joe Brooks, Ethan Woodall, Riley Oddy, Taj Wilkins, Patrick Lewis

RESERVES

Fish Creek 4.2 9.5 15.9 18.9 (117)
Mirboo North 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Owen Straw 4, Josh Harry 3, Tom Kercheval, James Kirtland 2, Brandon Bell, Ethan Farrell, Liam Howard, Matthew Pocklington, Toby Redpath, Thomas Sorrell, Josh Standfield 1 each

BEST: Owen Straw, Thomas Sorrell, Matthew Pocklington, Liam Howard, James Kirtland, Brandon Bell

GOALS, Mirboo North: Tom Kelly, Xavier Spaul, Billy Jennings, Andy McCarthy, Michael Aveling, Ayden Gilbert

THIRDS

Fish Crk/Tarwin 0.1 2.1 4.1 6.1 (37)
Mirboo North 2.3 3.4 7.5 9.8 (62)

GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Zak Bright 2, Tige Brewer, Thomas Hughes, Jackson Morgan, Max Maverick Woodham 1 each

BEST: Alby Edgeland, Josh Gale, Zak Bright, Thomas Hughes, Tom Milton, Eamon Berryman

GOALS, Mirboo North: William McDonald 7, Lachlan Eden 2

BEST: Max Woodall, Lachlan Poljak, Tom McGrath, Xavier Berquez, Jack Jagusch, Lachlan Eden

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

 79

 60

TARWIN

TOORA

Tarwin 2.4 5.5 9.9 11.13 (79)
Toora 3.2 7.3 9.3 9.6 (60)

GOALS, Tarwin: Ricky O'Loughlin 5, Matt Zagni 2, Conor Agnew 1, Ben Ellen, Kane McCarthy, Jordan Osborne 1 each

BEST: Ricky O'Loughlin, Ben Chalmers, Ben Ellen, Harrison Cumming, Kane McCarthy, Matthew Williams

GOALS, Toora: William Goosey, Jake Smart 3, Jean Bezzene, Leigh Craig, Jonathan Pintus 1 each

BEST: Jake Smart, William Goosey, Dylan Trifitt, Joseph Platt, Leigh Craig, Ben East

RESERVES

Tarwin 7.3 11.5 14.7 19.9 (123)
Toora 1.0 1.1 2.1 3.2 (20)

GOALS, Tarwin: John Kilsby 6, Jamie Cann 4, William Nye 3, Daniel Cardy, Vaughan Van Dillen 2, Tomi Brosnan, Sam Burns 1 each

BEST: Casey Mills, John Kilsby, David Leggo, Adam Bell, Zak Bright, Travis Cameron

GOALS, Toora: Tex Dyson, Jarryd Guganovic, Zayne Lewis 1 each

BEST: Mark Glowrey, Cooper Butinar, Zayne Lewis, Zane Lawler, Marc Stone, Adam Vening

THIRDS

Fish Crk/Tarwin 0.1 2.1 4.1 6.1 (37)
Mirboo North 2.3 3.4 7.5 9.8 (62)

GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Zak Bright 2, Tige Brewer, Thomas Hughes, Jackson Morgan, Max Maverick Woodham 1 each

BEST: Alby Edgeland, Josh Gale, Zak Bright, Thomas Hughes, Tom Milton, Eamon Berryman

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Newborough 18.10.118 d Thorpdale 11.8.74
Yinnar 12.10.82 d Morwell East 9.16.70

RESERVES

Newborough 33.9.207 d Thorpdale 0.1.1

Morwell East 9.9.63 d Yinnar 6.7.43

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SENIORS

Newborough 18.10.118 d Thorpdale 11.8.74

RESERVES

Newborough 33.9.207 d Thorpdale 0.1.1

Morwell East 9.9.63 d Yinnar 6.7.43

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Marcus Toussaint delivers a pass into the forward line. Photos: Inverloch-Kongwak Football Netball Club facebook page.

Sea Eagles victorious in defensive battle

A STRONG defensive battle was played out between Inverloch-Kongwak and Kilcunda-Bass, with the Sea Eagles ultimately reigning supreme.

The Sea Eagles have been considered the benchmark of the season, and the Panthers readied themselves for a tough contest at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve.

With favourable conditions, the scene was set a tough clash and a good, clean match was played out.

Both teams played a good defensive game, with much of play taking place in the midfield.

Inverloch-Kongwak moved the ball well, with Marcus Toussaint holding his own in the ruck against Dale Gawley.

However, Kilcunda-Bass' defensive pressure led by Sam Watson and Daniel Mock kept the Sea Eagles within arm's reach, limiting them to two goals in the first quarter.

Inverloch-Kongwak responded with intensity of its own, ensuring the Panthers also could not do any damage on the scoreboard.

Will Hams had a strong first quarter for the Sea Eagles, setting up a lot of opportunities in the forward line.

Into the second quarter, Inverloch-Kongwak continued to move the footy well but ran along the same theme and didn't convert all of its opportunities.

However, three great goals

from the midfield by Oscar Toussaint was heralded as highlight of the day.

Midfielder Paul Pattison gave a great performance throughout the day for Inverloch-Kongwak.

At half time, Inverloch-Kongwak strategised to restrict Kilcunda-Bass' fast ball movements.

It yielded rewards with more goals on the scoreboard for the Sea Eagles, but the Panthers also managed to get their first for the day with a goal from Gawley.

Kilcunda-Bass was also impressed by the efforts of U18 players Jed Rosenow, Ashden Grenness and Owen Thomas, who saw plenty of the ball and held firm against a formidable opposition.

The battle continued through the fourth quarter, and Kilcunda-Bass' fitness began to outshine the Sea Eagles, resulting in the Panthers winning the quarter.

Anthony Daraio and Lochlan Scott hit the scoreboard for the Panthers.

However, the damage had been done and the Sea Eagles claimed a 41-point victory.

Coming up against Phillip Island next week, Inverloch-Kongwak will be working hard at training and is excited for the challenge.

Kilcunda-Bass will be facing Garfield and is preparing for a contest, but hope to be back on the winner's list.



The big men fly up in the battle between the Sea Eagles and the Panthers.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 6

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

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INVERLOCH-K

KILCUNDA-BASS

Inverloch-K	2.5	5.9	9.11	10.12 (72)
Kilcunda-Bass	0.1	0.3	1.5	4.7 (31)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Oscar Toussaint 3, Taite Cumming, Toby Mahoney 2, Nicholas Baltas, Jordan Tomas, William Turner 1 each

BEST: Paul Pattison, Marcus Toussaint, Ethan Park, Oscar Toussaint, Will Hams, William Turner

GOALS, K-Bass: Anthony Daraio 2, Dale Gawley, Lochlan Scott 1 each

BEST: Sam Watson, Steven Scott, Nathan Foote, Daniel Mock, Jed Rosenow, Jake Weightman

RESERVES

Inverloch-K	2.3	5.4	5.7	7.9 (51)
Kilcunda-Bass	2.1	2.4	2.9	2.9 (21)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Dylan Taylor 4, Adam Cross, Dale Lawton, Andre Toussaint 1 each

BEST: Trent Bacon, Dale Lawton, Jasper Kempster, Clinton McCaughan, Michael Eales, Jack Butcher

GOALS, K-Bass: Matthew Dakin,

Angus McGillivray 1 each

BEST: Jack Rosenow, Angus McGillivray, Callan Brinkmann, Jonathon Rocotias, Trent Cartmel, Matthew Dakin

FOURTHS

Inverloch-K	6.5	12.7	20.8	27.12 (174)
Kilcunda-Bass	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0 (6)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Augustus Finsterer 9, Riley Harris 4, Froley Anderson, Harrison Foster, Travis McCaskill 3, Frederick Soumilas 2, Luke Aungier, Monty Mayman, James O'Neill 1 each

BEST: Harrison Foster, Froley Anderson, James O'Neill, Harvey Sorensen, Harry Ashmore, Travis McCaskill

GOALS, K-Bass: No player named.

BEST: Perry McKay, Henry Dean, Taye Prasad-Taylor, Riley Eden

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

122

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NAR NAR GOON

DALYSTON

Nar Nar Goon	3.6	6.10	12.13	17.20 (122)
Dalyston	0.2	0.3	1.4	1.4 (10)

GOALS, NNG: Harrison Brain, Matthew Gentile 3, Riley Murphy, Nate Pipicelli 2, Trent Armour, Matthew Homfray, Max McGreal, Aidan Pipicelli, Cooper Pursell, Jake Smith, Eamon Trigg 1 each

BEST: Aidan Pipicelli, Trent Armour, Matthew Gentile, Jake Smith, Brent Hughes, Eamon Trigg

GOALS, Dalyston: Brad Monson 1

BEST: Kyle Kirk, Benjamin M Lewis, Fraser West, Curtis Murfett, Blake Carew, Shaun Silver

RESERVES

Nar Nar Goon	6.3	12.8	17.9	23.14 (152)
Dalyston	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0 (6)

GOALS, NNG: Zac Smith 6, Ethan Douglas 4, Bailey Christie 3, Nicholas Bransgrove 2, Dan Cross, Luke Dortsman, Jarrod Hamling, Jacobus Hynes, Chris Power, Matt Saunders, Nathan Swan, Oscar Tweedale, Bayley Tytler 1 each

BEST: Zac Smith, Billy Williams, Lachlan Graham, Ethan Douglas, Jacobus Hynes, Jarrod Hamling

GOALS, Dalyston: Chase Krause 1

BEST: Ryda Kay-Darts, Owen Luff, Alexander Geyer, Chase Krause, Keyva Kay-Darts, Ash Chetland

THIRDS

Nar Nar Goon	3.4	6.7	10.13	12.17 (89)
Dalyston	1.5	2.7	3.7	4.8 (32)

GOALS, NNG: Oliver Ratten 4, Archer Shorey 3, Jack Murphy 2, Tom Carney, Oscar Henwood, Mitch Moresco 1 each

BEST: Matthew Cross, Chace Parker, Jack Murphy, Tom Carney, Ryder Kaminski, Dean Bailey

GOALS, Dalyston: Jesse Dugard 2, Harry Howell, Flynn Peters 1 each

BEST: Harry Howell, Cooper Shepherd, Jesse Dugard, Angus Rosenow, Flynn Peters, Beau Ransom

FOURTHS

Nar Nar Goon	3.0	6.0	9.1	12.3 (75)
Dalyston	0.0	0.3	1.3	2.3 (15)

GOALS, NNG: Oscar Henwood 4, Jackson O'Brien 3, Oliver Ockwell-Payne 2, James Cross, Joshua Murphy, Blake Turner 1 each

BEST: Xavier Ladbrook, Jai Hall, Jake Webster, Toby Holland, Jackson O'Brien, Oliver Ockwell-Payne

GOALS, Dalyston: Jasper Shone 2

BEST: Riley Pearson-rutland, Jack Howell, Jasper Shone, Zack Hughes, Tom Humphris, Luke Franks

The Goon belong to another stratosphere

DALYSTON was shaken by a 110-point loss to top of the table Nar Nar Goon.

The Magpies travelled out to Nar Nar Goon, knowing a challenge awaited them.

Dalyston delivered a competitive first quarter, keeping the ladder leaders to a reachable 22-point lead.

Nar Nar Goon put three goals on the scoreboard, along with six behinds, with the Magpies

limiting the scoring opportunities early.

However, the Magpies were also unable to hit the scoreboard and came out of the first quarter with just two points.

The same story played out in the second quarter, as Nar Nar Goon continued to work on its lead.

Dalyston battled on, but it wasn't until the third quarter that Brad Monson managed to

put the first goal on the scoreboard.

Nar Nar Goon's clean playing style and fitness began to make an impact, and its score was doubled heading into the final quarter.

Dalyston's momentum fell away, resulting in a scoreless quarter. Meanwhile, Nar Nar Goon brought it home with another five goals.

Nar Nar Goon's goal kicking

efforts were led by Harrison Brain and Matthew Gentile, who scored three goals each.

However, goal kicking was shared between 11 players.

Dalyston's best players included Kyle Kirk, Benjamin Lewis, Fraser West, Blake Carew and Shaun Silver.

The challenges continue with Dalyston set to face fifth-placed Tooradin-Dalmore next weekend.

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Inverloch-Kongwak **10.12.72** d Kilcunda-Bass **4.7.31**
Nar Nar Goon **17.20.122** d Dalyston **1.4.10**
Cora Lynn **24.25.169** d Korumburra-Bena **5.4.34**
Tooradin-Dalmore **34.16.220** d Bunyip **0.2.2**
Warragul Industrials **18.16.124** d Garfield **5.7.37**
Phillip Island **16.6.102** d Koo Wee Rup **13.6.84**

Cobras devastate the Giants

KORUMBURRA-Bena suffered a 135-point loss to Cora Lynn on Saturday. With 14 players out with injury, the young side knew it had a battle ahead.

Cora Lynn flexed its muscle and showed its expertise early, coming out of the gate to gain a seven-goal lead.

Korumburra-Bena was left scoreless in the first quarter.

The Giants rallied in the second quarter and produced 10-15 minutes of solid football to challenge the Cobras.

The defensive pressure – orchestrated by Tyson Findlay, Tyler Newton, Matt Kennewell and coach Josh Hopkins – rattled the Cobras, causing them to rack up 15 behinds.

Korumburra-Bena managed to put four goals on the board, thanks to some hard work through the midfield.

Kye Benson played another exceptional game in the midfield, along with Joel Cuman and Hopkins.

Evan Allaway was serviceable in the ruck, but the Giants were unable to convert the opportunities he provided.

However, towards the end of the quarter the Cobras readjusted, and the Giants went back into their shell.

The Cobras hit the scoreboard hard in the third quarter.

Nathan Gardiner had a field day for the Cora Lynn, kicking 12 goals for the day and seeming to be unstoppable.

Cora Lynn's midfield also worked together impressively well, delivering great entries into the forward line to Gardiner.

The Giants fought back and kicked the first goal of the fourth quarter, but Cora Lynn charged on to add six more goals before the final siren sounded.

Korumburra-Bena is now looking ahead to this week's training, where a discussion about commitment to the four quarters is set to be had.

The Giants will face Bunyip at home on Saturday and, though hoping for the first win of season, will not be taking this game likely.

It is set to be a big weekend at the Korumburra Showgrounds, with Korumburra-Bena hosting its past players' function and premiership reunion.

GIANTS
Korumburra-Bena
Football Netball Club

PAST PLAYERS DAY

Saturday and Sunday,
May 25 and 26

Commencing at 1pm
with finger food and bar open

With a focus on the
Bena Glory days and
1984 Premiership reunion.



At the centre of the Carlton Draft Competition storm is the iconic number 43 jersey, a cherished number worn by Trent Crawford, the esteemed ex-president and life member of the club.

Toora FNC showdown

THE SMALL town of Toora is abuzz with anticipation as the Toora Football Netball Club secures ex Carlton and GWS player, Dylan Buckley, from the highly coveted Carlton Draft Competition. However, what was expected to be a cause for celebration has instead ignited a fierce rivalry within the club, setting the stage for a clash of titans.

At the centre of the storm is the iconic number 43 jersey, a cherished number worn by Trent Crawford, the esteemed ex-president and life member of the club. Crawford's steadfast claim to the number has led to a brewing feud upon learning of Buckley's intention to don the distinguished jersey, prompting Crawford to boldly declare, "Hands off #43 Dyl!"

With tensions soaring and competition heating up, the focus has shifted to a high-stakes showdown between Crawford and Buckley for a spot

in the upcoming Carlton Draft match.

Toora Coach, Jack Weston finds himself caught in the middle, tasked with making the challenging decision of who will earn the privilege of wearing the number 43 on match day. Crawford faces an uphill battle on his journey towards reclaiming his number and securing his spot on the field. Currently tipping the scales at 104.2kg, Crawford is on a mission to shed 15kg before the anticipated Mid Gippsland clash at the Toora Rec Reserve on Saturday July 20, where the Toora squad is set to take on Yinnar in a thrilling showdown.

To bolster his fitness regime and fundraising efforts, Crawford has enlisted the expertise of renowned greyhound owner Greg 'Springo' Elmore, whose no-nonsense approach has left a lasting impact on the determined contender. With Springo's memorable advice of "give up

now bro" ringing in his ears, Crawford continues to navigate setbacks, including a recent ankle injury from his match against Tarwin over the weekend.

In a bid to amplify his charitable endeavours, Crawford plans to rally community support through pledges tied to his weight loss journey leading up to the monumental game. The funds raised will play a crucial role in enhancing the club's football oval drainage system, underscoring Crawford's dual commitment to personal football goals and the club's welfare.

As the anticipation mounts and the stakes skyrocket, the clash between Trent and Dylan for the legendary number 43 promises to be a battle for the ages. Be sure to stay tuned to the Toora Football Netball Club Facebook page for more on this unfolding saga. 43 - The number to conquer. Who will reign supreme?

Rovers to reunite

WONTHAGGI Rovers Football Club will celebrate its premiership players – covering 30, 50 and 60 years – at an upcoming the reunion.

The reunion will take place on Saturday, June 1, at the Wonthaggi Power clubrooms at 12pm.

All players, coaches, officials, life members and supporters are invited to attend.

The teams celebrating are the 1964 Thirds – one of the most successful group of players ever in this area, having won seven premierships in eight seasons –, the 1964 Reserves, and the 1974 and 1994 Seniors.

Wonthaggi Rovers were formed in 1956, following the amalgamation of East Wonthaggi and the Shops, and in their first year won the premiership in both the Seniors and Reserves.

The club continued through the next 47 years, wearing the Tiger colours, winning premierships in 1974/75 and 1994/95, and amalgamated with the Wonthaggi Blues to form Wonthaggi Power in 2005.

The guest speaker at the reunion will be well known sporting local identity Darren Berry.

No doubt, the reunion will ignite plenty of discussion and memories about the passion and pride, the fierce competition, the highs and lows, plenty of laughter and tears, the glory of the premierships and the great mateship that comes with winning a premiership and belonging to such a great club.

It all promises to be a top day.

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, MAY 25

ELLINBANK

ROUND 8

Nilma Darnum v Ellinbank
Lang Lang v Neerim South
Catani v Buln Buln
Longwarry v Yarragon
Nyora v Trafalgar
Poowong - BYE

GIPPSLAND

ROUND 7

Bairnsdale v Wonthaggi
Morwell v Warragul
Maffra v Moe
Leongatha v Sale
Drouin v Traralgon

MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 7

Morwell East v Hill End
Stony Creek v Boolarra
Mirboo North v Yinnar
Toora v MDU
Thordale v Fish Creek
Newborough v Tarwin
Foster - BYE

WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 7

Warragul Industrials v Koo Wee Rup
Phillip Island v Inverloch-Kongwak
Tooradin-Dalmore v Dalyston
Cora Lynn v Nar Nar Goon
Korumburra-Bena v Bunyip
Kilcunda-Bass v Garfield

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Hayden Bruce kicks it downfield for Phillip Island. Photos: Carol Ratcliff.

Bulldogs dig deep to claim thrilling win

IN an exhilarating clash at Koo Wee Rup's home ground, Phillip Island faced off against a determined Demon's side. From the first bounce, Koo Wee Rup showcased its intent, dominating the early stages with hard work in tight through stoppages and disciplined possession football.

Its strategy kept Phillip Island on the back foot for much of the match, as Koo Wee Rup controlled the tempo took a two-goal lead into the first break.

Throughout the first three quarters, Koo Wee Rup's midfielders and defenders excelled in shutting down Phillip Island's attacks, using precise ball movement to transition from defence to attack.

Koo Wee Rup capitalised on its opportunities, consistently applying scoreboard pressure to hold onto a two-goal lead going into the final quarter.

Koo Wee Rup kicked the first goal of the final quarter, and a big upset was looking likely.

Phillip Island, however, refused to concede defeat.

Trailing for most of the game, it dug deep and rallied in the final quarter.

With a renewed sense of urgency and intensity, Phillip Island's midfield began winning crucial clearances, while the

forwards found their rhythm and began to convert their chances.

Zac Walker continued his progression and looked very dangerous at both ends of the ground.

Once again, the Taylors were providing headaches up forward combining for 6 goals between them.

As the final quarter progressed, Phillip Island's relentless pressure started to wear down Koo Wee Rup.

The home side's defensive efforts tightened, limiting their scoring opportunities and forcing turnovers.

Capitalising on these mistakes, Phillip Island surged forward with quick, decisive play.

In a stunning turnaround, Phillip Island not only erased the deficit but managed to pull ahead, eventually securing an 18-point victory.

The final siren confirmed their impressive comeback, leaving Koo Wee Rup to reflect on a game that slipped from their grasp.

On a positive note, Phillip Island has 10 goal scorers and were able to get another game into their young talent.

Phillip Island's late surge was a testament to their resilience and fighting spirit, ensuring a memorable win after back-to-back away games.



Charlie Bruce takes control of play for Phillip Island.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

ROUND 6

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts av
Nar Nar Goon	6	0	461.36	24	Inverloch-K	6	0	466.67	24	Phillip Island	4	0	472.73	4.00	Phillip Island	5	0	1696.3	4.00
Inverloch-K	6	0	326.89	24	Nar Nar Goon	5	1	762.38	20	Inverloch-K	4	1	105.88	3.20	Inverloch-K	5	0	768.75	4.00
Cora Lynn	4	1	274.29	18	Tooradin-Dal	5	1	483.09	20	Tooradin-K	3	1	277.23	3.00	Tooradin-Dal	4	1	270.43	3.20
Phillip Island	4	1	153.28	18	Cora Lynn	5	1	227.84	20	Nar Nar Goon	4	2	238.26	2.67	Nar Nar Goon	4	2	184.09	2.67
Tooradin-Dal	4	2	212.54	16	Kilcunda Bass	4	2	270.27	16	Warragul Ind	4	2	181.28	2.67	Warragul Ind	4	2	132.28	2.67
Kilcunda Bass	4	2	133.42	16	Phillip Island	4	2	189.86	16	Dalyston	3	3	132.58	2.00	Kor-Bena	2	3	76.36	1.60
Warragul Ind	2	4	90.35	8	Garfield	3	3	105.68	12	Tooradin-Dal	1	3	79.51	1.00	Garfield	2	3	75.12	1.60
Dalyston	2	4	82.91	8	Dalyston	2	4	38.11	8	Koo Wee Rup	1	4	58.18	0.80	Bunyip	2	3	35.32	1.60
Garfield	2	4	40.18	8	Koo Wee Rup	1	5	56.22	4	Bunyip	0	4	14.10	0.00	Koo Wee Rup	1	5	55.93	0.67
Koo Wee Rup	1	5	60.65	4	Warragul Ind	1	5	22.78	4	Kor-Bena	0	4	3.27	0.00	Kilcunda-Bass	1	5	24.17	0.67
Kor-Bena	0	6	28.46	0	Kor-Bena	0	6	17.82	0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00	Dalyston	0	6	10.87	0.00
Bunyip	0	6	5.13	0	Bunyip	0	6	2.63	0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

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PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

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KOO WEE RUP

PHILLIP ISLAND

Koo Wee Rup 4.0 8.4 11.6 13.6 (84)

Phillip Island 2.1 6.3 10.3 16.6 (102)

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Matthew Voss 4, Luke McMaster 2, Mitch Alderson, Bailey Galante, Seth Lawler, Caleb Milojevic, Blake Peach, Nathan Voss, Brodie Yapp 1 each

BEST: Matthew Voss, Blake Peach, Nick Prowd, Travis Bindley, Robbie McMahan, Liam Pirotta

GOALS, Phillip Island: Billy Taylor 4, Jack Taylor, Max Walton 2, Charlie Bruce, Hayden Bruce, Yianni Caffieri, Kai Mackenzie, Jesse Patullo, Jordy Patullo, Zac Walker, Jaymie Youle 1 each

BEST: Zac Walker, Billy Taylor, Jack Taylor, Mark Griffin, Jesse Patullo, Bryce Hindhaugh

RESERVES

Koo Wee Rup --- 2.0 2.2 3.3 (21)

Phillip Island 3.3 4.5 6.6 11.9 (75)

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Luke Edwards, John Ramos, Ryan Wilby 1 each

BEST: Jesse Cammarano, Cooper Arthur, Ryan Wilby, John Ramos, Luke Edwards, Tyler Evans

GOALS, Phillip Island: Ben Taylor 3,

Tyce Kleverkamp 2, Jack Keating, Jay Ladson, Ethan Michaelides, Jace Nichol, James Nicolaci, Ash Salter, Travis Woodfield 1 each

BEST: Ethan Michaelides, Connor Thompson, Jay Ladson, Tyce Kleverkamp, Kirby Fuller, Brayden Kleverkamp

THIRDS

Koo Wee Rup 0.0 1.3 3.3 5.3 (33)

Phillip Island 5.2 6.5 8.5 12.6 (78)

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Nick Booth 2, Cullen Anderson, Lachlan Bertone, Luke Briganti 1 each

BEST: Ethan Neill, Mack Brown, Luke Briganti, Nick Booth, Drew Simmons, Max Monckton

GOALS, Phillip Island: Benjamin Chihotski, Jack Huther 3, Finn O'Brien 2, Daniel Caffieri, Jasper Cashman, Noah Forrest Mabilia, Max Taylor 1 each

BEST: Beau Davies, Jack Huther, Leo Savona, Benjamin Chihotski, Finn O'Brien, Daniel Caffieri

FOURTHS

Koo Wee Rup 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 (1)

Phillip Island 2.2 3.6 4.10 10.10 (70)

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Kyen Dore-Wilson, Matthew Simpson, Lincoln Tannahill, Campbell Wood, Joshua Saunders, Lochy Loveday

GOALS, Phillip Island: Xavier Williams 3,

Felix Bathgate, Sam O'Garey 2, Archer Cameron, Jeremy Kelly, Blake Murphy 1 each

BEST: Xavier Williams, Harrison Carlon, Jeremy Kelly, Jack Larsson, Dean Rizzo, Blake Murphy

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

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KORUMBURA-BENA

CORA LYNN

Kor-Bena 0.0 4.1 4.1 5.4 (34)

Cora Lynn 7.4 10.15 18.19 24.25 (169)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Hugh Gordon 2, Codie Anderson, Nicholas Besley, Tom Crocker 1 each

BEST: Hugh Gordon, Tyler Newton, Kye Benson, Byron Walker, Codie Walker, Evan Allaway

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Nathan Gardiner 12,

Cory Machaya, James Munro 2, Jaxon Briggs, Lachlan Coverdale, Gus Da Costa, Luke Hartley, Christopher Inverno, Luke Ryan, Matthew Ryan, William Stephenson 1 each

BEST: Nathan Gardiner, Gus Da Costa, James Munro, Luke Ryan, Heath Briggs, Nathan Villella

RESERVES

Kor-Bena 1.0 3.0 4.1 5.1 (31)

Cora Lynn 1.3 3.7 5.8 8.8 (56)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Jasper Macri 2, Nash Beavis, Jack Crocker, TJ Loughridge 1 each

BEST: TJ Loughridge, Blake Webb, Jake Kelly, Jasper Macri, Tanner Walker, Terence Sanderson

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Dylan Ross 2, Harrison Alexander, Manyang Alier, Josh Arena, Joshua Ede, Jayden Frazer, Ryan Philp 1 each

BEST: Dylan Ross, Manyang Alier, Thomas Stiglich, Tristan Warkuss, Tristan Lilley-Hale, Corey Ramsdale

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Tooradin-Dal 34.16.220 d Bunyip 0.2.2

Warragul Ind 18.16.124 d Garfield 5.7.37

RESERVES

Tooradin-Dal 33.17.215 d Bunyip 0.0.0

Garfield 11.4.70 d Warragul Ind 3.1.19

THIRDS

Tooradin-Dal 12.11.83 d Bunyip 3.3.21

Garfield 7.6.48 d Warragul Ind 4.6.30

FOURTHS

Tooradin-Dal 14.11.95 d Bunyip 2.1.13

Warragul Ind 10.9.69 d Garfield 3.1.19

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This proud team represented the Wonthaggi Bowls Club at the State Championships in Moama recently.



Craig Fisher and Marty Hanaford after the Champion of Champions. Craig won the Wonthaggi Bowls Club Championship and Strzelecki Section Championship.

Bowlers embrace the State Championship experience

FIVE hard fought matches were played by the Wonthaggi Bowls Club at the State Championships in Moama recently.

Wonthaggi Bowls Club qualified for its position in the championship after winning the Midweek Pennant premiership for the Strzelecki South region.

The local bowlers earned their ticket to Moama after defeating the confident Strzelecki North winners Newborough at Newborough.

It was a hard road to get Moama, and there were trials still to come when some members of the Division 1 team were unavailable to compete.

Several Division 2 players were qualified to take their place, and the club put the extra effort in with Sunday sessions to allow the new team to bond and mentally prepare for the challenge ahead.

Wonthaggi faced Middle Park, Cobram, Portland RSL and Lakes Entrance, culminating in round five, in which they battled it out with a professional Bendigo outfit.

By Tayla Kershaw

"We were very competitive (at Moama) and the clubs we played all had their full-strength teams, so we did pretty well," club president Allan Ireland said.

"You have to test yourself against the best."

Although there were no wins on the board, bowlers representing Wonthaggi were delighted with the experience, and extremely proud of what they had accomplished together.

"It was a great experience. Not everybody gets a chance to do it in their lifetime, and if you get the chance to do it, you grab it," Dot Stein said.

"Playing with this group was absolutely wonderful."

The bowlers were also thrilled to be well supported by family, friends and local spectators.

"I watched and I was so proud to see our bowlers playing against these champions. They put up a good fight," Arthur Parker said.

All matches and scores were

livestreamed through Bowls Victoria, so even those who couldn't make it on the day were able to be part of the action.

The bowlers also felt they gained valuable experience from playing at a venue like Moama and thanked the club for its welcoming hospitality.

Great appreciation was also extended to everyone who prepared to send the team to Moama and volunteered their time during the championship.

Wonthaggi Bowls Club enjoyed a successful pennant season with four divisions across Midweek and Saturday Pennant represented in the finals series.

With president Allan leading by example, the club continues to pride itself on offering a strong and happy environment to both its members and the community.

"Everyone is here for the right reasons. There's no magic pill that makes a happy club. Sometimes the harder you try, the worse it gets, but you just have to let things evolve," Allan said.

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Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Joy Phillips, Caroline Donohue and Jan Jeeves, and Phillip Island's Robyn Dennis teamed up to win the Gippsland Fours Champions.



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