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A Mercedes-Benz burst into flames after a suspected electrical fault last Friday on the South Gippsland Highway, with the driver fortunately fleeing the vehicle as the fire spread. CFA crews worked fast to quickly bring the blaze under control. Full story page 3.

BASS COAST BOOMS

-Population up by 24.3%

THE Census 2021 numbers are in showing a dramatic increase in the population of Bass Coast, up a whopping 24.3 per cent in the five years between 2016 and 2021.

It's the fastest rate of growth in Gippsland and just a tick behind our metro-fringe neighbour, Cardinia Shire, with a 25.6 per cent increase in population, admittedly up from 94,128 to 118,194 (24,066 more) in areas including Lang Lang, Koo Wee Rup and Pakenham.

Bass Coast's population has crashed through the 40,000 barrier for the first time, with 40,789 people calling Bass Coast home on the night of Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It represents an increase of 7985 people in five years, compared to Baw Baw's increase in population of 9147.

South Gippsland's population was up by a much more modest 6.5 per cent, from 2016 to 2021, still healthy growth but not nearly as heavily impacted by Melbourne's growth corridor.

South Gippsland's population has gone up by 1874 people from 28,703 in 2016 to 30,577 in August last year.

An equal measure of the increase in population is the increase in the 'All Private Dwellings' up from 25,775 in Bass Coast in 2016 to 28,938 in 2021; an increase of 3163. South Gippsland's was up by 1241, Baw Baw 3605 and Cardinia 8437.

But that's only part of the story with the change in the number of "occupied" dwellings in Bass Coast revealing that 3489 more houses are occupied in the shire, with 16,662 occupied dwellings in August 2021, up from 13,173 in 2016 (although these numbers don't seem to correlate with the 'All Private Dwellings' data).

Nonetheless, it's significant growth.

Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said the Council would be looking for a bigger share of annual government operating grants as a result of the increase in the resident population of Bass Coast.

"The population increase is significant, but we've also gained more 3000

occupied dwellings which is having a big impact on our services, including waste services.

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The driver of a Mercedes Benz managed to guide the car to the side of the highway before the fire spread. Ns082722

Driver's lucky escape as car bursts into flames

THE owner of a Mercedes-Benz which suddenly caught fire while travelling along the South Gippsland Highway last week was fortunate to suffer no injuries when fleeing the burning vehicle.

The incident occurred last Friday, July 1, when the vehicle began overheating before shortly bursting into flames near Bena.

The driver managed to escape the vehicle just in time as emergency services arrived on scene to find the car fully ablaze.

CFA crews worked quickly to bring the fire under control within a matter of minutes before police arrived on scene.

The Sentinel-Times briefly spoke to the troubled driver at the scene, who said the

By Nick Sinis

engine appeared to have suddenly started overheating in the lead up to the fire.

"I quickly pulled over and got out of the car," he said.

"Shortly after that it burst into flames. Fortunately, two electricians stopped and helped by getting a fire extinguisher onto it initially and they called the CFA."

Police later confirmed an electrical fault was likely the cause of the fire and fortunately there were no other passengers.

However, the vehicle was completely destroyed.

Bass Coast booms - Population up by 24.3%

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"There's new building but we're also seeing people moving into existing houses which again is adding pressure on the services we provide."

According to the Census 2021, the percentage of unoccupied houses in Bass Coast fell from 46.4% to 39.4%.

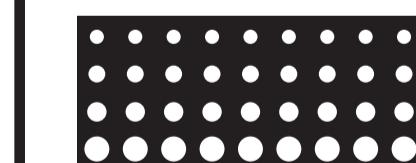
Cr Whelan said there was still a significant aging population in the shire, the median age being 51, but he noted that there had also been an increase in the number of families in the shire.

In fact, the percentage of people in Bass Coast 60 years and over increased from

36% to 38.6%, as compared to 34.8% over 60 in South Gippsland, Baw Baw 28.2% and Cardinia 17.3%.

"I've had a general look at the data, but we'll be getting a more comprehensive briefing in the days ahead, drilling down into the different areas of the shire and seeing what the impact has been there as well," he said.

Cr Whelan said the significant increase in population, leading Gippsland in percentage terms by a fair margin, would also feed into the Council's advocacy to government for investment in the necessary infrastructure and funding for services in Bass Coast.



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Census 2021: Why do we feel sick?

THE 2021 Census collected information on long-term health conditions for the first time and the news wasn't good in regional areas.

Over two million people across Australia reported having at least one of the following conditions - mental health (2,231,543), arthritis (2,150,396) or asthma (2,068,020), with these being the most reported long-term health conditions.

And while 61 per cent of people in Victoria reported having no long-term health conditions, the figure was 10 per cent worse in Bass Coast with only 51.2 per cent saying they have no health issues, 53.7 per cent in South Gippsland and 54.2 per cent in Baw Baw.

With a higher age demographic than average, the incidence of arthritis is higher in regional areas including Baw Baw 11.2% (6449 people), South Gippsland 12.7%

(3743) and Bass Coast 13.5% (5524) as against the state average of 8%.

But the incidence of asthma, cancer, diabetes and heart disease are also higher in country areas.

Of those who reported long-term health conditions, 1835 people in Bass Coast have cancer (4.5%), 1224 have cancer in South Gippsland (4%) and 2056 in Baw Baw (3.6%) as compared with just 2.8% of those in other areas of the state.

Heart disease is another problem in regional areas with 2592 people in Bass Coast (6.4%) reporting heart problems as compared to the state average of 3.7%. In South Gippsland 1770 have heart problems (5.8%) and 2874 in Baw Baw (5%).

Whether its due to an aging demographic or poorer health outcomes in regional areas, the data points to the need for more health services.

Census 2021: Tale of two towns

OUTRIGHT home ownership is higher in Wonthaggi than Leongatha.

Personal income is lower in Wonthaggi, at an average of \$569 weekly, compared to the Leongatha, with \$674, but both are well below the state average weekly income for an individual of \$803.

The number of households with a weekly income over \$3000 is 8.6% in postcode 3995 as compared to 14.2% in Leongatha and district 3953 postcode.

And you're slightly more likely to volunteer for community work if you live in Leongatha (20.4%) as compared to Wonthaggi (16.4%) but both are ahead of the state average for volunteering (13.3%).

It's all part of the data handed down this week, probing every aspect of life, through information collected in the August 2021 Census.

According to the Census, there are a lot more unoccupied dwellings in the Wonthaggi 3995 postcode area, which includes Cape Paterson and Kilcunda, with few if any houses available in the Wonthaggi town.

There are 1322 unoccupied dwellings in the 3995 postcode area, or 21.3% of the 6522 dwellings in the area, compared to Leongatha postcode 3953 at 9.6% or 340 unoccupied houses, out of a total of 3739 dwellings.

It makes for interesting reading to compare the two towns which have as many similarities as they do differences.

Here are a few comparisons to ponder: Population: Wonthaggi 11,596,

Leongatha 8194, number of dwellings: 6522 Wonthaggi, 3739 Leongatha, biggest age group: Wonthaggi 65-69 (8.3%), Leongatha 70-74 (7.4%), no health problems: Wonthaggi 49.6%, Leongatha 55 and dwelling (owned outright) Wonthaggi 46.3%, Leongatha 45%.

Korumburra and Inverloch

Meanwhile, Korumburra has a population of 5133, average personal income of \$619, 17.7% volunteer in the community regularly, 52% have no long-term illness concerns compared to the state average of 61%, and there are 242 unoccupied dwellings in the Korumburra 3950 postcode area or 10.6% of the housing stock.

The housing tenure profile of Korumburra people is 18.5% renting, 41.8% own their dwelling outright and 35.9% own with a mortgage.

In Inverloch (postcode 3996), the 2021 Census population is listed as 6649, average personal income of \$706, 22.7% volunteer in the community regularly, 53.3% have no long-term illness concerns compared to the state average of 61%, and there are 1846 unoccupied dwellings in the Inverloch 3950 postcode area or 40.5% of the housing stock.

The housing tenure profile of Inverloch people is 17.8% renting, 54.6% own their dwelling outright and 24.8% own with a mortgage.

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IN BRIEF

Earthquake near Westernport

A 2.8 magnitude earthquake has been reported 4km east-north-east of the coastal town of Flinders on Sunday.

The epicentre was 15 kilometres from Phillip Island, but few people here have reported hearing or feeling anything.

A resident of Ventnor told the Sentinel-Times that they heard about the tremor but didn't feel it.

"We were inside at the time but didn't feel anything. The dog barked at something around 6.30pm but that was it," he said.

The quake struck at a depth of 10km with those who felt it reporting "weak shaking".

The time of the tremor was 6.29pm.

Key plans adopted

A SUITE of integrated plans outlining the future direction of South Gippsland Shire was finalised at Wednesday's council meeting.

The adoption of the Community Vision 2040 (Community Vision) is the highlight.

"A community vision is an important document that describes the community's aspirations for the future of the municipality and helps to guide decision making," council states.

The Community Vision 2040 was developed based on extensive community feedback and in partnership with a community panel, with the assistance of a consultant.

Closely aligned with the Community Vision, the Council Plan 2022-2026 helps to jointly spearhead the suite of integrated plans.

While the Community Vision is a longer-term aspirational plan for the shire, the Council Plan seeks to address the short to medium term priorities of the shire's community.

"The Community Vision is a holistic view of the community's desired future, while the Council Plan is 'action oriented', council states.

Other plans ratified at the meeting are the:

- Long-Term Financial Plan 2022-2032
- Revenue and Rating Plan 2022-2026
- Budget 2022/23 – 2025/26
- Asset Plan 2022-2032

Traffic to access new section of highway

BOTH lanes of traffic will be directed onto the new section of the South Gippsland Highway in Koonwarra as of Monday, July 4, weather permitting.

Once traffic is travelling along the new section of highway, the project team will be able to undertake works in

areas they are currently unable to access.

There will be increased traffic management in place to enable the safe redirection of traffic.

Once traffic is travelling on the new section of highway, there will be intermittent lane closures between 7am and 6pm while work continues to complete this important infrastructure project.

The speed limit will also remain at 60km/h (40km/h when completion works are occurring in specific areas) through the area.

Electronic message boards on the road will provide the latest information about what to expect.

Motorcycle rider killed at Koo Wee Rup

CARDINIA Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal motorcycle crash at Koo Wee Rup early Sunday morning, July 3.

Emergency services responded to reports of a crashed motorcycle on Rossiter Road at the intersection of the Koo Wee Rup Bypass just after 7.30am.

Sadly, the rider, a yet to be identified man, died at the scene.

The exact circumstances surrounding the collision are yet to be determined and investigations are ongoing.

Anyone who witnessed the incident, has dash cam footage or any other information that could assist police is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report at www.crimestoppersvic.com.au

Lives lost on Victorian roads so far in 2022 are 128 compared with 111 for the same time last year.

Free flu shots extended

THE state government is extending its free influenza vaccination program over the school holidays.

The program will continue to July 10.

Throughout June, all Victorians aged six months and over have been eligible for a free flu shot from more than 2000 GP clinics and community pharmacies across the state.

If you have not yet received your free flu shot, now is the time to contact your local GP or community pharmacy to book in and protect yourself this winter.

The flu vaccination is already free for children under five years, people over 65 years, pregnant women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people with increased risk medical conditions.

Lions farewell treasured member

WONTHAGGI Lions Club have paid tribute to member John Fleming OAM who sadly passed away last week.

John was a Charter Member and Life Member of Wonthaggi Lions Club, the club stated via social media.

"He served as Club President on several occasions during the past 60 years," they said.

"He was always involved in all the club activities during that time.

"He will probably be remembered most as the iconic "High Priest" of our Saturday sausage sizzles.

"We express our sincere condolences to Fiona and the family.

"For those who wish to say farewell and pay their respects to John, his funeral will be held at the Wonthaggi Town Hall at 2pm on Friday, July 8.

Police needing public assistance

BASS Coast police are continuing to investigate a single vehicle crash in Cape Paterson on Friday, April 15.

It's believed a silver Holden sedan was travelling south on Cape Paterson – Inverloch Road when it crashed about 11.45am.

Police believe the vehicle may have overtaken a number of vehicles between Honey's Road and Wilsons Road, before losing control and colliding with the embankment, flipping and then spinning on its roof.

This vehicle narrowly missed colliding with a red sedan travelling in the opposite direction.

As a result of the collision, an 18-year-old Cape Paterson man who was a passenger suffered life threatening injuries.

He has since been released from hospital.

Police would like to speak to anyone who witnessed the incident or has dashcam footage.

Please contact Leading Senior Constable Williams at Bass Coast Highway Patrol on 5671 4100.

Police after youths' identity

YARRAM Police are seeking witnesses and CCTV for information relating to disruptive behaviour by a small number of youths in the Yarram CBD area.

The incident occurred during the early hours of the morning (between 2am and 6am) on Wednesday, June 29.

Any information on the identity of these youths would be appreciated, and

Yarram Police encourage the community to report any disruptive or riotous behaviour as it is occurring.

A report can be made to Crime Stoppers at 1800 333 000 or Yarram Police Station (03) 5182 5033

Sustainability workshop series

LOCAL permaculture expert, Rick Coleman, is holding a series of workshops related to food, gardening and environmental sustainability.

The session will be held over six Wednesdays 10am-3pm at Bass Coast Adult Learning, 239 White Road Wonthaggi starting on Wednesday, July 27 including the following topics: New Plants from Old, Water Resilience, Veggie Patch to Plate, Sustaining Your Own Food Forest, Gourmet Garden Produce and Natural Pest Management.

Regional real estate holding up

REAL Estate market analysts have issued a report on July 1, 2022 which shows that while the increase in values in regional areas have slowed markedly, they are still in positive territory out-performing capital city trends.

"The combined regionals index remained in positive growth territory in June, albeit slightly, rising 0.1%, reducing quarterly growth from a peak of 6.6% in April last year, to 2.0% over the three months to June.

"In contrast, the combined capital cities index was down -0.8% over the June quarter, reducing from a peak of 7.1% over the three months to May last year."

The index listed values' growth in the Latrobe-Gippsland area at 20.47% during the past 12 months, with a median value of \$417,559.

30 years for San Remo Probus

SAN Remo Probus Club celebrated its 30th birthday on Monday, June 20, at the Dalyston Church restaurant.

Nine of the 10 foundation members from 1992 are still active.

At the event, those members expressed emotionally what Probus had meant to them over the past three decades.

The San Remo Probus Club meet at 10am on the second Monday of each month at the Newhaven Public Hall.

Visitors are most welcome to come along and see what the club has to offer retirees.

NSW bee ban to fight Varroa mite spread

A LOCAL commercial beekeeper and honey producer has raised serious concern for the industry after the deadly pest Varroa mite was detected in NSW.

Last week, restrictions were put in place to prohibit the movement of bees from New South Wales into Victoria to prevent and control the spread of the pest.

Varroa mite (Varroa destructor) is a serious, exotic parasite of adult European honeybees and their brood.

It weakens and kills honeybee colonies and can also transmit honeybee viruses.

The mite occurs in beekeeping countries throughout the world but is not established in Australia.

It is considered the greatest threat to Australia's honey and honeybee pollination plant industries.

Phillip Island Honey's David Severino told the Sentinel-Times he believes the pest could wipe out the bee keeping industry if it spreads locally.

"For agriculture, it means no pollination, things like the almond industry, fruits, anything that requires bees to pollinate is going to suffer," he said.

"That means less food and less food security."

"Almonds are 100 per cent reliant on bees."

Mr Severino said the ramifications for his business could be disastrous.

"It will mean pollination prices will go up because we will have to reduce our bee numbers to try and control it," he said.

"I run 400 hives, but with Varroa mite, I

would have to drop it to 100-150 hives to manage it properly.

"Which means my income will drop by about three quarters."

Mr Severino said commercial beekeepers often move their hives around the state to farms that require pollinating, adding to the risk of it spreading.

"We move bees all over the place depending on what's flowering," he said.

"It's basically the COVID of honeybees, it spreads very quickly."

Victoria's Deputy Chief Plant Health Officer Stephen Dibley said the measures were necessary to support the national response and ensure they keep Varroa mite out of Victoria.

"Varroa mite is a serious threat to Australia's bee population and horticulture industries that rely on pollination," Dr Dibley said.

"The restrictions mean that no bees, hives or beekeeping equipment can be moved into Victoria from New South Wales without a permit. "However, no permits will be granted while the NSW standstill is in place, to comply with NSW emergency orders.

"For beekeepers, we ask them to keep an eye on the website and all the media coming out around this. We also really value you looking at your hives and reporting anything suspect through the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline (1800 084 881).

"Any reporting is highly valued and will be followed up by the relevant authorities."

For more information visit the Agriculture Victoria website: <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/>



David Severino of Phillip Island Honey has his fingers crossed that Varroa mite won't spread locally, as it could devastate the industry.

South Gippsland Shire budgets for extensive capital works program

SOUTH Gippsland Shire's recently adopted 2022/23 Budget features a \$31.467 million capital works program.

The expected operating result for the 2022/23 financial year is a surplus of \$2.869 million, while the adjusted result for that period is a deficit of \$7.159 million.

The latter is attributed to the Federal Government's decision to bring forward approximately 75 per cent of 2022/23 financial grants to the 2021/22 financial year, creating an \$8.8 million reduction in the 2022/23 Budget.

That reduction, lower capital grants, and the receipt of grant funding for storm events in 2021/22 are factors outlined to explain the much lower operating result figure, compared to last year's \$12.849 million.

Cr Sarah Gilligan said South Gippsland Shire Council is in a much better financial state than most regional councils and believes the Budget balances responsibility looking ahead to the future.

"This budget reflects a lot of thinking about what may be in the future and allows us to keep functioning as a business responsibly, whilst also allowing for some bold ideas," Cr Gilligan said.

Mayor Mohya Davies said the Budget contains \$1.5 million in new initiatives, adding that is unprecedented in South

Gippsland and outlining one of the highlights she perceives.

"We're planning to invest \$50,000 towards the implementation of the Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy," she said.

South Gippsland Shire Council's manager of financial strategy Melissa Baker explained that the \$1.5 million Cr Davies referred to was made available to facilitate projects the community is keen to see accomplished.

She said that was achieved by identifying greater efficiencies across normal council operations.

"We knew that we'd be rolling out the new Community Vision and Council Plan, so we wanted to make sure we had as much as we could available for councillors to allocate according to the feedback that we got from the community," Ms Baker said.

In response to community concerns about roads, a third of the \$1.5 million new initiative pool has been allocated to gravel road re-sheeting.

Recently done streetscapes in Leongatha and Foster along with the one being undertaken in Korumburra will benefit from the purchase of a street sweeper, with \$300,000 allocated to that cause.

The Community Leadership Program will benefit to the tune of \$270,000,

with the program to continue in a redesigned format.

A feasibility study for future pedestrian and bike paths in Venus Bay and Sandy Point will be undertaken, with \$100,000 set aside to achieve that.

Other initiatives to benefit from the \$1.5 million pool are:

- Contribute to Destination Gippsland's event acquisition fund to deliver events in South Gippsland (\$55,000)

- Prepare a Coastal Strategy to inform future Planning Scheme provisions that seek to guide sustainable land-use and development in the shire's coastal townships and communities (\$60,000)

- Implement actions from the Industrial Land Supply Study (\$50,000)

Capital Works is one of the areas of the Budget Cr Davies is upbeat about.

"There's a continued investment in Capital Works and we'll see enormous investment in infrastructure, and we've made a focus on roads," she said.

Cr Davies noted that community feedback and concerns expressed in regard to the Shire's vast road network has been taken into account, with council wishing to not only maintain but improve roads where possible.

The capital works program is to be funded through \$9.770 million in

grants and contributions, \$4 million in borrowings, and \$17.697 million in council cash.

The capital Budget includes \$8.174 million of carry forward projects from 2021/22.

"The operating Budget of \$68.5 million in 2022/23 is directed towards priority services for the community being delivered in a sustainable manner," Cr Davies wrote.

In Wednesday's council meeting Cr Davies spoke of the ongoing challenge rate capping poses for councils.

"That doesn't recognise the cost of construction and the increased cost of doing things into the future as we are now in a difficult environment," she said of the Victorian Government's current 1.75 percent rate cap.

Total revenue from rates and charges is projected to be \$48.108 million, which incorporates an average rate increase of 1.75 per cent.

The Budget has been prepared for the four-year period ending 30 June 2026 and is set within the Financial Plan to assist council to adopt a budget within a longer-term financial framework.

"The Budget gives effect to the Council Plan and implements strategies from the Community Vision," council CEO Kerryn Ellis states.



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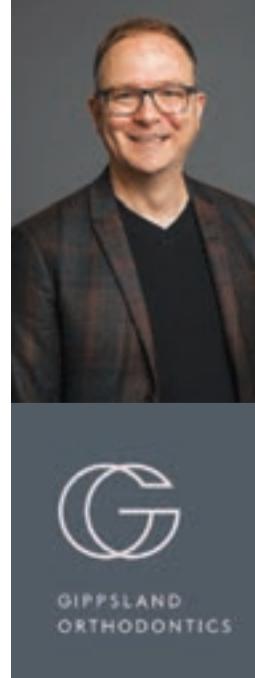
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Red Rocks footpath set to go

THE Bass Coast Shire Council are due to commence the Red Rocks Road footpath in the coming months to construct the remaining gap from Cypress Court to the Cowes foreshore.

This project is due for delivery in the next financial year and will give pedestrians safe connection to the existing footpath, with works to be completed along the Red Rocks Road to the Foreshore path and beach access.

Despite the planning project being approved under the council's pathways GAPS program, Island Voice treasurer Peter McMahon is concerned that the council are only funding projects that increase tourism.

"We are spending a lot of money on this project and for what? Are we looking at this from a resident's point of view or is it just for the tourists," said Peter.

Mr McMahon raised concern that the project is too close to the shoreline and the works will disrupt the environment.

The shire stated they are committed to improving the footpath network across Bass Coast and the new urban subdivisions require footpaths; this wasn't the

case when housing was developed many years ago.

"All footpath requests are evaluated and prioritized using strict criteria considering safety, site factors, environment, users and funding," said Council spokesperson.

In 2016 following community consultation, Council adopted an aspirational pathways plan to fill gaps in pathways around Bass Coast, and the 1.5-metre-wide concrete path was raised as an incomplete section of pathway and in which case will be constructed in 2022.

Council have confirmed adjustments for water, power, Telstra services and alterations for stormwater pit lids will be serviced as required, as well as new footpath laybacks, kerb and drainage at intersections.

Council also stated that some existing driveways will be replaced with plain reinforced concrete at no cost to the property owner; this is completed in order to match the correct cross fall and new levels of the path for pedestrians.

For more information on this project, visit www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au



South Gippsland Hospital CEO Paul Greenhalgh and Gippsland Southern Health CEO Mark Johnson at the launch of South Gippsland Shire Council's integrated plans. A07_2722

Community voice heard

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council details its extensive community consultation efforts in its Integrated Planning Engagement Report, which reflects how community feedback was gathered and how it influenced the final versions of council's integrated plans and strategies.

Community calls for greater support for volunteers and not-for-profit organisations, including community sport, prompted the addition of a new priority in the Council Plan.

That priority is to 'support and celebrate our volunteers through community grants and National Volunteer Week'.

A community call for increased investment in arts and culture is reflected by the inclusion of \$50,000 in the Council Plan to implement some actions from the Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy.

With health one of the key issues arising through the various public engagement channels, a new initiative to 'implement the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan' was added to the Council Plan.

Gippsland Southern Health's Mark Johnson participated in one of the planning consultation sessions in his capacity as CEO.

He is keen to see "closer alignment between the health services and the delivery of the Municipal Health Plan".

Mark outlined the importance of clarity on the roles of various parties involved in providing health services for South Gippsland.

"We need to be working together and having an understanding of the boundaries, who's providing what and thereby not duplicating services," he said.

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Owner of Wrench's Footwear in Wonthaggi, Carl Lindsay is in favour of the Smart Parking sensors in Wonthaggi noting that it will make customers more conscious of their time. Z05_2622

Drivers to be more time conscious; says business owner

THE Bass Coast Shire Council are due to begin the installation of the Smart Parking sensors and technology equipment to Cowes and Wonthaggi this July.

Smart Parking is proposed to include 375 on-street bays in Cowes, on Thompson Avenue, Chapel Street and The Esplanade, 123 off-street bays at the Cowes transit centre carpark; and 262 on-street bays in Wonthaggi, on Graham Street and McBride Avenue.

Owner of Wrench's Footwear in Wonthaggi, Carl Lindsay received feedback from his customers regarding the new on-street technology, questioning whether or not the system would be generating automatic fines to those over-staying their park.

A council spokesperson responded to the public concern stating that the Smart Parking infrastructure does not issue infringements.

Smart Parking sensor technology will provide council with real-time data via a portal, which can assist with enforcement efficiency by immediately informing a by-law officer that a person has overstayed their park.

According to the Bass Coast Shire, the new technology is being installed in the asphalt of

each on-street parking bay and will provide data insights to make parking more efficient and to help identify service improvements in Cowes and Wonthaggi.

However, law officers will still be monitoring parking over-stays and issuing infringements in person.

"I was initially concerned for the elderly having enough time and automatically receiving a fine; however, knowing that the system doesn't automatically issue the fines is reassuring and all in all customers shouldn't be exceeding their hour anyway," said Carl.

"If everyone is doing the right thing the new system will run smoothly, I believe it will make the public more conscious of their time so there is space for other people."

A council spokesperson added that parking will remain free and infringement notices will not be issued to drivers who adhere to parking time limits.

The next step of the project is the Smart Parking guidance mobile app for Cowes and Wonthaggi, which is due to go live in August.

Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



We held a presentation afternoon for our 2022 Round 1 Community Grants recipients last Thursday and it was great to catch up with some of the successful groups, to find out what their grant has helped them to achieve. Our Community Grants program provides an excellent opportunity for local groups, organisations and clubs to access funding for projects, equipment, events or climate action across two rounds each year. In round one this year, we distributed more than \$104,000 to 32 community groups. For more information about the Program, visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/grants.

I was honoured to attend the Wonthaggi Fire Brigade's annual dinner recently, particularly as it was the first one in two years - which meant there was a number of service awards to be presented. These awards are presented for every five years of service, with a total of 540 years of service been awarded on the night. As we all know, the CFA relies on the generosity of volunteers - who not only service the community by responding to emergencies, but who also work tirelessly behind the scenes. I would like to pass on a huge thank you to all members of the Brigade, past and present, you are all such a wonderful asset to our community.

While we were in Canberra a few weeks ago, we were able to meet with Senator and Minister for Emergency Management,

the Hon Murray Watt. The Emergency Response Fund Act 2019 came into effect in December 2019 and it allows the Australian Government to draw up to \$200 million in any given year to fund natural disaster emergency response, recovery and preparedness. Natural disasters currently cost the Australian economy \$38 billion per year and that is expected to increase to \$73 billion per year by 2060. This means that it is really important that an appropriate portion of this funding is allocated to preparation - we need to start looking at climate change through a natural disaster lens. As the population of our municipality grows, so too do the risk and consequences of natural disaster impacts on the community. These past few years have made it only too clear that the reality of climate change will inevitably lead to an increase in both the frequency and intensity, as well as the consequences of natural disasters. It was great to start the conversation with Senator Watt around this, and I look forward to continuing it in the future.



Leader of the Opposition, Matthew Guy (middle), Liberal Candidate for Bass, Aaron Brown (left) and Nationals Candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari (right), announcing \$6m in funding for erosion at Inverloch, if the parties are elected later this year. Ns012722

Election bid ramps up with opposition visit

IN A surprise visit to Bass Coast last week, the Liberal and Nationals Party have laid their cards on the table revealing they would commit \$6m for erosion at Inverloch if elected.

Leader of the Opposition, Matthew Guy, as well as Liberal Candidate for Bass, Aaron Brown and Nationals Candidate for Bass, former shire mayor and current councillor, Brett Tessari made the announcement at Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club.

The funding will go towards addressing erosion at Inverloch Surf Beach, which has seen rapid erosion of the dunes and the coastline rising by almost 70 metres along Wreck Creek in recent years.

This has caused anxiety in the community on the impact it could have on critical infrastructure and assets, including the Surf Life Saving Club.

"This is a serious issue right along the Bass Coast, and we must preserve our fragile coastlines so they can

be enjoyed for generations to come," Mr Guy said.

When asked by the media if there would be further funding to address erosion in other parts of Bass Coast, Mr Guy confirmed the party would commit to this if elected.

"This is the first point and most acute in Bass Coast at Inverloch," he said.

Mr Tessari, who recently announced his candidacy for Bass, said the community had been screaming out for significant funding for years.

"(There has been) study after study that has been going for three years and now there's further delay before the (Cape to Cape project) announcement is put forward."

The Cape to Cape Resilience Project, a coastal hazard adaptation project, has had a strong focus on the foreshore and surf beach at Inverloch.

The project has been ongoing since 2020, and seeks to

combine science, technical assessments and community input to develop a long-term plan to manage the assets and coastal areas of focus into the future.

However, the project has faced ongoing criticism for delays.

Speaking with the Sentinel-Times following the funding announcement, Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, welcomed the \$6m figure, as council seeks almost \$12m in total to address erosion control.

"This is a hot spot for coastal erosion, we're waiting for the Cape to Cape project to know exactly what we should be doing and we have been asking the (State Labor) government for a forward commitment towards doing that work, on the basis of the project," he said.

"So \$6m is a good start.

"We're hoping the (state) government will now step up and put that commitment into the area."

DELWP has installed wet sand fencing and geotextile walls at Inverloch to sup-

port immediate protection of the dune system, and support protection of the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club and Bunurong Road (Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road).

Parks Victoria have also committed to short-term mitigation works at Wreck Creek.

The candidates and Mr Guy also visited Phillip Island Football Netball Club, revealing they would commit \$350,000 to extend the facilities.

Mr Tessari said he was proud to have worked closely with the Phillip Island Football Netball Club over the past three years to work out the priority projects, and congratulated the local volunteers for persevering to secure this funding.

"Community sport is at the heart of strong regional communities, with this investment in modern, comfortable facilities that are fit-for-purpose just one practical way we can support local clubs to attract and retain members," Mr Tessari said.

Local MP Jane Garrett dies aged 49

ON March 16 last year, Jane Garrett was announcing a Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) grant of \$193,333 for a Light Tanker at the Ruby CFA Fire Brigade.

Little more than a year later, at the age of just 49, she is dead.

Early on Saturday night, the media started reporting that the Member for Eastern Victoria, one of a handful of MPs representing South Gippsland and Bass Coast in parliament, had succumbed to her battle with cancer.

The Premier Daniel Andrews issued a statement on behalf of the Victorian Government and the Parliamentary Labor Party expressing deep condolences to Jane's family, friends and colleagues and "all those who knew and loved her - vale Jane Garrett".

"Jane was a passionate advocate for the rights of working people and spent her career fighting for safer, secure jobs."

Her family has been offered a State Funeral.

Ms Garrett announced in December last year that she would not be seeking re-election, at the November 26, 2022 poll, but due to ill health has not been able to spend much time in Parliament since September last year.

In one of her final addresses to the Legislative Council on Wednesday, August 4 last year, Ms Garrett focused attention on the workplace safety risks that persist for farmers and those working in agricultural industries.

"My constituency question is directed to the Minister for Workplace Safety and Minister for Early Childhood, Ingrid Stitt, MP, and it relates to the portfolio responsibilities of workplace safety. As the house is aware, Eastern Victoria is home to many families who operate farming businesses, many of whom have passed these businesses down through generations, but unfortunately the agricultural industry has remained one of Victoria's most dangerous. Can the minister please update me and my constituents on what the Andrews Labor government is doing to ensure that workers in Victoria's agricultural industry have the resources to continue shifting farming culture to one which prioritises and improves safety?"

Of course, Ms Garrett is best known for resigning as Minister for Emergency Services in June 2016 when the Andrews Government was seeking to push through an industrial agreement designed to give the United Firefighters Union more power over the Country Fire Authority.

Ms Garrett reportedly resigned in protest against arrangements that she could not tolerate as Minister.

Ms Garrett leaves behind her husband James Higgins, and three children: Molly 19, Sasha 15 and Max 10.

She was the Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation from 2014-2016 and was still a Member of the Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee at the time of her death. She was the Member for Eastern Victoria from November 24, 2018 to the present.



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Johanna Haasjes and Hillie Hibma raise funds for displaced people in Ukraine and for safe water in various parts of the world. A61_2722

Garage sale aids two causes

UKRAINIANS displaced by the current conflict impacting their nation will benefit from a four-day Leongatha charity garage sale, with part of the proceeds also going to WaterAid to provide clean water and good hygiene to those in need in various countries.

The sale run by Johanna Haasjes continues this Friday and Saturday.

Johanna will direct three quarters of the sale proceeds to Mission Without Borders, which is working on the ground in Ukraine, with the remaining 25 percent of funds going to WaterAid.

She is familiar with the work of Mission without Borders, having been part of a group of ladies knitting goods distributed by the organisation, something it no longer does for logistical reasons.

"Anybody would be upset about the whole Ukraine situation," Johanna said.

She added that one of the achievements of Mission without Borders has been to get a number of Ukrainian people with cancer into hospital in Poland.

Johanna has long been running charity stalls, previously at Mirboo North and Leongatha and continuing to do so in Tarwin Lower, with people giving generously to assist valuable causes.

She said while the Ukraine situation demands action, the needs of those assisted by WaterAid are still there and

mustn't be forgotten.

"I have long been a WaterAid campaigner," Johanna said.

Being a teacher, she places great importance on education, but said clean and safe water is essential to life.

She explained that without satisfactory hygiene opportunities people can't live dignified and healthy lives.

Johanna is impressed by WaterAid's philosophy of training local people to become self-sufficient.

At the charity garage sale, as well as a wide selection of donated goods, Johanna's delicious home-baked shortbread is available to purchase, an opportunity this scribe didn't miss.

The range of goods is topped up daily.

Charity Garage Sale details

When: Friday July 8 and Saturday July 9 from 8am until 3pm.

Where: 8 Trease Street, Leongatha.

Prosser name chosen for Koonwarra Road

AN EXISTING section of the South Gippsland Highway, set to become an access road for Koonwarra locals due to the current highway realignment, is to be renamed Prosser Road.

The late Harry Prosser farmed at Koonwarra after returning from WWII.

His farm overlooks the road concerned.

Harry worked on many committees in the local area.

The Meeniyan and District Sub Branch of the RSL made one of 13 submissions calling for the name Prosser Road.

"Harry Prosser was a stalwart and long serving Life Member of our RSL and the Koonwarra community," the RSL submission states.

He joined the Air Force in 1941, serving in various parts of Australia and then the South Pacific.

Harry passed away in 2014, aged 92.

Cr John Schelling spoke of his support for adopting the name Prosser Road during Wednesday's South Gippsland

Shire Council meeting.

"I believe we've come up with a worthy outcome," Cr Schelling said.

He outlined Harry Prosser's military service and his later community contributions through his involvement with the Koonwarra Memorial Park, Koonwarra Recreation Reserve, Koonwarra Scouts, Tarwin and District Scout Board and the Koonwarra Fire Brigade.

The next most popular choice of name was Barguss Road, which received four supporting submissions.

Koonwarra's Robert Barguss died of illness as a Prisoner of War (POW) on the Burma Railway.

His name was put forward for the new road along with that of Harry Milsom of Tarwin who was executed by the Japanese in 1942 while a POW.

Councillors voted unanimously to rename the discontinued section of South Gippsland Highway 'Prosser Road', and renumber the affected properties abutting that section of road.



Dulcie Notman and daughter Helen Brereton shop at the charity garage sale. A62_2722



Allied Health Assistant Joanne Howard works with patient Klaus Koenig during his recovery at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Code Yellow lifted after almost two months

BASS Coast Health (BCH) has lifted the Code Yellow that was in place to signal an internal emergency.

The Code Yellow had been in effect since April 29 this year, due to staff falling ill or needing to care for sick family members.

According to BCH, they also faced challenges in recruiting staff.

The situation resulted in many staff working double shifts and even 19 hour shifts to fill the void.

At the same time, sicker patients were presenting, demand for hospital beds was high and wait times for emergency care were long.

"All of this placed huge pressure across BCH, and whilst we actively moved staff to meet demand and maintain service continuity and care, we assessed that this 'perfect storm' created too much clinical risk, hence the Code," BCH CEO Jan Child said.

"I am really pleased to say that after more than eight weeks, our situation has improved and this has enabled us to stand down the Code Yellow."

The Code Yellow ended on Tuesday, June 28, as staffing pressures eased, although many staff are still impacted by COVID, Influenza and other conditions.

"Of course, things are not completely back to normal. We are still experiencing

our winter demand. There is still more sick leave than usual related to winter ailments. We still have roster vacancies. We are treating more COVID patients and experiencing more COVID exposures, and the risk of getting COVID or Influenza in the community remains high," Ms Child said.

For the short term, some surgical and medical beds at Wonthaggi Hospital will remain closed, and sub-acute service and medical/surgical beds remain integrated into one ward.

Vaccination and testing staff have mostly all transitioned back to core services at BCH, and discussions with other health services have enabled the easier transfer of patients, who cannot be safely cared for at BCH due to their severity of illness.

BCH's emergency department, urgent care centre, acute ward, support services and cancer service will continue to be under more pressure than other areas.

The health service also assured that they had been successful in recruiting new staff and are still recruiting more.

Any clinical staff interested in joining BCH are invited to visit their recruitment website, basscoasthealth.mercury.com.au and send their CV to hr@basscoasthealth.org.au



Westpac to shut its Leongatha doors

WESTPAC will close its Leongatha branch on October 14, this year as well as a number of branches throughout the state.

The Westpac Banking Group will close branches under the Westpac, Bank of Melbourne or St George brands throughout Victoria including Leongatha, Morwell, Bentleigh, Colac, Eltham, Greythorn, Portland, Reservoir, South Yarra and Werribee.

"When we do close a branch, it is not a decision we take lightly. We take into consideration customer usage, location, and proximity to other banking services," a Westpac Group spokesperson said.

"In this case, customers can continue to bank locally by utilising Bank@Post services less than 200 metres away from the current Westpac site at Leongatha Post Shop or call our Cus-

tomer Care team on 132 032.

"Westpac Group has also grown its 24/7 phone banking and virtual banking centres to further assist customers with their needs.

"Many of our customers are comfortable doing most of their banking online, but for those who would prefer face-to-face service we will continue to offer a range of ways to bank with us.

"We have a robust process in place to assist employees in finding new opportunities within Westpac Group, including support from their leader and access to a career transition coach during a redeployment period."

Local customers may have to travel to Wonthaggi or Warragul for the next nearest branch.

The next nearest Westpac branch is located in Wonthaggi or Warragul.

They call 'beautiful' Bass home

THE Bass Valley Community Group got front-page publicity on the Australian Bureau of Statistics' website last week, as a community group that uses Census data to stay focussed.

They quoted community group manager Rod McIvor: "We look at Census data all the time because it helps us stay on course."

"Occasionally people might ask if we should be doing something else, like focusing on youth. From the Census, we know that older people form our largest demographic and really need our help."

The 2021 Census data supports his views.

Bass Coast has 52.2% of people over 50 years of age, as compared to a state average of 34.6%. Drilling down further, there are 50.1% of people over 50 years-of-age in the Bass 3991 Postcode area.

There are however, a significant 29.6% in the 20-49 age group, and 20.1% in the 19-0 age group.

The 3991 postcode area has a population of 405 and there are 111 families of which almost half have children.

"Beautiful beaches, a relaxed lifestyle and a strong sense of community are just some of the many reasons the residents of Bass Valley in rural Victoria choose to call it home," said Mr McIvor in his ABS Census submission.



President of the Inverloch Cricket Club Paul Woods was disheartened to hear there was yet another break-in overnight at the club on Monday, June 27. Z04_2722

Crooks strike Inverloch Cricket Club twice

THIEVES have hit Inverloch Cricket Club for a second time this month.

Bass Coast Crime Investigation Unit were notified of yet another break-in overnight at Thompson Reserve, Inverloch on Monday, June 27, after recording a theft on Monday, June 20.

Leading Senior Constable Andy Schrape confirmed the maintenance shed to the left of the club rooms was broken into with a screwdriver, or a similar tool causing damage to the lock.

"The first burglary took place between Monday, June 20 and Tuesday, June 21 where power tools, a fuel container and a Stihl battery pack were stolen from the maintenance shed," said Ldg Snr Const Schrape.

The second incident took place on

Monday, June 27, at around 2pm, and 7:30am on Tuesday, June 28, when a grounds committee member reported the incident to the Inverloch Police, after being notified by a bystander walking their dog on the cricket grounds.

President of the Inverloch Cricket Club Paul Woods was disappointed to hear of another break-in at the community club that is run by volunteers.

Police also confirmed that an unregistered blue trailer was taken from the shed on June 27, along with a yellow cub cadet mower and a Husqvarna mower, equipment that Mr Woods confirmed was donated to the club.

Ldr Snr Const Schrape urged anyone that witnessed suspicious activity at Thompson Reserve to contact Crime Stoppers or Inverloch Police Station.



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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Key Plans for South Gippsland Adopted

At the 29 June Council Meeting, key plans for South Gippsland were adopted.

These documents will provide direction to Council and help shape South Gippsland in line with the expectations of our community. Namely, these are:

- *Community Vision 2040*
- *Council Plan 2022 - 2026*
- *Long-Term Financial Plan 2022/23 - 2031/32*
- *Rating and Revenue Plan 2022 - 2026*
- *Budget 2022/23 - 2025/26*
- *Asset Plan 2022/23 - 2031/32*

Previously, these documents would have been created and engaged upon separately. However due to the new *Local Government Act 2020*, there is an

expectation that these plans are built alongside each other so they work together once endorsed.

To ensure these important plans resonated with you, our community, we embarked on the largest ever community engagement campaign. Between December 2021 and May 2022 over 3,000 people were consulted, providing us with a thorough understanding of the key challenges and opportunities facing our community.

To view the adopted plans and a summary of the engagement process, please visit:

yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/provide-plan-feedback



Register Now for Your Say South Gippsland

We always want to hear the views of our community. In order to do that, we have a new engagement platform, Your Say South Gippsland. If you don't want to miss a single opportunity to get involved, your best bet is to register. When you do, you will receive regular updates on projects you follow and when new opportunities come up.

To register for the platform, please visit
yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 20 July 2022, 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

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

If you cannot attend the 'open' component of the Council Meeting in person, you can access a live stream through Council's website: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Council conducts its meetings according to *COVID Safe Plan* requirements.

Please contact the Governance team for questions about Council Meetings.

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

- **RFT/173 Panel of Suppliers for Hot Cold Asphalt Products**
- **RFT/217 – Panel of Suppliers for Supply and Delivery of Cold Liquid Bituminous Products**
- **RFT/226 – Panel of Suppliers for Supply and Delivery of Premixed Concrete**
- **RFT/256 Panel of Civil Works Plant Hire and Cartage Contractors**
- **RFT/258 – Panel of Dry Hire of Plant and Equipment Suppliers**
- **RFT/259 Panel of Suppliers for Supply and Delivery of Quarry Products and Road Making Materials**

Tenders close 2pm AEST on Tuesday 12 July 2022.

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

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An exciting program is now available that lets people with a Diploma complete a Bachelor of Early Childhood Teaching in only two years – with \$25,000 scholarships available!

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Canberra advocacy for South Gippsland Shire

BUILDING strong relationships with all levels of government is one of the goals expressed in South Gippsland Shire Council's recently adopted advocacy strategy, something councilor Sarah Gilligan, Mayor Mohya Davies and CEO Kerryn Ellis recently engaged in during a visit to Canberra.

They attended the Australian Local Government National General Assembly.

"I got a strong understanding of where we sit in the sector and how we are all facing similar challenges," Cr Gilligan said of interactions with representatives from other councils.

She spoke of a buzz in Canberra and talk of State and Federal Governments working more closely with councils.

Cr Davies outlined the value of the Canberra visit.

"It is a great advocacy opportunity; there are representatives from all over Australia," she said, adding it was a diverse gathering with people from all walks of life.

Cr Davies pointed to the opportunity the gathering provided for councillors and council officers to develop skills and build knowledge.

Like Cr Gilligan, Cr Davies noted similar issues councils face whether they are rural or metropolitan.

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) expressed confidence it has the necessary support from the new Federal Government to advocate strongly on local government issues, Cr Davies



South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, Mohya Davies is passionate about council's role in advocating for funding from higher levels of government for projects important to the community, and outlined the value of a recent trip to Canberra. A09_2722

said.

The installation of a Local Government Minister at Federal level for the first time in quite a while helped generate that confidence she explained.

Cr Davies outlined the issues that were most discussed during the Canberra Assembly.

Affordable and social housing, and emergency management and disaster relief were among the topics.

"You realise what a key role local government has to play in emergency management recovery," Cr Davies said of the value of hearing about the cyclone response in Kalbarri, Western Australia.

Councillors who have been dealing with floods

in New South Wales and Queensland also spoke of their experiences and how they have been assisting their communities.

Financial sustainability of councils, particularly in regional areas, was also extensively discussed at the Canberra gathering.

"One of the things ALGA is advocating for is increased financial assistance grants in the lead up to the Federal Budget," Cr Davies said.

In South Gippsland Shire, the areas the community has identified as most in need of council advocacy have been considered along with State and Federal policy and relevant data in order to develop a priority list for advocacy.

The Advocacy Priority Project List includes:

- Road improvements and an increase in road funding

- Connectivity improvements including upgraded NBN and a decrease in mobile blackspots, as well as government funded and delivered public and community transport

- Supporting emergency preparedness

- Funding for early years infrastructure

- State Government support to upgrade the Leongatha Recreation Reserve Grandstand

- Improved health services

- Coastal protection such as erosion mitigation.

In addition to engaging with community to better understand what the top advocacy projects should be, the Advocacy Strategy outlines how council will take an active and planned approach to achieve desired projects.

Cr Davies expressed her appreciation of the South Gippsland community's willingness to get involved and identify important issues that shaped the Advocacy Priority Project List.

"The community's participation in the recent Shaping South Gippsland engagement campaign was essential to the development of this list; the relationships built with the community through this process will be fundamental in underpinning our advocacy efforts and will continue to guide us when we look to find other projects to advocate for," Cr Davies said.

Mayor's Message



Cr Mohya Davies

What an exciting week it has been for our Shire with the adoption of some really important plans and strategic documents.

These documents have been in the works for a while, and have formed part of what you may know as the Integrated Plans. This includes the:

- Community Vision 2040
- Council Plan 2022 – 2026
- Financial Plan 2022/23 to 2031/32
- Rating and Revenue Plan 2022 – 2026
- Budget 2022/23 – 2025/26
- Asset Plan 2022/23 to 2031/32

With the introduction of the new Local Government Act, we have had to do things differently. We have had to set about doing an unprecedented level of engagement to ensure that these plans truly reflect our community.

Because they have been developed together, they fit together like a jigsaw.

Added to that has been the complexity of being a new Councillor group and having to learn how things work in record time to deliver this work. We knew this work was coming when we went through the election process. At times it has been challenging and there has been a lot of time invested not only from Councillors, but our community and Council staff.

At each stage along the way, we have had our community at the heart of everything and enjoyed meeting with them in a variety of different ways whether it be online, face-to-face, or hearing their thoughts via written submissions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for being part of this engagement and telling us loud and clear what you want us to reflect in the plans. Thank you to the Councillors, Council staff and the community for the hundreds of hours put into developing the plans.

To view the plans and the engagement summary report that accompanies them, please visit yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/provide-plan-feedback

On Friday 24 June, I also attended the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council which I didn't get a chance to speak about in my message last week. At the event, South Gippsland Shire Council put forward six resolutions which were well supported. These resolutions were early years infrastructure, roads funding, public transport, improved management of state-owned assets and land, pest and weed management, and improved internet and mobile connectivity. After putting these up to the State Council, it was great to hear the messages of support from other Councils around Victoria and it really highlighted to me that our issues and concerns are very similar whether we are in rural or metropolitan areas.

I would also like to let you all know that the Community Grants opened for applications on Friday 1 July. Grants are available in the following categories:

- Minor Projects and Equipment Grant (up to \$5,000)
- Major Projects and Equipment Grant (up to \$10,000)
- Festival and Events Grant (up to \$10,000)
- Planning and Development Reports (up to \$10,000)

To apply and for all the information you need, please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

\$750k to support rural Victorian youth

STATE Trustees Australia Foundation (the Foundation) has granted Youth Live4Life more than \$750,000 over three years to support the mental health and wellbeing of young people across regional and rural Victoria.

Established in 2015,

Youth Live4Life works with young people in regional and rural communities, creating partnerships, providing training and support aimed at preventing youth suicide and promoting mental health.

Youth Live4Life works in schools and the wider com-

munity, creating partnerships to lead conversations about mental health that reduce stigma and promote young leaders as mental health ambassadors.

The three-year grant will enable Youth Live4Life to grow its burgeoning presence in regional and rural

Victorian communities.

This will be achieved by scaling up the organisation's geographic reach to nine communities across Victoria, as well as increasing marketing and promotional activities to spread awareness and reach more young people.

Music for Fun

The South Gippsland Shire Brass Band is running a "Music for fun" after school program for school age students.

Free use of instrument, music stand & learning materials.

Where: Leongatha Court House
When: Every Wednesday 4-5 pm
Darryl Hunt: 0407 444 210
Katie Cantwell: 0429 090 299

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We urgently need foster carers in Gippsland!

Across Gippsland, the number of children who cannot live safely at home has risen over the last 5 years.

Many of the children and young people requiring care have suffered abuse, neglect or trauma and are in need of a safe and nurturing home.

Can you care for a local child?

Start your foster care journey today!
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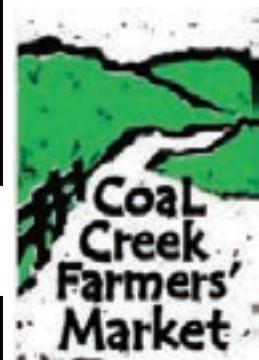
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**SATURDAY, JULY 9
8AM - 12.30PM
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Produce grown and made from the South Gippsland region.

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Not taking 'yes' for an answer at Inverloch

A NOTICE of Decision to Grant a Permit for the medium density residential and commercial development at 2-4 The Esplanade Inverloch has already been passed by the Bass Coast Shire Council.

It got the council's nod of approval at the June 15 meeting of council, on a 6:2 vote with only the Inverloch councillors Les Larke and Leticia Laing opposed.

So, after months of negotiations, changes to plans and public consultation, resulting in upwards of 60 objections being received, it's effectively done and dusted, unless the developer challenges any of the council's 25 conditions at VCAT.

Condition 1 (a) for example calls for the deletion of the entire fourth floor of the proposed building, including plans for food and drink service from that level, overlooking Anderson Inlet and the beautiful coast at Inverloch.

Notwithstanding the fact that council has already made its decision, the powerful South Gippsland Conservation Society has continued to object, after initially writing letters of opposition and even seeking to meet with the council, onsite.

In a statement issue by the group this week, they list four grounds for opposing the application:

1. The maximum 9.5m building height specified by the relevant Design Development Overlay (DDO10) has been exceeded by more than 5 metres.

2. The maximum height has been deemed by Council to be "desirable" rather than "mandatory", despite clear community expectations over the past 30 years that are clearly stated in the Inverloch Design Framework and its precursor documents.

3. The proposed landscaping is inadequate and effectively occurs only on the public areas adjoining the site.

4. The incorporation of a roof-top bar area in the proposal seems to be an unwarranted extravagance given there are already two hotels within 50 metres and the bar area is not accessible from within the apartment complex.

"To its credit, Council has sought to delete the roof-top bar but nevertheless the building height still exceeds the 9.5 metre limitation," said SGCS President Ed Thexton.

"Despite our invitation, no Councillors took up our offer to host an onsite meeting, a step we believe to be critical in understanding the significance of the site to Inverloch and how it operates, the proposal's impacts on the surrounding environs (especially adjoining popular public spaces of The Glade and the Rainbow Park Playground), and to hear concerns about the relationship with the Bunurong Environment Centre and the Inverloch Town Centre.

"We are also concerned that the proposal seems likely to close off the opportunity for realisation of a number of Council, Victorian Government and community initiatives in Inverloch. These include the future Cultural Centre proposed in Council's Dinosaurs Trail Masterplan, the Victorian Government's plans for an Inverloch trailhead for the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park, community and Council aspirations for an Inverloch Maritime Museum to celebrate the Amazon shipwreck and other Bass Coast maritime history, as well as incorporation of a redeveloped Bunurong Environment Centre (the home of our Society)."

The society intends taking the matter further.

Offshore might be offline but the show must go on

COVID has played havoc with community groups like Phillip Island's Offshore Theatre group which was hit with a triple whammy during the pandemic.

They lost continuity with their audience when they were unable to stage their productions, including an in-your-face, controversial play by Aussie playwright Jonathan Biggins called 'Australia Day'.

They had a great cast lined up, which they hope to reassemble again for the group's first outing at the new Black Box Theatre at Newhaven College in March 2023.

And they even went so far as to negotiate a change of name for the play so as not to alienate those with sensitivities about 'Australia Day'.

Their storage shed was robbed of upwards of \$10,000 worth of lighting and sound equipment.

And they lost their website, with all of its contacts and archives.

But they've been soldiering on.

They recently staged a highly successful series of dinner shows at the Rhyll Hall, featuring a sophisticated reading of the play 'The One Day of the Year' and they also launched an Offshore Theatre 'Script Club' where they've already had several excellent play readings, including 'Away' by Michael Gow.

It's a play that tells the story of three internally conflicted families holidaying on the coast for Christmas set in 1968. They might easily have workshopped the story and dialogue in Cowes.

But, there's still something missing, according to Offshore Theatre Group President Amanda Price.

"We got a grant from the Bass Coast Shire Council for \$4690 towards the \$6900 cost of replacing the lights and sound equipment that we need. We couldn't replace it all, but it was great to get that support," Amanda said.

"We're hopeful of putting the cast back together again for a play we're calling 'Australians All' which is the Jonathan Biggins' Australia Day play but it's not really about Australia Day and has been wrongly maligned I believe for being about that.

"It's all about a small-town Australia Day committee preparing to put on their Australia Day celebrations and it raises a lot of issues about small towns, people



Phillip Island's Offshore Theatre is getting back online after COVID and a few other setbacks.

getting together on committees and also about what they are going to do.

"Jonathan has been an Australia Day Ambassador in regional New South Wales and also involved in Australia Day committees himself, so it's a lot about his experience."

So, the program is getting back on track and the equipment is being replaced but what's missing, according to Amanda, is connection with the audience and those who might be interested in getting involved in a local theatre group.

"There's no doubt that we've got a lot more people from Melbourne and outside the area who've moved down here to live and there are bound to be a number of them who have been involved in theatre before and may not even know there is a local theatre group.

"We do what we can with Facebook but lots of people don't use it, so we really must get a new website up and going.

"We've had a quote for around \$4000 to get the one we need built locally by Bass Coast Design and we are going out to try to attract funding from organisations like Australia Post and Bendigo Bank.

"They want you to demonstrate a strong connection with the community and also that you are having a positive impact on community health outcomes, especially things like mental health, and it's well known that the type of interaction you get from community theatre has that sort of affect."

They also want to connect with their audience again.

"We started collecting names at the play reading but that will be one of the big things with a new website, engaging with our audience again and also those we don't know, who might want to get involved."

Clearly there's a whole new era of performance coming Phillip Island's way with the opening of Newhaven College's boutique theatre and, next year, with the opening of the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre and Offshore wants to be well placed to help the local community play its part.

Offshore Theatre's next Script Club night will be later in July, watch their Facebook page for details, and hopefully, the new website won't be all that far away.

Award-winning builder goes under



The 'Kilcunda' and other homes built in coastal areas of Bass Coast and South Gippsland by Langford Jones Homes are common sites in the local area. The firm has now gone into "voluntary liquidation".

volatile sector at the moment.

It was little more than a month ago, on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, that the Housing Industry Association (HIA) announced two recipients of the Sir Phillip Lynch Award of Excellence, one of the highest honours bestowed in the residential building industry.

One of them was Bruce Langford-Jones OAM, "recognised for more than 35 years exceptional service to the industry".

Mr Langford Jones was honoured for his contribution to the development of the housing industry which went beyond his normal working life as Managing Director

of Langford-Jones Homes, a company he established in Victoria in 1975.

"As a volunteer with HIA since 1985, his commitment to the advancement of the housing industry was outstanding," said HIA National President Alwyn Even in presenting the award.

Those wishing to receive information about the action can contact RSM Australia and speak with Anisha Maganty on (03) 9286 8297 or by email on anisha.maganty@rsm.com.au or Raymond Cao on (03) 9286 8092 or by email on raymond.cao@rsm.com.au.

The news has sent shockwaves through social media in recent days prompting those who have home projects pending, in progress or who may be waiting for defect rectification works, to reach out in forums or chat groups to pool what knowledge there is.

Langford Jones is at present not taking phone calls.

There is also the issue of tradesmen who may be awaiting payment in what is a very



Among the local men who drowned when the prisoner of war ship the 'Montevideo Maru' was sunk were local baker Fred Broadbent left, member of the Howard family of Leongatha and a premiership captain-coach, Jack Howard right, and railways builder Tom Sangster seated.

80th anniversary of our worst disaster

THE sinking of the Montevideo Maru, a Japanese transport ship, on July 1, 1942, Australia's worst maritime disaster, was commemorated at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra last Friday, July 1, 2022 - its 80th anniversary.

The vessel was carrying 1053 Australian Prisoners of War from Rabaul in Papua New Guinea to Hainan Island off China. Local historian, Lyn Skillern, travelled to Canberra to attend the service alongside many family members of the lost as well as Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles, who was representing Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Six of the men who were lost were from Leongatha, one from Wonthaggi and another six from Yarram. Twelve of these men were in the ill-fated 2/22nd Battalion AIF who were captured after the fall of Rabaul on January 23, 1942. Another soldier, Frank Pollock of Wonthaggi, was in the 1st Independent Company and was captured on New Ireland near Rabaul.

Those on board were:

• Jack Howard of Leongatha who was a member of the extended Howard family well known in the region. He grew

By Leongatha historian, **Lyn Skillern**

up in Leongatha and attended the local Catholic School and Leongatha High School. On enlisting, Jack gave the Commercial Hotel Leongatha (now McCartin's Hotel) as his address as his family had taken over the hotel in 1939. He was a noted Leongatha footballer and was the captain/coach of Leongatha when they won the Central Gippsland premiership in 1940. Following this win, he enlisted. He had two brothers Jim and Joe and two sisters Vonda and Doris.

• Fred Broadbent grew up in Leongatha and attended Leongatha State School. He became a baker and was a well-known local jockey. He was a mate of Jack Howard. Fred's father had originally come to Leongatha to play football and had been a barman at both local hotels. Mrs Ruby Broadbent, Fred's mother, was a cook at the Commercial Hotel.

• Tom Sangster was a well-regarded local resident in Leongatha. He was born in Waragul in 1895 and came to Leongatha as a young man to work on the railway. He started as a carter, driving a team

of horses, and transporting goods from the railway station. Tom Sangster was survived by his wife Stella, daughters Beryl and Thelma and sons Tom and Kevin.

* Arthur Oliver was originally of Stanley, Tasmania. His mother had re-married in 1933 and the family came to Leongatha. He and his friend Jimmy Kavanagh were working for farmer Barny Maxwell in Leongatha South when they enlisted. Jimmy grew up in the district and had attended Leongatha South School. Both were in the L Heavy Battery in the artillery, and they fought until the battery ran out of ammunition before surrendering.

* Fred Ketels grew up in Leongatha, he attended Leongatha State School. He worked as a baker before enlisting. Katie Ketels waited for her son for the rest of her life. Fred's brother Cliff was killed in New Guinea with the 2/5th Battalion. Fred and Cliff had two sisters Pam and Vera.

* Frank Pollock left Scotland for Melbourne on the Benalla on April 2, 1925 aged 4. He travelled with his mother, sister Elizabeth and brothers James, Duncan, Bill, Horace and Matthew to Wonthaggi

where Frank Senior had been living for two years. Frank was a coal miner at one time, like the rest of the family. He was in the 1st Independent Company Commandos who trained at Wilson's Promontory before being deployed to New Ireland near Rabaul. After the Japanese takeover of New Ireland, the commandos escaped but some including Frank were captured and imprisoned at Rabaul.

* Yarram area residents Alan Cocksedge, Colin Coulthard, Baden Hibbs, Edward Newton, John Sutherland and George Thomas were in the 2/22nd Battalion and also lost their lives on the Montevideo Maru.

All the victims of the sinking suffered appalling conditions in Rabaul before being loaded into the holds of the Montevideo Maru on June 22, 1942. The vessel was north of the Philippines when it was sunk by the American submarine the US Sturgeon at 02.29 hours on July 1, 1942. The Montevideo Maru was not showing any markings to show it was carrying prisoners of war. The men in the holds had no chance.

It is important to remember and honour these brave men - lest we forget.



Heavy artillery crew member and Leongatha farm labourer Jimmy Kavanagh went down with the 'Montevideo Maru'.



Katie Ketels waited in vain her whole life for her son to come home to Leongatha.



Trained commando Frank Pollock of Wonthaggi was re-captured after escaping into the jungle and went down on the prisoner of war ship.



Leongatha historian Lyn Skillern represented South Gippsland at the official commemoration of one of Australia's worst wartime tragedies, the sinking of the 'Montevideo Maru' with the loss of 13 local lives, many of them members of the ill-fated 2/22nd Battalion AIF. Photo Olivia Skillern.



The impossible mission in the new *Top Gun* is eerily reminiscent of the freedom fighters' goal in the original *Star Wars* movie.

Echoes of Star Wars in new *Top Gun*

MANY people have already enjoyed the return to the famous 'Top Gun' franchise after 36 years at cinemas in the past few weeks, watching Tom Cruise in *Top Gun: Maverick*.

And if you haven't seen it, the film is definitely well worth a look, especially if you loved the original; and who didn't.

There's plenty of nostalgia in the story line with flashbacks to original clips, the chance to revisit the most difficult part of the original *Top Gun*, the death of 'Goose' played by Anthony Edwards but with the necessary replacement of the Charlotte 'Charlie' Blackwood character, originally played by Kelly McGillis, with a new love interest, Penny Benjamin, played by Jennifer Connelly which somehow kind of works anyway.

And, spoil alert, one of the best moments of the film surrounds the reunion of Maverick with his nemesis Iceman played by Hollywood icon Val Kilmer.

Now 62, Kilmer suffered a bout of throat cancer between 2015 and 2017 which robbed him of most of his speaking voice but it's a great tribute to him that they are able to weave that tough real-life experience into the story line, through the fourth wall.

But there are some cheesy moments in the film as well. We'll leave the assessment of those up to you.

And a couple of doubtful chinks in the process too, especially the main attack sequence which strangely brought to mind Mark Hamill's line from *Star Wars*: "It'll be just like Beggars Canyon back home."

Why? Again, you'll have to see what you think about the main mission in *Top Gun II*.

Fortunately, no one says: "Use the force, Rooster!" At least that is a blessing.

Top Gun: Maverick continues at the Wonthaggi Cinema during the first week of the school holidays, and potentially beyond that as its popularity holds up. Check the website for session times.

JobSkills Expo coming up

THE JobSkills Expo is back on Tuesday, July 26.

The Jobskills Expo has become a major event for schools and industry in the region, targeting year 9, 10, VCAL students, community members, and young people from training and community organisations in the South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shire.

Displays include Jobs of the Future, Allied Health, Emergency Services, Food and Fibre, Defence Force, Apprenticeships/Traineeships, Trades and Utilities.

More information at bawbawlatrobellen.com.au/

What really happened to the CFA?

IT WAS sad to hear of the passing of one of our elected local representatives, The Honourable Jane Garrett MLC, Member for Eastern Victoria, on Saturday, July 2, while still a serving member of State Parliament.

The tragedy is that she leaves behind a husband James and three children Molly 19, Sasha 15 and Max 10, and a promising career after dying at age 49 from breast cancer.

An industrial relations lawyer, she worked in the private sector, the Union Movement and for the ALP before being elected Member for Brunswick in 2010. She was the Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation from 2014-2016 and considered a possible successor to Daniel Andrews as Premier prior to her fall from grace in 2016.

Many will recall that Ms Garrett took a principled stand at the time and resigned when the Labor Government tried to push through an industrial agreement designed to give the United Firefighters Union more power over the Country Fire Authority.

What actually happened behind the scenes, we may never know, but there's little doubt that the upheaval at that time, and subsequent reviews and inquiries, have had a detrimental impact on the CFA and their ability to attract new volunteers.

In the country we highly value our volunteer fire fighters because we know they're the only thing that stands between us and possible tragedy when there's a house, business, or car fire.

The State Government needs to recommit more strongly than ever to the CFA and the work of our volunteer firefighters if only for the reason that the taxpayers simply can't afford to have a paid-only fire service.

Taxes and inflation taking their toll

Bill shock and skyrocketing costs of fuel, groceries, power and gas are driving a new level of financial anxiety for families and small business trying to recover from the pressures of the pandemic.

But there's more pain to come with the Labor Government set to increase more than 2150 state fees and charges from July 1.

It'll mean more cost increases in our everyday lives at a time when many of us can least afford it, with hikes to apply on licences to drive or hunt, for planning applications and on building permits.

Under the Labor Government, we're already carrying the burden of 40 new and increased taxes – despite the Premier's 'iron-clad' promise of "no new taxes" before the 2018 Election.

Since 2013-14, Victorian tax revenue has increased by an eye-watering 80 per cent from \$16.9 billion to a forecast \$30.5 billion in 2022-23.

Labor is addicted to taxes and charges.

Their mismanagement and waste on major projects – now more than \$28 billion – is forcing Daniel Andrews and his Treasurer Tim Pallas to grab revenue from everywhere they can.

Vox Pop

Do you think local facilities are keeping up with the pace of the population growth? What would you like to see?



Britney Owen

I'm a holiday resident in Cowes and I still love the feel of the town but I have certainly seen the growth in the area over the past five years and I would like to see more car parking on Phillip Island to accommodate the peak periods.



April Norton

No, the town is so busy now and I don't have my driver's licence so I would like to see more public transport, there isn't enough buses or v-lines. I rely on family to transport me around town and into Melbourne for appointments.



Sam Carter

No, we need better access to public transport and more health facilities, including NDIS and mental health providers, I need to rely on family to drive me to a bus stop so I can catch a bus to Cranbourne for medical appointments.



Ian Norton

No, I don't. We need more housing and industrial development; rental properties are in high demand to accommodate the families that are moving here, and we need more industrial estates to create more job opportunities.

When you head to the ballot box, remember this November that only a change in government will stop the waste.

The Nationals will guarantee no new taxes and an audit of all big major projects to rein in the waste. Because our children, and our children's children shouldn't have to pay the price of Daniel Andrews' inability to manage our state's budget.

Peter Walsh, Leader of The Nationals Member for Murray Plains

Drive safely these school holidays

One death on our roads is too many. That fatal accidents have increased across Australia this year should be of concern to us all.

I know many of us were shocked by the news of five deaths in 48 hours on Victorian roads in mid-June; the majority on regional roads.

As we emerge from lockdowns and home-based work, and particularly with school holiday upon us, it's an important time to remind ourselves of the basics that keep us safe on the roads.

Speed limits are set after careful consideration of the environment and the vehicles that will be using the road.

Wildlife can also stray onto Victorian roads at any time creating additional risk, so it is vitally important to stick to the speed limit.

Mobile phones, beautiful scenery and even conversations with friends can distract you from driving. A moment's inattention can have dreadful consequences so please keep your eyes, and mind, on the road.

It is great that more Australians are getting out and seeing our beautiful country, but make sure you are properly rested before every trip.

Driving while tired can be the same as driving after a few drinks; your reaction times are slower which affects your ability to handle unexpected incidents.

The Albanese Government is working to reduce the road toll Australia wide, engaging closely with state, territory and local governments, as well as other stakeholders, to implement the National Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030.

We are also supporting a range of projects that are examining and remediating the contributors to road accidents; from road safety awareness and innovation activities to upgrading driver reviver sites and providing over \$3 billion for the fast roll-out of lifesaving road treatments on rural and regional roads, as well as greater protection for vulnerable road users in urban areas.

No deaths on Australian roads by 2050 is the Albanese Government's 'Vision Zero', but we all need to play our part.

Drive so others survive.

Senator the Hon Carol Brown, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

Think of the consequences

To the person/persons responsible for painting the 'messages' on the wall adjacent to the rail trail in Wonthaggi on June 28, you are obviously passionate about the issue, and good on you for that.

However, here's a suggestion, why don't you paint the messages on the walls/fences of your own home?

The family whose business premises you have defaced are faced with a huge cost to remove your comments.

Name and address supplied

Dealing with pain

We all know what pain is but for most of us we see it as a sensation that lasts only a short time and doesn't have long-term effects.

That is a simplistic view and in reality, pain is very complex, so much so that the International Association for the Study of Pain has developed a definition for pain as "an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated with, or resembling that associated with, actual or potential tissue damage".

All pain is very personalised and subjective with people experiencing different degrees of pain for similar situations.

The result is that pain often can only be truly appreciated by the person experiencing the pain.

According to Pain Australia, pain causes a reaction to protect the part of the body that is painful.

"Everyone who has experienced pain knows what it is, but everyone's pain is different. Many different factors affect an individual's experience of pain and the exact contributors to pain are also different between individuals and between situations," Pain Australia says.

"Pain is one way our body's protective systems keep us safe. Danger detectors in the body send information to the brain, which may or may not create pain based on all the other information available, as well as previous experiences."

Danger detectors signal when tissue is approaching its safe limit, so most pain is designed to prevent tissue damage but when tissue is damaged, the danger detectors become much more sensitive.

Research also has shown that psychological and social factors, as well as past experiences, can powerfully influence pain by complex mechanisms in the brain.

Pain Australia points out that persistent or chronic pain (long-lasting pain that goes on for more than three months, or past normal tissue healing time) will usually involve the pain system becoming overprotective.

As a result of this, a person can have pain

even when their tissues are safe because the pain system has become more effective at protecting a certain body part.

"Because many factors affect pain, there are many things you can do to change pain. Recognising that pain is more than a physical sensation, but is influenced by sleep, exercise, your general health, attitudes, beliefs, mood, your environment and the people around you, means that all these things can provide new and better ways for you to change your pain, moment to moment and over time.

"Over time, the pain system can learn to become less protective again.

The best strategies to achieve this are activity based, psychological skills and self-management strategies.

Active strategies include learning about pain, gradually increasing your activity and movement, working on thoughts, emotions and coping skills."

There are other things you can do to help manage chronic pain and finding supportive healthcare professionals is important.

Developing a care plan with your GP which may involve other health professionals such as your pharmacist, a physiotherapist or clinical psychologist also is important.

Chronic pain is best managed with a multidisciplinary approach that addresses the physical, psychological and environmental or social factors that influence your pain, with several primary health care professionals working with you as a team.

As it may include medical interventions and medicines, it is important to talk to your pharmacist who can help in planning a multidisciplinary approach as part of your care plan.

To raise awareness of both the problems of chronic pain and some of the effective management strategies, the self-help group and health promotion charity, Chronic Pain Australia, organises a National Pain Week which this year is being held July 25-31.

The week aims to draw attention to the plight of people suffering from chronic pain and, by doing so, reduce the social and other barriers related to living with chronic pain.

More details can be accessed at chronicpainaustralia.org.au/

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia

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.



NAIDOC WEEK



Newhaven College students participated in the launch of the new ClimateWatch Cultural Trail experience recently.

Traditional stories brought to life

BUNURONG Land Council, Indigital and Earthwatch Australia are proud to launch a new ClimateWatch Cultural Trail experience.

Newhaven College's beautiful grounds are home to this walking trail experience which celebrates Bunurong stories and nature.

From bushfire recovery and resilience to wisdom about the Moonah tree, powerful narrations from Bunurong Elders enable visitors to understand the importance of country in a new light.

Newhaven College Year 9 and Year 3 students participated in the launch on June 23, taking the walk around the school grounds.

For students, the trail provides an avenue for outdoor classrooms for both environmental and cultural studies.

Teacher and ClimateWatch trail manager, Anne

Marie McLean, envisions that students will continue to participate in the experience long into the future.

"The ability to share these stories, not just once but indefinitely, will create many opportunities for authentic student learning experiences, helping to forge a deeper connection to country, heritage and the environment," said Ann Marie.

"The knowledge shared will help them to grapple with real world issues and gain a clearer understanding of the land upon which they stand."

Through innovative augmented reality technology, users simply scan a QR code using the Indigital Storytelling App to see stories come to life with colorful animation and powerful story telling.

Powered by Indigital, Australia's first Indigenous edu-tech company, the trail showcases the creative

flair of emerging Bunurong artists and the art and stories of Bunurong Elders.

The trail is part of the ClimateWatch program, a national nature monitoring program which empowers everyday citizens to observe the behaviors of local species.

Their photographs and data help researchers understand how flora and fauna are impacted by climate change.

In short, citizen science is an avenue for the community to drive positive action on climate change within their local environments.

To read more about the trail, visit www.climate-watch.org.au/trails/victoria/newhaven-college-vic

Earthwatch Australia thanks the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust for supporting the development of an augmented reality Cultural Trail for the ClimateWatch program.

NAIDOC event in Korumburra

A NAIDOC week celebration event will be held at Korumburra Botanic Park on Saturday, July 9 at 11am.

The event is sponsored by South Gippsland Shire on behalf of Friends of Korumburra Botanic Park, which was formed earlier this year.

President and secretary Ben Ellis said the group was looking forward to hosting the upcoming event.

"We're expecting the

mayor (Mohya Davies) will be here and hopefully one of our councillors," he said.

"I will also talk about the friend's group and what we're trying to achieve.

"We'll also be selling indigenous plants for a gold coin donation."

Mr Ellis explained that the volunteer group will help manage and beautify the gardens, including weed removal and revegetation.

"We'll also be doing further events to help promote the park," he said.

All are welcome to attend this weekend's NAIDOC event, which includes:

- * Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony
- * Cakes and slices by Koringal Women's Service Club

- * Native plants available for purchase (gold coin donation)

For more information, contact Ben Ellis on 0421 851 641.



THIS year's People's Choice winner of The Winter Solstice prize is local artist Tessa Hubble with her painting 'Curiosity'.

While the Winter Solstice has drawn to a close, Wonthaggi ArtSpace is proud to now hold The Annual Indigenous Art Exhibition which runs until August 14, inclusive of NAIDOC week July 3-10.

Open 7 days a week, 11am - 3pm, at ArtSpace Wonthaggi, 1 Bent St Wonthaggi.

For more information contact, 03 5672 5767.



There's no shortage of stunning paintings currently on display at Wonthaggi ArtSpace for the Annual Indigenous Art Exhibition.



Friends of Korumburra Botanic Park

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION

Saturday 9 July at 11.00am

Korumburra Botanic Park (Bridge Street)

- Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony by the Bunurong Land Council
- Learn about the recently incorporated Friends of Korumburra Botanic Park and their plans for the area
- Cake and slices by Koringal Women's Service Club
- Native plants available (gold coin donation)

More information:
Ben Ellis 0421851641





Dr Peter Dann retires from Phillip Island Nature Parks after devoting 42 years to conservation.



Dr Peter Dann's work at the world's largest penguin colony has ensured the species is safe from land-based threats.

A lifetime devoted to conservation

PHILLIP Island Nature Parks longest employee Dr Peter Dann is retiring after devoting over four decades to long-term research of seabird conservation, commencing his work as the only research biologist in 1980.

Dr Dann was instrumental in saving Phillip Island's last remaining penguin colony from extinction through a series of world-first initiatives and long-term research; today the world's largest little penguin colony, safe from land-based threats.

Phillip Island Nature Parks CEO, Catherine Basterfield said the contribution Dr Dann has made to Nature Parks and the environment is invaluable.

Over the past decades, Dr Dann has excelled in the academic field, contributing enormous knowledge for not only penguins, but also broader seabird conservation, land management solutions, ecotourism, marine modelling, climate change, and developing a revolutionary

method of treating oil-affected wildlife in the field.

Dr Dann has contributed significantly to the ornithological community through representation on many committees including Birds Australia.

He has published over 200 papers and book chapters and edited a book on penguin ecology and management ensuring a major legacy for ecology in Australia and the world.

BirdLife Australia commended Peter's retirement and his devotion, by stating to all these roles Peter brought calm, common sense, a collegiate point of view, humour and reassuring steadiness, even when matters were challenging.

"Peter has advanced the effectiveness and reputation of BirdLife Australia through both personal and organisational contributions, and his research has significantly advanced ornithological knowledge of penguins, other seabirds and

shorebirds."

Throughout Peter's career he contributed countless volunteer hours to support the penguin study group, contributing to what is now the longest ongoing study of a seabird.

And managed the balance of overseeing the development and growth of tourism attractions to generate income to benefit the penguins, and secure the future of not only penguins but Phillip Island's wildlife and environment, through Phillip Island Nature Parks' programs.

Dr Dunn too started the penguin hospital and is working to develop a technology to remove oil from wildlife using magnetic particles and oversaw the world's only example of buying back a suburb to benefit wildlife, known as the Summerland buyback.

Basterfield said the world is a better place thanks to Dr Dann, and the legacy he leaves other researchers and environmentalists cannot be measured.

Westernport Water working to keep prices down

By Westernport Water

WESTERNPORT Water continues to do everything possible to ensure our services are affordable for customers, including an extensive hardship program, but unfortunately, we will have to increase our water and wastewater charges in 2022-23.

The rate of inflation is affecting the cost of delivering essential water and wastewater services for Victorian consumers and Westernport Water is experiencing higher costs for the essential materials and supplies, that are required to treat our water and wastewater.

An inflation rate of 5.1% for the 12 months to the March 2022 quarter has been confirmed by the Essential Services Commission, the Victorian water sector price regulator.

As a result, Westernport Water's water and wastewater charges will increase in 2022-23 by 4.2%, after we were able to reduce customer prices in 2021-22.

"The increase is because of CPI, otherwise known as inflation, it's not a price movement that Westernport Water is driving," managing director, Dona Tantirimudalige said.

"We have done a lot over the past couple of years to keep prices down. We also have a range of support measures for customers facing financial difficulty, and we want customers to know there is support available to access if they need it.

"Westernport Water is currently developing its price proposal from 2023-24 to 2028-29 and we have affordability front of mind after extensive consultation with our customers."

Helping prevent suicide

MORE than 1500 community members have been formally trained to identify and respond to a person at risk of suicide in one of many outcomes during a five-year place-based suicide prevention trial.

Key suicide prevention stakeholders recently came together to recognise the outcomes of the trials across Bass Coast, South Gippsland and Latrobe.

While the trials officially ended on June 30, Gippsland Primary Health Network (Gippsland PHN) CEO, Amanda Proposch, said the sustainability of the work at a grassroots level would see training, education and support into suicide prevention continue.

"People with lived experience of suicide, as well as local health professionals and communities were consulted prior to the delivery of place-based activities during the five-year trials," she explained.

"Their involvement from the outset was crucial to the success of the trials. We now have an upskilled mental health workforce and trained community members."

Funded by Gippsland PHN and the Victorian Department of Health, key organisations involved in the trials included Lifeline Gippsland, Wellways, Latrobe Regional Hospital, Jesuit Social Services, local government, Department of Education and emergency services.



Gippsland PHN Project Coordinator Suicide Prevention, Brooke Carlesso and Project Coordinator Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Reform, Helen Page, who have played key roles in the five-year place-based suicide prevention trial.

The key achievements of the trials included:

- Education and training for over 350 mental health workers including GPs, counsellors, psychologists, emergency services and health promotion officers.
- Over 1500 community members formally trained in suicide recognition and many others upskilled.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific suicide bereavement support resources and skills.

Lifeline's 24-hour telephone crisis line 13 11 14.



South Gippsland Rural Australian for Refugee members gathered at Mitchell House in Wonthaggi recently for lunch in support of Afghan refugee Zaid.

Strong support for our refugees

SOUTH Gippsland Rural Australian for Refugee (SGRAR) members gathered recently in support of a refugee at Wonthaggi Mitchell House, before attending the Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre to view the film, *Flee*.

SGRAR were supporting Zaid, an Afghan refugee whose family remain living in the dire conditions of Afghanistan.

SGRAR have proposed for his family to come to Australia on a humanitarian visa, and a fundraising event was held in the foyer of the Wonthaggi theatre prior to the screening to support this action.

Felicia Di Stefano has been coordinating SGRAR since February 2003 to help those in need, including tutoring English and fundraising for financial support.

Zaid came to Australia as a refugee in 2013 to escape the distressing actions of the Taliban, stating that he was in danger in his own country because he wanted to help educate women and children; a basic human right that is forbidden within his country.

"It was safer for me to risk the dangerous seas than to remain in Afghanistan,

I had to leave my entire family behind in order to be safe," said Zaid.

Zaid arrived on Christmas Island in 2013 and remained there for three months before travelling to Melbourne on a temporary protection visa, of which he was entitled to live under for three years.

"During my first three years in Australia, I was under strict living conditions, unable to undergo any work or study until I was granted a protection visa in my fourth year," he said.

According to Zaid, during those first years in Australia, despite being unable to work or complete tertiary study, he was safe, learnt English and kept to himself.

"I am now living under a protection visa of which allows me to study and upskill in my industry, a visa of which I need to reapply for after five years," he added.

Zaid is thankful for the community in Australia, the connections he has formed to restart his life and the assistance he is receiving from the volunteers at SGRAR to bring his family to Australia.

If you would like to join SGRAR or donate to the Afghan family, please contact Felicia at sgrar07@gmail.com

National Diabetes Week

Helping prevent diabetes for all patients

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service's (GSHS) diabetes education team is taking a preventative approach to dealing with the chronic health condition.

As numbers rise across the country, 6.1 per cent of people in South Gippsland are registered with Diabetes Australia, just slightly above the national average of 6.0 per cent.

One of GSHS's three diabetes educators, Karen Anderson, said people should do their best to keep their diabetes well controlled to avoid long-term complications.

"Unfortunately, diabetes is not going away. It's a growing health condition because of the relationship with lifestyle; we're not eating healthy meals and exercising as much as we used to," Ms Anderson said.

"Our service is trying to focus on good management to avoid the long-term complications from diabetes such as heart attacks and strokes.

"It's better to avoid getting complications, rather than having to treat them."

The GSHS diabetes team supports and manages type 1 and 2 diabetes, paediatric diabetes, gestational diabetes, initiation of Insulin Pumps and Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM), provides expert support for hospital ward staff and client and residential aged care visits.

The team works extensively with insulin pumps and with children with type 1 diabetes.

Since July 1, living with diabetes has become easier for people with type 1 diabetes who are now able to access free or subsidised continuous glucose monitors.

"This makes people more aware of how their management is working, and they don't have to do finger pricks all the time," Ms Anderson said.

GSHS provides a Children's Diabetes Clinic, One Stop Shop multidisciplinary clinics to give people an annual check-up, Endocrinology Clinic, individual consults and insulin pump initiation clinics as well as on demand services to support people with diabetes management.



Gippsland Southern Health Service's diabetes educator, Karen Anderson is part of their dedicated team.

It is hoped monthly Diabetes Conversations and six monthly FlexIT type 1 diabetes group sessions will soon resume after being on hold due to COVID-19.

Ms Anderson urged everyone diagnosed with diabetes to consult an educator.

"It's important to learn more about the chronic health issue they will have for the rest of their lives," she said. "If managed properly, it will deteriorate slower and people have less risk of long-term complications.

"We run clinics to see people on a regular basis for review before they have a specific problem. Keeping in touch with your diabetes educator and following a good management plan will make sure you don't let it get out of control."

Victoria's 2019 Credentialed Diabetes Educator of the Year in Victoria, Andrea Curtis, and Lindy Nuske are the other members of GSHS's diabetes education team.

To access the service, email gateway@gshs.com.au or phone 03 5654 2737.

Non-surgical treatment now available on Medicare

OF THE estimated 66,500 Australians living with aortic stenosis, 9 in 10 are not undergoing treatment each year for the potentially life-threatening disease.

However, the inclusion of transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI) on Medicare from July 1 is expanding access to the minimally invasive treatment option for all patients.

Aortic stenosis is a narrowing of the heart valve which makes the heart work harder to pump blood around the body.

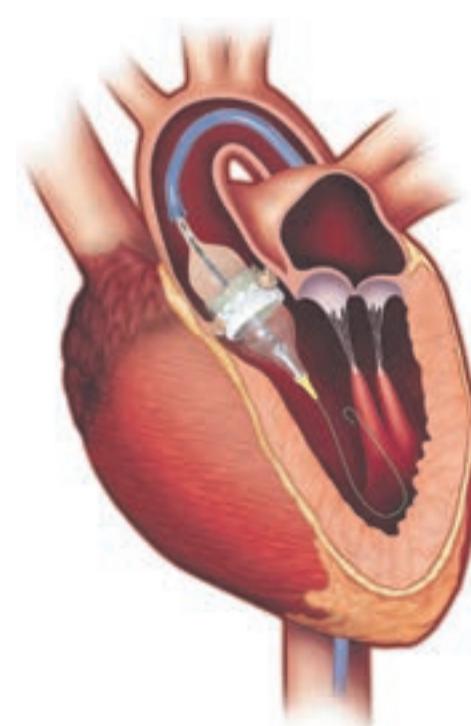
If not identified or treated effectively, more than half of those living with severe symptomatic aortic stenosis may die within 2 years.

Symptoms are often mistaken with normal signs of ageing, including shortness of breath, fatigue (tiredness) and tightness, or pain in the chest.

TAVI is a minimally invasive, non-surgical treatment for aortic valve replacement, offering patients less time in hospital, a shorter recovery period, lower risk of complications, improved quality of life, and extended life expectancy.

Australians aged 65 years and over should ask their doctor to listen to their heart for the signs of aortic stenosis.

For more information, head to newheartvalve.com.au.



Transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI) is a non-surgical treatment for heart valve disease now on Medicare.



National Diabetes Week is running from July 10 to July 16 this year. Photo: [Towfiq barbhuiya on Unsplash](https://unsplash.com/@towfiq_barbhuiya)

Challenging the stigma of diabetes

NATIONAL Diabetes Week runs from July 10 – 16, this year.

In year three of the 'Heads Up on Diabetes' campaign we'll be focusing on challenging diabetes related stigma.

Research conducted by the Australian Centre for Behavioural Research in Diabetes (ACBRD), found that four out of five people living with diabetes have experienced stigma at some point.

People living with type 1 and type 2 diabetes both reported feeling this way.

It can lead to people not sharing their diagnosis with others, getting the help and support they need, being interested to learn more about their diabetes or doing what they need to do each day to manage their diabetes and stay well.

This National Diabetes Week, let's have a conversation about the real impact diabetes stigma can have on a person's mental and emotional wellbeing.

There are many reasons someone might feel stigma. It can be because they

feel misunderstood, judged, blamed or even made to feel guilty about their diabetes.

Mentally this can be a lot to deal with, and can impact how someone manages their diabetes.

This can have a flow on effect to their physical and emotional health.

The National Diabetes Week campaign

To help raise awareness of diabetes related stigma we will be working to change the conversation and challenge common beliefs people may hold about diabetes.

Talk to us

While we appreciate your help in getting the word out to the community, we want you to remember that you are not alone.

We are here to help. If this campaign has raised any issues for you or you just feel like you need some extra support call us on 1800 177 055.

Diabetes care is more important than ever

Have you had your annual diabetes check?

Gippsland Southern Health Service has a diabetes clinic for people with diabetes aimed at reducing your risk of the long term complications of diabetes and improving your overall diabetes control

The Diabetes One Stop Shop

Research shows that people with diabetes that have regular appointments with a Diabetes Educator, Dietitian and Podiatrist have improved health outcomes.

To make this easier GSHS have developed a clinic where you can see the Diabetes Educator, Dietitian and Podiatrist on the one day at the one site.

The clinic involves a 30 minute appointment with each clinician, so in 1 1/2 hours you can have your health checks completed.

If you have diabetes and would like to attend this clinic please contact **Gateway at GSHS on 5654 2737** and ask for the Diabetes One Stop Shop.

Cost: You can use your Medicare Chronic Disease Management vouchers or pay \$10 on the day.



GIPPSLAND SOUTHERN
Health Service

Integrated Primary Care Centre
(across the car park from the hospital)

Huge demand continues for food relief pantry

PHILLIP Island Community and Learning Centre's (PICAL) Phil Dixon Emergency Food Relief Pantry has remained open every weekday throughout the entire COVID pandemic.

Operated by volunteers, over the past two and a half years, PICAL has received almost 14,500 visits from people who struggle to put food on the table.

This equates to around 110 people each week who need help from the Phil Dixon Pantry.

Although, the weekly numbers did drop away a little at the start of 2022, PICAL has again noticed a significant rise in demand over the last few months, due to the sudden and dramatic increase in the cost-of-living across Australia.

"This is clearly impacting many local households, and when rent and other mandatory bills have to be paid first each week, it is often the grocery-shopping that has to be cut," Phil Dixon Pantry Coordinator Michelle McKenzie said.

"We are starting to see many people and families who have never previously needed welfare support, because they may have always had a job and may even still be working, but for the first time in their lives they now need assistance.

"We know many parents will often go without food to ensure that their kids have something to eat.

"This shouldn't happen in Australia in the 21st century."

The weekly food hampers that the Phil Dixon Pantry gives out, also include pre-cooked complete meals lovingly prepared by another team of PICAL volunteers – The PICAL Casseroles Cooking Team.

"Each fortnight the team cooks and then freezes around 200 nutritious meals," Team Coordinator Annette McKenzie said.

"The ingredients come from PICAL's own Community Garden, surrounding supermarkets and from many local produce donors."

These frozen meals are included in the hampers because many of the recipients cannot cook for themselves, particularly if someone is homeless.

Often these meals are re-heated and consumed on-site at PICAL.

"Sadly, we are again starting to see more families with children," PICAL Manager Greg Thompson added.

"The situation is just as bad as when COVID first arrived in Australia in March 2020, when we saw large numbers of workers laid-off.

"However, this latest trend in rising demand is due to a whole range of much wider factors that are affecting weekly household bills across Australia.

"In more isolated rural areas where there aren't many welfare services locally available, these cost-of-living pressures become magnified and providing aid falls on the shoulders of the few agencies that are immediately accessible."

Over the last two and a half years, PICAL has assisted more than 26,000 people who needed help with issues ranging from homelessness, unemployment and poverty, through to mental health problems and women escaping family violence.

"Assisting people facing food insecurity, is only part of the much bigger problems we see all the time," Greg added.

"We are a charity! Whilst we do get some funding from different government sources, these funds are for other purposes to operate a Centrelink Agency and to conduct adult learning programs.

"Whereas most of PICAL's outgoing expenses are for the unfunded welfare services we have needed to deliver over the last few years.

"To meet these welfare expenses, including the costs of running the Phil Dixon Pantry, we rely upon many different grants we apply for, and on the generosity of local community donors."

Named in Phil Dixon's honour the Pantry provides emergency food relief for anybody living in the local community and is open Monday – Friday 10am to 2pm.



Approximately 20 people from the local community marked the 90th anniversary of ABC news at Mount Eccles Hall recently.

Appreciating our national broadcaster

MOUNT Eccles Hall celebrated the 90th anniversary of the ABC in appreciation of its role in keeping regional communities informed and entertained.

The centrepiece of the Hall's tribute to Australia's national broadcaster was a cake portraying a film strip of historic photos from Mount Eccles Hall.

Established in 1905, the Mount Eccles Hall is the hub of the community; a place for social connection, celebrations, events, and sharing in-

formation, in much the same way as the ABC has been since 1932.

Approximately 20 people from the local community joined the celebration, singing 'happy birthday' to the ABC before cutting the Mud cake - appropriate in South Gippsland at this time of year.

The neighbouring Hallston, Mount Eccles, Wild Dog Valley Rural Fire Brigade was also in attendance, recognising the ABC's valuable role during emergency incidents.

"The Mount Eccles Hall com-

mittee was very keen to bring the community together to celebrate the ABC's 90 years and the role it has in our rural area", said Nikki Williams, president of the Mount Eccles Hall.

Local designer, Teresa Saviane enthusiastically met the challenge of decorating a cake in tribute to the ABC. In conjunction with local historian Pat Spinks, they sourced photos depicting various Hall events.

The photos were reduced, printed on edible frosting, then wrapped around the cake

in a 'film strip' - linking to the theme of ABC television - and ending at the top of the cake with an historic picture of the Hall.

The idea of celebrating the ABC's anniversary was suggested by the South Gippsland Shire Council, Community Strengthening Team which convenes the halls network.

For more information about Mount Eccles Hall go to mounteccleshall.com.au; the Mount Eccles Hall Facebook page or email mounteccleshall@gmail.com

Phillip Island Nature Parks board update

THE Phillip Island Nature Parks' Board met on June 23, on Phillip Island at the Penguin Parade.

The board congratulated the Nature Parks team for their role in the ABC television documentary special Southern Ocean Live, which aired live from the visitor centre on June 21.

The board noted visitation for May was good, assisted by good weather, and discussed the following items.

Penguin parade boardwalk and stands redevelopment

The Board received an update on the Penguin Parade Boardwalks and Stands Redevelopment project from the Project and Planning Manager and Terroir. The Board was able to provide feedback on the draft designs, which will help shape the detailed designs, inform the design and construct tender for the project, and allow the team to progress to stakeholder consultation.

Following the welcomed announcement of \$5M in funding from the State Government under the Regional Tourism Investment Fund, the Board was pleased to see an updated Project Plan to reflect the funding received to execute elements of the project. In addition, the Board endorsed the proposed governance structure of the project team, which will feature members of the Management Team and Board Members and will report to the Board.

Strategic risk and policy review

This month the Board reviewed and endorsed two strategic risks associated with the protection of the Little Penguins and their habitat, along with several key organisational policies and procedures.

Stakeholder engagement plan

The Board were pleased to review the organisation's Stakeholder Engagement

Plan. This important document informs the Board of the organisation's key relationships, allowing the Board to offer strategic advice to the CEO and Management and setting the tone for engagement at all levels of government and with other relevant entities.

Organisational change

The Board received a further update on the organisational structure change project and noted its progress.

Food and beverage

The Nature Parks has engaged Create Catering to deliver all food and beverage services across Nature Parks' sites, effective from 1 August 2022. Create Catering is a capable partner with great experience in events, tourism venues and wineries in New South Wales.

The Nature Parks will be the second venue it is taking on in Victoria!

We look forward to welcoming Create Catering to the

Nature Parks and are excited to see their ideas for food and event delivery come to life.

Geotechnical investigations

The Nature Parks engaged Golder Associates to undertake a geotechnical assessment of Phillip Island's cliffs and provide recommendations for risk mitigation. The draft report has now been received and the Board received an update on the immediate actions that will be undertaken as recommended in the report. These include:

- Maintenance or warning signage and wherever possible a cordoned off area around the fragile cliffs at the Colonnades.
- Review and investigation into the removal or retreat of a viewing area at Cape Woolamai.

Other less urgent actions are being reviewed by the Nature Parks' team and will be implemented over the coming year.



Alice (10) and Isla (12) Haw love picking native flowers from their garden for their mum.

Prune your plants and keep them healthy

IT IS time to sharpen up those secateurs and get pruning.

Repeat flowering roses and many other deciduous trees and shrubs are pruned at this time of year. Pruning roses helps to reduce disease, encourages air circulation, lets more light in and therefore stimulates new growth and more blooms next season.

Aim to take out dead wood, and any branches that cross over each other in the centre. Prune stems back to an outward facing bud and leave a tiny piece above that bud.

Cut at about a 45-degree angle and make sure that the cut is sloping away from the bud so that rain and dew won't collect in the area where the bud forms onto the stem.

This will help stop fungal disease. After pruning spray roses and surrounding soil with a clean up spray like lime sulphur.

Lime sulphur is an old-fashioned treatment that helps kill off the dormant fungus spores that like to overwinter in the ground, plus mites and scale.

Top dress each plant with some matured cow manure or compost

It is a tradition to prune the fruit trees in winter, but it is now thought that summer pruning of stone fruit – cherries, apricots, peaches and plums is more beneficial.

The warmer and drier weather helps to promote faster healing of pruning cuts and reduces the chances of fungal or bacterial infections entering via these cuts.

The main annual pruning can be carried out as soon as the fruit has been harvested.

Any inward growing laterals or crossing shoots can be removed whenever they are noticed.

However, all bare rooted trees should be pruned immediately after planting.

Fruit trees are pruned to produce a strong framework so to improve the size, colour and quality of the fruit.

Fruit trees that are not pruned will still bear fruit but will become too tall and tangled to comfortably and safely harvest and will produce much unproductive growth.

Over the winter months and early spring stone fruits like nectarines and peaches need to be sprayed to prevent leaf curl.

A copper spray or lime sulphur can be used.

Leaf curl, caused by the fungus *Taphrina deformans*, is mainly a disease of peaches and nectarines, although it may also affect almonds and apricots.

The disease occurs wherever peaches and nectarines are grown, and if not controlled can seriously weaken trees. Several sprays are recommended to help prevent this.

At this time of year bare root is in full swing.

Nurseries should have most of their stock by now.

**By Karen Haw,
Mirboo North Garden Centre**

We are just waiting on grapes, more roses and herbaceous peonies which will arrive in the next few weeks.

There is a huge selection from which to choose including many varieties of fruit trees (many are dwarf), trees for driveways, flowering trees and those that make a statement like a weeping cheery.

The advantage of buying bare root trees is they are generally cheaper, there is a bigger variety, and easier to manage.

You can fit 10 or more bare root trees in a car which is nearly impossible if they are in pots. However, they do need some extra treatment.

It is important that the roots do not dry out so if you cannot plant them straight away, they need to be heeled into soil or covered with damp newspaper.

After planting they need to be pruned, around 1/3 and you can put a little slow-release fertilizer or compost to improve the soil but do not fertilize until the foliage appears.

The tree needs to settle into its spot and not be forced into upwards growth. Bare root trees also require regular watering until they are established.

Mid-winter you may think that there is not much in flower but many natives are blooming now.

Plants like thryptomene, grevilleas and banksias are not only full of flowers, they are also bird attracting with their nectar rich flower and a lot of these natives are ideal for picking to make delightful arrangements for inside the house.

Most plants do not require feeding over the winter months, but one group of plants do and that is the peonies.

Peonies take up their nutrients over the winter months before budding out in spring, so now is the time to feed and add lime to peonies.

Herbaceous peonies only grow in cool climates with cold winters such as Tasmania, Victoria and mountain districts – they need cold to help trigger the development of the flower bud.

They have stunning blooms from late spring and are available in a gorgeous palette from white through pink to red and mauve and in ruffled, single and double forms.

These fragrant flowers are easy to grow.

Herbaceous peonies can be bought as bare root rhizomes during winter whereas tree peonies and itoh peonies are purchased in pots and are better bought when in flower and planted in autumn.



Bass Coast Landcare Network next River Garden Blitz will feature a local horticulture teacher who will give a hands-on demonstration of winter pruning.

Photo: Victoria Chen on Unsplash

Upcoming river garden blitz

By Bass Coast Landcare Network

skills with a teacher that really knows his stuff, this is the day for you!

This day will start at 9:30am and run until 12:30pm in the format of part demonstration and part hands on pruning with a free morning tea for those who book a spot.

The River Garden is a one hectare community education and growing space on the banks of the Bass river in Bass.

For more information, visit shorturl.at/goHKL

HUGE SELECTION OF BARE ROOT

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Huge selection of:

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- snake bark maples • liquid ambers • & more



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Calls for smoke alarms to become bedroom essential

MORE than 70 per cent of fatal house fires start in bedrooms and living areas according to data from Country Fire Authority (CFA) and the Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV).

A new campaign has started between CFA, FRV, and the Victorian Government, who are encouraging Victorians to consider smoke alarms as a bedroom essential.

"People lose their sense of smell when they are sleeping, and the carbon monoxide in smoke will put you into a deeper sleep," CFA Acting Chief Officer Garry Cook said.

"Without a working smoke alarm in bedrooms and living areas, you may not wake up."

Regardless of what type of smoke alarm is installed, all units should be tested every month, and replaced every 10 years.

"It takes just a few moments to test if your smoke alarm is in working order, but those few moments could save your life."

For the latest information on smoke alarms visit frv.vic.gov.au or cfa.vic.gov.au.

• FAITH FACTOR

Diversity not division

**Amanda Hart (Captain),
Leongatha Corps,
The Salvation Army**

I OFTEN wonder what it would be like to attend a church where everyone had the same interests as me.

Just imagine a whole church of Star Wars and Marvel geeks!

How easy would it be to spark up a conversation with someone after church?

Most people feel more comfortable around people who have similar interests, but the idea of this kind of church doesn't line up with what we read in scripture.

In Galatians 3, Paul offered the early church a new way of thinking - that of diversity not division.

This would've been quite destabilising and challenging for the members of the church.

They were used to worshiping with people just like them, but Paul was telling them that they were now all one in Christ.

The early church made a monumental shift from exclusivity to inclusivity - they broke down centuries of barriers by aligning with what Paul was encouraging them to do and as a result they experienced the Spirit of God at work, they witnessed exponential growth.

We too can make the same choice to move from exclusivity to inclusivity.

We can be a demonstration of God's love through how we live our lives, through including and loving those who are different from us.

We are not all the same, but we are all embraced by the same God.

We are all one in Christ.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~



BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

BCAL's Term 3 course guide is out now, featuring a range of new courses, one which is already gaining some attention is Volunteering as a Pathway to Work.

The community thrives on volunteers and it's an excellent way to gain experience to add to your résumé.

But there is more to it than just being available.

This course will help learners locate volunteering opportunities, understand volunteer roles and responsibilities, provide them with a volunteering experience and help add it to their CVs.

There are also brand new dates for popular short courses in Computers and technology, Hospitality, and First Aid.

The Term 3 course guide is available now at BCAL and all new courses, dates and booking links are on the website.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit www.bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

■ WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

Every garden has problem areas: too little sun, too much sun,

or troublesome, invasive weeds that prevent productive plant growth.

And sometimes a radical solution is necessary. Garden volunteers worked together over some months to turn a weed infested space, that had challenged any number of gardeners, into two new growing plots ready for planting.

Led by Kevin, who did the construction and most of the soil improvement and weed clearing, the plots were finished last week.

The next step is to find new plot custodians keen to grow their own vegies. In the meantime, volunteers will take care of them, planting seasonal crops and flowers for all to share.

To find out more about all the activities at the community garden please contact tgordon@westnet.com.au or drop into the garden on a Thursday between 10 and noon to see what's on.

■ U3A WONTHAGGI

During 2022 more than 200 U3A Wonthaggi members have happily participated in a wide range of courses and activities that reflect their interests in educational, creative and leisure activities.

And they are excited to announce that we have two new courses starting in Term 3:

History of The Ottoman Empire features lectures which cover the 600 years of the richness and complexity of the Ottoman Empire, starting with the early years as a collection of raiders, to the zenith of its power in the 15th and 16th centuries, to its ultimate collapse in the wreckage of the First World War.

For something much lighter, there's Telling Stories and Jokes. This class will explore ways to tell jokes and stories using voice and gesture, developing some into short pieces for performance. We will look at monologues both comic and dramatic as well as short ten-minute plays.

There are also limited vacancies in more than 20 continuing courses and activities! So whether your interest is history, learning a language, music, exercise, games (Bocce anyone?), literature, current affairs or the environment U3A Wonthaggi has activity for you!

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■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies have had full houses in both the turning and the furniture making sessions recently which is unusual for winter, when many take off for warmer parts.

The furniture making sessions are a great way to use recycled timber. Many pieces are made from offcuts, fallen branches, and even old fence posts. In many cases, it gives wood that was previously doing a basic job a chance to show its inner beauty.

If anyone had trees fall in the recent winds, the Woodies may be interested in harvesting some of the timber.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au or call in at the workshop.



bit warmer but it can be pretty cold inside if the heating isn't on.

That's winter for you.

Well, good news, the \$250 Power Savings Bonus from the State Government is set to continue from July 1, to December 31, of this year and will be open to all Victorian households, not just concession card holders. They are keen that you seek out a better energy deal and save money on energy bills that way.

So, if you or someone you know is struggling to pay their power bills, direct them to the online site: www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au/welcome. We are ready to go if you need any help applying.

Call us on 5672 3731 or drop in.

Just a little note here. If you become a WNC member, \$10 per individual, \$15 per family for the year, then all Learn Share Activities are discounted and we have LOTS of Learn Share Activities, also, other activities may be discounted too.

And not only that but you also get our 'The Grapevine' newsletter which comes out each term. Call Mitchell House on 5672 3731 for more information and keep up to date with all our activities through our Facebook Page at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



'Arockalypse' coming to Westernport Hotel

THE Westernport Hotel, and Nick Carver & the Mean St Butchers are bringing a new festival to the pub stage.

'Arockalypse Now' showcases some of the best local music from Gippsland to Melbourne and beyond, with no less than six acts playing across the whole venue from 7:30pm until late.

Nick Carver & the Mean St Butchers have played The Westernport Stage many times, supporting artists such as The Tea Party, Ash Grunwald & Custard.

They're now bringing their explosive blues tinged rock'n'roll show to celebrate the launch of their sophomore album, ANIMALS.

Carving it up with roaring rock, romping Americana roots and a shuddering psychedelic twist, Melbourne-based roots-rock band Nick Carver & The Mean Street Butchers create a gloriously high-powered sound.

Tickets can be found at thewesternport.com.au

An evening with Paul Kennedy at Inverloch Library

COME and join The Friends of Inverloch Library in welcoming Paul Kennedy and hearing of his many adventures on Friday, July 29, at the Inverloch Library at 6.00pm.

Paul is a well-known sports commentator, journalist and television reporter and is currently the ABC national television presenter.

He has written three books- the latest being Funkytown: A year on the Brink of Manhood (2021). Paul talks about growing up in Frankston and describes his book as being "Told with poignancy and humour...Funkytown is a love letter to adolescence, football, family and outer suburbia".

Come and join The Friends of Inverloch Library in welcoming Paul and hearing of his many adventures on Friday, July 29, at the Inverloch Library at 6.00pm.

Bookings via QR code or at trybooking.com/events/landing/913417

Tickets are \$10 and include drink, nibbles and a raffle ticket.

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Learn something new with South Gippsland Shire Brass Band

Performing at the recent Citizenship Ceremony in Leongatha were Teagan Denbrok, Hannah Richards, and Amber Denbrok.

Teagan and Hannah are in the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band having graduated from the band's learner's program, and Amber is learning percussions.

The band is now recruiting for a new learner group of school age students to start soon.

For expressions of interest, please contact Darryl Hunt 0407 444 210 or Katie Cantwell 0429 090 299.

No freeze at Fixit Café Wonthaggi

A WARM welcome awaited our customers this wintry June and 20 kilograms of goods were weighed among the repairs, not all fixed this month.

Advice was given by the Men's Shed to Kate who had travelled from Phillip Island to find out how best to care for her saw.

Helping people to understand how to maintain their equipment is a crucial part of Fixit Café.

For instance, putting a minimum number of sheets in a shredder each time is a sure way of making it last you for quite a while.

If you have time to spare in July and you can take a photo with a phone, help someone fill in a form, or hand out the coffees we would love to see you at the next Fixit Café on July 17, from 11am – 1pm.

Bookings for repairs are essential on 5672 3731 then you will be given a time to come.

One item per person can be fixed, as time is limited, and you must be able to

carry it.

Repairs are free but a donation is always welcome to help running costs.

This is a joint activity between the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and the Wonthaggi Men's Shed and can be found at the Harvest Centre, off the Big W car park, at the back of the Goods Shed.

Let's keep our stuff out of landfill and give it a second chance.

THE CALLY - JULY GIG GUIDE

- FRI, JULY 8: Jade Gibson
- SAT, JULY 9: Roller Toaster
- SUN, JULY 10: Russ and Den (ex-Lionel Loves Vinyl) 3 – 6PM
- FRI, JULY 15: Karaoke Comp FINAL
 - SAT, JULY 16: INXSIVE (Tix at Eventbrite)
- FRI, JULY 22: The Wellingtons Duo
 - SAT, JULY 23: Intensity Duo – 80's Nite
- FRI, JULY 29: Spitting Swallows
- SAT, JULY 30: Drunken Ninja
- FRI, AUG 19: Absolutely 80's (Tix at Eventbrite)

Scott Carne, Bryan Mannix, Ally Fowler

• SAT, OCT 8: Official Blues

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FILM - 28 June to 9 July

[see our website for all session times](http://seeourwebsite.com.au)

The Drover's Wife [MA15] 1h49m

On a remote homestead in the Snowy Mountains, a lonely bushwoman tries to run the family farm and raise her children while her husband is away. Director: Leah Purcell

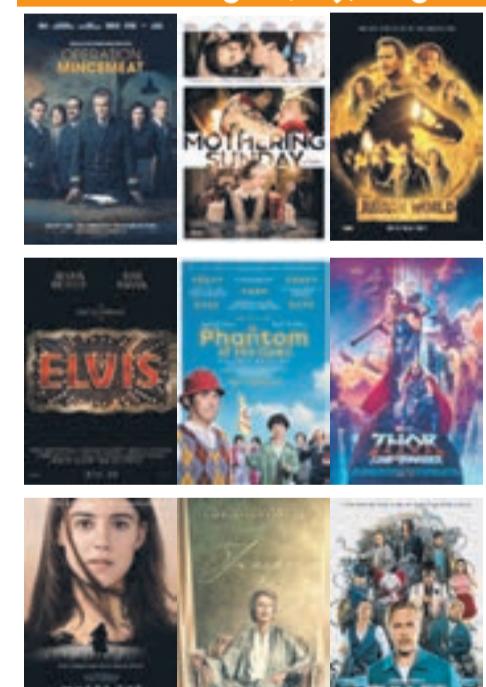


Wash My Soul in the River's Flow [PG] 1h30m

A cinematic reinvention of a legendary concert. Kura Tungar-Songs from the River was a collaboration between singer-songwriters Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter - with Paul Grabowsky and the 22-piece Australian Art Orchestra.



Films Coming in July/August



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Find the full calendar of events and sessions on our website



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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT AUSTRALIAN MOVIES?

- [\$100] Where do the Kerrigans go on holiday in The Castle?
A. Porpoise Spit. B. Hanging Rock. C. Bonnie Doon. D. Woop Woop.
- [\$200] What breed of dog is the character in Red Dog?
A. Australian Cattle Dog. B. Australian Kelpie. C. Australian Terrier. D. Border Collie
- [\$300] Which organisation pursues Mick Dundee to Australia in Crocodile Dundee II?
A. Columbian drug cartel. B. Irish mob. C. Sicilian mafia. D. Crips.
- [\$500] The picnic in Picnic at Hanging Rock takes place on which day?
A. Easter Sunday. B. Anzac Day. C. Mothers' Day. D. Valentine's Day.
- [\$1000] Wolf Creek was mainly filmed in which Australian state?
A. Western Australia. B. South Australia. C. New South Wales. D. Queensland.
- [\$2000] Where did the troupe travel to in The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert?
A. Alice Springs. B. Ayres Rock. C. Kalgoorlie. D. Coober Pedy.
- [\$4000] What was the name of the final dance that Scott and Fran performed at the Pan-Pacific competition in Strictly Ballroom?
A. Salsa. B. Samba. C. Paso doble. D. Tango.
- [\$8000] Dead Calm is set on which ocean?
A. Atlantic. B. Pacific. C. Indian. D. Southern.
- [\$16,000] In which Australian city does the Brierley family live in the movie 'Lion'?
A. Adelaide. B. Brisbane. C. Sydney. D. Hobart.
- [\$32,000] Lord Humongous is the leader of which Mad Max gang?
A. War Boys. B. The Marauders. C. The Buzzards. D. The Wretched.
- [\$64,000] Rabbit-Proof Fence is set in which Aussie state?
A. South Australia. B. Western Australia. C. Queensland. D. New South Wales.
- [\$125,000] Who won the 2009 AFI Award for Best Direction with Samson and Delilah?
A. Bruce Beresford. B. Rachel Ward. C. Baz Lurman. D. Warwick Thornton.
- [\$250,000] The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith is based on a book by which author?
A. Peter Carey. B. Bryce Courtney. C. Thomas Keneally. D. David Malouf.
- [\$500,000] Where was Mel Gibson born?
A. Australia. B. Rhodesia/Zimbabwe. C. America. D. New Zealand.
- [\$1,000,000] Who was the original choice to play Muriel in Muriel's Wedding?
A. Nicole Kidman. B. Kylie Minogue. C. Magda Szubanski. D. Gina Riley.

CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC CLUES

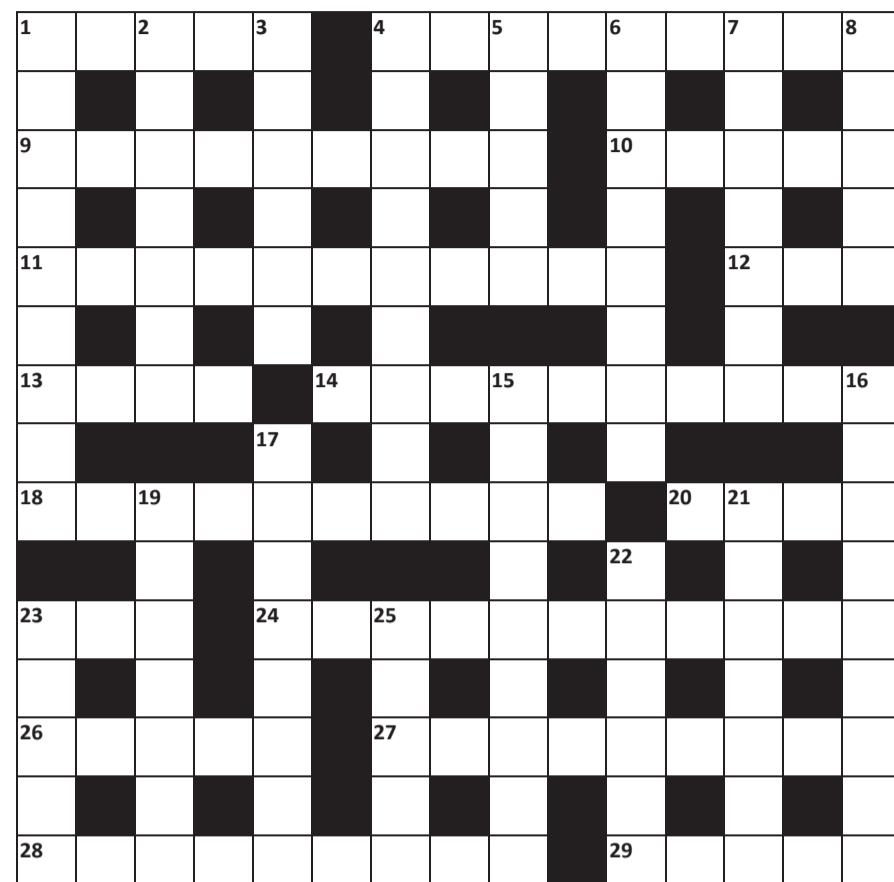
[Hear this: Some application, arithmetically, is required in the cases of VIII clues! Note also: Look very carefully in the cases of two other clues!]

ACROSS

- Angry 557 (5)
- Funny car: Is one type, being built by Ru Paul, on track? (4,5)
- States, 'Mountains of birds, mice, etc'? (9)
- Lively 512 (5)
- Shouting complaint: how you'll get half full, eh? (7,4)
- Alloy 1011 (3)
- Balmy 1551 (4)
- Blurred VIC electorate boundaries set and signed, we hear (10)
- Liqueur, formerly drunk by millilitres lying in bed (5)
- Silly 601 (4)
- Halfway 1501 (3)
- Taking back a pledge? Doesn't look good! (11)
- Courty 157 (5)
- Baptism in bubbles, with head going, going... One gets into that! (9)
- Secured in tomb? (9)
- Copy 2102 (5)

DOWN

- Tearing up alley, march - first effortless - gets chaotic (9)
- 3 into 6 and 50 something: severe in effect (7)
- Can't I OK a deal that holds back a robber? (6)
- Application from Timor 'Urban Centre' demographic, on climate extremes (9)
- Calling, of some personal intent, in church division (5)
- Brooks no debate in redistribution of virtual debt, see? (8)
- Primitive? Spooner reckons SBS food presenter is able! (7)
- Returned about 500, usually opening with 10 (5)
- Missshapen 20-across (for me): 500 bottoms! (3-6)
- Gentle, with energy; capricious. '99' looking good on TV (9)
- minus 4, periodically stepping into void on 31st of May? Every year! (8)
- An ID swap for 7-down then 'confused' emergency lift (7)
- plus 56, periodically (7)
- Plan to lose a pair of characters (6)
- Bread, and nothing over, from restaurant guide (5)
- Dot is behind 'Value in Aussie Rules' (5)



Number 34 - by 'Johnno2' of Cape Paterson

Answers in next edition of The Sentinel Times

STRAIGHT CLUES

ACROSS

- Angry (very) (5)
- ¼-mile sprint (sometimes 'funny') car (4,5)
- Eastern US mountains (9)
- Lively, intense (5)
- Shouting complaint, protesting angrily (7,4)
- Alloy, combine (3)
- Balmy; also, not serious (4)
- Blurred, ill-defined (10)
- Lemon liqueur (5)
- Silly person; also, a herb (4)
- Halfway (prefix) (3)
- Doesn't look good (11)
- Courty, polite (5)
- Form of baptism (9)
- Secured, as in internet comms (9)
- Copy, ape (5)

DOWN

- Tearing up, of tears (9)
- Something (spoken) severe in effect (7)
- S.E. Asian armed robber (6)
- Application, perseverance (9)
- Division between pews in church (5)
- Brooks, streams (8)
- Primitive, prehistoric person (7)
- Returned, brought into use again (5)
- Missshapen (3-6)
- Looking good on TV (9)
- Every year (8)
- Emergency removal, e.g. by air ambulance (7)
- Element 77 on the periodic table (7)
- Two successive characters, letters (6)
- A round sourdough bread (5)
- Dot; also, value of a behind in Aussie Rules (5)

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1 LEVEL: Medium
2 LEVEL: Hard

Instructions:
Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box, vertical column and horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

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People Power for the Powlett

PARTNERSHIPS in action is what West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) is all about.

And the Powlett River/Kugerungmome Partnerships Project is the latest example of how many hands can make light work for the environment.

The multi-faceted project is integrated in that it brings many stakeholders together to work on projects for mutual benefit to the overall catchment.

Project partners recently gathered in Dalyston to share information about their role in the partnership, learn from each other, and give support and advice.

Paula Camenzuli, Natural Resource Management Strategic planner for WGCMA said: "What we are trying to achieve with the Powlett River/Kugerungmome Partnerships Project is to have a holistic, integrated view of the entire Powlett catchment from the southern slopes of the Strzelecki Ranges to the estuary, where it meets Bass Strait in Kilcunda."

The three-year project has several, integrated parts including enhancing waterways through weed removal, fencing and revegetation.

These activities help to improve the health of the Powlett River and its tributaries, create habitat and corridors for wildlife, and increase biodiversity in the catchment area.

A key outcome of the project is caring for and raising awareness of threatened species such as the Giant Gippsland Earthworm in the hills and Hooded Plovers on the beaches.

Restoring native vegetation and removing

weed infestation on select properties with conservation covenants to ensure they are protected forever will also be undertaken.

Essential to the project has been consultation with Traditional Owners and key project partners, the Bunurong Land Council from the outset.

The Land Council gave permission for the Bunurong language name of Kugerungmome to be used alongside Powlett River and have created a painting that symbolises the river and its story, which will be used in communications across the life of the project.

Other local project partners include Bass Coast Landcare Network, Parks Victoria, Trust for Nature, landholders and community groups.

Rivers connect places, communities and people.

The integrated nature of the initiative uses the passion people have for their local area and the power of connections to expand the reach and impact that could not be achieved with single agencies working in isolation.

The Powlett River catchment has been identified as a priority area, in both the West Gippsland Regional Catchment Strategy and Regional Waterway Strategy.

It has a total catchment area of 50,800 hectares and six main tributaries, of which Foster Creek is the most upstream, followed by Lance, West, Archies, Bridge and Woolshed Creeks.



Powlett River/Kugerungmome Partnerships Project partners recently gathered in Dalyston to share information about their role in the partnership.

Land-use in the catchment is largely agricultural and is dominated by dairy and beef production.

Lance Creek reservoir supplies water to the Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Patterson townships.

A video has been prepared to help to share the story of this flourishing partnership.

The community can view the video

<https://www.wgcma.vic.gov.au/news/latest-news/people-power-for-the-powlett>

Keep up to date via www.wgcma.vic.gov.au and by signing up to the WGCMA's Catchment Snapshot newsletter.

This project is supported by WGCMA through funding from the Victorian Government's Our Catchments, Our Communities Program.



Neil Kendall, Brisbane, captured a true rural classic at Warwick rodeo.



Anna Nunn of Leigh Creek in the Flinders Ranges captured this winning Spirit of the Bush image.

Rural Aid photography competition winners announced

AUSTRALIA'S most trusted rural charity has congratulated the 12 winners of its Spirit of the Bush photography competition.

More than 1100 photographic entries were received from farms right across the country, a record for the Spirit of the Bush competition.

Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said it was heartening to see so many quality captures.

"The Spirit of the Bush competition attracts photos from every corner of the country and reflects every part of life on the land," Mr Warlters said.

"It's great to see a theme of hope emerge from our images this year."

"The winning photos tell a story of both

work and play.

"Events like harvest and planting are featured, as well as moments of rest, relaxation, and recreation."

"A huge congratulations to our talented winners who will now have their photos used in Rural Aid's 2023 calendar," Mr Warlters said.

The Rural Aid 2023 calendar will be available for purchase and pre-order later this year. Supporters are encouraged to keep an eye on the Rural Aid social media pages for more information.

Proceeds will directly support Rural Aid's range of programs to help farmers and their families.

Burra Foods increases farmgate milk price

BURRA Foods is pleased to confirm an increase in Opening Farmgate Milk Price for FY23 to \$9.10 - \$9.50/kg milk solids for the period July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

"The competition for farmgate milk supply continues to accelerate as we approach June 30. It is definitely a sellers' market and we have been monitoring announcements on a daily basis," said Burra

Foods chief executive Stewart Carson.

"Milk Supply Partnerships are the foundation of our business, and we need to maintain a competitive price - hence today's announcement."

"As per normal, we will continue to report our milk price range rather than a headline price because over 90 per cent of our Milk Supply Partners will receive an income estimate within this range."

New Thrive Together trade campaign launched

DAIRY Australia, with support from the Victorian Government, have launched Thrive Together with Australian Dairy, a joint initiative to enhance the positioning of Australian dairy in key export markets.

In an increasingly competitive global trade environment, Thrive Together, a new trade proposition, has been developed on behalf of the dairy industry to strengthen the international profile of Australian dairy in key Asian markets.

The collaboration aims to help the dairy industry strengthen engagement, unite to tell its story and enhance its positive profile among its international trade customers and grow demand for Australian dairy.

Created with funding from the Victorian government and co-contribution from Dairy Australia, Thrive Together is focused around five thematic areas: relationships, agility, quality, sustainability and place.

The design and visual material will bring a fresh, consistent, and distinctly Australian look and feel to promotional activities overseas to complement Dairy Australia's data and industry insights.

They will also showcase the unique attributes of the industry and bring to life stories of dairy farmers and the diverse manufacturing industry.

The promotional campaign will launch across China, Japan and Southeast Asia from July. It features digital and social media designed to build awareness of Australian Dairy, alongside webinars and material for trade media to engage and educate key business partners.

Australian dairy exporters will benefit from the use of a trade toolkit including, videos, images, fact sheets, and brochures created to assist in communicating key messages to their customers.

It will continue to be updated with new resources, responding to the needs of exporters over the course of the project.

Australia produces approximately 8.5 billion litres of milk per year, 32% of which is exported to over 100 countries.

Of these exports, 88% is bound for

Asian markets including China, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia.

These exports represent \$3.3 billion* to the Australian economy in 2020/21, contributing to a more competitive farm gate milk price for farmers. (*Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics)

Learn more about Thrive Together here. www.dairyaustralia.com.au/thrivetogether

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Genomic testing reset culling criteria

SHIONA Berry isn't that interested in cattle genetics.

Neither is her husband, Caleb. But these Glen Alvie dairy farmers started genomic testing their heifer calves two years ago.

Shiona told a recent DataGene Genomics Discovery Day that DNA testing their calves helped accurately select the top animals for retention.

"We are rearing so many more heifers now because of sexed semen and our cows are getting pregnant really quite well now," she said.

"We are selling a lot to the export market, and we knew what we were doing to pick the ones for the export market was not great. We went through a stage where it was all the tailenders (born at the end of the calving season) that were culled.

"Then we went through a stage where we looked at the mothers (of the calves) to see their production and whether we liked their traits and then we'd get rid of their calves if they did not tick a box."

With two years of genomic testing under their belt – including all the animals' Balanced Performance Index (BPI) data – Shiona and Caleb realised their previous approach to culling wasn't the most beneficial for their business.

"The stab in the dark we were having previously was crazy," Shiona said.

"We were cutting tailenders off, and I look at our genomic testing data and our tailenders were not our poorest BPI

... actually we have poor BPI spread all through."

Now the Berrys select the heifers they want to retain based on BPI and use industry tools such as DataVat* to navigate the genomic information.

Shiona, Caleb and their children Ella 16, Freya 14 and Olivia 11 operate Glen Alvie Dairies, milking 700 cows in a split calving system.

With a nutrition background, Shiona's passion is feeding cattle.

Initially, they dismissed the concept because of cost and the fact neither of them were into genetics. But a few years ago, they became involved in an industry research project where they were required to take a DNA sample from dead calves.

It opened the door for them to start testing their live calves.

Taking the initial genomic samples proved challenging.

"We were taking the samples from the calves and they were standing up and running around," Shiona said.

"Now we do it when we disbud the calves under general anaesthetic on the ground.

I walk along and they get their vaccination, and we do a notch at the same time. It is very easy and a lot calmer."

TOP RIGHT: Shiona Berry uses genomic results to select the heifers to keep as replacements based on BPI with the surplus being sold for export.



Saputo suppliers Andrew, Erwin, Stacey and Lucy Reesink from Fish Creek attended the supplier meeting in Leongatha recently. They'll be among those to benefit from the uplift in 'opening' price.

Saputo and Burra Foods both lift 'opening' prices

SAPUTO Dairy Australia last week advised its suppliers of yet another increase in the "opening price" for milk, as processors battle for supply, now up to \$9.40 per kg milk solids, as of Wednesday, June 29, 2022.

And following quickly behind is the locally-based Burra Foods, revising its price again to a range of between \$9.10 and \$9.50kgMS, an increase of 30c/kgMS.

Saputo issued its revised price notice to suppliers and to the market on Wednes-

day morning.

"This is an increase of 21 cents per kilogram of butterfat and 42 cents per kilogram of protein," said Saputo.

Saputo was out on the front foot in the South Gippsland area, on Wednesday, June 22, in Leongatha, providing all the first-hand information on the season ahead to local farmers so locally, at least, this latest increase will not come as a complete surprise to its suppliers.

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Nicole Saunders wins 2022 Rabobank Business Management prize

VICTORIAN dairy farmer Nicole Saunders has taken out the 2022 Rabobank Business Management Prize from a field of Australia's leading farmers.

Saunders, who operates a dairy business near Maffra in Gippsland, was recognised with the award for the strategic business plan she developed for her enterprise, after completing the Rabobank Farm Managers Program (FMP).

A specialist, annual course developed for farmers looking to enhance the management capabilities and strengthen the operational and strategic skills of emerging farmers.

The program covers topics including global trends in agriculture, business planning, financial management, leadership and succession planning.

The plan is already delivering tangible benefits to farm profitability and sustainability, helping to transform the operation she began with her husband Brendan after the couple moved to Australia from New Zealand just five years ago.

Saunders has been able to achieve

improvements in business productivity and efficiency, technology adoption and farm infrastructure since graduating from the program in 2019.

The business plan Ms Saunders developed included four goals: increase profit per hectare, produce a high-quality product, improve their team and expand the business.

Ms Saunders was presented with the Rabobank Business Management Prize by Rabobank general manager, Sustainability and Community, Marc Oostdijk in front of graduates of the 2022 Farm Managers Program and industry leaders at the program's recent graduation dinner in Sydney.

Now in its 16th year, more than 500 Australian and New Zealand farmers have graduated from the program.

LEFT: Rabobank general manager of Sustainability and Community, Marc Oostdijk with Rabobank Business Management Prize winner, Nicole Saunders.

Another huge yarding

By the SGSA

AGENTS yarded around 5200 cattle at the June 24, VLE Leongatha store sale.

Once again there were some excellent lines of heavy and medium steers penned along with some annual drafts of very nice weaners, but there were more secondary and plainer types penned.

Prices for the quality lines generally eased another 10 cents with some isolat-

ed sales firm but once off the top prices eased a further 20-30 cents.

Feedlots dominated again and plenty of lighter types went north to NSW with locals also securing a share.

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 K Waites & J Lillicrap 13 Ang BB 689kg \$4.96 \$3420
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 L&D Peters 10 Bb 582kg \$5.33 \$3100
 Connelly & Whelan 17 Ang 571kg \$5.57 \$3180
 P & J Scott 13 Ang/Bb 567kg \$5.34 \$3080
 G & R Scanlon 13 Ang/Bb 564kg \$5.23 \$2950
 Merrijig 21 Ang 555kg \$5.50 \$3050
 Merrijig 20 Ang 543kg \$5.75 \$3120
 T & N Anderson 13 Ang 539kg \$5.27 \$2840
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 A Conisbee Ang , 13 Ang 509kg \$5.65 \$2880
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 G & R Scanlon 15 Ang/Bb 507kg \$5.42 \$2750
 Melaleuca Pastoral Co, 16 Ang 505kg \$5.70 \$2880
 T & S Missen, 15 Ang 496kg \$5.76 \$2860
 Nw Page, 13 Ang 492kg \$5.77 \$2840
 Merrijig 20 Ang 490kg \$5.92 \$2900
 Melaleuca Pastoral Co, 16 Ang 474kg \$5.90 \$2800
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 Merrijig 15 Ang 468kg \$6.11 \$2860
 I Liley, 16 Ang 465kg \$6.19 \$2880
 A Conisbee Ang , 23 Ang 461kg \$5.96 \$2750
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 M Brady, 21 Ang 450kg \$6.17 \$2780
 Wallenbeen, 11 Ang 435kg \$5.86 \$2550
 Merrijig 15 Ang 434kg \$6.11 \$2650
 A Conisbee Ang , 22 Ang 432kg \$6.01 \$2600
 Ajay Nom 21 Ang 430kg \$6.09 \$2620
 Gibson Farm 21 Ang 423kg \$6.00 \$2540
 G & V Lane, 17 Ang 402kg \$5.97 \$2400
 R Hammond, 10 Ang 396kg \$6.01 \$2380
 A&M Bolton 19 Ang 385kg \$6.23 \$2400
 Latrobe Park Angus, 18 Ang K Waites & J Lillicrap 17 Hfd 650kg \$4.86 \$3160
 L&D Peters 18 Hfd 619kg \$4.78 \$2960
 Franklin Park 16 Hfd 606kg \$4.88 \$2960
 L&D Peters 20 Hfd 595kg \$4.87 \$2900
 Franklin Park 18 Hfd 581kg \$4.82 \$2800
 Krowera Co 18 Hfd 554kg \$5.13 \$2840
 L&D Peters 22 Hfd 545kg \$5.32 \$2900
 G Anthony, 15 Hfd 445kg \$5.39 \$2400

Heifers
 Ajay Nom 21 Ang 423kg \$5.48 \$2320
 G & V Lane, 17 Ang/ Bb 392kg \$5.71 \$2240
 Latrobe Park Ang, 17 Ang 380kg \$5.68 \$2160
 Wallenbeen, 23 Ang/ Bb 357kg \$5.74 \$2050
 Latrobe Park Ang, 21 Ang 342kg \$5.99 \$2050
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 Meadowra 20 Ang 250kg \$5.92 \$1480
 Groves Est 14 Ang 249kg \$5.62 \$1400
 A & T Derham, 21 Ang 244kg \$5.53 \$1350
 Ajay Nom 22 Aa/Bb 242kg \$5.79 \$1500

Xbreds & Dairy
 J Koutsopoulos 11 Ang/Ff X 520kg \$4.76 \$2480
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Cows & Calves
 L Mayo 10 X10 Angus \$3450
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Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monay, June 27, 2022

Jersey & Jersey x \$26 to \$80
 Friesian Bulls \$35 to \$102
 Friesian Heifers \$70 to \$690
 Beef Bulls \$110 to \$610
 Beef Heifers \$80 to \$260
 Number of Calves: 259
 Number purchased to rear: 105

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STORE SALE 1750 CATTLE 1750

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2022 - Starting at 10am

GROWN

A/c Strathbrae Equity, Inverloch (Alex Scott)

150 Angus steers , 14 – 16 Mths, Vb, Pure Banquet Blood Lines, Drenched Doramax 16/06/22 & Copper, Selenium & B12 Injections, Eu, Noted Doing Cattle

A/c Stevron Pastoral (Elders)

30 Angus steers 16 mths

20 Char steers 16 mths

A/c C & J Kilgour (Elders)

15 Red Angus steers, 2 yo, Boote Hill Bred 15 Hereford steers 2 yo, GF & ABF, Very Quiet

A/c P & H Linke, Rosedale (Nutrien)

30 Angus steers, 2yo

A/c C Hasthorpe, Tanjil South (Alex Scott)

15 Angus steers, Rising 2yrs

15 Hereford steers, Rising 2 Yrs

A/c Melaleuca Pastoral Trust, Ruby (Nutrien)

30 Angus steers, 18 Mths, Ne Accred

A/c Powles Family Trust, Phillip Island (Alex Scott)

25 Angus steers, Rising 2 Yrs

A/c A & L Sage, Leongatha (Nutrien)

10 Ang X steers, 2yo

A/c G Dean & S Woodland, Inverloch (Nutrien)

7 Hereford steers, 2.5yo

A/c D&T Olden (Elders)

7 Angus steers

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND ASSOCIATED AGENTS



Lyric Theatre president Bron Beach and Beena Giridharan were looking forward to the opening night performance of *Kinky Boots*. A39_2722



Brian Ahern and Jacky Crowder were part of the *Kinky Boots* wardrobe team ensuring cast members look the part. A40_2722



Kasey, Beck and Chloe Stoops on opening night. A41_2722



Mon and Brendan Eager of Wonthaggi were eager for Mon's first musical. A42_2722



Mike and Kerrie Smith with granddaughter Harleigh at *Kinky Boots* opening night. A43_2722



Cr Scott Rae and Mayor Mohya Davies couldn't wait for the opening night show of *Kinky Boots* to get underway. A44_2722



Marilyn Newton, Kerry Zuidema, Bob Newton and Tessa Zuidema at *Kinky Boots*. A45_2722



Mary Bray with Amy, Will, David and Angela Cowan were delighted to be at the opening night of *Kinky Boots*. A46_2722



Belinda Jeffries, Kim Fowles, Louise Cruickshank and Emma Graham enjoyed a night of fun at *Kinky Boots*. A47_2722

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Lyric Theatre's *Kinky Boots*, Phillip Island Whale Festival and the South Gippsland Shire's Community Vision launch.



Kim Storey and Arnika Martin of Destination Phillip Island. A52_2722

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Amy O'Callaghan and Nick Parry of Boronia came to Cowes to hear talks on whales, learning about their different markings. A50_2722



Marita Kraft, Cheryl Woodruff, Pittorino and Irene Naitoro with boomerang bags which they made from donated fabric. A51_2722



Amy Burgess, Tristan Halliday, Frank Byrne, and Heidi and Tommy Burgess at *Kinky Boots*. A48_2722



Eliza Stein and Alex Beach ensure *Kinky Boots* attendees had all the information they need. A49_2722



Korumburra Business Association treasurer Jessica Paul attended South Gippsland Shire's launch of integrated council plans. A04_2722



South Gippsland Shire Council's Natasha Berry, Avril Piasente and Kayla Chapman at the integrated council plans launch. A05_2722



South Gippsland Shire Council's Tony Peterson and Jareth Goss with Regional Development Victoria's Sara Rhodes-Ward. A06_2722



Stylish home on one acre in town

SITUATED up high is this solid home set on over an acre of land right in town.

The house has been tastefully renovated with high-quality finishes and enjoys views of the surrounding town and farmland.

If you're looking for some space with the convenience of living in town, then this property might just be for you.

The home consists of three generous sized bedrooms, all with built in robes.

The gorgeous modern kitchen features stunning stone benchtops, a long breakfast bar, updated appliances including a dual stove, electric wall oven, dishwasher plus a walk-in pantry.

There is a lovely open plan living area which includes a feature mantel piece, wood heater plus a split system to keep the home comfortable.

The stunning family bathroom includes a large walk-in shower, freestanding bath and a double vanity.

A generous deck overlooks the backyard and is ideal for entertaining or for you to enjoy all to yourself.

A large lock-up double garage exists with additional space for a workshop plus a large dog run and a garden shed for further storage.

There is also side access for a caravan, boat, or trailer storage.

The property includes a meandering cottage style garden as well as fruit trees

and veggie beds.

A large paddock is found at the rear of the block which would be perfect for a horse or a few sheep.

The Great Southern Rail Trail is almost adjacent to the property, enabling you to enjoy walking or riding via horse or bike.

An opportunity to purchase a property of this size within the town boundary is extremely rare, and is only a very short walk to the main street for all the towns amenities including shopping, cafes, restaurants, services, and the sporting precinct.

Located 10 mins to Leongatha, 20 mins to the beaches of Inverloch and only one hour to Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs.

For more information and to arrange an inspection contact Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083 or Don Olden on 0417 805 312.

For a Due Diligence Checklist go to: consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist

3 **1** **4** 5141m²

19 Warragul Road,
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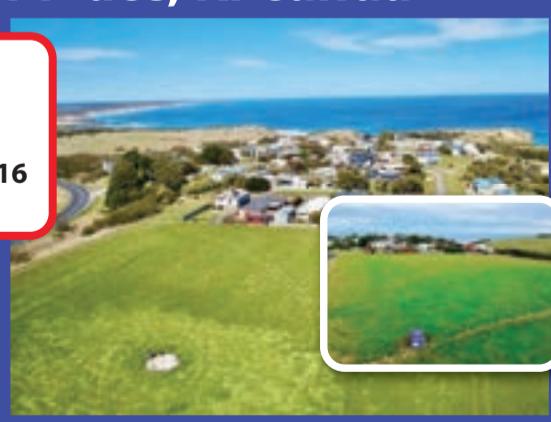
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5.28 acres - build your dream home

A RARE gem here!

This picture perfect 5.28 acres surrounded by paddocks and rolling hills is perfectly positioned on the edge of town, providing the benefits of rural living with a sense of community about you.

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The perfect acreage to build, grow and love where you live.

An easy walk to the nearby Primary and Secondary Schools or take a leisurely stroll up the street to the shops and cafes, Baromi park, sporting facilities and so much more.

This delightful township is located

approx. 2 hours from Melbourne CBD, 20 mins to Leongatha, 25 mins to the Latrobe Valley.

For further information contact Irene Walker at SEJ Real Estate.

(The vendor does have available to the successful purchaser preliminary preparations towards planning permit requirements, e.g. Soil tests, Land survey and Land Capability Assessment report prepared by a Civil Engineer.)

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Stunning home, big shed on 2 acres

LOOKING for an amazing lifestyle property in a tranquil setting of sweeping lawns and established trees?

Then look no more, we have the perfect property for you, located 5 minutes from Leongatha and 15 minutes from Inverloch.

This immaculately presented Brick Veneer home is set on two level acres with a sweeping panoramic rural backdrop to enjoy.

Offering a versatile layout with a fabulous family friendly design that draws natural light into every space.

With new paintwork inside and out, there is nothing left to do on this amazing property.

This home comprises four bedrooms and a study with modern ensuite and walk in robe to the main bedroom, with the three additional bedrooms containing built in robes.

The updated bathroom boasts a spa bath and shower.

A versatile modern kitchen includes electric cooking, dishwasher and good storage space.

The family/dining area is a large open space with solid fuel heating and a reverse cycle unit which leads directly out to a large timber decked entertaining area, with a cleverly designed feature palm tree built into the deck.

A second living area at the opposite end of the home provides

a private getaway from the kids.

An 11m x 5m solar heated inground pool and adjoining covered alfresco area with built in kitchen are perfect for entertaining friends and family, with a playground area off to the side for kids to play and enjoy freely.

The property has an endless water supply from a bore and three large tanks.

There is plenty of shedding with two sheds, a large 25m x 12m shed with a 3.6m clearance.

This shed includes a man cave, mezzanine floor, power, 8.8kw solar system and five sliding doors for ease of access.

The second shed is 12m x 8m with 2 roller doors, an open bay and a double carport to the side.

These sheds are perfect to run a business out of. This is a great property in a beautiful tranquil setting surrounded by stunning farmland.

Inspection will impress.

4 2 2 acres

315 Hillgroves Road,
Leongatha South

For Sale 1,425,000

Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Jason Harris 0417 640 079



RayWhite

For Sale

1a Hillview Court, **Leongatha**

QUIET COURT LOCATION!

- Tastefully updated with family friendly floor plan
- Open plan kitchen/dining plus formal lounge
- 3 large bedrooms with built in robes
- 7.5m x 4.5m shed & undercover alfresco

Paige Matthews 0418 794 468

\$590,000



For Sale

1/18-19 Clinton Court, **Leongatha**

QUIET COURT LOCATION

- Extensively renovated 3 bedroom unit
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For Sale

270 Milford Road, **Dumbalk North**

FAMILY HOME ON 168 ACRES

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Michael Hanily



Jason Harris



Paige Matthews



Dave Trotman



For Sale

1b Owen Street, **Leongatha**

2 BEDROOM UNIT IN THE HEART OF TOWN

- 2 bedroom unit only 500m to CBD
- Open plan living/dining/kitchen with reverse cycle
- Single garage with automatic door
- Tenanted until April 2023 with return of \$330 pw

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\$385,000



For Sale

26 Rayson Drive, **Leongatha**

RECENTLY BUILT HOME

- Open living/kitchen/dining & 2nd living
- Master BR with WIR, ceiling fan & Ensuite
- Covered outdoor area & neat yard
- Close to Primary & Secondary Schools

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756

\$690,000



For Sale

8 Eccles Way, **Leongatha**

HUGE QUALITY FAMILY HOME

- 40 squares of living on 2 levels with excellent views
- 3 living areas plus covered outdoor area
- Downstairs self contained with own kitchenette
- Gas ducted heating plus 3 reverse cycles

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Convenient location on a massive flat block with huge shed

THIS property at 30 Koonwarra Road ticks all the boxes if you are looking for a large backyard, secure shed and a well-maintained character filled weatherboard home.

The property is conveniently located near the medical centre, hospital and Ellen Lyndon Park Playground, whilst being only a short walk to the town centre.

From the front, the home is situated to one side of the square block with a gravel driveway leading to the shed on the other side.

In the middle is the undercover patio area idea for entertaining, followed by access into the large secure backyard which features an external studio, perfect as an additional storage room.

The shed is ideal as the ultimate man's cave/ workshop space and features a concrete floor, power and is set behind a roller door with side door access from the yard.

Inside the home you will find features such as ornamental cornice, wide architraves, polished timber floorboards, timber sash windows and ornate window pelmets throughout.

Carpet to all bedrooms and living area with the bathroom including tiles to the walls and floor.

The home is serviced by a reverse cycle air conditioner situated in the lounge room.

The property is currently tenanted with the lease expiring September 2022.

However, should this property appeal as an investment opportunity the current tenants would consider signing another lease.

To arrange an inspection of this home, please contact the friendly sales team:

Emily Clifford 0422 622 299
Andrew Newton 0402 940 320

4 2 2 560m²

30 Koonwarra Road, **Leongatha**

For Sale \$595,000

Agent Alex Scott & Staff

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Incredible opportunity at Coronet Bay

ALEX Scott and Staff Grantville are pleased to present for sale 24 Howie Lane, Coronet Bay.

Situated on a quiet cul-de-sac is this unique opportunity to purchase and subdivide (STCA) or enjoy the property in its current state as an immaculate lifestyle home.

The land is flat in feature with views across Westernport Bay from both the front and rear of the property.

This is a rare opportunity being a site that is already zoned Low Density Residential Zone, which allows the land to be subdivided (STCA) into minimum lot sizes of 2000m² or 4000m².

At the rear of the property is a 113m frontage adjoining the Seascape Rise estate, which is currently being developed into half acre blocks, the front of the property features a 103m frontage onto Howie Lane.

Coronet Bay is just 40 minutes from Cranbourne, 20 minutes from Phillip Island and is within the booming Bass Coast.

With a fantastic safe swimming beach, recreation reserve, BMX track, general store, pharmacy and walking tracks this seaside town ticks all the boxes. 24 Howie Lane is less than 1.2km walk

4 2 5 1.37ha

24 Howie Lane,
Coronet Bay

For Sale
\$1,500,000-\$1,650,000

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LEONGATHA



40 Brumbley Street

- 3 bedroom family home
- Large block with rear laneway
- 9m x 6m shed + carport & workshop

\$525,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

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- Genuine Vendors moving on
- Dual occupancy on 4.94 acres, pool
- Fantastic shedding, studio, B & B potential

\$1,290,000

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VENTNOR



601 Ventnor Beach Road

- Close walk to the beach
- 3 Bedrooms/2 Bathrooms/2 Car Garage
- Spacious Rumpus Room
- Generous Undercover Alfresco Area

\$940,000 to \$980,000

Contact: Cowes Office

WONTHAGGI



SOLD

23 Northview Drive

- Quality built 4 bedroom home on a low maintenance 2012m2 allotment.

SOLD

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LEONGATHA



Unit 2/29 Jeffrey Street

- Stunning 2 storey apartment
- Beautiful upgrade throughout
- Close to CBD & schools

\$455,000 - \$485,000

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- Excellent leasehold premises.
- Long term security of tenure.

\$450,000 plus Stock

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COWES



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WONTHAGGI



6 Fairywren Close

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\$799,000

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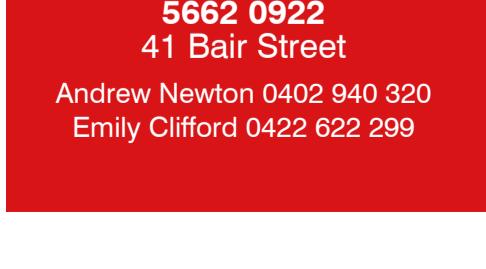
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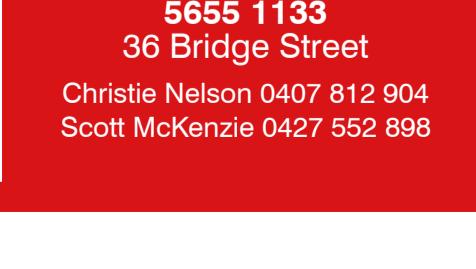
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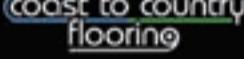
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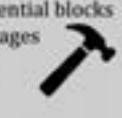
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DEATHS**ARESTIA, Rosario Santo (Ross):**

01.11.1957 - 25.06.2022.

Passed away peacefully at Bass Coast Health. on the evening of 25th June, 2022.

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Father of Samantha and Robert.

Father-in-law of Michael and Anastasia.

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DEATHS**CARTER, Sylvia May: 30.04.1919 - 03.07.2022.**

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**DEATHS****FLEMING, John OAM:**

A true icon in our community. His contribution to Wonthaggi and District was of enormous positive benefit, and his legacy will live on. In the entire history of Wonthaggi, few could rival the contribution John made and his knowledge, wisdom, and guidance will be greatly missed.

Sincere condolences to Fiona, Debbie, and families.

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**CARTER, Sylvia: 30.04.1919 - 03.07.2022.**

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CHENEY (Wardle), Elsie:

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DWYER, John:

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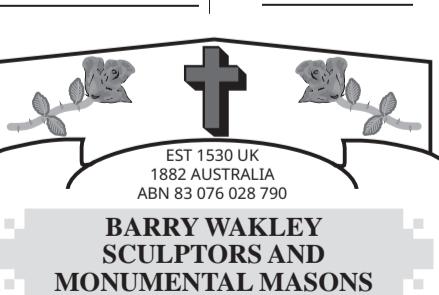
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Registered Nurse or RN Midwife, Grade 2

Negotiable EFT up to 1EFT

District Nurse Level 1

0.53 EFT part time

Enrolled Nurse – Level 2

1.0 EFT full time position

Administration Officer Home Care Packages - Grade 1, Level 1

0.53 EFT part time

For more information, visit our website at: <https://southgippslandhospital.com.au/employment/>

Allied Health Assistant

Grade 2 or 3
0.84 EFT part time
and Casual bank position

Cleaner- Casual

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Social Support Group Worker

Welfare Worker, Class 1 or 2
Casual

Physiotherapist

Grade 2
1.0 EFT full time position

Podiatrist

Grade 1 or Grade 2
(depending on experience)
0.84 EFT, permanent part time

Leisure and Lifestyle (Casual positions available)

For a copy of the Position Description please contact our reception team on: T: 03 5682 0800.

All applications should address the **Key Selection Criteria** outlined in the Position Description and accompany a resume.

All enquiries and applications for Leisure and Lifestyle positions to:

Marianne Wigg, Acting Care Manager
E: marianne.wigg@promcountryagedcare.com.au

Cleaner (Casual positions available)

We are searching for motivated, reliable & enthusiastic individuals to join our cleaning team. This is a varied role ensuring all the cleaning needs of the facility are met, including interaction with residents, families, and staff.

Previous experience preferred, but willing to consider motivated individuals looking for a start.

All enquiries for cleaning roles to:

Julie Woloschin, Cleaning Services Coordinator
T: 03 5682 0800
M: 0431 172 807

E: julie.woloschin@promcountryagedcare.com.au

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Dental Assistant

Are you the right person to join our superstar team at Inverloch Family Dental?

We are looking for an enthusiastic member for our energetic team that provides a full range of dental services to the Bass Coast, and South Gippsland Communities.

The role involves chairside assisting in the treatment room, sterilisation and infection control as well as management tasks which include reception duties.

Here, service excellence is normal in a beautiful environment with the best staff and best equipment.

Our ideal candidate will be:

- Professional, enthusiastic, energetic
- Eager to learn and willingness to provide best care to our discerning clientele
- Fun, friendly and team oriented
- Caring and understanding to provide the utmost care for our patients
- Good communication skills especially the ability to talk professionally with our patients as well as team members
- Able to work in a fast pace environment with good time management skills

Experience is not essential, but we are looking for a team member who loves our work and wants to be an integral part of our team to achieve our goal of providing the best quality treatment to our discerning clientele (specialised Inverloch Family Dental Training will be provided).

What we can provide:

- No weekend work
- Supportive environment
- Opportunity for career growth
- Above award remuneration
- Incentive program

If you have thought of a career opportunity where there is a fun and supportive environment but also rewarding, please apply by email

inverlochfamilydental@gmail.com, phone (03) 5674 2691 or pop in and say Hi!



THE ROLE

We equip our salespeople with a strong working knowledge of our business, so they can operate autonomously and confidently. The role has three core components. You will provide excellent after-sales service to our existing customer base and defend them against competitors. You will upsell new services to our existing customer base for mutual benefit. You will grow our customer base within your assigned territory. Professionalism, expertise, and a sense of urgency are all critical to success in the role.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Proactively pursue new business in a structured, focused & considered manner.
- Developing & nurturing existing customers through systematic cycle visits.
- Meeting and exceeding sales targets and KPIs each week.

THE CANDIDATE

The successful candidate to join the JJ's Waste team will require the following skills:

- Driven & ambitious by nature, you love the thrill of winning new business & nurturing customers.
- You are well-presented and have strong verbal and written communication & presentation skills.
- Outgoing by nature, you enjoy meeting people & have a strong focus on customer service.
- Previous face-to-face selling experience will be highly regarded.
- You are motivated & love to work autonomously & you enjoy being part of a larger team.
- You have a strong attention to detail; you are thorough & methodical in your approach.
- You have your own roadworthy vehicle and a valid Australian Drivers Licence.

BENEFITS

As a JJ's Waste team member, you will enjoy:

- Attractive salary package, plus car allowance, plus uncapped commissions paid weekly
- The stability of a national, family owned and operated business with 90 years' in the industry
- Training and development provided on the job

APPLY

Please forward all applications to operations.southgippsland@jwjwaste.com.au

Previous applicants need not apply.

Livestock Driver

We are seeking an experienced employee

- Full-time or part-time
- MR licence, HR licence
- Based in Kilcunda

Phone 0439 787 546

Email: santorinitransport69@gmail.com



COME JOIN OUR TEAM

Are you looking to work in a bustling café with high daily coffee turnover.

The Local. Inverloch is a busy take away café which specialises in popular Allpress Espresso coffee.

We are looking for new talent to join and expand our team.

In order to be successful for a position you will:

- Be friendly and customer focused
- Have Barista experience (desirable) or a willingness to learn on the job
- Be able to work early starts
- Be able to work a flexible casual roster across 7 days including weekends

What's on offer for you?

- Above award wages (negotiable for the right candidate)
- A flexible, supportive work environment
- Early finishes – perfect for those summer days
- On the job training and support
- Opportunities to work in all areas of service
- Mentorship
- Support around schooling, study and achieving a work/life balance

If you think The Local. Inverloch is the right fit for you please contact Terence by email: local.inverloch@gmail.com or pop in the café for a chat.

We look forward to meeting you!

WE ARE HIRING

EXPERIENCED

SERVICE TECHNICIANS DIAGNOSTIC TECHNICIANS

Email your resume to: BGriffiths@motusau.com



We're hiring

Join a safety focused, leading employer.

We are looking for three experienced and dynamic people to join our diverse and inclusive workforce.

Senior Maintenance Officer

(Full time, Ongoing - Band 3)

Provide ongoing network operations and maintenance services across our water and wastewater systems.

Revenue Coordinator

(Full Time, Ongoing – Band 5)

Lead the meter reading and accounts receivable functions, along with the coordination of billing, debt recovery and hardship support.

Engineering & Construction Support Officer

(6-month job share position, 16 hours per week)

Provide administrative support to the Manager Engineering & Construction.

Applications close 19 July 2022

For further details, please visit www.westernportwater.com.au or call 1300 720 711



Property Manager Korumburra

This full-time position is for an experienced Property Manager to join our family owned business.

- You must have a minimum 2-3 years experience in Real Estate
- Knowledge of Trust Management systems
- Current Agents Representative certificate
- Strong attention to detail and communication skills
- Highly organised & pro active
- Managing rent roll of over 100 properties
- Leasing and routine inspections
- VCAT preparation and attendance
- Property maintenance
- Communication with rental providers and renters
- Own car, Drivers Licence and current clean police check
- Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

If you have these qualities, please email your resume to accounts@auddinofn.com.au.

Bass Coast Health Position Vacancies

Bass Coast Health is seeking applications for the following positions:

SOUTH COAST PREVENTION MANAGER
Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 16/07/2022

GRADUATE NURSE 2023
Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 08/07/2022

PERIOPERATIVE SERVICES MANAGER
Permanent Full Time – Closes 31/07/2022

DIRECTOR PEOPLE AND CULTURE
Permanent Full Time – Closes 15/07/2022

MANAGER COMMUNITY RELATIONS
Permanent Full Time – Closes 15/07/2022

REGISTERED MIDWIFE
Permanent Part Time – Closes 15/07/2022

TEAM CO-ORDINATOR – REFERRALS
Permanent Part Time – Closes 15/07/2022

HOSPITAL MEDICAL OFFICER
Fixed Term Full Time – Closes 22/07/2022

MEDICAL SPECIALIST
Permanent Part Time – Closes 22/07/2022

ASSOCIATE NURSE UNIT MANAGER – AGED CARE -KIRRAK
Part Time – Close 19/07/2022

SCHOOL FOCUS YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR
Fixed Term Part Time – 12/07/2022

REGISTERED NURSE – EMERGENCY/URGENT CARE CENTRE
Fixed term Part Time – Closes 08/07/2022

REGISTERED NURSE – HAEMODIALYSIS
Casual – Closes 10/07/2022

NURSE UNIT MANAGER – AGED CARE- GPL
Permanent Full Time – Closes 17/07/2022

ASSOCIATED NURSE UNIT MANAGER – CENTRAL STERILISING DEPARTMENT
Permanent Full Time – Closes 24/07/2022

GENERAL PRACTITIONER - OBSTETRICIAN
Full Time/ Part Time – Closes 22/07/2022

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT MEDICAL OFFICER
Full Time/ Part Time – Closes 17/07/2022

INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICES PRACTITIONER
Permanent Full Time, Part Time – Closes 12/07/2022

PHARMACIST
Permanent Full Time – Closes 22/07/2022

COVID-19 vaccination is mandatory for all BCH employees.

Bass Coast Health has a range of exciting employment opportunities.

For more information and to apply, please visit Bass Coast Health's recruitment page at:

<https://basscoasthealth.mercury.com.au>

or contact Human Resources via email

hr@basscoasthealth.org.au



REAL ESTATE SALES AGENT

Full time

An Exciting Opportunity exists for the right person to join Inverloch's leading Real Estate Agency.

Our Sales team is looking for an experienced agent to continue to provide the best in Real Estate services.

Alex Scott and Staff Inverloch work to high standards and values and rewards employees for their commitment and success.

You will need to possess:
Excellent people and communication skills
Self-motivation and drive
Current qualifications essential

Please contact Jo Ginn – Director for a confidential discussion
0417 552 642 or joginn@alexscott.com.au



Retail Sales Assistant

A full-time opportunity has become available for an experienced and knowledgeable Retail Sales Assistant person to join our team, you will be working closely with the Service and Sales teams.

Position will involve:

- Over the counter retail sales
- Providing a high level of customer service
- Upkeep of showroom floor
- Maintaining computerised inventory system
- Identifying and exceeding our customer's needs with in-depth advice and follow up service
- Sales of outdoor power equipment, lawn mowers and accessories

The ideal candidate will have:

- Excellent communication and telephone skills
- Computer literacy
- The ability to work in a team environment
- Motorcycle and or outdoor power equipment knowledge would be an advantage

To apply, please provide a letter of application along with CV, either directly instore or by email to tim@wmpe.com.au



Building Supervisor

Full-time

An established business with over 60 years in the building industry, Coldon Homes is South Gippsland's most active new home builder.

We are seeking an experienced Building Supervisor or an experienced tradesperson with the ability and ambition to advance their career to a Building Supervisor.

The successful applicant will:

- Be experienced in domestic home construction;
- Have the ability to effectively communicate with a wide range of contractors, clients and stakeholders;
- Possess strong organisational skills and be able to manage multiple projects simultaneously;
- Have the ability to schedule work and lead and direct tradespeople;
- Have well developed time management skills with the ability to prioritise work;
- Be customer focused with strong problem solving skills;
- Understand and comply with OHS requirements and building regulations; and
- Be a person of integrity, drive and energy.

An attractive remuneration package is on offer. This role will work throughout Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

To apply, send your resume and cover letter to Rani - rani.bucello@cv-bp.com.au or call 5672 0606 with any queries.

Applications close Friday, July 22, 2022



Draftsperson/Architect

IS architecture is hiring an experienced Architectural Draftsperson or Architect who would be responsible for services to facilitate sketch design presentations, town planning applications, design development and documentation of residential, commercial and community projects.

The role requires a motivated self-starter, with experience in Autocad, InDesign and 3D modelling software preferably Revit or ArchiCAD, strong attention to detail, alongside a flexible and collaborative approach to working in a team.

IS architecture is a local vibrant architectural, planning and project management practice with a strong design focus. The practice is passionate about place making and the relationship between the built and natural environments and its ability to enrich everyday life.

The role will be based out of Leongatha, be a minimum of 3 days per week and offer flexible working arrangements at a wage based off the Architects Award and the level of experience of the candidate.

Please email admin@isarchitecture.com.au for a position description or to submit your resume by Friday, July 22, 2022.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Corinella & District Community Centre is looking for a dynamic community development worker to lead a small team in developing and managing our well established, growing organization.

Classification: NHACE Agreement 2018 Schedule 2B Level 7

Hours: Permanent Part Time 25 hrs per week.

This challenging but rewarding role provides an opportunity to develop and strengthen a small but vital community organization based in rural Victoria.

Experience in leadership within a community-based organization and a command of community development principles are required.

Applications close 3pm, Friday July 15, 2022.

For a position description and application details please call 5678 0777 or email president@cdcc.asn.au

PUBLIC NOTICES

ACCESS AND USAGE CHARGES

1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Westernport Water adopted by resolution of its Board, the following charges for the period 1 July 2022– 30 June 2023. This is in accordance with the *Water Act 1989* and the pricing decision handed down by the Essential Services Commission.

Residential Water Usage Charge (\$ per kl)

Potable (drinking water) per kl	2.1103
Class A recycled water	1.1916

Non-Residential Water Usage Charge (\$ per kl)

Non-residential per kilolitre	2.1103
Standpipe Variable Charge	3.5391
Class A recycled water <5ML per annum	0.5795
Class A recycled water >5ML per annum	0.4763

Water access charge (fixed)

Standard residential	408.16
Vacant land - connected	408.16
Unconnected vacant land	204.06
Class A recycled water	29.77
Non-residential (price varies depending on size of service)	POA

Wastewater access charge

Residential (standard)	633.18
Unconnected vacant land	317.14
Non-residential	633.18
Non-residential – cistern charge (for each cistern in excess of two)	233.84

Pension/Health Care Card Rebate (p.a.)

Water sewerage concession (max rebate)	354.10
Single service concession (max rebate)	177.05

If you are having difficulties paying your bill, support is available. We offer flexible payment options, concessions and access to government grants and programs.

For a full list of all other fees and charges for the 2022-23 financial year, please visit our website or call 1300 720 711.

westernportwater.com.au



Network Maintenance Technician

Permanent Full-Time Flexible Work Arrangements Available

South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking an enthusiastic person to join our growing organisation as a Network Maintenance Technician. The key requirements of the role are:

- Demonstrated qualification or equivalent experience gained in an operations, maintenance or equivalent industry.
- Demonstrated ability to work and participate as part of a team and autonomously.
- An understanding of water/sewer/network and other systems.
- Good verbal and written communication skills along with well-developed computer skills
- Starting Location Wonthaggi, Victoria
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Band O3-O4

Please go to https://www.sgwater.com.au/careers/ for more details about SGW, the role and how to apply.

Candidates will need to provide evidence of their COVID-19 vaccination status. All SGW sites are covered by Victorian Chief Health Officer Directions.

Applications Close Friday, July 8, 2022 at 5pm



1300 851 636 | www.sgwater.com.au



Chelsea Parker's whale is the highlight of the festival for her. "I didn't know I could make something really big out of cardboard," she said. A57_2722



Amber Singh of Cowes is delighted with her whale. A60_2722

Whale of a time on the island

LOCALS and visitors enjoyed a blend of fun and educational experiences during the weekend's Island Whale Festival, with the festival centre in Cowes and whale watching in various Phillip Island locations.

Boronia's Nick Parry and Amy O'Callaghan were among the thousands of attendees, drawn to talks on Southern Right Whales and Killer Whales.

They learned how to tell the spectacular animals apart through their different markings, as well as information on where they breed.

The Dolphin Research Institute (DRI) was represented in Cowes, with its executive director Jeff Weir OAM among those on hand.

A focus of the 31-year-old organisation is on basic knowledge of Dolphins and Whales, what's happening to them now and any environmental concerns about them.

The Institute shares knowledge with the public.

"We host the Victorian Humpback Whale Fluke Identification Catalogue," Jeff said, explaining that helps people to identify specific individual whales.

Citizen scientists contribute to the organisation's collection of data.

The Institute's Two Bays Whale Project, running since 2015, records the movement of large whales in Port Phillip and Western Port and Bass Strait from Barwon Heads to Inverloch, relying extensively on the contributions of citizen scientists.

Through its intern program, the DRI helps build the next generation of scientists, and it also provides research fellowships to graduate scientists.

Community members have the opportunity to further the work of the Institute through its Adopt-a-Dolphin and Adopt-a-Whale programs, which provide the opportunity to champion DRI's research and education programs.

DRI's research helps minimise risk to marine animals, guiding environmental management and helping ensure potential negative impacts of developments such as wind turbines are mitigated.

People visiting the festival centre also had the opportunity to chat with staff from the Conservation Regulator, part of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

"We enforce the marine mammal regulations, looking at human interactions with wildlife," forest and wildlife officer Teisha Lay said.

That includes making sure people keep a safe distance from whales, dolphins and seals.

The Island Whale Festival presents a great opportunity to educate people on the applicable regulations.

Kim Storey, general manager of Destination Phillip Island spoke about the value of the festival.

"It's about encouraging people to visit Phillip Island during the winter school holidays to learn more about our environment, protecting it, and going out to spot whales on the cruises but also our Discovery Trail that offers the chance for people to enjoy land viewing of the whales," Kim said.

The Discovery Trail includes locations such as Grossard Point in Ventnor, the Nobbies, Pyramid Rock and Cape Woolamai, as well as Kilcunda on the mainland.

The Wildlife Whales app provides information on whale sightings.

Kim explained that many of those who participate in the festival are keen to teach their children about the environment and the region's marine life.

The Island Whale Festival provides a fun day for the family with children's activities such as making cardboard whales.



Lola and the Angels.



Michelle Hall, Adrian Darakai and Kylie Osborne get set for the show, with Adrian describing his Angel outfit as "a devilish dessert". A55_2722

A kinky night out for delighted Lyric Theatre patrons

LEONGATHA Lyric Theatre's (LLT) long-running efforts to bring Kinky Boots to the local stage paid off in spectacular fashion on Friday night with a near capacity audience thrilled by the opening performance.

Initially quiet and reserved, attendees came alive when Lola and her angels hit the stage.

Lola's energy was infectious, with Jonah van Stekelenburg hurling himself into the role and drawing on his experience as a trapeze artist.

While he has acting experience elsewhere, it's his first time performing with Lyric Theatre.

He's quickly become a part of the inclusive Lyric family and loved the opportunity to explore his feminine side as the enigmatic Lola.

Lyric Theatre president Bron Beach

was thrilled with the success of opening night, with the group having started work on its Kinky Boots production in 2019.

"Everybody felt so joyful because it had happened and we'd finally got it to opening night and it exceeded our expectations, and to have it come off and be such a hit was terrific," Bron said.

People commented that they didn't expect to experience the range of emotions they did during the show.

"There's lots of content in it that makes you think and feel," Bron said.

She described the musical as "non-stop", particularly backstage, with the drag queens' many costume changes requiring the efficiency of a pit crew to ensure the performance flowed as intended.

The versatile set presented its own challenge, with the backstage crew needing to be alert to what needed to be moved

where, something that was achieved brilliantly.

"Everything worked as we hoped it would," Bron said.

While it was a brilliant performance all around, Lola was undoubtedly the centre of attention.

"The audience was mesmerised and titillated," director Brad Beach said of Jonah's stunning performance.

Sam Shineberg shone as Charlie Price, having formerly portrayed Igor in LLT's 2019 Young Frankenstein production.

The multi-talented performer has previously worked as a director and musical director.

There is no doubt the Kinky Boots cast will continue to receive standing ovations throughout the remainder of the season, running until July 16, with tickets still available.

Major changes for VicRoads

TREASURER Tim Pallas and Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll have announced the outcome of the 15-month VicRoads Modernisation process.

A consortium of Aware Super, Australian Retirement Trust and Macquarie Asset Management was selected to deliver the VicRoads Modernisation process, which included upgraded customer service systems, better Custom Plates services and user-friendly registration and licensing.

The joint venture is a 40-year partnership in which the state government retains ownership of VicRoads, while generating \$7.9 billion in upfront proceeds, which will be invested in the new Victorian Future Fund to help manage pandemic debt.

Continued ownership of VicRoads by the Government will ensure control over regulation and policy, data and privacy provisions and pricing of essential fees, with information to remain secure and stored in Australia.

Under the changes, learners and probationary licences as well as online testing will be made free.

Aspiring drivers and riders will save up to \$51.40 in learner licensing and online testing fees.

While probationary drivers will save up to \$133.30 in probationary license and online hazard perception testing fees.

Safe drivers, who have not incurred demerit points or committed road safety offences in the three years prior to their licence expiring, will be rewarded with the reintroduction of a 25 per cent discount on their licence renewal.

The VicRoads Registration and Licensing business maintains registers of more than 6 million vehicle operators and 5 million driver licence holders, including cars, motorcycles, heavy vehicles and boats.

Charge scheme debate continues at Jam Jerrup

MORE than 20 submissions regarding a potential special charge scheme at Jam Jerrup have been lodged with Bass Coast Shire via an interactive map.

Council is seeking feedback from residents to determine how many property owners would be willing to financially contribute towards a road and drainage project.

Councillors voted in favour to commence the early stages of the scheme, after receiving a petition from residents earlier this year.

Engagement will be undertaken in two stages.

The first stage will be information gathering where property owners can add comments to a map that indicates what and where the issues are in the area such as dust, flooding, safety and lighting.

The second stage will be for property owners to fill out a questionnaire that indicates that they would like these issues to be addressed by council, and would be willing to financially contribute towards an upgrade project.

The process of information gathering is not a formal vote about whether a road and drainage upgrade, under a special charge scheme, will proceed or not in the area.

Feedback is being gathered until August 10, with the results to be presented at a council meeting later this year and consideration of reprioritising Jam Jerrup on the shire's priority list.

For an area to be considered for reprioritisation by council, there is a requirement for 70 per cent or greater support from property owners.

Submissions via council's online map have included:

"It is my firmly held view that sealing of the road[s] in Jam Jerrup would lead to an increase in non resident traffic and have an adverse impact on the safety and quiet enjoyment of our little hamlet. The minimal inconvenience of occasional dust during drier months and potholes that develop between resurfacing/maintenance is worth bearing with. Less traffic is better for the residents and our environment," one resident said.

Another said, "Despite signage stating Bay Rd as 'local traffic only', many tourists travel down Bay Rd and onto Foreshore Rd to access the public beach for fishing and recreation. As this is a public beach, the council should be responsible for the main cost of resealing the road."

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



Thea Dent, Ingrid Riddell, Betty Thompson, Nancy Harley, Cindy Nicholas (CEO, Carinya), with Jess Cruickshank at the front, show off a few of the high-quality items created by Carinya Lodge's Knit 'N Natter group.

The last yarn at Carinya

MANY friendships have formed and an array of valuable organisations, and those they serve, have benefited through Carinya Lodge's Knit 'N Natter group, which sadly wound up in late May.

The Korumburra group was formed in 2011 by Ingrid Riddell and Jess Cruickshank.

Knit 'N Natter sessions enabled residents and volunteers to build connections through life stories and events while supporting each other to create exceptional knitted pieces.

Knit 'N Natter has donated items to many charities and not for profit organisations including Peter McCallum Cancer Centre, Alchera House, Wildlife Victoria, Guardian Pharmacy Appeal, Red Cross Appeal, Royal Children's Hospital, Uniting Church Op Shop - Korumburra, Korumburra Bena Football Club, Ambulance Victoria, Cystic Fibrosis Group, Royal Women's Hospital, Rotary Club Ko-

rumburra, Monash Hospital, Olivia Newton-John Centre and Karmai Children's Centre.

During the life of the Knit 'N Natter group, it has donated money raised from the sale of items to groups such as the Carinya Lifestyle team and Korumburra Bena Football Club, and in the last three years gave over \$1300 to Carinya Fundraising.

Knit 'N Natter has some surplus items that will be sold, with proceeds going towards current fundraising projects such as the Dementia Garden or outdoor furniture.

"We've still got a lot of beanies, some blankets and jumpers," the Lodge's executive assistant Sarah Jackson said.

While jumpers are mostly suited to youngsters, including babies, beanies are available in all sizes, from children through to adults.

Baby booties are also available.

Anyone interested in pur-

chasing items created by the Knit 'N Natter group is encouraged to call Carinya Lodge on 5655 2125 and ask to speak to Sarah Jackson.

Some of the knitted works in stock will be displayed on the Carinya Lodge Facebook page.

Carinya thanks all volunteers who have helped with this group over its 11 years.

"Thank you for your commitment to enriching our residents' lives and for your generosity," Sarah said.

"Special thanks to Ingrid Riddell, Jess Cruickshank, Nance Harley, Kitty Muir, Thea Dent, Betty Thompson, and the many residents who contributed throughout Knit 'N Natter."

Sarah said that those running Knit 'N Natter will be greatly missed, but other commitments mean they are unable to continue in the role.

It's hoped other volunteers may start a similar group in future.

SPORT | BOWLS



Wonthaggi Saturday winners Roger Lee and Bryan Donohue.



Inverloch Social Bowls winners Terry Seaward, Edith Perrett and Bill Selby (skip).

bers with a total of 57 over the week.

Tuesday's competition was a very close tussle with two teams on plus 15.

The winners on count-back were John Bird, Jim Rodhi, John Postlthwaite, and Helen Rook.

Runners-up were Heather Stone, Brian Newman and Marg Morgan.

The next two teams were also even on plus 10 winning one game only.

Friday's team also had an amazing win of plus 26: they were John Bird, Phyllis Peterson, Laurie Culph and Jan Clark.

Coming second on plus 11 were Allan Ireland, Marg Morgan, Jean Wylde and Jeannie Slocum.

Both teams won two games each.

Congratulations to the winners, plus 26 is an amazing win.

INVERLOCH

THURSDAY Social Bowls saw 24 bowlers displaying their skills in perfect bowling weather.

Many brilliant shots were seen on all rinks.

The eventual winners on the day were Bill Selby (skip), Edith Perrett and Terry Orford.

A reminder that names for Social Bowls need to be in by 10am on Thursday and play starts at 11am.

Organisation for Pennant Season is underway so those intending to play pennant should ensure their name is known to the selectors.

MIDWEEK

CORINELLA certainly turned on a perfect day for our members, 22 of our members turned up to once again fight it out for team of the day.



Midweek winners Michael Dady (S), Pauline McWilliams (2), Terry Floyd (3) and David Talbot (L).

TIDE GUIDE

Add Waratah Bay 13 minutes, Coves +28, Inverloch +30, Newhaven +1.03, Corinella +1.08, Port Welshpool +1.28, Tarwin Lower jetty +3 hours. The times stated are Australian Eastern Daylight Time (24 hours clock).

TUESDAY
July 5

3.29am
1.43m
9.18am
0.50m
4.17pm
1.66m
10.02pm
0.72m

WEDNESDAY
July 6

4.10am
1.42m
9.51am
0.55m
4.50pm
1.63m
10.36pm
0.68m

THURSDAY
July 7

4.54am
1.42m
10.28am
0.61m
5.24pm
1.60m
11.12pm
0.63m

FRIDAY
July 8

5.44am
1.42m
11.10am
0.69m
5.59pm
1.56m
11.49pm
0.57m

SATURDAY
July 9

6.41am
1.42m
11.58am
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6.38pm
1.52m

SUNDAY
July 10

12.33am
0.52m
7.45am
1.45m
12.51pm
0.87m
7.23pm
1.48m

MONDAY
July 11

1.23am
0.46m
8.54am
1.49m
1.51pm
0.96m
8.15pm
1.45m

Email us your
fishing photos

news@sgst.com.au



2022 Season 1 premiers: Dom Murdica, Zac DiFabrizio, Paul McAsey.

Leongatha Table Tennis grand finals

THE Leongatha Table Tennis grand final for season 1, 2022 was won by Captain Marvel (Zac DiFabrizio, Dom Murdica and Paul McAsey).

They defeated Elmer Fudd, (Bryce Holwerda, Michael Holwerda, Aiden Holwerda), in a closely fought final.

The deciding match was played between the two top players, Zac and Bryce.

It was a five-set epic which Zac won 11-8, 11-7, 5-11, 4-11, 17-15.

The last game was an absolute nail biter with neither player able to achieve the two-point lead to finish the game easily which was reflected in the high score.

Captain Marvel 6-22 defeated Elmer Fudd 5-17.

There will be practice nights on the next two Tuesday nights beginning at 7pm, with competition to recommence on Tuesday July 19.



2022 season 1 runners up: Michael, Bryce and Aiden Holwerda.



Winner of the Andrew Wilson award: Bryce Holwerda.

Wonthaggi Table Tennis

THREE excited Wonthaggi teams came home with two shields and numerous medals after a successful three days at the recent Victorian Table Tennis County Championships.

The 70th anniversary of the Championships was held on in Melbourne from June 11-13.

Congratulations to all.

Social table tennis is continuing at Wonthaggi on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12pm, new players very welcome, competition play will resume after the school holidays.

Phone Trish on 5672 3421 for more information.



L to R: Callum Martin, Andy Chetcuti, Steenbergen, Brad Andrichtetto (unbeaten). L to R: Michael Braden, Andrichtetto, Braden, Leanne Costello (unbeaten).

FOSTER

Ladies

A SMALL field braved Wednesday's cold conditions, with Beth Curram winning (22) 35 points.

Barb Warren the accurate one NTP 6th and 17th.

BDTL Geraldine Sinclair (23) 33.

The raffle was donated by Margaret Blake and won by Robyn Galloway.

Next week July 13, stableford.

KORUMBURRA

Ladies

LAST Wednesday we had a small field of women play a Par round.

Winning on a countback with 5 down was Sherrin Solly (22), runner up was Trudy Olden (37).

BDTL went to Julie Hillberg (25) 8 down.

Nearest the pin on the 1st was Kath Welsh.

Saturday was our RB Stroke round with many out enjoying the sunshine.

Shelley Snooks was the winner with 103 (19) 84.

Runner Up, not far behind was Julie Hillberg 111 (25) 86.

BDTL went to Sherrin Solly with 109 (22) 87.

Nearest the pin on the 13th was Aliesha Wrigley.

This week we have our July Monthly Medal on Wednesday with winter golf well and truly set in.

LEONGATHA

Ladies

THIRTY-THREE women competed in the Bruce and Ann Gibson American Foursomes Stableford board event last week.

Unfortunately, Ann was unable to be present to award prizes to the winners as she had been in Geneva, Switzerland for a family wedding.

Ann did send her well wishes to all those competing.

Helen Mackenzie and Libby Seebeck led the field with 32 points followed closely by runners up Wendy Parker and Trish Miller, with 30 points on a countback.

DTBL went to Trish Owen and Maxine Eabry 30 points, Mel Wilder and Nicole Whiteside 28, Marea Maher and Neryl Hopcraft 27, and Karen Murchie and Alison Strong 26 points.

Karen Murchie was closest to the flag on the 14th and Wendy Parker on the 16th.

Debra Kilpatrick had a win in the 9-hole competition with 15 points, with Maria Bell and Paula Cross not too far behind.

Twenty-nine women competed in the rescheduled (June 22) Monthly Medal and a further six women elected to play nine holes.

The field sizes appear to be dwindling each week as players head north for warmer weather.

Deb Miller (23) won A Grade with a nett 79 with Jocelyn Howson (28) runner up on 80 nett.

Neryl Hopcraft (38) continued her excellent form finishing with a 70 nett.

Chris Lay (30) has also been returning some good

scores and finished second in B Grade with 77 nett.

Down the line balls were awarded to: Maryanne Garner 80 nett, Lianne Adamson 81, Alison Strong and Nicole Whiteside 83, Dot Stubbs 84, and Karen de Groot, Maxine Eabry and Colleen Touzel all on 85 nett.

Paula Cross had a win in the 9-hole competition with 15 points with Sue Woods and Brenda Wilkins earning a ball each.

MEENIYAN

FINALLY a break in the weather for some golf this week and thankfully the course is holding up well. Tuesday Lachie Wischer took the win with 35pts, runner up was Phil Hutcheson 33pts and John Dumont next best with 32pts.

NTPS: 2nd John Dumont, 8th Phil Hutcheson, 14th Lloyd Hemphill and the pro pin on the 11th Lachie Wischer.

Thursday Mike Steele cleaned up taking the win with 38pts, runner up Peter Wilson 35pts on a count back from Phil Hutcheson 35pts.

NTPS all went to Mike Steele.

Saturday was medal day with Will Bullock winning again with 68 nett.

Runner up Peter Wilson 70 nett on a count back from Lachie Wischer 70 nett.

DTLB John Dumont, Daryle Gregg, and Matt Darmanin all on 71 nett.

The putts went to Daryle Gregg and Mike Steele with 27.

NTPS: 2nd Matt Darmanin, 11th Peter Riddle, 17th Will Bullock and the pro pin on the 8th Peter Wilson.

Ladies

ON WEDNESDAY in fine weather but heavy underfoot an Aggregate Stableford.

Draw after play was played.

Sponsor for the day was Jenny Cope - thank you Jenny.

Winners were Irene Holm (15) 35pts and Gail Browne (41) 26 pts.

Runners up not far behind was - Heather Poletti (19) 35pts and Jenny Cope (37) 28pts.

NTPs on 2nd and 8th Irene Holm and Dot Christie.

Next week is Medal Day stroke and putting. Sponsor Club.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, June 30, Stableford.

A Grade: P Kearns, (15) 34pts.

B Grade: L Winter, (18), 34pts c/b.

DTL: G Renwick, P Woodall, Tom Traill 32pts.

NTP: 6th, J Smeriglio, 13th P Woodall.

Birdies: 4th, Tom Traill, W Reynolds, 6th Tom Traill.

Saturday, July 2, Stroke and Pres trophy qualifier.

B Grade: J Mc Farlane (17) 69 c/b.

A Grade: T Whitelaw, (8) 69.

DTL: R Robbins, 71, G Shandley, N Bracecamp 74, J Hughes 75 c/b.

NTP: 1st, S Mc Kenzie 4th, D Evans, 6th, J Smeriglio, 10th, S Mills, 13th, R Scur-

lock, 16th, T Whitelaw.

Birdies: 4th T Whitelaw, D Evans, 6th, J Smeriglio, 16th, T Whitelaw, J Mc Farlane.

Pres trophy qualifier: J Mc Farlane v R Clark G Shandley V S Mc Kenzie J Hughes v Tom Traill N Baker v S McInnes.

PHILLIP ISLAND

TUESDAY, June 28, Men's Stableford.

Division One winner was Matthew Goss (17) with 36 points.

Division Two winner was David Taylor (19) with 37 points.

NTP: 5TH Paul Cashman, 7th G Manfredi, 10th G Manfredi and 17th G Watkins.

Nine Hole Stableford winner was Chris Hales (33) with 19 points.

Wednesday, June 29, Ladies 4 Person Knockout Ambrose

The winners with 62.75 nett was the team of Debra Orr, Christine Riley, Ira Septiana and Lyn Dunn.

Runners up on Liz Gleeson, Zoe Frost, Marilyn John and Jan Daff.

Nine-hole Stableford competition winner was Gill Scrase (45) with 15 points

Thursday, June 30, Open Stableford

Steven Sloss (28) was the winner with 37 points on countback from Gino Manfredi (12) and Rob Davison (15).

NTP: 5th Phil Cooksey, 10th Christian Zderski, 17th Dave Ablett.

Nine-hole competition winner was David Gladman (18) with 19 points.

Saturday, July 2, Men's Stroke Monthly Medal.

A Grade winner was Gino Manfredi (12) with 70 Nett

A Grade runner up was Scott Fullarton (7) with 71 Nett

B Grade winner was Stewart Hamilton (17) with 68 Nett

B Grade runner up was Anthony Johns (13) with 69 nett

C Grade winner was Shane Palmer (23) with 70 Nett

C Grade Runner up was Kristian Phillips (21) with 71 Nett

Monthly Medal winner sponsored by Ray Pobjoy was Stewart Hamilton.

Ladies Stableford winner was Megan Elbaz (34) with 35 points on countback from Janice Daff (32).

NTP men's: 5th Ricki Jenkins, 7th B Lang, 10th Paul Cashman, 17th Ray Smith.

Ladies NTP: 5th Vicki Roff-Smith, 7th Jeanette Diss.

Nine-hole winner was Danny Hibbert with 17 points.

WOORAYL

Ladies

WE welcomed a few familiar faces back to the club for the Stableford round sponsored by the club on Wednesday, June 29.

The winner of the day was Sharyn Rayson (15) with a great score of 36pts, with Sherrill Winkler (44) and Marg Tuckett (29) receiving a ball down the line with 32pts.

Best 9 out was Linda Forrester (32) with 16pts.

Nearest the pins went to - 8th Inge Giliam, 11th Elly Berryman and the 17th Sherrill Winkler.

Special mentions - Great shot by Sherrill Winkler on the 17th not only a NTP but a birdie as well!

Gobblers to Fay Maynard 9th, Inge Giliam 15th and Bev Bridge on the 17th.

It is stroke with the Monthly Medal this week 9am for 9.30am hit off.



Foster's Beth Curram and Geraldine Sinclair.

72, Miles Foster 72, Gerald Mitchell 73, Andrew MacFarlane 73, Allen McLean 74 C/B.

Eagle : Michael Scott 11th.

NTPs: Keith Ridout 2nd, Michael Scott 4th, Inoke Baudromo propin 8th, Daniel Crellin 13th, Glen Moresco money hole 17th, Kevin Jamieson 2nd shot 5th, putting Graeme Crawford 24 putts.

Men's results, June 30.

Competition type: Stableford 18-hole, SR. 71.

Winner: Craig Charles 32. Runner-up: Brad Andrew 32.

Ball sweep: Josh Sakarassen 31.

Men's results, June 30.

Competition type: Stableford 9-hole B9, SR. 36.

Winner: Graham Ryan 20, runner-up: Paul Cornelius 18, ball sweep Bob Cornelius 16.

Ladies

IT WAS a fun day of three person Ambrose.

We had seven teams of three and the scores were really close and only .33 or 1/3 of a shot was the difference.

Congratulations to the team of Marg Johnson (14), Andrea Grenville (31) and Wendy Cross (41) with 82 (14.33) 67.67 nett, which just snuck in from Donna Van Veenendaal (45), Irene Walsh (24) and Leesa Willmot (15) 82(14) 68 nett.

NTP: second Merryn Dear, 17th Yvonne Everitt.

BDL: to Marion Walker, Helen Williams, Yvonne Everitt 70, Dot Garry, Judy Berry, Merryn Dear 72.5.

WONTHAGGI

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Wonthaggi Croquet Club's Neil and Virginia at Sale.

Wonthaggi Croquet Club

DESPITE the cold and wet conditions, three members of the Wonthaggi Club travelled to Traralgon recently to compete in their annual doubles' tournament.

Three sections competed, with Neil Warburton combining with Colin Crawford from the Traralgon club in Section one.

Winning four of their games, the pair were narrowly beaten into third place on a hoops tally.

Gerry Kool and Sue Cartwright competed in section two and unfortunately did not fare as well.

The weekend prior to this, Neil Warburton teamed up with his usual playing partner, Virginia Wheeler, to contest the Sale Handicap doubles tournament.

A great result with the pair topping their section by winning five of their seven games.

Wonthaggi members keep flying the flag and our very keen vice president, Tom Lacey, will be competing in a Ballina NSW singles tournament sometime in July during his six weeks travel around the country.

Local Golf clubs hit big with funding

MINISTER for Community Sport Ros Spence has announced the State Government is investing over \$400,000 towards golf course infrastructure projects from Leongatha to Barwon Valley.

Funded projects include more than \$37,000 towards a water saving fairway irrigation system at Mirboo North Golf Club, as well as \$10,000 towards an upgrade of the practice facilities at Leongatha Golf Club.

Golf in Victoria contributes an estimated \$883 million to the state's economy and supports 6900 jobs, with more than 300,000 Victorians playing golf at over 350 courses across the state.



CORNER Inlet Boxing Club has three athletes competing at the under 19 Australian Boxing Titles this week in Melbourne starting on Thursday July 7, going through to Saturday July 9.

Good luck to Kinesha Anderson, Jaxon Lewis and Sebastian Saulwick; all three have been training hard for this event.

Gippsland FC results

UNDER 15s: With the boys still on a high from last week's win over Nunawading, they took to the park against Kingston City full of confidence.

A goal within the first couple of minutes by Lucas Halden saw that confidence grow and the boys dominate the majority of the first half's play.

A second goal by Aiden Rodriguez saw the boys go into half time with a 2-0 lead.

Kingston came back on the pitch in the second half with a renewed vigour, scoring quickly off a loose play in the Gippsland backline.

Kingston had numerous attempts at goal in the second half but Gippsland's Goalkeeper, Jedd Foster, with support from his backline, kept the ball from hitting the target.

A great goal from Jesse Dugard in the dying minutes saw the final score fixed at 3-1, granting victory to the Gippsland boys.

Jedd Foster received the player of the match award for his efforts.

A huge congratulations also to the following boys celebrating their 50th NPL match: Hamish Gleeson, Ryder Colantuono, Jesse Dugard, Tanna Leicester and Henry Wynne.

A great all-round match by the team.

Under 16s: The GFC under 16s came up against the second placed Langwarrin at home on Sunday.

The team were celebrating the following players 50th NPL game: captain Levi Colantuono, Brody Demagistris, Troy Frost, Trent Frost and Lucas Vick.

The boys were determined to have a better result than when they last played in the qualification rounds.

Although the final result was a 6-1 loss, they showed they had improved from their

previous encounter.

Brody Demagistris scored the teams only goal, late in the second half.

Lucas Vick was named player of the day, for his consistent effort across the back line.

Under 18s: The Gippsland FC under 18s hosted Langwarrin, looking to get their season back on track.

With both teams creating great chances, it was Langwarrin who opened the scoring thanks to a well taken penalty in the 25th minute.

Two more goals to the visitors before halftime left Gippsland FC a mountain to climb in the second half.

Langwarrin were well on top, and it felt like the floodgates were going to open, as the visitors grew in confidence.

Gippsland FC dug deep, limiting the damage to 2 more goals in the second half, giving Langwarrin a comfortable 5 nil win.



Hamish Gleeson boots it long in the under 15s.

Korumburra Basketball Association grand finals

KORUMBURRA had its Grand Final week with finals played on Monday 20, Wednesday 22 and Friday 24, June 2022.

The Autumn season had a short sharp shootout of seven weeks plus grand finals for the teams finishing in the top two, before school holidays.

The new season starts Monday July 25.



Under 12 girls: Fever 33 defeated Aces 9, game MVP - Kahli Trewin.



Under 12 Boys: Warriors defeated Raptors, game MVP - N/A.



Under 16 Girls: Gems 53 defeated Diamonds 26, game MVP - Macy Peterson.



Under 16/18 Boys: Jazz 50 defeated Hornets 23, game MVP - Ky Gow.



Under 14 boys: Spurs 42 defeated Rockets 35, game MVP - Lachie Moriarty.



A grade women season MVP Danielle Blair.



A grade men season MVP Zac Mabilia.



Inverloch Cricket Club president Paul Woods was thrilled to see the groundworks commence at Thompson Reserve, ready for the construction of the practice enclosure.

New practice grounds for Inverloch

LOCAL sporting groups are looking forward to the completion of a new a cricket and soccer practice enclosure at Thompson Reserve, Inverloch with construction starting this week.

Inverloch Cricket Club president, Paul Woods said having the 2022 project starting on schedule was fantastic, meaning that it will be operational just in time for the cricket season in October.

"The project submission was initially coordinated and sent to council two years ago, raising the safety concern of our junior players, due to the current concrete slabs on the ground," said Paul.

Inverloch Cricket Club coordinator Jackie Newman and coach David Newman raised the issue with Bass Coast Shire Council to better utilise the space at the reserve, to accommodate more training sessions.

The club was allocated \$300,000 from the Bass Coast Shire which included funding support through the state government's Sport and Recreation Victoria's Community Cricket Program.

The Inverloch Cricket Club and the Inverloch Stars Soccer Club contributed the remaining funds to both have access to the space at the reserve for training purposes.

"The club was granted funding from the shire for four practice enclosures and we together we made the decision to fund the additional net to accommodate more of our players, allowing juniors and seniors to train together if required," said Paul.

According to council, this project represents an investment in sport and recreation facilities in the town and will create a high-quality multi-use practice facilities for the community.

"The club and community access practice wickets will be laid with synthetic grass surface allowing soccer to use the space if they are practicing on the soggy grounds during winter," said Paul.

The club looks forward to the completion of the 2022 project, and welcomes the community to join the cricket or soccer club and encourage the juniors to get involved in grass-roots sport.

Secretary needed

GIPPSLAND Cricket Region 7 is seeking a new secretary.

Outgoing secretary Peter Henderson has signalled he will be unable to continue.

The region represents Gippsland at Victorian Country Cricket League level, and acts as a conduit for the six cricket associations across Gippsland (Sale-Maffra, Bairnsdale, Latrobe Valley, Leongatha, Traralgon and Warragul).

Locally, the region organises the Gippsland Cricket League (GCL) season and arranges various teams to represent the region through initiatives such as Gippsland Pride.

The GCL season sees the six Gippsland associations play Sunday matches against each other in senior mens, womens and under 18s.

Nominations for the position of secretary can be emailed to sec@gippscricket@gmail.com

The annual meeting for the Region will be held Wednesday, August 3 at the Traralgon RSL from 7.30pm.

Breakers win on home turf

IN PERFECT conditions the Breakers didn't disappoint with a fine performance entertaining the home crowd.

Slowing the play down with controlled movement, the Breakers had some nice end to end passages setting up some great forward entries.

Despite getting a lot of attention from the opposition, Kelly O'Neill was dominant at centre half forward.

The Breakers good ball movement allowed her to receive the ball deeper in the forward line than usual, and she took full advantage with three majors for the game.

Kate Caughey provided another tall target option, getting on the board with a nice goal on the run.

Tracey Johnson continues to establish herself as a dangerous forward with her great awareness leading to a strong mark and goal.

With a few usual faces missing out of the midfield, Ahlee Penry made the most

of her opportunity getting plenty of the ball and having a big influence along with Tess Wingfield, who played her usual high pressure role in the middle.

The half back line was again a strong point for the team with Stacey Poke, Courtney Fletcher and Hannah Mills combining well to shut down any potential Pearcedale advances.

The level of pressure and second efforts was impressive, with the forwards working hard to keep the ball in their 50 led by Tayla Tatterson who maintained a high work rate all game.

Coach Bianca Hellmuth-Pask was pleased with the effort, noting that this is the standard expected now as the team looks to secure their finals spot with just four matches to go.

Final Score: Bass Coast 8.3-51 def Pearcedale 1.1-7.

The Breakers will enjoy a week off before travelling to Coburg for their next game Sunday, July 17, 11.30am.



Sophie McCracken-Evans gets first hands on the ball.



An enthusiastic group gathered at Leongatha RSL to reflect on the Leongatha region's famous 1976 cricket victory over Warrnambool at the MCG. Back row: Graeme Elliott, Graeme Hogan, Alan Sperling, Geoff Forrester (scorer), Rex Thorn, Carol Thorn, Chris Howard, Allan Rayson, John Schelling (President LDCA), Steve McNamara, Marlene Rayson

Front Row: Graham Challis, Sue Challis, Sue Howard, Jimmy Hogan, Jan Salmon, Jill Wigney, Peg Elliott.

Glorious victory recalled

WHILE representative teams from the Leongatha region rarely reach the upper echelon of Country Week cricket, a famous exception is the 1976 Leongatha & District Cricket Association (LDCA) side that claimed glory on the MCG's hallowed turf.

Members of the side recently reminisced at a Leongatha luncheon, catching up with mates and enjoying a few beers.

It was supposed to be a celebration of 45 years since the memorable victory, but became 46 instead due to the usual suspect.

Featuring in the competition's top level, the Provincial Group, and led by skipper Allan Rayson, the LDCA team defeated Warrnambool in the final at Melbourne's home of cricket.

Chasing a low total of 101 for victory, the LDCA outfit got off

to a shaky start, tumbling to 3-24 and then 5-68, but Rayson's 34 not out guided his team home without further loss, with the assistance of all-rounder Graham Challis who finished unbeaten on 23.

Challis ended the match in spectacular fashion, despatching the ball into the southern stand.

Sixteen-year-old Steve McNamara earlier belied his tender years, making a crucial 28 runs.

With Warrnambool batting first, LDCA swing bowlers Barry Wigney and Clive Salmon starred with the ball, capturing four wickets each to restrict the favourite to a manageable total.

Warrnambool was in a solid position at 2-77 before wickets began to clatter, with Wigney sparking the collapse.

He snatched a couple of wickets in his first over.

The MCG pitch required an adjustment from LDCA players who did not have a turf wicket in local competition.

They were used to playing on malthoid.

The two-ply felt material was impregnated with bitumen covered in sand to prevent sticking when rolled.

More consistent bounce was usually one of the features distinguishing Malthoid from turf, but the black surface was prone to becoming sticky in hot conditions, enabling canny spinners to extract more turn.

Representative cricket was seen as a real honour in the era in which the famous MCG match took place.

"Everyone wanted to play then and it was like being picked in the Test team," vice

captain Alan Sperling said.

He explained that while Country Week had previously been seen as a week away, the 1976 team approached the event with a clear focus.

"We had one thing in mind and that was to go down there, play cricket and win," Sperling said.

Success in achieving that goal was recognised with a civic reception upon the team's return.

Most of the LDCA's sides were represented in the Country Week team.

In those days, Nerrena, Koonwarra, Imperials, High School (Old Boys), Koorooman, Leongatha Town and Korumburra featured in local competition.

In the lead-up to the 1976 final, LDCA beat Central Gippsland and Sale/Maffra, with a scheduled clash with Shepparton washed out.



Korumburra's Grace Matser was drafted by North Melbourne, here she is rucking for Collingwood in the VFLW.



Port Adelaide selected Foster's own Yasmin Duursma in the ALFW Draft. Duursma is pictured in action for Gippsland Power.



Leevi Lidstone (U14s) gets the kick away.

Local duo the latest AFLW draftees

LAST Wednesday night the dreams of many girls around the country were realised as the AFLW Draft was held in Melbourne.

Among the group of lucky draftees were locals Grace Matser of Korumburra and Yasmin Duursma of Foster.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times last week, the girls explained how it felt to hear their name called.

"It was so unreal, I can't really describe it, it was so good with mum and dad there as well, everyone was a bit teary. I'm just excited and really keen to get started," Matser said.

"It's hard to believe, you sort of have a bit of a feeling it's going to happen, you've obviously had your conversations with the club, but it doesn't feel confirmed until you hear your name," Duursma said.

"Then it's a bit of a high you don't realise how crazy and how special it is, I don't have any words."

Matser spoke on what inspired her to take up the sport, and opened up on her football journey that started with a text.

"I just got a text message from Wendy from the local youth girls, they were starting the first ever team in Korumburra-Bena, so I thought it'd be fun to get into it and went from there," she said.

She became part of the inaugural Giants youth girls' team as a 14-year-old and never looked back, earning selection to the interleague team in her first season.

After showing out in interleague for South Gippsland, Matser was selected in the Gippsland Power squad, although as she says she was still quite new to it all.

"I got into Gipps Power, but I was a bit too young to play so I just ran water the whole year," she said.

From water-girl to the big leagues, the Korumburra local looked back on her sensational footy journey to date.

"The first big milestone was getting into Power when I was 14, like I said before I was too young to play but I loved going and being a part of the group."

"I then played through and won most professional as a bottom-ager, which is one of my proudest footy achievements, I really pride myself on that, I also won most consistent in my under 19 year."

"Getting into Vic Country under 16s and being able to play

By Aiden Box

all the way through to under 19s was also really good."

A consummate professional, Matser also played at Casey before taking her talents to Collingwood, where she played through the 2022 VFLW season to be best first year player.

She has also been getting a kick locally, playing for the Bass Coast Breakers.

The former Magpie is a talented ruck/forward who loves to use her tank to make an impact around the ground, and add a point of difference being left-handed and left footed.

Matser was taken at pick 51 in Wednesday night's draft by North Melbourne.

She sounded off on her pre-draft experience.

"Over the month leading up to the draft I had one club contact me, then on the Monday before the draft, I spoke to North Melbourne, I didn't really know what was going to happen."

"They sort of didn't tell me that they were, or weren't going to choose me, so it was a bit of a long wait until pick 51, it was a pretty nervous few days waiting for my name to get called."

Luckily, her patience paid off and now officially as a Kangaroo, Matser holds strong goals for her AFLW career.

"I want to get into training and keep that professional drive to

be the best I can, also hopefully I can inspire some younger boys or girls that want to go down the pathway as well," she said.

"Just be a role model I guess to everyone down our way."

She also mentioned those she'd like to thank.

"So many people, obviously mum and dad they've always driven me everywhere, I'll have to mention my brother, I always watched him when I was younger," she said.

"All the people at Gippsland Power, Collingwood and the Breakers, there's so many people, everyone that's helped me, friends and family."

As for Duursma, she joins her older brother Xavier at Port Adelaide after he was taken at pick 18 in 2018 AFL Draft.

Port Adelaide's newest local reminisenced on what got her into the game.

"I've got a big footy family, all my brothers and dad are involved heavily in footy. I've always been around it, but eventually Gippsland Power invited me to do a pre-season," she said.

"I thought yeah I'll just do it for some extra fitness for netball and I picked up the footy and kept going with it."

Duursma plays her footy on the wing, with the ability to play in defence and loves to use her running power and endurance

to burn her opponents.

Having only started playing the game in 2020, the Foster export's journey may be short, but it is certainly not starved of accolades.

With the virus holding her to just one game in 2020, Duursma's first full season of football came last year, and she sure made up for lost time, representing Victoria Country in the under 17s.

The young star's career continued to rise in 2022, as she was announced captain of Gippsland Power and Victoria Country under 18s.

Duursma gave an insight into her short but sparkling career and the process pre-draft.

"These past few years have been happening quick, getting into state teams and into the swing of the draft and that sort of talk, I've worked pretty hard to get where I am now," she said.

"There was a period where nothing had been confirmed when we didn't know the rules around year 12 students and the dates of the draft, it was pretty hectic."

"After it was all confirmed it was easy to just sit down and have a chat to the clubs about your plan and what you're looking to do."

"I had to make a decision whether to nominate South Australia or Victoria, so it was a bit crazy."

After nominating South Australia, Duursma was selected at pick 45 by Port Adelaide, a club her brother Xavier has represented on 53 occasions.

Duursma said she looks forward to improving towards her first taste of ALFW action and sends her thanks to those who have supported her.

"I'd love to get a game this year, I want to develop more as a player because I feel like I have got a lot of development left in me, I want to keep getting better and be one of the best," she said.

"I'd definitely like to thank my family for their support through the draft period when it got crazy and there was a bit too much pressure."

"And Gippsland Power for getting me into footy and helping me get to where I am now."

Both girls have done the region, their clubs and their families proud and have now started pre-season training in anticipation for the next ALFW season beginning on the last weekend in August.



Yasmin Duursma captained Gippsland Power and Victoria Country this year before being selected with pick 45.

South Gippsland record wins across the board

ON SUNDAY, the Southern Gippsland All Stars teams made the trek over to Stratford to take on Eastern Gippsland, for the final round before finals.

Great teamwork and spirit again saw all Southern teams take home the win.

The under 13s defeated Eastern: 57 to 10.

Best mentions went to: Robert Hullick, Blake Eden, Charlie Fischer, Perry McKay, Zye Bergles-Brown and Archie Jobe.

The under 14s remained undefeated, winning: 87 to 13.

Best mentions went to: Ayden Fawaz, Thomas Macmillan, Connor Macmillan, Gavin Monson, Harrison Carlon and Alby Logan.

The under 15s also defeated Eastern: 126-43.

Best mentions went to: Yianni Caffieri, Cooper Walton, Finn Donohue, Finn O'Brien, Lucas Allen and Riley Brinkman.



Teammates get around Hamish Withall (U14s) after a goal.



Nathan Patch (U14s) goes up in the ruck.

“Not sure what they’re trying to achieve”

Lloyd calls out current Essendon review

ESSENDON great Matthew Lloyd has reiterated his stance on the club's review, saying only an external audit of all facets of the club will uncover what is currently going wrong.

The Bombers slumped to a 10-point loss at the hands of West Coast in round 15 – the Eagles' first win in nine attempts.

Essendon has recently launched a review, which will be headed by football director Sean Wellman.

Lloyd said the review, which at this stage is being conducted internally, needed external voices to truly

By Laurence Rosen

find out the root of the club's problem.

The champion forward said he wasn't sure what an internal review would achieve at the underperforming club.

“They need to look deeper and find out what is going wrong,” Lloyd said on Sportsday.

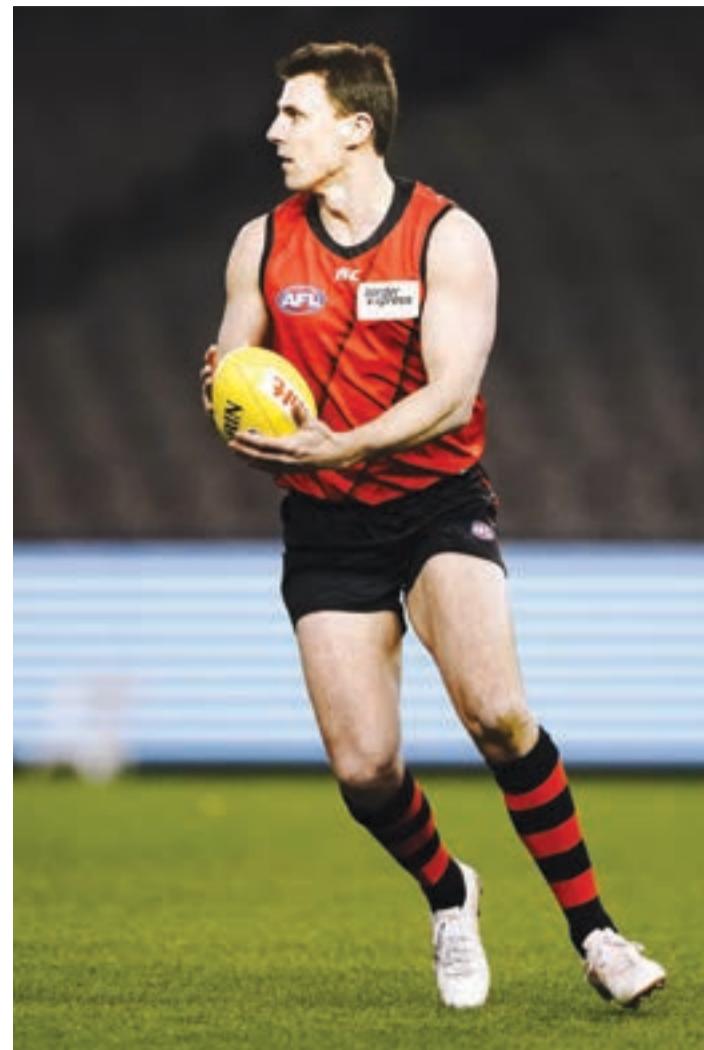
“I look at some of the teams that are growing – what Collingwood, Fremantle and Carlton have done – they are improving.

“Hawthorn are on four wins, Adelaide are on five wins and Essendon are on three wins.

“I made it about Ben Rutten (on the Sunday Footy Show) yesterday because I don't like the way they're playing, but I'm big on this not being an internal review and massive on it being an external review.

“Suddenly (if it's an external review) the CEO can be reviewed, the coach and assistant coaches and the whole administration needs to be looked at.

“It might come out that the coach is coaching OK... but the way they're doing it now, I'm not sure what they're trying to achieve.”



Matthew Lloyd believes only an external audit of all facets of the Essendon club will uncover what is currently going wrong. Photo: AAP Image/Michael Dodge

Magpies showed interest in Stengle who's now “thriving” at Cats

FORMER Collingwood coach Nathan Buckley has revealed the Magpies were “really keen” on now-Geelong small forward Tyson Stengle last year.

Buckley says Collingwood “did a great deal of due diligence” on Stengle, who was impressing at the time for SANFL club Woodville-West Torrens.

The Magpies opted against selecting Stengle in last year's mid-season draft, instead adding Ash Johnson and Aiden Begg.

Stengle was snapped up by the Cats as a delisted free agent last November, reuniting with former mentor and ex-Crows teammate Eddie Betts, who joined Geelong as a development coach.

“Collingwood did a great deal of

By Alex Zaia

due diligence on Stengle and were really keen on looking at him,” Buckley told SEN Mornings.

“We had a look at him in the mid-season draft last year.

“I think what Geelong have done really well is worked out that Stengle and Eddie Betts were nearly a tag team. They had to come in together.

“The fruits of that are more than obvious and Stengle looks really settled.

“He looks like he's got great support and a great confidant in Eddie on the coaching panel. He's living with him. He's thriving and his talent is coming to the fore.”

Stengle has been hailed as

one of the recruits of the year, kicking 29 goals in 14 games so far in 2022, while averaging 6.6 score involvements per match.

Buckley praised the 23-year-old's maturity following a turbulent time at the Crows that resulted in his contract being terminated after a string of off-field incidents.

“The other thing that we often overlook is he's gone along a journey, and he's learned from his mistakes,” Buckley said.

“He's reached a level of maturity that he didn't have two years or five years ago, so there is a natural evolution.

“Some people will get there, some people won't get there, but all credit has to go to him, not just to Geelong.”

“It is a little bit of right place, right time for Geelong, but they've put the right support mechanisms around the player.

“The player himself is the one that makes the decisions, puts his effort in, gets the reward and then feels like, 'Wow. I'm on the right path'.

“It's self-fulfilling and you start putting more effort in, more reward, you buy into it even more, and then you're off. That's clearly what it looks like with Stengle.

“I think too quickly we actually give up on talented individuals that are just going through a patch where they're learning about themselves and understanding what the profession is requiring of them.”

Dogs likely to take cautious approach with concussed pair

By Nic Negrepontis

THE Western Bulldogs will be taking a cautious approach with Tim English and Ed Richards, with both dealing with concussion issues.

Richards was substituted out of the game in the second term following a Mitch Lewis knee to the head in a marking contest, ruling him out for their Thursday night clash with Brisbane.

7News journalist Mitch Cleary believes the Dogs will not rush Richards, or English, back, given the pair have had ongoing concussion problems.

“Going back to the Friday night, he probably played four or five more minutes in the game after he copped a big head knock,” Cleary told SEN Breakfast.

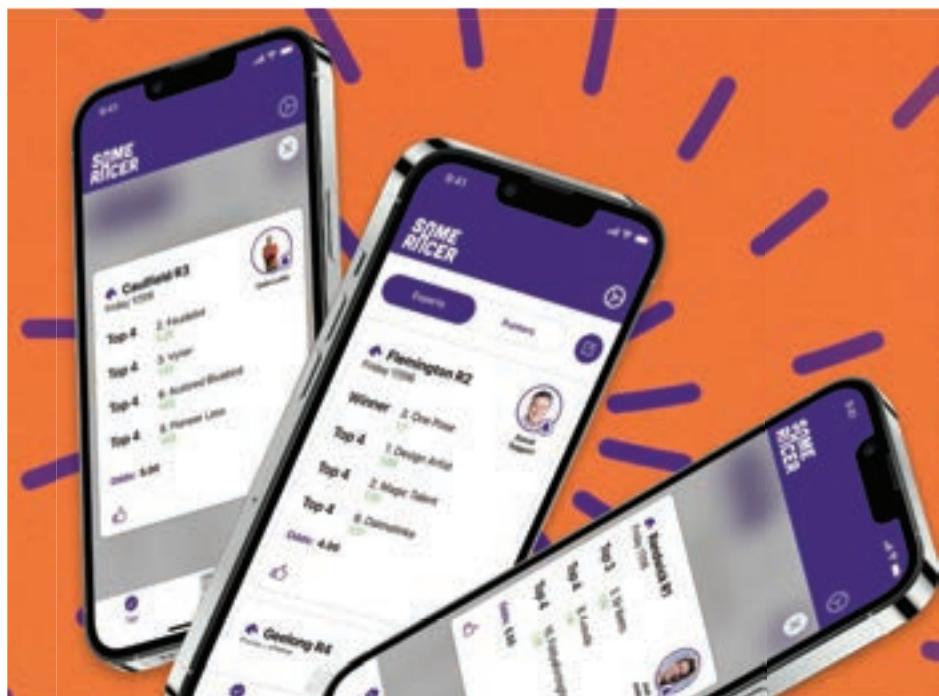
“I was sitting on the bench for the game and their head of physio Chris Bell received a phone call which I can only presume was from the AFL bunker.

“The AFL has been pretty cognisant in picking up these head knocks off the ball. He was ruled out of the game. It's been his third year of concussion problems.

“So too Tim English, he's had three years of concussion problems and the Dogs have pretty much ruled him out for another week given he will be out of his 12-day protocols by the time the Bulldogs play their next game.

“One that might have flown under the radar in Ed Richards, he's had a good year across half back, they're fighting for a spot in the top eight, I think the Dogs will be extra cautious around him.

“He was talking in the rooms post game, but talking about being a little nauseous, a bit of dizziness to Dogs officials.”



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Morwell East 72 d Foster 27
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B GRADE

Hill End 46 lt Fish Creek 54
Morwell East 47 d Foster 29
Stony Creek 36 lt Mirboo Nth 74
Tarwin 14 lt Toora 51
Thorpdale 37 lt Newborough 50
Yinnar 50 d Boolarra 19

C GRADE

Hill End 36 d Fish Creek 25
Morwell East 65 d Foster 7
Stony Creek 29 lt Mirboo Nth 55
Tarwin 52 d Toora 30
Thorpdale 12 lt Newborough 39
Yinnar 52 d Boolarra 27

D GRADE

Stony Creek 21 lt Mirboo Nth 57
Tarwin 19 lt Toora 28
Thorpdale 22 lt Newborough 30
Yinnar 45 d Boolarra 11

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Hill End 28 lt Fish Creek 57
Stony Creek 14 lt Mirboo Nth 23
Tarwin 43 d Toora 23

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Hill End 24 d Fish Creek 12
Stony Creek 15 lt Mirboo Nth 43
Thorpdale 36 d Newborough 13
Yinnar 31 d Boolarra 21

13 & UNDER

Hill End 23 d Fish Creek 8
Tarwin 5 lt Toora 23

» LADDERS

A GRADE

	%	pts
Mirboo North	184.62	44
Toora	166.97	42
Yinnar	149.76	42
Morwell East	182.48	40
Fish Creek	116.12	32
Newborough	108.12	32
Boolarra	94.48	24
Tarwin	87.58	20
MDU	95.09	16
Hill End	79.55	16
Foster	53.49	12
Thorpdale	57.05	8
Stony Creek	29.90	8

B GRADE

	%	pts
Mirboo North	181.01	46
Morwell East	148.78	46
Toora	167.16	40
Yinnar	146.69	36
MDU	107.14	28
Boolarra	107.06	28
Fish Creek	104.89	28
Newborough	92.10	24
Hill End	92.75	20
Foster	67.02	12
Stony Creek	61.32	12
Thorpdale	56.99	12
Tarwin	46.50	4

C GRADE

	%	pts
MDU	243.20	48
Newborough	146.25	44
Yinnar	151.58	36
Mirboo North	128.78	34
Toora	119.30	34
Morwell East	143.75	32
Hill End	93.41	24
Tarwin	112.46	22
Fish Creek	99.02	20
Boolarra	86.09	18
Stony Creek	60.59	12
Thorpdale	45.41	8
Foster	22.43	4

D GRADE

	%	pts
Yinnar	213.10	46
Mirboo North	207.85	42
Morwell East	142.11	40
Hill End	126.85	40
Newborough	100.39	36
Toora	91.00	26
Tarwin	60.90	24
MDU	72.47	22
Boolarra	61.51	20
Stony Creek	64.88	16
Thorpdale	53.87	16

17 & UNDER

	%	pts
MDU	218.18	46
Morwell East	131.06	44
Fish Creek	160.38	40
Mirboo North	132.62	36
Yinnar	104.60	34
Tarwin	100.00	32
Newborough	84.51	26
Toora	79.36	20
Stony Creek	39.41	18
Hill End	46.32	16

15 & UNDER

	%	pts
Thorpdale	230.25	48
Yinnar	233.12	44
Mirboo North	193.71	40
Toora	192.14	36
Boolarra	167.01	36
MDU	100.90	28
Hill End	85.09	24
Morwell East	54.41	24
Newborough	52.68	16
Stony Creek	34.47	16
Fish Creek	41.64	12

13 & UNDER

	%	pts
Mirboo North	389.47	48
Boolarra	326.39	44
Hill End	235.06	40
Toora	157.43	36
Foster	35.22	32
Fish Creek	76.43	28
MDU	21.29	28
Tarwin	6.70	24

SPORT | NETBALL



Leongatha and Wonthaggi battle for possession in the 17 and Under competition. A14_2722



Kate Sperling seeks assistance.



Mirboo North's Emily Loh attempts to intercept the Stony Creek attack. Photos: Annie Holland



Dani Blair gets the possession.



Mirboo North C Grade celebrated Ash Hilliar's 150th game on the weekend.

Mirboo North Netball

A Grade: Mirboo North 113 def Stony Creek 21. A great team game by everyone for 4 quarters. Structures were terrific and everyone ran hard. Keep working hard girls.

B grade: MN 72 def SC 36. Stony Creek started with a lot of intensity and hit the scoreboard early with the first quarter starting goal for goal. Our girls settled and started playing their own game and structures. The last quarter was a pleasure to watch with lots of intercepts, open space and beautiful movement around the ring.

C Grade: MN 55 def SC 29. A great team effort with strong defence and accuracy at the shooting end. Well done everyone!

D grade: MN 58 def SC 21. Quality team effort with smooth plays down the court. We utilised our strengths both defensively and in attack to make our score count. Hoping Lilly makes a speedy recovery. Well done D grade let's keep the momentum going.

17 and Under: MN 47 def SC 14. Great start to the game you all game out firing and went for everything. Thanks to Tyla and Alyssa from 15 and under for filling in. You both came onto the court and did an amazing job. Well done to everyone on a great game. With only a few weeks left of the season let's make sure we are all putting in 100 per cent. Leave nothing behind.

15 and Under: MN 43 def SC 15. The girls played a game as a team, encouraging and getting around each other. Their efforts showed on the scoreboard and are developing into a very talented and determined side.



Elise De Santis shoots for Wonthaggi with Alicia Marshman demonstrating gazelle-like athleticism. A19_2722

Leongatha Netball

Netball Game Day report: Round 12 vs Wonthaggi

Under 13: Score: Leongatha 22 def by Wonthaggi 29. An incredibly tight game right up to half time going goal for goal. The game was coming down to intercepts and rebounds from both sides causing many turnovers meaning the mid court has to work twice as hard. At three quarter time Wonthaggi had a small lead and unfortunately, we just couldn't catch them. Bad luck 13s on a hard-fought game.

Under 15: Score: Leongatha 49 def Wonthaggi 35. The girls started off slow and Wonthaggi managed to get on top of the Parrots early in the game. After a few changes the girls fired back up and lifted their heads to take then take the lead pull the game back into their control.

Under 17: Score: Leongatha 22 def by Wonthaggi 38. Tough game for the girls. Middle quarters were very strong just couldn't hold out the whole game. With players missing it meant lots of changes to the usual set up but well done to the girls for adapting and persisting to work hard until the end.

C Grade: Score: Leongatha 44 def Wonthaggi 24. Absolutely stellar game! We came out firing, knowing the power would give it their all. Credit to them of course. Super proud of our girls, running their hearts out and it showed. Well done girls!

B Grade: Score: Leongatha 56 def Wonthaggi 28. We started the game strong to create a small lead but really made waves in the second quarter, pushing incredibly hard to intercept, protect our possession of ball and some beautiful shooting. For the rest of the game, we worked hard to capitalise on each turnover and work as a team to apply pressure across the whole court. Super impressive game, well done B grade!

A Grade: Score: Leongatha 49 def Wonthaggi 38. A hard-fought game as we knew the Power were going to come out strong and that they did. With a three-goal lead to end the first quarter, this set the Parrots up for a few goals comfort to withhold the Power. A lot of aggressive and loud netball, as bodies were put on the line. Credit to the Parrots for holding their own and playing a great team game to get the win. Well done girls.



Taylah Brown looks for a Leongatha teammate while rival centre Jess McRae attempts to apply pressure for Wonthaggi. A34_2722



Wonthaggi's Zali Anderson and Leongatha's Hannah Flanders jostle for position as Ellie Bates looks for a Power teammate. A37_2722



Best on court Mia Plenkovich of Wonthaggi passes early in the 17 and Under showdown with Leongatha. A12_2722

ELLINBANK

» RESULTS

A GRADE

Trafalgar 48 d Ellinbank 47
Poowong 53 It Longwarry 58
Nyora 42 It Catani 58
Lang Lang 44 drew Buln Buln 44
Neerim Sth 103 d Yarragon 12

B GRADE

Trafalgar 44 It Ellinbank 67
Poowong 39 d Longwarry 38
Nyora 34 It Catani 65
Lang Lang 30 It Buln Buln 52
Neerim Sth 86 d Yarragon 24

C GRADE

Trafalgar 29 It Ellinbank 61
Poowong 13 It Longwarry 56
Nyora 32 It Catani 42
Lang Lang 26 It Buln Buln 39
Neerim Sth 51 d Yarragon 11

17 & UNDER

Trafalgar 31 It Ellinbank 38
Poowong 44 d Longwarry 31
Nyora 8 It Catani 61
Lang Lang 22 It Buln Buln 24
Neerim Sth 21 It Yarragon 43

15 & UNDER

Trafalgar 11 It Ellinbank 28
Poowong 11 It Longwarry 20
Lang Lang 10 It Buln Buln 41
Neerim Sth 3 It Yarragon 57

13 & UNDER

Trafalgar 30 d Ellinbank 9
Poowong 14 It Longwarry 23
Nyora 17 d Catani 13
Lang Lang 27 d Buln Buln 17
Neerim Sth 13 It Yarragon 29

» LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	311.83	48	Trafalgar	221.88	36
Nilma Darnum	176.55	38	Catani	153.51	36
Trafalgar	139.18	36	Ellinbank	113.55	34
Ellinbank	142.95	32	Poowong	131.86	32
Lang Lang	116.67	32	Buln Buln	105.71	28
Catani	93.22	20	Longwarry	100.98	26
Buln Buln	83.36	18	Lang Lang	93.75	24
Longwarry	72.60	12	Yarragon	87.92	16
Poowong	63.88	12	Nilma Darnum	65.43	16
Nyora	64.61	8	Nyora	47.13	8
Yarragon	35.99	4	Neerim South	51.00	4

B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Ellinbank	270.86	48	Longwarry	253.55	48
Buln Buln	169.37	40	Buln Buln	187.20	32
Lang Lang	95.10	30	Yarragon	180.89	32
Trafalgar	135.28	28	Ellinbank	148.00	32
Nilma Darnum	123.46	28	Trafalgar	149.26	28
Catani	109.39	28	Catani	145.55	28
Neerim South	143.39	26	Poowong	127.01	28
Nyora	68.49	12	Nilma Darnum	78.60	16
Poowong	52.85	12	Lang Lang	29.44	8
Longwarry	58.11	4	Neerim South	14.97	4
Yarragon	36.93	4	Nyora	0.00	0

C GRADE

C GRADE	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Ellinbank	220.15	40	Trafalgar	261.02	44
Longwarry	198.21	40	Longwarry	127.10	32
Nilma Darnum	195.63	40	Yarragon	151.81	28
Neerim South	136.04	36	Nyora	120.98	28
Buln Buln	132.14	36	Buln Buln	90.18	28
Catani	106.29	28	Lang Lang	114.98	26
Lang Lang	76.20	16	Catani	98.31	26
Trafalgar	71.81	10	Nilma Darnum	96.55	24
Nyora	56.40	10	Neerim South	75.88	12
Poowong	45.63	4	Poowong	48.11	6
Yarragon	32.94	0	Ellinbank	39.51	6

GIPPSLAND

» RESULTS

A GRADE

Maffra 52 It Moe 56
Sale 34 d Bairnsdale 32
Morwell 37 drew Traralgon 37
Leongatha 49 d Wonthaggi 38
Drouin 48 d Warragul 33

B GRADE

Maffra 49 d Moe 44
Sale 41 It Bairnsdale 58
Morwell 47 It Traralgon 53
Leongatha 56 d Wonthaggi 28
Drouin 35 d Warragul 33

C GRADE

Maffra 47 d Moe 29
Sale 33 d Bairnsdale 24
Morwell 25 It Traralgon 32
Leongatha 44 d Wonthaggi 24
Drouin 25 It Warragul 26

17 & UNDER

Maffra 42 It Moe 18
Sale 48 d Bairnsdale 34
Morwell 17 It Traralgon 42
Leongatha 22 It Wonthaggi 38
Drouin 34 d Warragul 16

15 & UNDER

Maffra 72 d Moe 17
Sale 53 d Bairnsdale 32
Morwell 16 It Traralgon 58
Leongatha 49 d Wonthaggi 35
Drouin 32 d Warragul 24

13 & UNDER

Maffra 22 It Moe 24
Sale 28 d Bairnsdale 23
Morwell 9 It Traralgon 53
Leongatha 22 It Wonthaggi 29
Drouin 23 d Warragul 19

» LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Morwell	176.16	46	Sale	178.89	44
Leongatha	153.40	40	Traralgon	167.40	44
Moe	128.57	36	Wonthaggi	135.98	36
Drouin	110.25	36	Drouin	94.26	26
Traralgon	102.32	26	Maffra	101.82	24
Wonthaggi	112.37	24	Morwell	97.56	24
Warragul	94.66	20	Leongatha	97.54	20
Maffra	84.46	12	Bairnsdale	88.34	10
Sale	51.31	8	Warragul	57.48	8
Bairnsdale	51.31	0	Moe	48.53	0

B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts
Leongatha	176.08	48	Maffra	188.53	46
Traralgon	150.24	36	Sale	190.28	44
Moe	125.85	36	Traralgon	252.02	40
Maffra	123.06	36	Leongatha	154.57	30
Bairnsdale	83.46	24	Bairnsdale	105.70	20
Morwell	107.31	20	Wonthaggi	104.15	20
Wonthaggi	73.37	16	Morwell	81.36	20
Drouin	73.15	12	Moe	46.12	12
Sale	66.88	8	Drouin	28.21	6
Warragul	70.37	4	Warragul	28.23	2

C GRADE

C GRADE	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts

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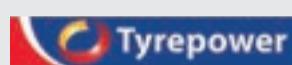
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Data reveals July as high-risk month for drownings

MORE Victorians drown while bathing in household spas and baths in July than any other time of year, new data from Life Saving Victoria has revealed.

Drowning statistics collated since the year 2000 have painted an alarming picture for household drownings in July, with children under 14, adults aged 25-44 and over 65s at high risk.

Life Saving Victoria manager research and evaluation Dr Hannah Calverley warned Victorians that just because you are in your home, does not mean you should relax your vigilance.

"Drowning can happen as quickly as 20 seconds in as little as a few centimetres of water, so filled bathtubs or sinks, spa baths, wading pools or even buckets of water can pose a deadly threat, particularly to children."

"Stopping to check your mobile phone, reading a book or walking away to tend to another child can have devastating consequences, so if your child is bathing, you must be there with them at all times in order to keep them safe."

Dr Calverley also encouraged Victorians to take precautions to safeguard their homes and families, such as keeping all pools and spas fenced and ensuring the barriers are compliant and regularly maintained.

Honk if you think there are too many geese!

THEY'RE simply irrepressible, those pesky Cape Barren Geese.

And as forgiving as you want to be, the sight of dozens of the big birds roosting on cars in the carpark at Newhaven College, not to mention poop, poop, pooping all over the ovals and grounds at the college would test just about anyone's patience.

At last count in 2019, the geese population was 3000, up from the six geese introduced to the island in 1984, but ask any local farmer and they'll tell you the number could easily be 6000 or more by now.

What's to be done? Nothing apparently but with three of the birds reputedly able to eat as much as one sheep, competition for pasture could eventually become a major issue if it hasn't already.

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JULY 9

» ELLINBANK

ROUND 14

Longwarry v Trafalgar
Catani v Poowong
Bulin Bulin v Nyora
Yarragon v Lang Lang
Nilma Darnum v Neerim South
Ellinbank - BYE

» GIPPSLAND

ROUND 13

Bairnsdale v Leongatha
Sale v Maffra
Traralgon v Moe
Warragul v Morwell
Wonthaggi v Drouin

» WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 13

Bunyip v Nar Nar Goon
Dalyston v Koo Wee Rup
Garfield v Warragul Industrials
Inverloch-Kongwak v Kor-Bena
Phillip Island v Cora Lynn
Tooradin-Dalmore v Kilcunda-Bass

» MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 13

Boolarra v Morwell East
Foster v Mirboo North
MDU v Tarwin
Newborough v Yinnar
Stony Creek v Hill End
Toora v Thorpdale
Fish Creek - BYE



Inverloch Kongwak currently sit third on the ladder and aim to build their form heading towards finals.

West Gippsland League review

WITH the bye week now in the rear-view mirror, the West Gippsland League teams are onto the home stretch, so it's time to check in with the head coaches.

Talking to the Sentinel-Times recently coaches Ben Soumilas (Inverloch Kongwak), Pete Dunlop (Dalyston) and Beau Vernon (Phillip Island) spoke on where their teams are at.

Phillip Island (Second, 10 wins, 2 losses)

Beau Vernon

Positives – Playing a full season after two interrupted COVID years.

Negatives – The number of games the under 18s have missed out on playing.

Standout players – Cam Pedersen, Jack Taylor, James Nicolaci.

Significant injuries – Hayden Bruce and Connor Thompson.

Hopes for the second half of the season – To have fun and play a consistent brand of Phillip Island footy across all grades.

Next three: Cora Lynn, Nar Nar Goon, Dalyston

Inverloch Kongwak (Third, 10 wins, 2 losses)

Ben Soumilas

Positives – The connection between our football and netball teams and volunteers is getting stronger each week. Our social calendar is full, there is energy on Thursday nights and our players support each other on match day. It's a great environment to be a part of. We have been able to develop many young players and expose them to the rigours of senior football, including U18 players, first year players and reserves players. It's a huge step in securing the future competitiveness of our team.

Negatives – Injuries to all players across all grades of footy and netball are undoubtedly the standout out negative in what has been a wonderful season on the field and courts this year.

Standout players – Difficult question to answer. We're lucky we've had such a balanced con-

tribution from many players. The standouts have probably been:

Ethan Park. Our new recruit hasn't disappointed, he has a competitive attitude, is brave with his attack on the ball and clever and classy when disposing of it.

Oscar Toussaint. He has been classy with his creative play; he works just as hard both ways, this guy can seriously play.

Corey Casey. Most WGFNL fans would know that this guy is hard to play against. He has an elite engine, and he just does not stop trying, he has developed himself into not just a very talented midfielder but also an influential leader at our club.

Dylan Clark. He's like a beautifully old Rolls Royce. He is a class act and remains a favourite son at IK. He's displayed some career best form this year. So many other players are unlucky not to get a mention.

Significant injuries – In the senior team, we've had some niggly injuries and few major ones but none more disappointing than the season ending injury to Gaz Park. Unfortunately, we'll need to support him for 12 months and wait until next year to see him contribute to some IK wins.

Hopes for the second half of the season – We hope to win enough games to make the finals, get a full healthy and fit list and then find some form in the last month of the season.

Next three: Korumburra-Bena, Tooradin-Dalmore, Kilcunda-Bass.

Kilcunda-Bass (Eighth, 5 wins, 7 losses)

Positives – The Panthers have shown great improvement under new head coach Lee Rowe, having strung together four straight wins after their big upset over Bunyip in Round 9. They have also had young players debut and contribute across the year and new recruits play well.

Negatives – The negatives for the Panthers have been their early season losses and their tendency to allow large scores against. They also have strug-

gled to transition and move the ball to their desired standard at times.

Standout players – Nathan Foote has been a boom recruit for the Panthers, showing his flair through the midfield. Taylor Gibson has been dominant up forward. Cam McKenzie and Dale Gawley have been terrific also.

Significant Injuries – Star recruit Ben Eddy is a big loss as well as Kye Benson, who has battled hamstring issues throughout the year but has shown great promise since returning.

Hopes – The Panthers would be hopeful they can mount a charge for the finals as they sit just two games out of the top six, but they have built momentum...

Next three: Tooradin Dalmore, Cora Lynn, Inverloch Kongwak.

Dalyston (10th, 2 wins, 10 losses)

Pete Dunlop

Positives – we've seen some of our underage players debut and make an impact, like Jaxon Foon and Stewart Beaumont. The training numbers and standard have been up on previous years, and whilst we've only won the 2 games, we have been in 4-5 of the games we've lost right up until the final siren.

Negatives – we've had some low scoring games where we've only been able to score 2-3 goals.

Standout players – Michael Marotta and Curtis Murfett have been standouts, Mason Storr and Jack Paravicini have been excellent as well.

Significant injuries/absence – Musa Amin - broken arm, Blake Carew – missed the first seven games, Jack Paravicini missed three games, Matt Pearce – missing for seven to eight games, Adam Amin - away on international cricket duties.

Hopes – We want to be competitive against every team. Continue to play the style we have set up and hopefully win three or four more games on the run home.

Next three: Koo Wee Rup, Warragul Industrials, Phillip Island.

Korumburra-Bena (11th, 1 win, 11 losses)

Positives – The Giants have been able to get consistent football into much of their young core, whether that be under 18s or reserves players and look to be enjoying the new gameplan under new coach Leigh Cole. They've also seen regular senior starters Luke Walker and Joel Cuman selected in the under 18s interleague team.

Negatives – Once again a large negative for Korumburra-Bena is their extensive injury list, which has bled down to reserve level where they are light on for numbers.

Standout players – Skipper Darcy Hargrave, along with Matt Lello, Josh Hargreaves and Nick Besley have all been great throughout the season.

Significant injuries – A season ending shoulder injury to young gun Bailey Patterson headlines a list that seemingly keeps getting bigger for the team in orange, including key players Alex Walker, Jay Walker, and Jordan Hill to name a few.

Hopes – The Giants will hold hope they can endure what is a tough run home and produce a win or two to end the unlucky season they've had in 2022.

Next three: Tooradin Dalmore, Inverloch Kongwak, Bunyip.

As it stands, Tooradin Dalmore sit atop the league ladder undefeated with 12 wins, Nar Nar Goon sit in fourth with nine wins.

Cora Lynn sits fifth with seven wins and the Warragul Industrials round out the top six, with their seven wins after knocking off Phillip Island last time out.

Finals hopefuls Bunyip (five wins) sit just outside the top six.

While Koo Wee Rup may have just lost touch in ninth with their four wins.

Garfield sits in 12th, still in pursuit of their first victory.



Jaemeel Knecht, Poowong seniors captain, celebrated 200 games over the weekend. Photos: Jeff Tull

Poowong secures top four position

POOWONG welcomed Longwarry for fourths, Reserves and Seniors on Saturday with the ground in good condition considering the rain.

And for supporters and players to celebrate Jaemeel Knecht's 200th game, our senior captain and a club stalwart.

A lot was at stake for both sides, as four sides from 2nd to 5th were all on equal points and 6th and 7th teams one game behind hence four points were vital.

Poowong with an unchanged lineup kicked to the Drouin Road end, there was no breeze affecting the game.

Longwarry opened the quarter

By Geoff Wyatt

with the first goal of the game, but Poowong were determined to celebrate a win for Jaemeel and secure a victory.

Poowong opened the second quarter with a point, before Longwarry took the ball forward and marked in the square for their third goal.

Jayden Sullivan playing up forward was causing the Longwarry defence problems.

Poowong were asked to keep up the pressure and continue to work hard, they came out determined with TJ Loughridge kicking a long goal.

There was bit of a scuffle on the flank resulting in a player

being sent off, Poowong appeared to lose their concentration with Longwarry kicking a goal and another out of bounds.

Poowong's coach was not happy with players involved in the scuffle, not necessary in the game.

Poowong came out determined to finish the game off but a free kick to Longwarry resulted in their fifth goal. Poowong's kick for goal hit the point post on the full.

Will Robertson got them back on track with a goal.

Jayden Sullivan added a point before the 200 gamer Jaemeel moved up forward and kicked a great goal to the

crowds cheering, one of only six or seven goals in his career.

Longwarry added their sixth from a free kick and then missed another opportunity from a free kick in the square kicking a point.

Poowong players chaired Jaemeel off the ground and sung the club's song with great gusto.

The Coach and Jaemeel spoke about his career and the honour of playing 200 games for Poowong. Well done Jaemeel a great achievement.

Poowong moved up to fourth position on the ladder and Longwarry, who have a very young side, dropped to fifth still in the finals race.

Two in a row for the Saints

NYORA has made it two wins in a row, getting the better of the travelling Catani.

The Saints were a touch slow off the mark, conceding the first major of the afternoon to the Blues, however, they recovered with four goals to end the quarter.

The flurry of goals led the hosts into the first break holding a 16-point buffer.

Nyora kept their foot on the throttle in the second term, creating 11 scoring shots to Catani's four, although the Blues were much more accurate, whichulti-

mately kept them in with a chance.

At the half time siren, the hosts led it by 37, extending their lead but not completely icing the match as of yet.

The third quarter was much the same, as the Saints dominated play around the ground and created numerous scoring opportunities, extending their lead but not putting the visitors to the sword.

Despite Nyora booting a wayward 4.8 in the term, the Blues couldn't take advantage of the inaccuracy with any scoreboard pres-

sure, only managing the one major.

The visiting Blues required a massive effort to reel this one back in, as they went into the final change 62-points adrift.

Catani did show heart to finish the match, winning the final term convincingly, although it was indeed too little too late as the Saints ran out 54-point winners.

Nyora coach Dylan Heylen was pleased with their potency up forward.

"Really pleased with the amount of shots on goal, we've improved massively

in this area, we now need to work on them going through the big sticks instead," he said.

"Two in a row is huge for our young group, if we continue to play this brand of footy we hope to cause some upsets in coming weeks."

Travis Stewart impressed with a best on ground performance, while Scott Pugh snagged four goals for the day.

The surging Saints travel to Buln Buln for another big test next week, while Catani will have their chance for revenge as they host Poowong.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	% pts	RESERVES	W	L	% pts	THIRDS	W	L	% pts	FOURTHS	W	L	% pts				
								ROUND 13											
Neerim South	12	0	381.32	48	Ellinbank	11	1	434.70	44	Neerim South	10	1	754.43	40	Longwarry	11	1	446.25	44
Trafalgar	8	3	227.55	32	Neerim South	9	3	418.89	36	Ellinbank	9	1	193.62	36	Yarragon	9	1	306.20	36
Buln Buln	8	4	205.68	32	Trafalgar	9	2	263.41	36	Longwarry	5	5	86.14	20	Neerim South	7	5	141.09	28
Poowong	8	4	170.99	32	Lang Lang	9	3	252.30	36	Buln Buln	5	6	60.69	20	Ellinbank	7	4	117.04	28
Ellinbank	7	5	163.61	28	Buln Buln	8	4	266.40	32	Yarragon	3	8	37.50	12	Lang Lang	4	7	67.18	16
Lang Lang	6	6	145.65	24	Longwarry	7	5	165.03	28	Poowong	0	10	38.73	0	Trafalgar	3	6	47.65	12
Longwarry	6	6	94.51	24	Yarragon	4	8	59.47	16	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Poowong	2	8	37.75	8
Yarragon	5	7	92.66	20	Nyora	4	7	49.57	16	Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0	Buln Buln	0	11	21.17	0
Nyora	4	8	56.68	16	Poowong	3	9	44.24	12	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0
Catani	1	11	27.67	4	Catani	0	12	9.36	0	Nilma Darnum	1	10	8.71	4	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0
Nilma Darnum	0	11	15.17	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

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» POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

 98
POOWONG

 41
LONGWARRY

Poowong	4.4	7.6	12.6	15.8 (98)
Longwarry	2.1	3.3	4.3	6.5 (41)

GOALS, Poowong: Patrick Harms 3, Jayden Sullivan 3, Matthew Cozzio 2, TJ Loughridge 2, Jack Hazendon, Jaemeel Knecht, Cody Loughridge, Steven McInnes, William Robertson 1 each.

BEST: Jayden Sullivan, Mitchell Vanthof, William Robertson, Alex Doria, William Lumby, Joshua Harvey.

GOALS, Longwarry: Lachie Spinks 3, Jedd Serong 2, Jake Newham 1.

BEST: Bailey Stephens, Ned Ashton, Hamish Busk, Clancy Pope, Jedd Serong, Joel Pope.

RESERVES

Longwarry	2.2	5.2	6.6	10.8 (68)
Poowong	3.3	3.4	5.6	5.6 (36)

GOALS, Longwarry: Paul Williams 5, Harrison Stephens 2, Shaun Eckhardt, Peter Harrison, Leigh McDonald 1 each.

BEST: Paul Williams, Christian Borgonovo, Brad Martin, Josh Collett, Kye Osseweyer, Shaun Eckhardt.

GOALS, Poowong: Reece Attenborough 2, Mitchell De Kleuver, Jake Peacock, Mitchell J Rowe 1 each.

BEST: Jared Mills, Mitchell J Rowe, Benn Henshall, Jake Peacock, Damon Parolin, Kyle Ingram.

FOURTHS

Longwarry	2.2	4.3	7.4	11.6 (72)
Poowong	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.8 (46)

GOALS, Longwarry: Seth Knight 3, Jake VanDenBerghe 3, Jaxon Huston 2, Kai Withers 2, Josh Downes 1.

BEST: Jake VanDenBerghe, Cody McInnes, Jacob Ventura, Seth Hudson, Jhy Good, Jeremy Comley.

GOALS, Poowong: Anthony Orsini, Bryce Riddell 1 each.

BEST: Matthew Heywood, Bryce Broadmore, Jett Blackwood, Bryce Townsend, Rory Nettle, Aaron Damon.

» NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

 116
NYORA

 62
CATANI

Nyora	4.4	10.9	14.17	16.20 (116)
Longwarry	2.0	5.1	6.3	9.8 (62)

GOALS, Nyora: Scott Pugh 4, Dylan Heylen 3, Adam Pugh 2, Samuel Dixon, Adam Jamieson, Ben Lineham, Max Mattock, Marvin Sellars, Travis Stewart, Blake Thompson 1 each.

BEST: Travis Stewart, Dylan Heylen, Blake Thompson, Taylar Gard, Jesse Heylen, Marvin Sellars.

GOALS, Catani: Tom Williams 3, Dylan Williams 2, James Williams 2, Thomas Keily, Cody Podd 1 each.

BEST: James Williams, Nathaniel Rodda, Josh Miller, Michael Ralph, Tom Williams, Brayden Kennedy.

RESERVES

Nyora	0.3	2.4	7.6	13.9 (87)
Catani	3.3	4.5	5.7	5.8 (38)

GOALS, Nyora: Harrison Berry 3, Tim Miller 2, Trent Breen, Joshua Browne, Sam Collis, Gavin Doig, Dylan harken Jono Hewitt, Christian White 1 each.

BEST: Lincoln Brock, Harrison Berry, Joshua Browne, Trent Breen, Sam Collis, Jacob Zwiwersen.

GOALS, Catani: Mitch Hovenbitzer 2, Joshua Bethune, Shane Kerr 1 each.

BEST: Shaun Donnelly, Shane Kerr, Liam Ancillieri, Daniel Kelly, Toby Taylor, Joshua Bethune.

» IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Trafalgar	9.10.64	d	Ellinbank	9.2.56
Buln Buln	9.9.63	d	Lang Lang	7.13.55
Neerim South	29.16.190	d	Yarragon	4.2.26

RESERVES

Ellinbank	19.9.123	d	Trafalgar	1.5.11
Buln Buln	8.10.58	d	Lang Lang	4.6.30
Neerim South	20.12.132	d	Yarragon	2.4.16

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STONY CREEK MIRBOO NORTH

Stony Creek 3.0 5.5 7.11 9.16 (70)
Mirboo North 1.4 3.6 5.8 6.10 (46)**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Nick Svenson 3, Rhys Dixon 2, Darren Granger 2, Tully Bernaldo, Rory Harrington 1 each.**BEST:** Darcy Atkins, John Phillips, Tully Bernaldo, Julian Stone, Sam Marriott, Troy Sinclair.**GOALS, Mirboo North:** Liam Nash 2, Jacob Blair, Rhys Kratzat, Joel Lambourn, Josh Taylor 1 each.**BEST:** Jesse Chila, Ethan Woodall, Joel Lambourn, Liam Nash, Ben Campbell, Julian Blackford.**RESERVES**Stony Creek 5.2 8.8 9.11 12.15 (87)
Mirboo North 2.0 2.2 4.4 5.4 (34)**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Jai Bright 5, Ryan McKnight 3, Dylan Zuidema 2, Brett McKnight, Adam Atkins 1 each.**BEST:** Lucas Byrnes, Jai Bright, Lachlan Elliott, Matt Darmanin, Zac Van Delft, Ryan McKnight.**GOALS, Mirboo North:** Jedd Felmingham 2, Tyron Stevens, Beau Melbourne 1 each.**BEST:** Shaun Logan-Brown, Tyron Stevens, Lachlan Dight, Jedd Felmingham, Beau Melbourne, Harry Dobson.**THIRDS**Mirboo North 5.2 9.7 16.10 18.15 (123)
MDU 2.0 2.1 2.4 2.7 (19)**GOALS, Mirboo North:** Ehtan Woodall 6, William Lewis 3, Daniel Masters 3, Jack Couper 2, Tarmah Little, Beau Melbourne, Blake Peters, Max Woodall 1 each.**BEST:** Beau Melbourne, William Jacka, Jesse Chila, Robert Shervell, Ethan Woodall, Tarmah Little.**GOALS, MDU:** Angus Kemper, Angus McInnes 1 each.**BEST:** Finn Dunn, Eddie Colwill, Angus Kemper, Thomas Burt, Tadgh Gannon, Timothy Hibberson.

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FISH CREEK HILL END

Fish Creek 6.0 7.3 9.3 10.4 (64)
Hill End 0.0 3.2 5.5 6.9 (45)**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Justin Smith 4, Jack Hayes 4, Thomas Cameron, Jake Staley 1 each.**BEST:** Justin Smith, Mathew Watkins, Ryan McGannon, Angus Stucki, Sam McGannon, Jack Hayes.**GOALS, Hill End:** Travis Dyke, Aaron Fawcett, Dane Fawcett, Robert Fiddelaers, Jay Ladson, Luke Mulqueen 1 each.**BEST:** Aaron Fawcett, Luke Mulqueen, Ryan Ladson, Luke Tumino, Tyler Pratt, Robert Fiddelaers.**RESERVES**Hill End 3.1 8.4 9.6 11.7 (73)
Fish Creek 1.1 1.2 2.6 3.6 (24)**GOALS, Hill End:** Ariki Matwijkiv 4, Ryley Sumiskey 3, Rikki Caldwell, Richard Horton, Lachlan Answer, Nathan Dart 1 each.**BEST:** Bailey Stewart, Joshua Coombs, Joshua Hammond, Rikki Caldwell, Andrew Tanguzzo, Brodie McLachlan.**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Rhys Staley 2, Josh Harry 1.**BEST:** Lane Bowman, Nicholas Buckland, Ryan Williams, Brandon Busutil, Peter Mueller, Aaron Ireland.**THIRDS**Hill End 1.1 2.5 4.6 6.6 (42)
Tarwin/Fish Ck 0.0 0.0 2.3 2.6 (18)**GOALS, Hill End:** Liam Cumiskey 3, Ryley Cumiskey 2, Bailey Stell 1.**BEST:** Sam Kondo, Mark Ferguson, Liam Cumiskey, Dylan McDougal, Damon Russell, Hamish Russell.**GOALS, Tarwin/Fish Ck:** Zak Bright 2.**BEST:** Rory Standfield, Archie Moore, Maximus Fenton, Harrison Watt, Seth Fenton, Thomas Piasente.

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Kangaroos deliver shock defeat to Hill End

HILL End were amongst more than a handful of teams that are fighting for a top two spot on the MGFNL ladder.

The reason being that come finals time, one and two on the ladder at the end of the home and away season, will play their first final for a direct route through to the 2022 grand final.

Finishing top two is crucial for the easiest passage to a premiership assault, but

what should have been easy has now become a little more complicated, with Hill End going down to Fish Creek.

The scenario for the Rovers has now become quite serious.

Mike Santo, Hill End coach said, "Fish Creek totally out worked us in every facet of the game, they jumped us early and controlled the game."

"Our work rate is borderline embarrassing at the mo-

ment and something needs to change quickly if we are to play finals."

What is most disappointing is that Hill End had everything to play for and didn't show up, while the visiting Kangaroos showcased the type of footy worthy of being a finals contender.

"It was a fantastic win, we've had a tough couple of months, to take a big scalp like that was terrific," said John Danckert,

Fish Creek coach.

"We now head into the bye with momentum and are likely to get half a dozen boys back after the bye and we will look to finish the year off strong."

The Kangaroos, despite their lower than expected position on the ladder, still have some points to prove prior to the seasons end and that spells danger for any opponent they face.

Beth's on the rise to footy stardom

By Aiden Box

want to play footy, and that's all that matters to her," Kelly said.

"I don't think she understands the gravity, we've tried to explain to her that only 23 kids represent the state, she doesn't realise how good she is."

"I think she wants to do this for a career for sure, if she could just play footy for the rest of her life she'd be rapt."

The star midfielder is destined to make waves in Adelaide, however, with the opportunity comes a list of expenses such as uniforms, club fees, flights, accommodation and transport to and from games.

As Tim and Kelly are both self-employed, they also don't receive holiday pay, so they have set up a GoFundMe and Facebook page to support Beth on her journey.

When asked how the community can pitch in, Kelly stressed how great of an impact supporting kids in sport can have on their health, especially post-COVID.

"I work in mental health, and I honestly think, the number one thing the public can do to help is by actually supporting their own kids to get out and actually play sport again," Kelly said.

"In terms of helping Beth personally, even a message of support would be great, because while the finances are amazing, the actual messages of support are just as amazing for her."

"I've been reading her messages that people have been leaving for her on Facebook and her face lights up, I don't think she realises the impact she has."

"The anxiety of kids at the moment is at an all-time high and what's an evidence-based support for helping kids with poor mental health is exercise and it's socialising as well."

Tim and Kelly also gave their thanks to those who've supported Beth so far.

"A big thanks to the community and the Kilcunda-Bass footy club, Bass Valley Primary School, all of those that have reached out to support, she really feels held and supported which is really important for kids like Beth."

You can support Beth on her football journey by sending donations to GoFundMe, <http://alturl.com/faa3x> or messages of encouragement to her Facebook page, Beth Grenness.



Beth Grenness and her father Tim.



Young star Beth Grenness of Corinella at her Victorian trials.

Foster proves themselves worthy of finals hope

THE scene was set for an almighty clash between two much respected and most proud clubs.

Billed as quite possibly the match of the round, given that the Hawks were within striking distance of a top two spot, and their opponents the Tigers, were needing to win away from home to strengthen their tenuous finals hopes.

Foster proved to be the side

that responded to the pressure and proved themselves worthy of any rewards that may come their way.

"A really good win by our group, Morwell East have a really strong top six players, so it was important to keep good looks and maintain some scoreboard pressure, one day soon we'll kick more goals than points and that'll be a great day," said Sam Davies,

Foster coach.

As good as the win was, the effort by Morwell East was also admirable given injuries had the Hawks severely restricted.

Devon Soutar, Morwell East coach said, "A herculean effort, it's fair to say we had our backs against the wall early against a very good side, losing all our rotations after only twenty minutes."

"Despite digging deep the

gap opened up and our weary legs couldn't quite peg it back as a smart Foster controlled the tempo, extremely tough to let important points slip but the resilience we showed was enormous."

The pressure remains on both as the league looks ahead to round 13, but a fit and healthy team on the park is priority number one for Morwell East.

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MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

» FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB



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FOSTER



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MORWELL EAST

Foster 3.3 6.6 10.8 10.12 (72)
Morwell East 2.3 4.4 5.6 8.8 (56)

GOALS, Foster: Tom Bartholomew 3, Michael Cooke 3, Billy Flavelle 2, Trent Hamilton, Will Mattingley 1 each.

BEST: Josh Toner, Tom Bartholomew, Matthew Clark, Brendan Neville, Trent Hamilton, Todd Bastion.

GOALS, Morwell East: Matthew Coutts 2, Frank Marks 2, Matthew Cunningham, Nicholas Grainger, Stephen Lambert, Robert Michaelides 1 each.

BEST: Frank Marks, Lucas Towns, Joel Soutar, Isaac Abas, Jarryd Pickett, Daniel Hutchison.

RESERVES

Morwell East 2.2 4.4 9.4 9.9 (63)
Foster 0.1 1.1 2.2 2.3 (15)

GOALS, Morwell East: Brad Gibson 2, Dustin Heyden 2, Shannon Winmar 2, Tony Nicholson, Nik Kyriacou, Corey Hall 1 each.

BEST: Ben Marks, Callum Lane, Kye Farley, Brent Reside, Kaleb Chapman, Tony Nicholson.

GOALS, Foster: Lee Hulse, Jason Midwinter 1 each.

Nicholas Grainger, Stephen Lambert, Robert Michaelides 1 each.

BEST: Nathan Van Dyke, Ollie Cox, Nick Hume, Lucas Cripps, Jacob Albrecht, Lee Hulse.

THIRDS

Yinnar 4.3 6.6 7.10 9.17 (71)
Foster 0.3 0.3 1.5 3.8 (26)

GOALS, Yinnar: Zac Schill 4, Ethan Sultana 3, Thomas Hoghton 1.

BEST: Zac Schill, Ethan Sultana, Flynn Schill, Lachlan Bell, Luke Douch, Archie Mills.

GOALS, Foster: Zak Maynard-Barrett 2, Reghan Lewis 1.

BEST: Ethan Lee, Reghan Lewis, Zacarias Sinopoli, Beau McGregor, Toby House, Flynn Lomax.

» TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

» TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB



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TARWIN



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TOORA

Tarwin 5.4 9.8 13.11 18.12 (120)
Toora 1.0 2.2 2.3 4.4 (28)

GOALS, Tarwin: Cooper McInnes 5, Dale Lawton 3, Ben Ellen 2, Nicholas Anderson, Noah Bee-Hickman, Jamie Cann, Tyson Hanegraaff, Travis Kitchin, Kaj Patterson, Lachlan Schreurs, Fergus Warren 1 each.

BEST: Jake Cochrane, Matt Zagni, Fergus Warren, Noah Bee-Hickman, Kaj Patterson, Ben Ellen.

GOALS, Toora: Benjamin Willder 2, James Maurilli-Pullin, Jake Mcfarland 1 each.

BEST: Jack Weston, Benjamin Willder, Jake Mcfarland, Lachlan Scott, Harley Hoppner, Craig Hanratty.

RESERVES

Toora 2.0 7.1 11.4 13.4 (82)
Tarwin 1.2 3.3 4.5 5.6 (36)

GOALS, Toora: James Maurilli-Pullin 6, Josh Griffin 3, Lukas Jenkins 2, Mark Glowrey, Jake Mabilia 1 each.

BEST: Ben East, Linden Dyson, James Maurilli-Pullin, Leigh de Boer, Josh Griffin, Jordan Knox.

GOALS, Tarwin: Ben Williamson 2, Tom Williamson 2, Nick McRae 1.

BEST: James O'Sullivan, Shaun Silver, Todd Lomax, Daniel Windsor, Tomi Brosnan, Harrison Cumming.

THIRDS

Hill End 1.1 2.5 4.6 6.6 (42)
Tarwin/Fish Ck 0.0 0.0 2.3 2.6 (18)

GOALS, Hill End: Liam Cumiskey 3, Ryley Cumiskey 2, Bailey Stell 1.

BEST: Sam Kondo, Mark Ferguson, Liam Cumiskey, Dylan McDougal, Damon Russell, Hamish Russell.

GOALS, Tarwin/Fish Ck: Zak Bright 2.

BEST: Rory Standfield, Archie Moore, Maximus Fenton, Harrison Watt, Seth Fenton, Thomas Piasente.

Sharks feast on another victim

COMFORTABLY sitting atop the MGFNL ladder, Tarwin have rightly earned the title of being the benchmark side of the competition.

The Sharks have suffered just the one loss for the season, that being just a fortnight ago against Boolarra, and they were never going to suffer that same fate to the bottom of the table Toora.

"It was a great win by the boys, this time of the year is always dangerous, Toora played bravely and tried to play a modern brand of footy which was pleasing to see," said Troy Hemming, Tarwin coach.

"Well done to the great Ferg Warren on snagging his first goal of the season."

There is no doubt the Sharks are enjoying their footy, whilst for Toora, the battle continues to find their first win.

Matthew Ponton, Toora coach said, "We played hard and stayed in the contest all day, good ball movement from back to middle but lack connection going forward, we had plenty of forward entries for little result, credit to Tarwin as they are a classy side."

The Magpies will now look ahead to Thorpdale, a side they will see as beatable in a clash that could provide them with their first win of the 2022 season.



Tarwin Football Club players Tom Giroud and Vaughan Van Dillen celebrated two big milestones over the weekend. Photo: Tarwin Football Netball Club

Woes continue for Thorpdale

NEWBOROUGH had been setting themselves for the challenge of playing Tarwin last week for so long that they may have played the game in their heads too much ahead of the first bounce.

This week, it was back to the basics and taking it one week at a time, an approach that proved to be far more successful for the Bulldogs, as they not only secured the four premiership points but also jumped into second

on the league ladder on the back of their dominant win over Thorpdale.

"Thorpdale turned on the perfect weather conditions for football in July," said Craig Skinner, Newborough coach.

"We started well, taking the opportunity to use the ball against an undermanned Thorpdale, Joel Mitchell brought the XL sized wings and flew at everything in his area finishing the day with

12 for the day.

"He was well supported by Jayden VanDyk and Josh Hecker.

"The wheel turns quickly and we head into a block of finals defining games starting with Yinnar, who have top end talent on every line and a swagger in their step after beating Boolarra on the weekend."

For Thorpdale, the frustrations of not being good enough for long enough con-

tinued for coach Ray Picking.

"Like most games we played some good patches or quarters but can't sustain the effort allowing a slick opposition to gain momentum and roll through us too easily."

The Blues now look ahead to Toora, a game that Thorpdale would see as winnable and one which might also be seen as reward for previous efforts.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Tarwin	10	1	199.43	44	Newborough	11	0	425.30	48	Mirboo North	12	0	320.90	48
Newborough	8	3	165.48	36	Toora	10	1	294.31	44	MDU	8	4	155.67	32
Boolarra	7	3	120.60	34	Yinnar	9	2	392.17	40	Foster	7	5	118.89	28
Yinnar	7	4	185.34	32	Tarwin	9	2	234.74	40	Yinnar	6	6	151.93	24
Foster	7	4	135.52	32	MDU	7	4	142.62	32	Hill End	2	9	32.17	8
Morwell East	7	4	132.20	32	Stony Creek	6	5	95.60	28	Tarwin/Fish Creek	1	11	23.29	4
Hill End	6	4	116.46	30	Morwell East	5	6	117.56	24	Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Stony Creek	6	5	96.92	28	Boolarra	5	6	99.44	24	Newborough	0	0	0.00	0
MDU	4	7	79.80	20	Hill End	4	7	55.78	20	Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Mirboo North	4	7	71.55	20	Fish Creek	3	8	41.18	12	Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Fish Creek	4	8	83.58	16	Thorpdale	2	9	32.86	12	Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	1	10	45.55	8	Mirboo North	1	10	34.81	8	Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	0	11	32.80	4	Foster	0	11	12.68	4					

» IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Newborough 21.15.141 d Thorpdale 9.5.59

Yinnar 9.6.60 d Boolarra 8.1.59

RESERVES

Newborough 24.15.159 d Thorpdale 1.4.10

Yinnar 14.7.91 d Boolarra 1.5.11

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Venus Bay Surf Lifesaving Club finished third in the under 23 division in the IRB state championship and took home six medals.

Local life saving clubs perform well

LIFE Saving Victoria (LSV) crowned its 2022 Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) State Champions recently at the TRE Motorsport Victorian IRB Championships held at Lorne Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC).

The biggest event on the Victorian IRB racing calendar saw teams from Inverloch SLSC and Venus Bay SLSC showcase their rescue ready skills, using the most popular piece of modern rescue equipment.

Venus Bay finished the weekend in third place overall in the under 23 division with 47 points.

They took away third place in the Open Men's Rescue awarded to Declan Woolf, Lachlan Hickey and Caitlyn Overall and third place in the open women's rescue to Tyla McAlear, Alice Webb and Declan Woolf.

VBSLSC also took out second place in the under 23 Men's Rescue with Declan Woolf, Lachlan Hickey and Caitlyn Overall and third place in the open women's teams rescue with Sabrina Lombardo, Tyla McAlear, Sophie Glasson, Molly-Mae Nicols, Declan Woolf and Lachlan Hickey.

The under 23s Men's Teams Rescue also finished in third place with Declan Woolf, Austin Timmins, Lachlan Hickey, Kieran Randall, Molly-Mae Nicols and Ella Arnold and finishing in second place in the under 23s women's teams rescue was Sabrina Lombardo, Tyla McAlear, Sophie Glasson, Molly-Mae Nicols, Declan Woolf and Lachlan Hickey.

Inverloch's competition director David Morris said this was Inverloch's first season competing in IRB racing in more than seven years, and the teams made two finals in the under 23 men's rescue and open men's rescue.

Inverloch competed with athletes Aidan Hurst, David Morris, Xavier Korb, Liam O'Brien, Josh Robinson, Connor Oliver and Millie Gallagher showcasing their lifesaving skills.

"It was a great outcome for a new team to the sport," said David.

The Australian IRB Championships will be held from July 21-24.

MID GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Fish Creek **10.4.64** d Hill End **6.9.45**

Foster **10.12.72** d Morwell East **8.8.56**

Stony Creek **9.16.70** d Mirboo North **6.10.46**

Tarwin **18.12.120** d Toora **4.4.28**

Newborough **21.15.141** d Thorpdale **9.5.59**

Yinnar **9.6.60** d Boolarra **8.11.59**



Ben Campbell goes for the kick as Stony Creek closes in.
Photos: Annie Holland



Josh Taylor goes hard as both players go down.

Lions roar over Tigers

WITH the fog disappearing and the sun shining, it was shaping up to be a perfect day of football down at the Stony Creek Racecourse.

Both teams were coming off solid wins, and with it coming to the pointy end of the season.

A win here put both teams into position to make pushes for finals with only a few weeks left.

The game started off well for the away side, with Mirboo North controlling the tempo and the play of the game early.

With both teams in similar positions, they wanted to stamp their authority onto the game early.

Plenty of scoring shots and inside 50s put pressure on the Creek early, but with some strong defensive pressure, with hard work being put in from young backman John Phillips, it took 5 shots, and 10 minutes for the first goal to be kicked by Liam Nash from Mirboo North.

This is when the Creek kicked up a gear and found some rhythm, kicking the next three on the trot to finish the quarter with the momentum and the lead, to the tune of 8 points.

Both teams were up for the arm wrestle in the second, and it became apparent that this was going to be the case for the entire match, with both teams working in overdrive defensively through the backline and in the centre, causing the ball to ping around and fly between the arcs.

Stony Creek looked to be getting on top, but with Rhys Dixon's second for the day not troubling the umpire, however, Mirboo North weren't going to take it lying down, and produced their own magic to keep in touch.

Stony Creek broke out of the gate in the third like a bucking

bull seeing red, looking to score early and put the pressure on.

But some pressure in their forward 50 caused a wayward kick, and then a rebound coast to coast effort from Mirboo North saw Rhys Kratzat kick true and put some fight back into the game.

With a large amount of turn overs and interceptions pinging around the middle, it was coming apparent to the crowd that the Creek were using it slightly better, finding their targets better and just using the ball better.

This also provided issues for Mirboo North, overusing the ball, especially in front of goal while at the other end.

Stony couldn't find the big sticks, peppering the goals but unable to capitalise on the shots.

However, a free kick in front of goal allowed coach Josh Taylor to add to the score and end the quarter still in it, only 15 points in the deficit.

With the game in the balance, both teams had to put in a massive final quarter effort to get on top and come home with the chocolates.

This was evident with the shootout it was becoming, with goals to both teams within the early minutes of the quarter.

The battle within the midfield was still going strong, with Darcy Atkins and Ben Campbell from Stony and Mirboo North respectively, leading the charge.

However, with Nick Svenson's third for the day, the curtain closed for any hope of a late comeback from the visitors and the Creek rolled home, 24-point victors.

Stony will be hoping for four on the trot when they welcome Hill End to the racecourse, while Mirboo North will be looking to bounce back when they head to Foster.



Matt Brown and Jake Blair clash for possession. Photos: Gerard Bruning

Reserves

By Rover

STONY Creek led Mirboo North to comfortably win by 53 points and maintain sixth spot on the ladder, after its sixth win for the season.

Although Mirboo North pursued the phantoms of hope, some of its field kicking was akin to a dog walking on its hind legs — it wasn't done well.

The mighty Tigers were unable to close down Jai Bright, who booted five goals and was listed as the winning Lions' second best player for the match.

Others to feature prominently for the home side were Lucas Byrnes, Lachlan Elliott, Ryan Mc Night with three goals, Matt

Zermanin and Zac Van Delft.

For Stony Creek, it was one of those days when all goes right, nothing went wrong and there was naught to grumble at.

On the other hand, Mirboo North looked uncoordinated and slow, where too many ball handling errors brought unfortunate and unprofitable complications for the visiting team.

Best for the Tigers were Shaun Logan-Brown, Tyron Stevens, the irrepressible Lauchie Dight, Jedd Felmingham and Beau Melbourne.

This Saturday, Mirboo North is hoping to win its second match in 2022, when it confronts winless cellar dweller, Foster, at the Foster Showgrounds.



Leongatha's Jack Ginnane comes in for attention after an incident that forced Jordan Staley out of the senior game. A62_2722



Wonthaggi's Noah Anderson scrambles for the footy surrounded by Parrots. A21_2722

Wonthaggi reserves outgun Leongatha

WONTHAGGI'S reserves won a low-scoring finals-like match to inflict Leongatha's first defeat of the season.

While friendships between the residents of the two towns are common outside of sport, the on-field action didn't suggest so.

Players on both sides didn't miss a chance to rub an opponent's nose in the dirt, dish out a bump or deliver a verbal barb throughout a fiercely contested and enthralling game.

But when it was all done and the Power had recorded an 11-point win, the sides came together to shake hands and acknowledge each other's efforts.

The chilly but animated crowd already had its money's worth before the seniors game commenced.

Trailing by 20 points at the final change, Leongatha gave its all in the remaining 20 minutes, keeping the Sherrin in its forward line for much of that period, but Wonthaggi's defence was equal to the challenge.

That was so all day, with the miserly Power backline allowing the top-of-the-table Parrots just four majors for the match.

Power was quick out of the blocks, taking a 15-point quarter time advantage and holding the home side to just a behind in the first term.

Leongatha coach Rhett Kelly offered encouragement at the huddle.

"Into the contest we're going just as hard as them," he said

While he was pleased with the early work of his midfield, he put responsibility on his forwards to tighten up defensively.

However, Wonthaggi's lead by then might easily have been more substantial had it capitalised better on its forward opportunities, mustering only 2.4(16).

After holding the Parrots to just a couple of goals in total over the next couple of terms, Wonthaggi players received well-earned praise at three quarter time for their outstanding pressure and defensive setup.

Lachie Jones and Kane McCarthy excelled for the winning side, while Jarrod Stewart and Jacob Lamers were named Leongatha's top performers.

Wonthaggi's Jaxon Williams and Leongatha's Tallin Brill were the game's only multiple goalscorers with a couple apiece.



One of Leongatha's best performers in Saturday's reserves contest, Jacob Lamers, is wrapped up in a tackle, with Wonthaggi going on to inflict the Parrot's first defeat of the season. A30_2722

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» LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

» WONTAGGI POWER FOOTBALL CLUB



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LEONGATHA

WONTAGGI

Leongatha 7.0 8.0 13.1 15.2 (82)

Wonthaggi 0.0 2.2 3.5 5.6 (36)

GOALS, Leongatha: Aaron Heppell 3, Aaron Hillberg 3, Cameron Olden 2, Luke Bowman, Kim Drew, Jack Ginnane, Ned Hanly, Jack Hume, Will Littlejohn, Cameron Stone 1 each.

BEST: Travis Nash, Aaron Heppell, Ben Willis, Sam Forrester, Cameron Stone, Cameron Olden.

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Jack Blair 2, Harry Dawson, Jack Hutchinson, Andrew Murray 1 each.

BEST: Toma Huther, Jack Hutchinson, Flynn Anderson, Shannon Bray, Tim Knowles, Noah Anderson.

RESERVES

Wonthaggi 2.4 3.4 5.5 6.5 (41)

Leongatha 0.1 1.3 2.3 4.6 (30)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Jaxon Williams 2, Darcy Brosnan, Lachie Jones, Elliot Staley, Jack Steinfert 1 each.

BEST: Lachie Jones, Kane McCarthy, Travis Krause, Lachlan Burns, Jye Gilmour, Jaxon Williams.

GOALS, Leongatha: Tallin Brill 2, Jacob Lamers, Ben Perry 1 each.

BEST: Jarrod Stewart, Jacob Lamers, Tallin Brill, Kyle Brown, Flynn Matera, Jake Mackie.

THIRDS

Wonthaggi 4.1 4.4 5.5 9.9 (63)

Leongatha 2.1 2.5 5.6 7.7 (49)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Reeve Moresco, Hunter Tiziani, 2, Blake Baker, Saher Biggs, Cade Brown, Ollie Dawson 1 each.

BEST: Kyle Yann, Ethan Dickison, Ollie Dawson, Hunter Tiziani, Reeve Moresco, Matrix Chisholm.

GOALS, Leongatha: Rylie Checkley 2, Trent McRae 2, Lachlan Gill, Thomas Hanly, Robbie Reardon 1 each.

BEST: Luke Marshman, Zavier Lamers, Thomas Hanly, Nathan Skewes, Beau Graham Andrews, Aydan Williams.

IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Maffra 27.7.169 d Moe 6.8.44
Morwell 10.12.72 d Traralgon 7.14.56
Sale 19.22.136 d Bairnsdale 13.8.86
Warragul 14.9.93 d Drouin 11.8.74

RESERVES

Maffra 25.13.163 d Moe 0.2.2
Morwell 10.8.68 d Traralgon 6.5.41
Sale 10.8.68 d Bairnsdale 8.3.51
Warragul 4.11.35 d Drouin 2.3.15

THIRDS

Maffra 13.9.87 d Moe 5.4.34
Traralgon 9.10.64 d Morwell 4.7.31
Bairnsdale 10.14.74 d Sale 4.4.28
Drouin 6.10.46 d Warragul 5.5.35

FOURTHS

Maffra 20.14.134 d Moe 1.6.12
Traralgon 21.18.144 d Morwell 0.0.0
Sale 6.7.43 drew Bairnsdale 6.7.43
Warragul 9.8.62 d Drouin 4.4.28

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	12	0	241.75	48	Leongatha	11	1	508.58	44	Maffra	11	1	170.68	44	Traralgon	11	0	574.38	44
Wonthaggi	7	4	127.25	30	Wonthaggi	11	1	277.46	44	Traralgon	8	4	160.35	32	Maffra	9	2	211.81	36
Traralgon	7	5	141.93	28	Maffra	10	2	536.73	40	Bairnsdale	8	4	133.66	32	Warragul	8	2	210.61	32
Maffra	7	5	138.21	28	Sale	6	6	87.73	24	Warragul	7	4	200.00	28	Bairnsdale	5	5	106.87	22
Sale	7	5	118.40	28	Morwell	5	6	87.52	22	Moe	7	5	78.28	28	Moe	4	7	79.68	16
Morwell	7	5	89.91	28	Bairnsdale	5	6	65.99	20	Drouin	6	6	100.17	24	Leongatha	4	6	64.99	16
Moe	6	7	89.81	24	Moe	5	7	51.25	20	Morwell	4	8	80.59	16	Drouin	4	7	55.12	16
Warragul	3	8	62.16	14	Warragul	3	8	48.85	14	Leongatha	4	8	65.34	16	Sale	2	7	62.84	10
Bairnsdale	2	10	61.34	8	Traralgon	2	10	58.72	8	Wonthaggi	3	9	60.85	12	Morwell	0	11	19.23	0
Drouin	1	11	51.30	4	Drouin	1	10	21.37	4	Sale	2	10	67.00	8	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0

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Leongatha remains undefeated after epic thriller



Justin Pellicano is assisted from the field after hurting his knee, later making a brave but brief return. A24_2722

LEONGATHA dominated much of Saturday's proceedings in an intense senior encounter against archrival Wonthaggi, with the Parrots flexing their muscles and recording a 56-point win.

Just like the reserves encounter preceding it, spot fires erupted throughout the match in which tempers were as hot as the weather was cold.

When Jack Ginnane made forceful contact with Jordan Staley's nose in what may have been an attempted spoil, emotions threatened to boil over, with Ginnane coming in for immediate attention following the incident.

That occurred just prior to time on in the opening term.

The Parrots soared to a 42-point lead by the opening break, slamming on seven goals straight to

no score.

Wonthaggi coach Jarryd Blair maintained an air of calmness at the huddle, telling his players he had confidence in them to chip away over the next three quarters and prevail.

However, his calmness dissipated when he reflected on the loss of Staley for the day.

"We do not cop that," he said, telling his players they are fair but need to play tough footy and make it clear they won't stand for such incidents.

While the umpire paid a free kick to Wonthaggi following the Staley injury, he didn't determine it to be malicious, with Ginnane not incurring further sanction.

Wonthaggi gave itself an opportunity to battle its way back into the game, with the Power work-

ing hard in a low-scoring second term to cut its halftime deficit to 34 points.

However, any thought of a comeback was snuffed out when the Parrots slammed on five third term goals to one.

At the final change, Leongatha coach Trent McMicking praised his side's ball movement and intensity.

"Your pressure's outstanding and it has been for three quarters," he said.

Given the fiery nature of proceedings, he implored Parrots players not to be sucked in and get themselves reported in the last stanza.

Wonthaggi fought out the remainder of the game, with the sides breaking even in a hard-fought final term.

The home crowd was delighted with the afternoon's proceedings despite the icy conditions that felt more like four degrees than nine on a chilly day even by Gippsland standards.

Travis Nash led the way as the game's best player, with Leongatha teammate Aaron Heppell starring on the ball and around the big sticks as he booted three majors.

Strong target Aaron Hillberg also booted three goals for the Parrots, taking his season tally to 25.

The Parrots' evenness and scoring prowess is clear, with Jack Hume also on 25 majors for the season and Ginnane just one less.

Ben Willis soldiered on impressively in the ruck for the victori-

ous Parrots with usual ruck companion Justin Pellicano severely restricted after hurting his knee early in the match.

He made heavy contact with the fence just before quarter time and had to be assisted from the ground by trainers.

While he later returned, he was clearly still in considerable discomfort and was soon forced to hobble to the bench.

Rival ruckman Toma Huther continued his strong season with his ruckwork and contribution around the ground seeing him named Power's best, with athletic big man Jack Hutchinson also performing well for the beaten team and managing a goal.

Jack Blair was Wonthaggi's only multiple goalscorer, notching a couple of majors.

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