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Traditional Owner Bunurong Trawlwoolway Uncle Anthony Egan at the Welcome to Country smoking ceremony for National Sorry Day. See more on Page 18.



LOOK FOR BIKES

— Local man shares near fatal bicycle accident

BRIAN Martin is up and about now but two weeks ago, he was nearly killed.

With a back broken in two places, L1 and L3, seven broken ribs, a fractured right humerus, up near the shoulder, and avulsion fractures in both legs he's still in the wars.

But he's not whinging.

What he wants to do, by publicising his horrific bike accident in Wonthaggi, on Wednesday morning, May 17, just 200 metres from work on his morning commute, is urge drivers to "look bike"!

"I was conscious after the collision and

I remember the bloke who hit me saying over and over again 'I didn't see him, I didn't see him. He must have been in my blind spot'.

"I accept that but what it means is that drivers have got to be looking out for cyclists, and especially in residential areas where relatively low speed collisions can have catastrophic consequences.

"I've got this really bright light on my bike, as strong as a headlight, and he was coming directly at me so he should have seen me.

"So, it comes down to actually looking

out for bikes, slowing down at intersections and looking for pedestrians as well as bike riders, and only crossing when it's safe to do so."

Like many people in the Inverloch, Wonthaggi and Phillip Island areas, Brian Martin is a keen bike rider, not only riding to work to get his kilometres up on the Strava challenge and to maintain fitness, but also getting out with local riding groups like the Coastal Cruisers to ride the Wattlebank circuit and up in to the local hills.

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The operator's lease for the State Coal Mine cafe is expected to be advertised soon. Pictured at the cafe are Friends of the State Coal volunteers Maureen Chisholm, Sheila Omerod, Steve Harrop and John Duschler.

Making a meal of it at the State Coal Mine

THE café at the State Coal Mine in Wonthaggi has been closed since the Australia Day long weekend and the underground mine tours haven't operated since the start of the COVID pandemic. But finally, after upwards of 300 people turned out at a public meeting on a cold, rainy night in March, local MP Jordan Crugnale among them, it might finally be time for a cup of tea. "Four of us met with District Manager at Parks Victoria, Victoria Purdue, two weeks ago, which would have been Friday, May 12, and we came away from that meeting a lot more positive about what was happening," said Friends of the State Coal Mine member Sheila Omerod.

At the meeting were Friends president Steve Harrop, and members John Duschler, Frank Angarane and Mrs Omerod. "Victoria said they were presently drawing up a lease for the café which would be advertised within two weeks, and they would be going ahead to appoint someone. "They've also appointed a Parks Victoria officer from Wilsons Prom to oversee the State Coal Mine as well, and to be our local contact. "So, we're looking forward to having someone appointed to run the café but the underground mine tours will take a bit more work." Mrs Omerod said the report from Ms Purdue was that the skip vehicle used to take visitors down the mine was being returned to Wonthaggi, by container, and while the skip didn't require much

work, it was the tracks, down to the mine, which were the problem. "There's apparently been some movement down there with the tracks that will need to be attended to, which could take time," Ms Omerod said. "But we came away from the meeting a lot more positive that something was happening, that the café might soon be open and that we've at least got someone at Parks Victoria we can make contact with. "We'll be looking out for the café tender to be advertised now, as promised," she said. Meanwhile, the State Coal Mine is open at Wonthaggi from 10am until 4pm daily and is well worth a visit with its well-maintained grounds and plenty of historic interest. Entry is free.

POLICE BRIEFS

Boy attacked in park

A 14-YEAR-OLD boy was allegedly assaulted and robbed by two males in Coleman Park, Korumburra. The boy sustained minor injuries from the assault and the two men allegedly took off with the boy's phone. The incident occurred at about 7:30 pm on Monday, May 23. The two men have been identified and will be questioned by police. Witnesses are asked to contact Korumburra Police if they have any further information about the attack.

Midnight arrest

JUST before midnight on Thursday, May 25, police arrested a 32-year-old female at a Wonthaggi address. The female was arrested for two counts of theft from retail premises in Wonthaggi, which occurred on Tuesday, April 25 and Friday, May 5, 2023. The woman has been charged with offences including contravening certain conduct condition of bail, theft (shop steal) and committing an indictable offence whilst on bail. The female was remanded in custody and was due to appear in the Wonthaggi Magistrates' Court.

Erratic driving ends in crash

A 19-YEAR-OLD male crashed into a structure at a retail premises in Cowes after he was seen driving erratically on Phillip Island Road. The vehicle was allegedly seen swerving over double white lines and had multiple near-misses with oncoming vehicles while driving towards Cowes from Cape Woolamai, according to Eyewatch -Bass Coast Police Service Area. This resulted in a collision at Thompson Avenue, Cowes at about 11:00am, on Saturday, May 27. The Cape Woolamai man, who was driving a light green Ford Fairlane sedan with a grey front and black after-market rims, allegedly fled from the scene but was arrested nearby by police. The driver is expected to be charged with offences including reckless conduct

endangering life, driving in a dangerous manner, careless driving, failing to have proper control of vehicle, and failing to exchange details after collision. Police are appealing for witnesses and those with dash-cam footage to get in touch.

Man charged with multiple offences

A 29-YEAR-OLD male was remanded in custody last week for allegedly possessing illicit drugs and possessing cartridge ammunition and for breaching court orders. Following a tip off, police attended an address in Leongatha with three warrants for arrest on the man. According to Eyewatch -Bass Coast Police Service Area, when the police showed up, the man allegedly fled. However, he didn't get too far before being caught by police. The male was allegedly located in possession of multiple types of drugs, firearm ammunition, and was also breaching a court order, and has been charged with these offences.

Drunk driver ends up in drain

A 31-YEAR-old male from Wonthaggi lost control of his vehicle and careened into a drain and allegedly blew 0.299 on a breath test. Wonthaggi Police responded to the report of a single vehicle collision, which occurred at the intersection of Merrin Crescent and Queen Street, Wonthaggi on Saturday, May 27, at about 11:32am. The man was driving a black Suzuki Alto hatch, which was significantly damaged as a result of ending up in the drain. Police found that the vehicle was unregistered, and the driver had conditions on his driver licence, that state he should have had zero alcohol content when driving. The vehicle was impounded, for 30 days, at a cost of \$1290.00. The driver is expected to appear at the Wonthaggi Magistrates' Court. The driver was assessed by paramedics from Ambulance Victoria, but did not require medical treatment.

Saving the precious Eastern Bristlebird

THE second phase of a three-year program to prevent the extinction of eastern bristlebirds in Victoria has been successful, with 10 more birds now calling Wilsons Promontory National Park. In a delicate week-long operation, the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Parks Victoria and partners safely captured and transported the birds from Cape Howe to Wilsons Promontory National Park - the southernmost tip of mainland Australia. The eastern bristlebird is a small, golden-brown bird that gets its name from the whiskers around its beak that help it grab fast moving insects.

It is a nationally threatened species, listed as critically endangered in Victoria with fewer than 200 estimated remaining in the wild. As part of a national recovery program to save the species from extinction, in April 2022 the Government, Parks Victoria and partners from organisations across Australia secured a new population in Wilsons Promontory National Park. As part of the \$23 million Wilsons Prom Revitalisation Project, Wilsons Promontory National Park is being transformed into a haven for wildlife like the bristlebirds, making it the perfect place for a new population to

be established. Following the success of the first translocation, where 17 birds were introduced to the Prom from Jervis Bay in New South Wales, this second phase will increase the genetic diversity of the Wilsons Promontory population, providing the next generation of bristlebirds with increased resistance to pests, diseases and the impacts of climate change. Until the Wilsons Promontory population was established, the entire eastern bristlebird population was restricted to just three geographically separated regions across the east coast of Australia.

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IN BRIEF

Your thoughts on neighbourhood centre

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

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

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

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

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

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHHY337>

Support dealing with pain in Leongatha

SUPPORT is available at Leongatha Community House for those experiencing chronic pain and associated mental health challenges.

The weekly Chronic Pain & Mental Health Support Group sessions are run by Nina Gurnett who has dealt with chronic pain since the age of 16.

Attendees will hear from guest speakers, including those from allied health services, NDIS support groups and the Arthritis Foundation.

With the group having started this year, Nina is keen to build up numbers.

She said chronic pain affects people's mental health.

Nina outlined her motivation for establishing the support

group.

"I needed an initiative to get out of the house and do something for other people," she said, noting the importance for those dealing with chronic pain to have the opportunity to meet others facing comparable challenges.

Chronic Pain & Mental Health Support Group sessions run each Thursday from 5-6pm at Leongatha Community House, 16 Bruce Street Leongatha, with a gold coin donation the only cost.

China a positive but milk price must lift

ALL milk companies have to be out with their new season prices by 2pm on Thursday, June 1, 2023.

But some have already announced their opening price, down slightly on last year's opening.

In New Zealand, Fonterra announced an opening for the 2023/24 season in the range of \$7.25 to \$8.75 per kgMS, with a midpoint of \$8.00 per kgMS.

Bulla Dairy Foods have announced a price band of \$8.80 to \$9.60 per kilo of milk solids and Chief Executive, Allan Hood says whilst prices are down, he's confident they'll increase.

"The opening prices are lower than last year, roughly 60c or 7%, but it's important to note, whilst they are down - this is only the opening price," Mr Hood said.

Fonterra CEO Miles Hurrell is also optimistic.

"We expect demand to gradually strengthen over the course of FY24 as China's economy continues to recover from COVID-19.

"However, the timing and extent of this remains uncertain, with China's in-market whole milk powder stocks estimated to be above normal levels following increased domestic production. This is reflected in our wide opening forecast range for the season."

The modest indications have not pleased everyone.

United Dairyfarmers of Victoria President Mark Billing said the opening price for the 2023-24 season needed to be above \$9 per kilogram milk solids to preserve industry confidence, and stopped the drain by suppliers out of the sector.

Others have said rising costs for fuel and energy means a price between \$9.50 and \$10 was needed to ensure farms remain viable.

Local Government inquiry a chance to address rates review

A NEW parliamentary inquiry into local government funding and service delivery is a chance to fix inequities in the funding of local councils, according to a local Nationals MP.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien said that despite opposition from the State Government, Animal Justice and the Legalise Cannabis Party, The Nationals and Liberals were successful in getting the inquiry established through the Legislative Council.

"I have long argued that property rates are not the best or most equitable form of revenue raising for local councils. A system developed in the 1600s when land was the main source of wealth is not necessarily the best way to raise money for councils in the 21st century," Mr O'Brien said.

He said the inquiry will be about far more than just looking at council rates.

"This inquiry will examine the entire funding model for local government - it will look at what affects council's ability to manage core responsibilities like rubbish collection, road maintenance, footpaths and libraries.

The Economy and Infrastructure Committee of the Legislative Council will complete the inquiry and deliver

recommendations to the government by 30 June 2024.

Prom Coast Ecolink off to a flying start with grant

NEWLY established environmental group the Prom Coast Ecolink has been awarded a grant by the Victorian Government through the Volunteering Innovation Fund to kick-start a vital survey of local flora and fauna.

Prom Coast Ecolink is a volunteer-run group working to connect and extend the patches of remnant and regenerated native vegetation on private and public land in South Gippsland.

The funds will be used for a number of initiatives focusing on Flora and Fauna surveys of the magnificent Hoddle Range.

Prom Coast Ecolink Chair Anda Banikos said she was delighted with the news that the organisation had been awarded funding.

"This is a very exciting and important project. The Prom Coast Ecolink volunteers will be working with Parks Victoria in the Hoddle Range Flora Reserve. This area not usually open to the public, so it will be a great opportunity to be guided through this hidden gem," Ms Banikos said.

"Environmental Consultants will do a general flora and habitat survey and then guide citizen scientists in fauna monitoring. The consultants will provide community education days to train volunteers in the use of new technology for species monitoring. The citizen scientist observations will then feed into the consultants' reports.

"A significant number of conservation-listed species are known to exist in and around the Hoddle Range Flora Reserve. Our project will also support scientific research by Federation Uni into Burrowing Crayfish and give an indication of the current status of all species within the Reserve," Ms Banikos said.



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Look for bikes

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“There are lots of great rides around here and most drivers are very good, slowing down and not passing until it’s safe to do so, and giving you that 1.5 metres they supposed to give when passing.

“But you do get some drivers who, honestly, look like they’re trying to swoop on you or something. And there’s others who pass but cut in, maybe forgetting they have a trailer on.

“As a rider, you’ve got to ride defensively but you’re also relying on the drivers as well.”

On May 17, Brian was heading into work at Wonthaggi early, at about 6.50am, riding along Inverloch Road, Wonthaggi, just near the Fincher Street intersection.

“The guy driving a Ford Ranger was in the slip lane turning right and just kept coming. He basically hit me head on. I was probably doing about 25km/h. I’m not sure what he was doing but he’s completely taken out my bike from the front and I’ve gone up in the air, across his bonnet and over the car.

“Luckily he didn’t have a bulbar and while I did scuff up my new helmet, I didn’t actually hit my head that hard.”

A cycling friend, Brett Franklin, sitting in his car nearby, saw the whole thing and rushed across to help, calling an ambulance, Brian’s son Jar-ryd and looking after his mate until the ambulance came.

“I drifted in and out of con-

sciousness a few times but the ambulance got there quickly and they took me to Wonthaggi. Because of the back injuries, I was taken by road to the Alfred and spent the first few days in the trauma ward. They were great.”

Brian’s home now, with a back brace, leg brace, arm in a sling and having trouble sleeping, but on his way to what he expects will be a full recovery.

“I actually had another accident in May last year, when I hit this wombat on the coast road to Cape Paterson. He just came out like a train right under my wheel and I went flying. You can’t help that, but we really have to do something about traffic accidents.

“It’s up to the cyclists to ride defensively but it really comes down to drivers actually looking for riders. Make sure you are giving them that 1m (speed limit 60km/h or under) or 1.5m (speeds over 60km/h) separation when passing, take care at intersections and in residential areas, dooring, coming out of driveways and the like, and indicate. Let the riders know what you’re doing and that you’ve seen them.

“I’m hopeful of getting back to work and back on the bike as soon as I can. We’ve got a riding trip to Europe I’d like to do next year, but it was certainly a shock.

“And I’ll need a new bike. It was my favourite bike, a Giant TCR that’s now in five pieces.”



Brian Martin of Inverloch spent a week in the Alfred Hospital Trauma unit last week after being cleaned up on his way to work in Wonthaggi. His message – “please, look bike”!

Mental health centre budget funding welcomed

A MENTAL Health and Well-being Centre will open in Leongatha before 2026, with a share of \$67 million promised by the Victorian Government to go towards establishing the centre. The service will provide integrated mental health treatment and wellbeing supports delivered by a multidisciplinary team. The service is anticipated to be similar to the Orange Door, Mind and Wellways models. These models predominantly provide a work force with a lived experience of mental health issues them-

selves and the service will cater to whole of life issues, rather than a specific issue or group. Louise Sparkes, CEO of Gippsland Southern Health Service said that they will be involved and work closely with the service and associated service providers once the centre is established and will provide input prior to then if required. Louise commented that the service will offer a much needed supplementary and complimentary service to other health providers around the region, while making it

far easier for local people to access appropriate services. The service will alleviate some of the pressure on emergency departments and alleviate the wait time for people experiencing a mental health crisis. As people have to go through a triage process when accessing service through a hospital’s emergency department and may have to wait. The new service will also decrease demand on local GP services who are experiencing an ever-increasing demand in treating patients suffering from mental

health issues. “It’s fantastic for our community because it is a service that will be in Leongatha. It’s excellent to have a local service that people can also have access after-hours,” Louise said. This initiative delivers on the Government’s election commitment, delivering 50 local mental health services and was announced in November 2022. The recent budget proposal committed \$67 million in funding to deliver new Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals in Narre Warren, Northcote and Leongatha.

Leongatha Secondary College starts planning major project

MEMBER for Gippsland South Danny O’Brien acknowledged a promised upgrade of Leongatha Secondary College (LSC) is included in the recently announced Victorian State Budget but stressed the project won’t be happening in the near future.

Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing visited the school in October last year in the lead up to the State Election, delivering a commitment from the Labor Government to provide funding of \$11.7 million to the college if re-elected.

At the time, LSC stated its intention to use the funding to upgrade and/or build new school facilities to provide for its expanding school community.

“It’s lumped in with 53 other school projects that only have \$20 million allocated in total; clearly it won’t be happening

any time soon,” Mr O’Brien said, referring to the State Government’s School Upgrades Delivery Fund.

However, he acknowledged it is not unusual for funding for electoral commitments to be delivered over multiple budgets.

LSC principal Brad Hutchinson said the overall funding commitment is exciting and will allow the school to meet future infrastructure demand, with student numbers predicted to rise sharply.

He said a plan will start to be developed soon and needs to be submitted by mid July, with a meeting and workshop with the Victorian School Building Authority on Monday May 29 helping set the wheels in motion.

Mr Hutchinson said the school has been informed by the State Government that its

share of the School Upgrades Delivery Fund is to provide funding to begin planning and design work for the \$11.7million election commitment project to upgrade and modernise LSC.

While welcoming the funding for the school and expressing confidence the LSC community will “grab the ball and run with it”, Mr O’Brien pondered how the State Government arrived at its commitment to the school without specific details for the project.

“If you don’t know what the plan and design is, how do you know what to allocate?” Mr O’Brien queried in reference to the fact the funding in the current budget is to begin that planning and design process.

However, while saying it is unclear whether the Government’s funding promise stemmed from a commitment

to better local schools or from making things up on the run during an election campaign, he looks forward to seeing a positive outcome for LSC.

“Any upgrade of our schools will be welcomed by students, teachers and families,” Mr O’Brien said.

In addition to money allocated in the School Upgrades Delivery Fund, further funding is provided separately in the State Budget under the School Upgrades program, with a total \$266 million allocated between 43 schools, including Wonthaggi Primary School.

Harriet Shing’s office was contacted for comment on the timeframe the Government envisages for the LSC project and plans for future funding to achieve Labor’s election commitment but had not responded at the time of going to print.

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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



BASS Coast Shire Council this month announced that the Bass Coast community can vote on an indigenous name for the new cultural and community centre at Cowes.

Record numbers of people have got behind this exciting historic opportunity, reflecting Council's strong view that this naming is a great mark of respect for First Nations people generally, especially our local Bunurong.

The plan to use a First Nations name is consistent with Council's commitment to reconciliation and completely appropriate for this significant cultural space.

Council is proudly putting words of support for our First Nations people into action.

Reconciliation and listening to First Nations knowledge must be priority as we move to a circular, sustainable future. Our community has an incredibly strong connection to our home, so we honour those who were successful custodians of these lands for 65,000 years – and the oldest continuous culture on earth.

We will show our respect during National Sorry Day on 26 May, to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generation Survivors, to reflect, then play a part in the healing process. This continues with National Reconciliation Week from 27 May.

There is much happening to mark these events in Bass Coast, which started on National Sorry Day at Cape Pateron Life Saving Club on 26 May, thanks to Bass Coast Reconciliation Network. I joined for powerful words from local Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Leaders plus a cultural performance from Paul Patten.

We also have a Community Forum at Inverloch Hub on 2 June from 10am, exploring the theme 'Be a Voice for Generations'. Learn from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander panelists who will share their unique perspectives, experiences and insights on reconciliation – then understand how to create a Reconciliation Action Plan for your organisation.

Speakers include Richard Weston, former CEO of the Healing Foundation and the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care, and Rueben Berg, Member of the First Peoples Assembly of Victoria and former Chairperson of Westernport Water, as well as Nicole Findlay, Chief Executive Officer of Reconciliation Victoria.

Council also recognises that reconciliation does not occur just one week a year. So, on 29 June WUCAC is showing The Sunshine Club by Wesley Enoch, proud Noonuccal Nuugi man. Set in 1946 this joyful, acclaimed musical tells the story of Frank Doyle, a returning Aboriginal soldier, who desires to create a better world where black and white can dance together.

National Reconciliation Week is an important recognition, while progressing healing - but this work needs 365 days a year. This is why the Indigenous Voice to Parliament is important.

You can do your bit here in Bass Coast. If you've not voted for a First Nations name for the new centre at Cowes, join us at engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/firstnationsnaming

What's in it for Wonthaggi Hospital?

THE state budget was declared last week and with \$320 million allocated to the Hospital Infrastructure Delivery Fund to help hospitals plan and design their upgrades, expansions or complete rebuilds, with \$290 million previously committed to Wonthaggi Hospital's redevelopment.

Bass MP Jordan Crugnale explained that 'this fund will give our hospitals the flexibility they need to start on of these projects right away – with each project staged to deliver the best outcomes and value for money.'

"We will continue to work with Bass Coast Health to begin the works on stage two, and the funds will be drawn down and distributed as they are required."

As these projects were announced late last year, there is considerable work needed in planning and designing required, and this investment will enable the Victorian Health Building Authority to undertake the necessary planning and development activities to successfully deliver the projects to the scope announced last year.

For newly acquired and existing sites, the masterplan will explore options for laying out and configuring the hospital, with shells of the Wonthaggi Hospital stage two development already in place.

"What's great about the stage one building is that it already contains a future expansion area which means it is ready to be fitted out."

"The final costs for all projects will



MP Jordan Crugnale said we are getting on and delivering stage two of the Wonthaggi Hospital upgrade.

be confirmed once the necessary planning is completed however, we expect it to be in line with previous announcements."

The redevelopment of Wonthaggi listed in the state budget is Labor delivering on their election promise last year which comprises of \$290 million to deliver the second stage of

works at Wonthaggi Hospital, a major redevelopment that delivers extra beds, a new birthing complex and a new outpatient clinic.

Ms Crugnale confirmed that stage two is in the works and further communication will be released in the coming weeks after discussions with Bass Coast Health.

State Budget- What's in it for Bass electorate?

MEMBER for Bass Jordan Crugnale has detailed what's in store for the electorate as part of the Victorian Budget 2023/24.

Take a look at some of the highlights locally:

Education

The budget will see \$6.7 million for Wonthaggi Primary School and planning to upgrade San Remo Primary School.

Health

The Government has already delivered Stage 1 of the Wonthaggi Hospital expansion, with a new emergency department, three new operating theatres and a 32-bed inpatient ward now accessible to locals in Bass.

In this Budget, funds are allocated to get started on Stage 2 of the Wonthaggi Hospital redevelopment.

A new Mental Health and Wellbeing Local in Leongatha will act as a 'front door' to the mental health and wellbeing system offering welcoming and inclusive spaces, staffed by qualified mental health professionals, including peer support workers to cater for the local community.



MP Jordan Crugnale pictured with Wonthaggi Primary School Council president Caroline Moore and students last year.

Fishing

Boating infrastructure:

- \$2 million to upgrade the ramp at Inverloch
- \$800,000 towards the Cowes Stage 2 Jetty expansion

Fishcare Victoria's educational programs will receive a \$100,000 grant to continue promoting responsible fishing practices across Bass.

And \$200,000 will go towards the

Corinella Fishing Clubhouse.

Other highlights include the State Electricity Commission (SEC), with an initial \$1 billion investment in the SEC will help deliver 4.5 gigawatts of power.

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Inverloch collision with spectacular views

IN THE early hours of last Sunday morning, May 28, at approximately 3.11am, according to police, officers from the Leongatha and Wonthaggi police stations, along with paramedics from Ambulance Victoria, Inverloch volunteer firefighters and volunteer rescuers from the Wonthaggi SES Unit, attended to a collision in Inverloch.

A nearby resident said he heard the noise.

"It woke me up. I heard two loud bangs. They must have been going," he said of the accident scene, near the intersection of Sandy Mount Avenue and Venus Street.

"They've gone straight through the intersection, mounted the retaining wall and collided with the side of the house and dislodged a few bricks.

"They've hit that gate and sent a piece flying but it could have been worse. They've hit the air conditioner on the other house but just missed the gas meter."

It is alleged that the vehicle, a white Kia people mover, was travelling along Sandy Mount Avenue when it failed to negotiate a corner, and lost control, leaving the roadway and colliding with two residential dwellings, directly opposite in Venus Street.



In a serious collision at Inverloch on Sunday, this car has become wedged between two houses in Venus Street.

As a result of the collision, moderate damage was caused to both dwellings.

The vehicle, which became wedged between the houses, with a commanding view of the entrance to Anderson Inlet, was extensively damaged.

The driver of the vehicle, a 24-year-old male from Yokine in Western Australia, was taken to the Wonthaggi

Hospital for assessment.

The passenger of the vehicle, a 22-year-old male also from Western Australia, was not injured.

The investigation into the cause of the collision is still being undertaken, however, according to Bass Coast Eyewitness, it is believed that alcohol was a factor.

"By good luck, this was not

a fatal collision, as it easily could have been," said police saying any impaired drivers on the roads "would not be tolerated".

If you have any information regarding this collision, please call Crime Stoppers on telephone 1800 333 000 or online at: <https://www.crimestoppersvic.com.au/report-a-crime/>

Relief after school bus incident fears

WHILE there was much fear initially surrounding an incident involving a school bus last week, fortunately the bus had veered into an embankment and became stuck.

The incident occurred on May 25, on Meenyan-Promontory Road at about 8.30am.

Police from the Foster Police Station, Mirboo North Police Station, Wonthaggi Police Station, Meenyan Police Station, Korumburra Police Station and Bass Coast Highway Patrol, along with paramedics from Ambulance Victoria and volunteer firefighters from Fish Creek & District CFA Fire & Rescue and Foster Fire Brigade were on scene.

The bus was carrying 16 students who were on their way to a local primary school.

According to Eyewitness- Bass Coast Police Service Area, the bus driver and students were removed from the bus with the assistance of firefighters, due to the main bus entry door being partially obstructed by an embankment.

Fortunately neither the bus driver or students were injured, but each person was medically assessed by paramedics as a precaution.

The investigation into the cause of incident was ongoing.

The road was blocked for a considerable period of time, whilst the students were removed from the bus and transported from the area, the scene was investigated, and the bus removed using heavy haulage towing.

All people who use the road need to be considerate to all road users and adjust their driving to the conditions.

This particularly applies in Bass Coast and South Gippsland where motorists all share the road with heavy vehicles and tourists who are unfamiliar with the area and agricultural machinery.

If you have any information regarding this incident, please call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at: <https://www.crimestoppersvic.com.au/report-a-crime/>



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Prom Road must be fixed after bus incident, says O'Brien

THE bus incident last week involving children on their way to school at Fish Creek on the Meenyan-Promontory Road highlights the need for action to widen and improve the road, according to The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien.

Mr O'Brien has been campaigning with local community members for some time to improve Prom Road which is narrow, winding and has a poor surface in many locations.

Mr O'Brien said he's been frustrated at the failure of the Andrews Labor Government to deliver any significant upgrades which would help alleviate issues such as that which apparently caused the bus accident.

"I've raised the issue of Prom Road in Parliament and with the Minister for Roads numerous times in the last few years.

"One of the issues that locals are concerned about is the narrowness of the road and the risk of accidents when trucks, buses, caravans and other large vehicles meet on narrow stretches.

"There are few locations with sealed shoulders and the road itself is quite narrow. I understand the accident occurred when the school bus met a truck coming the other way and had to swerve to avoid a collision.

"Thankfully no-one was injured, but this is the near miss that gives a good warning to the Government."

Award-winning heart health checks at Wonthaggi Plaza



Participant Heather Clifford is taken through the heart screening process by pharmacist Amy Sabatin.



The friendly Latrobe Health team would love to check your heart health and help review your health cover.

ON THURSDAY, June 1 and Friday, June 2 free 15-minute heart health checks will be offered at Wonthaggi Plaza, by a qualified pharmacist as part of Latrobe Health Services commitment to Gippsland communities.

Latrobe Health Services CEO, Ian Whitehead, said that Gippsland has some of the poorest cardiovascular health outcomes in Australia.

"This initiative is one way to help our members, and community check if they are at risk," said Mr Whitehead.

"We're passionate about supporting better health for our community. Gippsland has some of the worst heart health outcomes in Australia, so we really encouraged our members and community to participate in the heart health screenings."

The heart health checks are free and will run from 9am to 4pm each day. No booking is required. During the check each participant is taken through the 15-minute heart health check with a qualified pharmacist at their side.

Key heart health indicators checked during the screening include blood pressure, heart rate, body composition, diabetes risk and non-fasting cholesterol levels.

"Results are provided immediately following the test, with the pharmacist providing key insights on the results, advice on

how to keep your heart healthy, and informing participants on how to follow up with your GP in further action is required," Mr Whitehead said.

According to Amy Sabatin, Chief Pharmacist with Priceline, coronary heart disease remains the dominant cause of death among Australians with worse outcomes experienced in regional and rural areas.

"It is important to get heart health check-ups to give you the best chance of receiving the right treatment and possibly diagnosing underlying medical conditions," Ms Sabatin said.

"Our team is looking forward to coming to Wonthaggi and conducting the heart health checks. We know these checks save lives."

For more information about Latrobe Health Services free heart health checks visit www.latrobehealth.com.au/healthy-hearts.

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Time and tide defeat Cowes house permit

TIME and tide, they say, wait for no man. And turns out they're also enough to wash up a challenge at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT).

In a decision handed down by VCAT last week, the tribunal upheld a resolve for the Bass Coast Shire Council not to issue a fourth extension of time for a house to be built, on a 26-hectare site, at the end of Settlement Road, Silverleaves, in part due to a change in the flood hazard rating on the property and access road.

The applicant, listed as Carley Nicholls, had already between August 27, 2014 and August 27, 2022 started building the house, but no more.

In the past month, the Bass Coast Shire's score at VCAT is 2:1; winning the 'Nicholls v BCSC' case on May 24 and stopping a fourth floor going up on a 40-unit apartment block in Inverloch on May 11, but suffering a crushing blow with the rejection of the \$50 million National Vietnam Veterans Museum project at Newhaven earlier in the month.

So, it's a case of win-some lose-some for the local shire.

But they didn't get off completely Scott-free in VCAT's latest decision, with the tribunal saying the council used incorrect information about zoning and overlays when granting the second and third extensions of time, and may even have got it wrong when agreeing to the first extension.

These were serious oversights by the council potentially leaving future occupants of the



The subject of a VCAT hearing in April this year, the Silverleaves site is located east of the back nine of the Phillip Island Golf Course, down the end of Settlement Road.

proposed house exposed to flooding, and users of the access road also at risk.

Not only were the councillors unaware, when the shire issued the first extension of time, that the site for the house was subject to flooding (LSIO), it was also incorrectly advised, as a consequence, that "if a fresh application were lodged with Council, there is a fair chance that a permit would be granted".

When it came to the second and third extensions of time, council officer reports said incorrectly that the land was zoned 'Farming' when it had in fact been changed to 'Rural Conservation

Zone' (RCZ) and no planning overlays applied when it was covered by two, an LSIO detailing flood and sea-level rise risk, and an ESO1 (Environmental Significance Overlay) likely to trigger significant coastal environment protection measures.

Council took no account of these issues at the time.

Since the last extension of time was approved, on November 16, 2020, allowing the development to commence by August 27, 2022, Amendment VC171 has been gazetted (on September 6, 2021) strengthening coastal hazard planning, requiring land use and development to plan for sea

level rise of not less than 0.8 metres by 2100.

The amendment also allows for the combined effects of tides, storm surges, coastal processes and local conditions such as topography and geology to be considered when assessing risks and coastal impacts associated with climate change.

It was principally as a result of Amendment VC171 that Council ultimately declined to extend the permit for a fourth time.

And they say they are unlikely to approve a new application in the future.

According to realestate.com, the property was purchased in

February 2007 for \$580,000 and could be worth as much as \$1.4 million but what it might be worth now without a permit to build a house is anyone's guess.

There's also the issue, as yet unresolved, referred to in the VCAT report, of the proposal to gift a large portion of the environmentally significant site, connected to the Rhyll Inlet system, a Ramsar listed wetland, to Phillip Island Nature Parks.

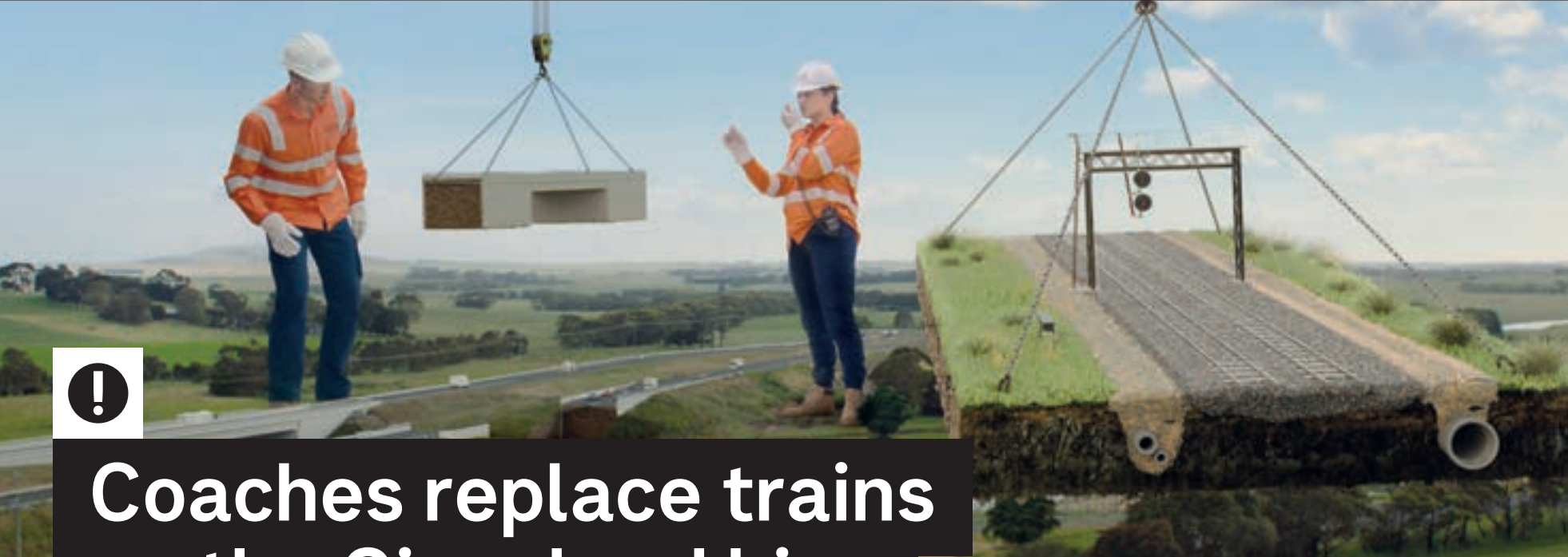
As it turns out, the approved dwelling would have had a finished floor level of 3.6 metres and sitting on a spit of high land above 3.0m AHD, it would have stood above the inundation level of 2.8m but "parts of the driveway and parts of Settlement Road will be affected by flood waters", according to VCAT.

VCAT heard expert opinion that parts of Settlement Road could be impacted by flood waters "at the upper threshold of safety for small cars".

And "under the 2100 climate change conditions ...would exceed the classification of being safe for children and 4WD for a short period of time of 1-2 hours (without any mitigation measures)".

"Melbourne Water does not support the proposed extension of the permit particularly due to the level of flooding in Settlement Road that is predicted as a result of sea level rise," according to the VCAT report handed down last week.

And the Council told VCAT that it was unlikely to support a fresh application for a range of reasons, including likely opposition by Melbourne Water and changes in planning conditions.



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Community Grants

South Gippsland Shire Council is thrilled to announce the next round of community grants will open 1 July. Community grants help to support and enrich our local community by providing funding for key projects and initiatives. They are a great resource for organisations and are instrumental in facilitating social change, supporting grassroots initiatives, and fostering collaboration.

Community grants are designed to provide financial assistance to non-profits enabling them to implement projects and programs that address various community challenges. By leveraging these resources, we can build a stronger and more vibrant community together.

There are many grants available to not-for-profit organisations but we understand it can sometimes be difficult to know where to start or what to say. To help, Council will be hosting a Grant Writing Workshop on 15 June to assist local organisations set up appropriate frameworks to be ready to apply for any grant efficiently and effectively.

The workshop will include:

- Understanding what grants are, and why organisations give them out
- Identifying available funding opportunities
- Learn to frame and sell your organisation and project
- Define the project, its benefits and evaluation strategy
- Learn how to find evidence to support your project
- Develop a project budget
- Defining the organisation's stakeholders and partners
- Sustainability - keeping the project going after the funding finishes

Reserve a spot at our upcoming workshop at:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

Or find out more by contacting Sophie on 5662 9200 or sophie.bolding@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor



Brief in-person conversations with our Mayor and Deputy Mayor are available on Friday 9 June. These chats will take place at Council (main office) from 9.00am to 2.00pm. To secure a 20-minute slot, bookings are required.

To book, please contact:

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 28 June 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

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Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

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EOI/374 – Expressions of Interest for Domestic Pound Services within South Gippsland Shire

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ArtCubes celebrated at Coal Creek

SMALL scale display spaces were on show at Coal Creek for Tuesday's official launch of South Gippsland Shire's trio of ArtCubes, with the converted shipping containers housing distinctly different exhibitions.

Ann-Maree Gentile's vibrant waxed-dipped origami birds formed dazzling flocks, suspended from wire carousels and in one case from a bike wheel.

The avian mobiles were inspired by primary school memories.

"I love colour," Foster's Ann-Maree said.

Wood carver Olivia O'Connor of Berrys Creek created birds of a much different variety in her work 'Where Eagles Soar', using South Gippsland blackwood timber to fashion her lifelike raptors.

The third ArtCube's display was a collaboration, harnessing Jasmine Susic's dance, Kim McDonald's drawing and printmaking installations and images captured by photographer Karli Duckett.

Jasmine of Inverloch described Kim's printmaking installations as performative in nature, saying they call for someone to perform within them.

"I find there's a lot of energy at Coal Creek, so it's been great to activate that," Jasmine said.

The ArtCube proved an ideal "studio laboratory" for the collaborative trio, with Kim, Jasmine and Karli working on a July Coal Creek exhibition that will adapt some of the creative ideas formed in



Artist Jasmine Susic, Cr Mohya Davies, Cr John Schelling, council CEO Kerryn Ellis, Cr Scott Rae, Cr Mick Felton, mayor Nathan Hersey, council Arts Development Officer Mary Sullivan, artists Olivia O'Connor, Kim McDonald and Ann-Maree Gentile, and Cr Clare Williams. A10_2223

the small space to a larger area.

Inverloch's Diana Campbell and Amanda McMahon came to see how the ArtCubes were used, both having a keen interest in community art projects, with Amanda saying she was intrigued by the ArtCube concept and didn't know what to expect.

Both ladies were pleased with what they found.

Vivian Williams, Lucinda Young and Ruth Rogan of Mirboo North also came for a look, with that town set to use the ArtCubes during its Winter Festival in the first week of August.

While South Gippsland Shire mayor Nathan Hersey is pleased the ArtCubes will visit towns such as Loch, Mirboo North and Fish Creek, all of which have strong creative

communities, Korumburra artist Tony Parisi feels they have great potential for towns currently lacking art spaces.

Both those views tie in with the intention for the ArtCubes to provide accessible, visible and relocatable exhibition spaces to townships and other parts of South Gippsland Shire.

In contrast to his artist wife Lucy Hersey, the mayor again highlighted his lack of artistic skill, saying his three-year-old son Hugo recently admonished him for his substandard attempt at colouring-in.

Nathan expressed his appreciation of all those involved in the project, including council's arts development officer Mary Sullivan who drove the ArtCube initiative working closely

with architect Isley Sutherland to make it a reality.

Appreciation was also expressed for the \$95,000 Outdoor Activation Grant provided by the Victorian Government.

Council contributed \$85,000 through its Community Support Program.

The ArtCubes are lined inside like a gallery space, with internal and external lights, power points and rooftop solar panels.

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

That creativity may include art installations and small-scale live performances, with the potential to use the cubes for service spaces such as a bar, as was the case at the recent 'Threads' exhibition.

South Gippy shire recognised for community projects

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is excited and appreciative to have been recognised at last week's LGPro Awards in Melbourne.

Council won the Corporate and Community Planning award for Shaping South Gippsland, which was a significant community engagement project that helped to develop South Gippsland's Community Vision and four-year Council Plan.

Delivered over eight months in late 2021 and early 2022, the project involved nine pop-ups at community events, two school pop-ups, surveys and workshops, as well as extensive online engagement.



South Gippsland Shire's Michelle Jorgensen, Christine Legg, Tony Peterson, Kerryn Ellis, Allison Jones, Melissa Baker, Rhys Matulis, Jareth Goss.

In total Council received 2939 comments as a result of the consultation, which were used to determine the Community Vision, and Council Plan actions and objectives.

Council also received a

high commendation for the Mirboo North Pool refurbishment which was in the Community Assets & Infrastructure Initiative (projects over \$5m) category.

The application highlighted the important collaboration

between Council and the Mirboo North community and the social benefits the new facility can provide.

The shire was also a finalist in the Community Partnerships category for the Local Men, Local Community project. This is an important project which focuses on building mental health, well-being and social connectedness for rural men aged 25 plus. It also provides links to services and supports for people at risk of suicide.

The awards were held in Melbourne and hosted by LGPro which is the leading professional association for Local Government officers in Victoria.

Historical society members looking forward to Community Hub home

MEMBERS of the Korumburra & District Historical Society are looking forward to moving into the new Korumburra Community Hub building when it opens, having determined their storage needs will be met.

The society's president and avid local historian and writer Bob Newton was impressed with what he saw during a visit to the Hub on Thursday.

"We had space concerns but I think they've all been alleviated," Bob said.

"There are compactors in there, we've got new map drawers coming, the furniture looks good, there's plenty of cupboard storage and we're sharing a display cabinet with the library in the library," Bob said.

That public display space will enable the historical society to feature chosen items, with the potential to highlight specific parts of its collection at particular times of the year such as Anzac Day.

Bob said the compactors are probably close to two-metres high, approximately the width of the room and contain storage units that can be moved with the aid of rollers, enabling items to be stored in a fashion that uses far less space but enables efficient access to specific items when required.

"It will take a lot of our photos and our stories," Bob said of the compactor system.

He is also pleased with the

workspace provided for the group's work.

"We've got a special area where our computers go and they're going to have a table in the centre we can work at," Bob said, declaring he expects the setup to be "quite sufficient" for the organisation's needs.

The historical society has already vacated its Korumburra Library home in preparation for the move to its new lodgings, with its collection now in storage.

While noting landscaping is yet to be completed around the Hub building, Bob is confident members of the historical society, a number of whom are not young, will have no

trouble getting into the new facility.

"It looked like our accessibility will be quite good," he said.

Bob is confident he and the other members won't have to wait too much longer to shift into their new home, saying the building now looks well on the way to completion.

"A lot of our problems have been alleviated by looking at it and knowing what room we have," he said, saying it made a big difference experiencing the building after initial concerns when viewing the floor plans.

The visit to the Hub has the historical society members excited about their future there.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



LGPRO Awards

South Gippsland Shire Council has won an LGPro Specialist Award in the 'Corporate and Community Planning' category. The award was for the 'Shaping South Gippsland' project which was used to develop our four-year Council Plan.

Importantly, the award also provides confirmation that we are moving in the right direction and is further encouragement that Council's somewhat turbulent past is now firmly behind us. There's a lot more to be done of course but Councillors, and Council staff, remain committed to engaging with our community and to making sure the actions within our Council Plan are achieved. There's more to do, together.

ArtCubes

South Gippsland's ArtCubes will soon be on the move, following a successful launch at Coal Creek. The ArtCubes are relocatable exhibition spaces that have been created from refurbished shipping containers and are completely self-sufficient.

Council is pleased that this initiative will provide opportunity for local artists and creatives who can use the ArtCubes as work and or display spaces.

The ArtCubes will soon be heading to Loch, just in time for the Food and Wine Festival, before heading on to Mirboo North, Fish Creek and then Meenyan. Keep an eye out for the Cubes near you and checkout the installations and have a chat to the resident artists.

Volunteer Week

Councillors were pleased to attend two morning teas last week to acknowledge and thank Council's hard-working volunteers. Volunteering is important to all communities and in South Gippsland we are fortunate to have volunteering rates that are higher than both the state and national average. Our communities just wouldn't be the same without our volunteers, thank you!

Grant Writing Workshop

Council's next round of community grants opens on 1 July. To help with preparation of a community grant application – or any grant application – Council is hosting a Grant Writing Workshop on Thursday 15 June in Leongatha. This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to learn more about grants and how to identify funding opportunities. It will also help you to define your grant objective, budget and how it can be evaluated. To find out more go to: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

Sandy Point Visit

Last week I travelled to Sandy Point, along with Councillors and Council staff, to meet with members of the Sandy Point community. It was an opportunity to listen to community thoughts and to learn more about the Sandy Point community. Thank you to everyone that met with us for making the time and for the courtesy that was shown.

Small Business Networking Dinner

A Small Business Networking Dinner will be held on Tuesday 20 June in Leongatha. Sponsored by the NBN, the dinner aims to bring local small business owners and operators together for an evening to chat, learn and collaborate. A special guest speaker will also be sharing an important message around business cyber security. Tickets can be booked at: <https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/business>

Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Next month we will once again be holding a Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor catch up in Leongatha.

These meetings are twenty minute chats where you can discuss an issue or idea. Our next catch up will be on Friday 9 June. To book a spot, please email: officeofthceo@southgippsland.vic.gov.au.

Public libraries are vital now more than ever

PUBLIC Libraries were delivering an S.O.S. to the Victorian Government ahead of the 2023-24 Budget, as many report shorter opening hours, cuts to staffing levels and programs, and reduced investment in collections.

State Government funding for Victorian libraries has been steadily declining in real terms for years, failing to keep up with the growing population and inflation.

With public libraries struggling to meet community demand, they are calling for a funding lifeline to maintain operations when they are most needed.

Public Libraries Victoria CEO Angela Savage said with so many Victorian households under financial strain, public libraries were one of the few places anyone can attend for free.

"When families are having to ditch their home internet so they can put food on the table, libraries are there to provide free access to computers, internet and wifi," she said.

"The cost of living crisis is pushing up the demand for public libraries as people can't afford to run their heating or cooling and instead they spend their time at the library seeking shelter, comfort and connection.

"Our libraries play a crucial role in Victorians' lives, with one in three people a member of their local library.

"On any given day, there are hundreds of free programs running and 60,000 people visiting a public library," she said.

"With so many families hit by huge increases in their cost-of-living, our libraries provide essential services for the community. Demand for library services is sky high, with Baby Rhyme Time and Story Time in some areas attracting hundreds of people each week. Our school holiday programs were packed last month, as well as crucial programs for seniors, tutoring services and jobseeker support." Public Libraries Victoria is urging all library users to join the call to Protect Public Libraries by emailing their concerns about library funding directly to Premier Daniel Andrews (daniel.andrews@parliament.vic.gov.au), Minister for Local Government Melissa Horne (melissa.horne@minstaff.vic.gov.au), and Minister for Regional Development and Minister for Equality Harriet Shing (harriet.shing@parliament.vic.gov.au).

You can support the campaign on social media by sharing what you love about libraries and what's at risk without adequate investment, followed by the hashtag #ProtectPublicLibraries.

Handwritten letters can be delivered to your local library, and we will ensure it reaches the right government department.

Myli is a community library network that serves four regions in Victoria: Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Cardinia and South Gippsland.

As a Myli member, you can borrow books, DVDs and audiobooks, access free online resources, join programs and events, and use Wi-Fi and public computers in any branch.

For more information about the Protect Public Libraries campaign or to sign up for your free Myli membership, visit myli.org.au.

Dusty magic carries cast to greater heights



Lucas White, Nina Barry-Macaulay, and Dale Donohue sing up a storm on the opening night of Dusty at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre. Z21_2223



WTG life member, Wayne Moloney returned to performing to play Dusty's father O'Brien in the local theatre group's major production for 2023. Z19_2223



Shontelle O'Connor plays Mary O'Brien – the young Dusty in the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group's Dusty the Original Pop Diva. Z17_2223

DUSTY Springfield has hit the stage in Wonthaggi, with a class of talent presenting dance and vocals through a stage production that will leave you immersed in the gift of theatre, and the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group will perform until Saturday, June 10.

Dusty – The Original Pop Diva takes you back to the 1950s where big hair, bright colours, and dreams of becoming a glamorous talent is the prime focus in Mary O'Brien's life – Mary, played by 20-year-old Shontelle O'Connor opens the show with melodious vocals.

Her brother Tom, played by Lucas White who performs in his third show for Wonthaggi Theatrical Group displayed a fine performance along with Wayne Moloney, playing O'Brien and Kerrie Giles playing Kay and other various roles.

Mary holds onto a fantasy of becoming a star, but with her family telling her not to dream the impossible Mary feels unseen and their disparaging remarks leave Mary feeling more determined to showcase her talent.

'Plain' Mary O'Brien transforms herself into the pop icon 'Dusty Springfield' performed by Nina Barry-Macaulay who along with stardom finds herself recognising her self-doubt and a constant strive for perfection.

On her journey with fame, Dusty comes across Reno, played by Kerryn Lockhart and despite the 'bad press' finds herself falling in love – a love that in the 1960s was discriminated against.

Reno and Dusty perform as a dynamic duo with harmonious vocals, engaging the audience with iconic tunes including the renowned 'Wishin & Hopin'.

While Dusty is falling in love, the storyline identifies the illusion behind which young Mary O'Brien still lives.

Jaz Hendry playing Peg and Rafal Pyka playing Rodney immersed themselves in local theatre and together unite in supporting 'Dusty' through her journey as a celebrity, bringing humour and wit to the tremendous performance.

The production comprises of a talented ensemble, playing various roles throughout the show bringing high energy and exceptional flair.

Through a journey of discovery, success and unbearable pressure, this show invites you to explore the inner world of the spotlight and the internal strength of self-contemplation.

The cast were supported by their live band and a production team of choreographers, sound and lighting, costume design and hair and make-up – behind the scenes talent that brings a successful show to life.

Wayne Moloney of Wonthaggi Theatrical Group highlighted that, "there is huge responsibility on backstage crew with so many moving set pieces, props, and era wig changes. They nailed it. The cast was inspired by director Linda's journey this week.

"Seeing Linda prior to curtain was a deeply emotional moment for the cast. The performance was joyous for the entire company as the Dusty magic carried us to greater heights.

"We felt like we were flying. I hope the audience experienced that and tells everyone they know. "Whilst Dusty's story is a troubled one, the telling of it is one of musical theatres uplifting events."

Friday, May 26 was opening night of Dusty – The Original Pop Diva at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre and WTG performed to a full audience.

The show will be presented until Saturday, June 10 and tickets are available at www.wtg.org.au



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Nyora dairy farmers Dan and Brodie McDonald greatly value their partnership with Burra Foods and how they give back to the community.

Burra Foods loves their farmers

FOR Nyora dairy farmers, Dan and Brodie McDonald, having a strong partnership with Burra Foods has been immensely beneficial for their operations.

Burra Foods is an Australian dairy ingredient processor which produces and markets value-added dairy products to the global food manufacturing market, with their manufacturing plant based in Korumburra.

Dan and Brodie recently chatted about their dairy operations and why they value their relationship with Burra Foods.

How long have you been in dairy farming?

It's coming up to 10 years now and we've been here (Nyora) for about three years.

What's the family history and story of your farm?

Our grandparents came to us four years ago to look for a dairy farm and we found this one. They bought the land, and we bought the cows and went from there.

What do you love about dairy farming?

Being outdoors, you can take your kids to work without any issues! It's something different everyday and you're never doing the same thing.

What jobs do you like on the farm?

Anything from being here with the kids to rearing the calves.

Is there a time of the year you like?

Definitely the start of the calving season, it's very exciting.

What are some of the challenges you face?

It depends on the time of year, you either go from soaking in the mud to being in a drought, as well as the financial aspects.

What do you like about working with Burra Foods?

They're very approachable and the community spirit is

there. The Burra Foundation really helps out a lot.

How does the foundation help?

They give around \$500 per year that goes towards a local group, the first year we put it towards the school and sporting community.

What do you love about the Gippsland community?

We've always lived here and in Nyora it's pretty quiet and everyone is happy to help. You go to the shops and see someone you know and they're always up for a chat.

To learn more about Burra Foods, visit <https://www.burrafoods.com.au/>

Better facility for residents

RESIDENTS of Griffiths Point Lodge (GPL) residential care facility at San Remo are appreciating recently renovated rooms.

One wing of GPL has been transformed so far, including the hallway and eight bed rooms, as part of a five-stage refurbishment works program that will see more rooms refurbished as time progresses.

A new nurse call bell system has also been installed in rooms, and all utility rooms such as linen, medication and dirty utility rooms will be refurbished during these works.

Speed kills in Woolamai

TWO dead wombats – a male and a female with a pouched baby – by the side of one of the narrow local Woolamai roads has sparked great concern for residents again.

The site of the carnage is a road increasingly used by large trucks – some with trailers – as well as local farmers and residents of the Woolamai hamlet.

This is a road which has a children's school bus stop, goes through the residential area where families walk their dogs, ride their bikes and push babies in prams. The nearby rail-trail is often their target which crosses two other local roads also with a 100kph speed limit.

Residents need a safer environment, not only for what's left of the native wildlife, but most importantly for their children.

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Early years education advocacy for South Gippsland

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council recently advocated for funding to support the renewal of ageing early years infrastructure, with its CEO Kerry Ellis and mayor Nathan Hersey meeting with Minister for Early Childhood and Pre-Prep Ingrid Stitt.

Council is mindful of the importance of its responsibility in partnership with the State and Commonwealth Governments to ensure the successful roll-out of new early years education programs across all South Gippsland Shire communities.

Funding to support council in upgrading existing early years facilities and building new ones is essential to achieving that aim.

Council CEO Kerry Ellis outlined what the new early years education programs entail and the challenges that need to be addressed in implementing them.

While South Gippsland Shire Council was part of the pilot program for the increase to 15 hours per week of subsidised kindergarten for three-year-olds, and was one of the first councils to roll out that State Government initiative in full, facilities and staff resources will now be further tested, Kerry explained.

"The second part of the changes is a roll-out of 30 hours of pre-prep, so that's for four-year-olds, and that's by 2027, and the main work we're doing now is positioning ourselves to be ready for that," she said.

The CEO stressed that the increase in hours is significant in terms of the kindergarten space required.

"Some of our communities that have growing populations like Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower currently don't have early years facilities, so we're looking to the State Government for funding support to establish new facilities there, and in other communities where they've got ageing facilities, we're wanting to upgrade them so they're suitable for the new number of hours," Kerry said.

She and the mayor feel their conversation with Minister Stitt was a positive one resulting in a commitment to continue to work closely together in relation to early years education in South Gippsland Shire.

Prior to 2020, three-year-old kinder wasn't subsidised by the State Government, meaning it was expensive at any early years centres that ran it, being fully paid for by parents.

Four-year-old pre-school is currently 15 hours per week, so hours are set to double.

Southern Lights Festival a must go to for the long weekend

KORUMBURRA will be lit up over the long weekend with the town bringing back the Southern Lights Festival from Coal Creek.

The event will feature local acts that will delight everyone. For young families, The Mik Maks will be a highlight with their popular panda in the mix. Local musicians with originals like Brendan Cooney and Brendan and StarBrina and five-piece cover band, The Picassos, will be playing to get everyone up and dancing.

Entertainment with fire twirling demonstrations and roving entertainers, a light show, fireworks and lots of warm food and hot drinks will keep the whole family happy and entertained.

"We've tried to get local acts this time. It's nice to support local people which is what we have tried to do. Some of these may not be well known to some people but they have been playing around the area and getting a good response from that," Noelene Cosson, Secretary of the Korumburra Business Association said.

"We have our light drums, we've had them in the street before, they are laser cut light drums that have historical pictures or patterns, and they reflect off the historical buildings and they do look amazing so in that sort of setting it will be well worth seeing as well."

The first event was far more successful than anticipated and it was going to be difficult to host the event again at the showgrounds with the numbers

expected, so the festival will move to Coal Creek to better cater to the 5000 people expected.

"We were approached by Coal Creek to see if we'd be interested in showcasing it down there and we felt that one of the things that a lot of people have wanted in Korumburra is for Coal Creek to be utilised more.

"It has far more potential than what it has been used for at the present time, so we thought this was a great opportunity to bring people to town and showcase Coal Creek in a different way that people have never seen," Noelene said.

Holding the festival at Coal Creek also leaves the showgrounds free for travellers or weekend wanderers to have somewhere to stay and provides a greater economic benefit to the community.

"We felt that the showgrounds are quite a popular place these days for people to stop overnight in their RVS and things, because it's an RV friendly site. We felt that we were trying to get people to come to our area for the long weekend, and that just gave them an opportunity for somewhere else to be able to stay in town, which is a win win for everybody because they charge a fee for that so I think the show society should make some extra money that weekend as well."

The Korumburra Southern Lights Festival will be held on Sunday, June 11 from 3pm at the Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, Korumburra. Tickets are \$15 for adults and free for children under 18.



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Importance of local public libraries on the rise

LIBRARIES across Victoria, including those in Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires, are proving places of refuge for community members dealing with the current cost-of-living crisis.

Libraries provide a free public place offering warmth, as well as computer and internet access, and activities, with Myli Libraries CEO Leanne Williams confirming increased demand for library services as people find ways to reduce their living expenses.

"We see people coming to the library for all of those things and, with the cost-of-living

crisis, when people are having to make tough decisions (about) expenditure they have at home we see that influx flow through to the library in terms of our usage," she said.

"We're seeing across all of our libraries, but also across the State, people use public libraries as that place of refuge, whether it be in summer for air conditioning or winter for heating, when they can't afford to run their own heating and cooling."

Leanne said Myli's staff encounter people in such situations daily, adding that highlights the importance of the

community service public libraries provide.

She is also the president of Public Libraries Victoria, which is currently urging the State Government to ensure libraries are able to handle the extra demands arising from increased cost-of-living expenses.

That has prompted a targeted campaign of advocacy to the Victorian Government for adequate funding of public libraries.

Leading up to the May 23 State Budget, flyers in library branches have urged community members to "help us send an SOS to the Victorian

Government."

The flyer stresses the need for the government to support free, safe and welcoming spaces for communities weathering a cost-of-living crisis by increasing investment in the Public Library Funding Program, encouraging people to email Premier Daniel Andrews.

Leanne said she knows of many community members who have written to the Premier, making clear why they come and use public libraries and the breadth of services on offer, adding libraries provide the opportunity for social connection.



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Community share budget hopes

NUMEROUS residents had their say on a recent Q&A regarding Bass Coast Shire's draft budget.

The Final 2023-24 Budget will be presented at the council meeting on Wednesday, June 21 for consideration.

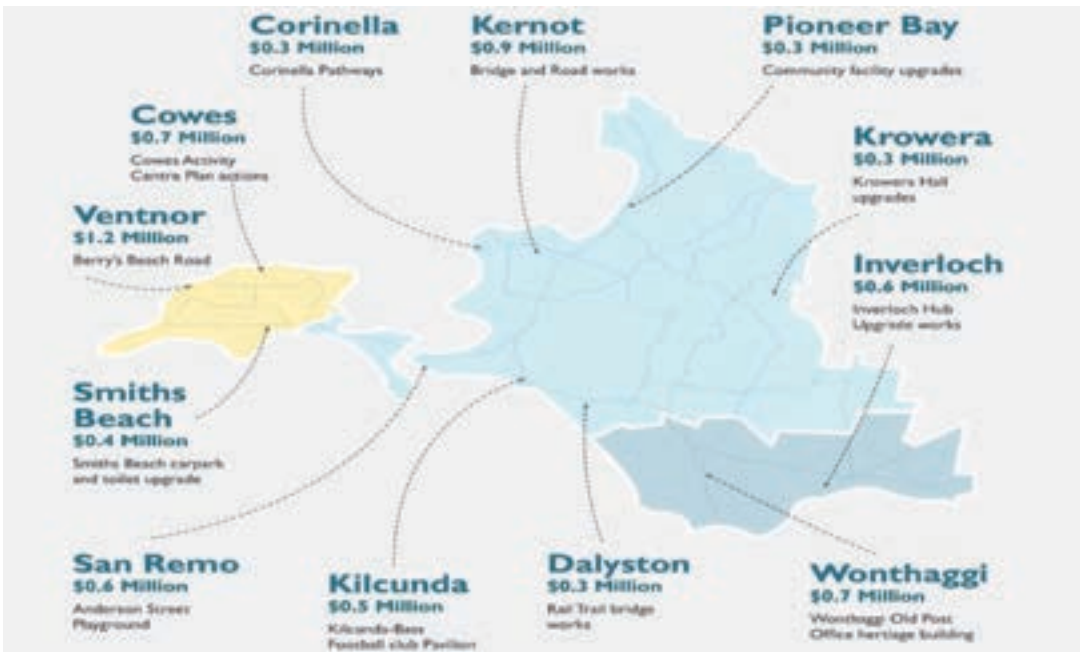
Responses to budget submissions, including any funding changes will be incorporated into the council report.

During the Q&A, residents asked a range of questions about pathways and trails, public restrooms, pump tracks and more. Some highlights included:

Question (Q): 'Given the interest and input into a recent petition, and the ability of a pump track focus group to connect with the community, would the shire consider expediting construction of a pump track at Cape Woolamai park if the community group were to alleviate expenses in the 2023-24 budget by providing construction plans borrowed from a neighbouring shire?'

Answer (A): Woolamai Park is included in the 2023/24 draft budget for Playspace renewal. A Mountain Bike/BMX/Pump Strategy is included in the draft 2023/24 budget to develop a Shire wide approach for facility design and implementation. Community engagement will underpin the Strategy and provide opportunities for all stakeholders to provide feedback on potential locations. Project funding will only be considered once the Strategy is completed.

Q: What projects are tied to Strategic Reserves?



Pictured are highlights of Bass Coast Shire's draft budget in each township.

A: Council's 2023/24 Capital Budget of \$29.411 million includes funding from the following sources:

- Council Cash (Rates and Reserves) - \$18.879 million
- Capital Contributions - \$2.530 million
- Government Grants - \$3.428 million

Borrowings - \$4.574 million
The 2023/24 Budget includes a net transfer of \$936,000 from Reserves which includes a transfer from Strategic Reserves of \$2,500,000 to fund Capital Advancement for Major Projects.

The following transfers from Strategic Reserves are proposed in the four year Strategic Resource Plan

- \$500,000 in 2024/25 for

- Rainbow Park
- \$500,000 in 2025/26 for Rainbow Park
- \$500,000 in 2025/26 for Wonthaggi Gondwana Garden
- \$500,000 in 2026/27 for Wonthaggi Gondwana Garden.

Q: What is the future of the Inverloch Transfer Station?

A: In the short term, operations for the Inverloch Transfer Station will remain unchanged whilst we develop a new Waste Strategy – Circular Economy Strategy, which will inform Transfer Station location and service for the Inverloch community, including community engagement. We are also developing a Rehabilitation Plan for the site to manage any

environmental risk from historical site activity and future use of the site- ie: passive recreation.

Q: Are there any plans for pathways in Coronet Bay in this budget or future years? Will there be consultation around it, as it has been suggested not on Norsemens Road.

A: Council's Tracks and Trails Strategy lists the pathway from Coronet Bay to Corinella as a medium priority. The Tracks and Trails Delivery Plan (which can be found on the Engage Bass Coast page) lists the Feasibility work on this project as commencing in the 2024/25 financial year.

To view the draft budget, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/budget23-24

Exciting times for coast guard brigades

HASTINGS Coast Guard, which covers all of Westernport including Bass Coast, Captain Jeremy West is the latest member to etch his name in CFA history becoming the first Deputy Group Officer (DGO) to be elected in a coast guard brigade associated group.

Joining the Group Management Team (GMT) of the Westernport Group, Jeremy will begin the role on Saturday, July 1, and is ready to be a voice for local brigades at leadership level.

"I'm pretty excited to be taking on this role," Jeremy said.

"It's the first time since we've established the Coast Guard Brigades that we've had representation at this level within CFA and it's going to be really beneficial moving forward."

"I'm looking forward to bringing more of a focus to inter-agency services and showcasing the diversity of emergency situations that we respond to as a group and organisation, because coast guards do different things outside the realm of what other brigades do."

"We also operate in quite a unique geographic area in Westernport as we have some islands, so being able to utilise the resources and bring awareness to how we deal with those situations in our local area is something I'm keen to work on."

Westernport's Group Officer David Breadmore said Jeremy's appointment continues to reinforce CFA's direction towards inclusion of Coast Guard brigades within CFA.

Jeremy brings more than 10 years of experience in emergency management to the position and holds a range of qualifications in the sector, all while responding for both Hastings Coast Guard and Tyabb Fire Brigade.

Jeremy's appointment continues on from recent work which saw general members of the Hastings Coast Guard Brigade successfully undertake their General Firefighter course, all who are now responding with land-based brigades within the group.

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Electronic medication to improve resident safety

A NEW electronic medication administration system has been introduced across Gippsland Southern Health Service's three aged care facilities, improving safety for residents.

The system is now in use at Alchera House, Hillside Lodge and Koorooman House after representatives from BESTMED attended the three facilities last week to work with local staff on its implementation.

GSHS director of nursing at Korumburra, Tracey Edmonds, said it was a good system for staff and most importantly residents.

"Electronic administration certainly reduces medication errors," Ms Edmonds said. "It captures things such as allergy diagnosis and links to our aged care clinical management system."

Ms Edmonds said it closes the loop between the prescriber, the pharmacy and the health service. "The information is all in one place and we can log in at any time, reducing any delays," she said.

"The staff are excited about using it because it helps us to meet the current aged care reforms regarding the administration of medication and it contributes to resident safety."

The BESTMED system has been introduced following a grant from the Federal Government.

BESTMED is used in more than 550 aged care homes supporting more than 50,000 consumers.

Well-earned retirement for popular Korumburra financial planner

A LARGE gathering was on hand at Korumburra Bowling Club on Thursday evening to celebrate the career of local financial planner John Murdica and wish him well in retirement.

It's just short of 36 years since he established his Korumburra business Retire & Wealth, with John retaining some of his original clients throughout that period.

The business was purchased a few years ago by Dean Hutchins, owner of Diversified Financial Planners.

He highlighted how fortunate John's clients have been to have such a committed, hard-working and honest member of the profession helping them manage their financial affairs.

"He's immaculate in everything he does and his advice is always of a high standard," Dean said of John.

Despite the many hours John has dedicated to ensuring his clients get the best service possible, he has still found time for community.

That has included executive roles with the Korumburra Business Association and the Korumburra Basketball Association, with John believing strongly in giving back to the community, and having a love for Korumburra.

He has wound his community involvement back to devote more time to wife Vicki.

While John was good with numbers in his school days, prompting a teacher to encourage him to pursue a related



Business owner and financial planner Dean Hutchins, financial planners Kim Richardson and Belinda Slinger with the retiring John Murdica and client services specialist Tanya Wrigley. A11_2223

career, he originally took on a trade before deciding that wasn't his scene and began studying to become a financial planner.

He has since added many accreditations and specialist qualifications to his Diploma.

John is proud the business has received lots of peer awards over the years, something that is not easy to do for a regional practice up against city-based businesses throughout the nation.

He outlined the philosophy that has driven his financial planning work.

"I care for the clients and want to make sure they don't have to worry about things," he said.

Long-term client Geoff Barber attended the celebration of

John's career.

"He's been good to me and my wife, and he's managed our affairs extremely well and saved me a lot of tax, and he's a very pleasant man," Geoff said.

Kim Richardson, a financial planner based at Diversified Financial Planners' Frankston office also works at the Korumburra office and said she has learned a lot from John.

"He's a good teacher and very thorough," she said.

She noted the interest John takes in gaining an understanding of clients' goals and his ability to quickly establish a good relationship with them and build trust.

While John is stepping into a

well-earned retirement, he has ensured a smooth handover.

Belinda Slinger, an experienced financial planner who will be responsible for many of John's clients, appreciates the time he has devoted to introducing her to them and helping her understand their needs since she started with the business last August.

John's popularity as a financial planner and person was on show at his retirement celebration with everyone keen to chat to him.

There's little doubt he will find plenty to do in retirement, although Dean thinks it may take John some adjustment given his non-stop approach to work.



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The third in the series on the Referendum for a Voice to Parliament, written by the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group.

For and against The Voice

THE referendum on the Voice to Parliament is part of ‘our journey’. It will bring people together and signal to the nation and the world that we are at last constitutionally recognising and respecting the unique status and position of our First Nations people as the original occupiers of the continent.

The Voice is a very modest request, when so much has been taken from them. It asks only that we listen to their advice, their knowledge of what their people need.

This request is grounded in the Uluru Statement that invites the Australian people to walk together with them to a better future, both sides benefitting from mutual respect and shared knowledge.

The Voice has the support of the major churches who understand it as social justice, and recognise their part in Stolen Generation disasters of the past.

The AFL, NRL, Rugby Australia, Cricket Australia and big business, including mining companies who have long contested traditional land rights, now also support the Voice.

Constitutional lawyers have rejected claims that the Voice will lead to challenges in the High Court if their advice is not taken.

To arguments that it will create layers of new bureaucracy, we can say that there is already a huge number of public officials engaged in Aboriginal Affairs, but without a direct and authoritative Voice from communities, they are often ineffective.

It has been said that if there had been a Voice, there would have been no Stolen Generation.

Surveys indicate that 80 per cent of First Nations people support the Voice.

Nevertheless, some high-profile First Nations opponents believe the proposal doesn’t go far enough. Only permitting advice to be given doesn’t change the power balance. Others believe that it is not really representative in not giving a Voice to each of the hundreds of nations within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Others see

it, now that it is promoted by Government, as the work of Government.

Given their treatment by governments since colonisation, this suspicion is understandable. But it should be remembered that the Voice comes from the widely consultative, First Nations-led Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Other First Nations people doubt that their sovereignty is protected by the Voice, though the Uluru Statement makes clear that sovereignty refers to the spiritual connection between people and their land, not power and land ownership in the Western sense. Constitutional lawyers have also given assurances that First Nations sovereignty is not at risk.

Further claims opposing the Voice suggest that the eleven First Nations Federal politicians should be enough to represent their First Nations people. But each of these MPs represents a party and a whole electorate, not just their own people.

In response to arguments that the Voice will be divisive, we believe that it will unite the nation as a big step towards reconciliation.

A successful referendum will mean that the Australian people accept the invitation in the Uluru Statement to walk together towards a reconciled future, beginning with Voice, followed by treaty and truth-telling.

The notion of special rights for First Nations people has also been raised.

All Australians have the right to make representations to Parliament, which is guaranteed by the constitution. Hundreds of lobbyists make representations to politicians in a highly unaccountable way.

The First Nations Voice will simply be a permanent mechanism for indigenous matters to be considered in a regulated and accountable way.

Every voter must take responsibility for being informed about the reasons for the referendum, and for the way you vote. The Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group believes that to vote YES puts you on the right side of history!

National Sorry Day marked in Bass Coast

SORRY Day, also known as the National Day of Healing, was held at the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club on Friday morning, to commemorate the Stolen Generations and encourage truth telling to promote healing and reconciliation.

The annual event was held at the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club to acknowledge and remember the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, communities, and cultures.

The community was invited to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generation survivors and reflect on how we can play our part in the healing process.

The event began with a Welcome to Country with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders Patrice Mahoney OAM, Traditional Owner Bunurong Trawlwoolway Uncle Anthony Egan, and Paul Patten.

Formalities of National Sorry Day followed with Uncle Anthony sharing his family’s story and explaining that, ‘there are very different points of view of how aboriginality is in today’s society. It’s very important we have these conversations that perhaps make us feel fragility. We need to get comfortable in the limited knowledge that we have.’

Patrice Mahoney OAM then hosted the afternoon’s sharing’s by leading with, ‘it’s going to be a challenging day. Today we could find our emotions strong, complex, heavy, maybe loud, or quiet. And I think for everyone the emotions are very different.’

“That silence and all of those emotions come from a want of family, a want of culture, of freedom, and freedom of our own thoughts,” said Patrice.

“There is an aching gap from government policies and procedures, and that’s the only reason its there. It is deep within our soul.”

Paul Patten was then introduced to share his story – his father’s stolen



Safina Stewart, Geoff Russell, Paul Patten, Patrice Mahoney, Sally O’Neill, Kate Adams, and Lyndon Firman at the National Sorry Day gathering in Cape Paterson on Friday morning. Z01_2223

generation story. The words spoken by Paul were powerful and dense, bringing a sense of sorrow to everyone in the room.

“My father is a member of the stolen generation; he was born on the far south coast of New South Wales in 1947, and at the age of five years old, he vividly remembers the day he had to hide under the bed, before welfare and the police drove him away from his siblings.

“He was given to a Christian couple on the North Coast of New South Wales, where they were also given another little aboriginal girl. He tells me he remembers having a little room with no light where he could spend his time, when not doing chores. He remembers going to school in Taree and then at 11 years old he was required to iron and do his own washing, whilst also running errands for his good Christian couple in rain, hail, or shine.”

“He was 18 years old when he first saw his mother again,” said Paul.

Paul bravely spoke of his father’s story with permission for the first time, and

the floor was then opened for any other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to share their stories, where Dion rose to share that the stolen generation continued into the 90s and into the 2000s, and how he remembered being removed from his family.

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

Bass Coast Reconciliation Network has members from Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Health, Westernport Water, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bunurong Land Council, Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group, Myli, West Gippsland CMA, South Gippsland Water and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members and with all in attendance they were pleased to see the organisations come together with the community to acknowledge and celebrate this important date of significance.

Reconciliation vibe in Venus Bay

BLUE skies and the pleasant setting of the recently landscaped Van Cleef Reserve greeted over 100 attendees at Venus Bay’s Saturday reconciliation event, held as part of National Reconciliation Week.

The event included a Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony, and yarning from local Bunurong custodian Sonia Weston-Hume, with the audience hearing about her family, the cultural significance of Venus Bay, its vegetation, bush tucker and the medicinal use of plants.

Sonia also brought indigenous artefacts to share with those present.

The event was organised by a couple of community members who introduced Sonia.

Venus Bay local and South Gippsland Shire councillor Sarah Gilligan spoke briefly but Sonia was the central focus, holding her audience’s interest during a thorough and informative session.



Bunurong custodian Sonia Weston-Hume speaks during the community-run Reconciliation event in Venus Bay on Saturday.

Police Victoria apologises to First Peoples

VICTORIAN Police Chief Commissioner, Shane Patton has apologised on behalf of police for its role in harmful policies against Indigenous people in the state.

Commissioner Patton acknowledged and apologised for the role of police in past and ongoing injustices towards First Peoples in Victoria and has made a renewed commitment on behalf of Victoria Police, to eliminate bias and racism within its ranks.

“It was gratifying to see that the Victorian Police Chief Commissioner, Shane Patton, has given an apology to First Nations people for the harm done to them by police since colonisation,” Dr Marg Lynn of the Bass Coast/South Gippsland Reconciliation Group said.

Professor Eleanor Burke, chair of the Yoorrook Justice Commission, to whom the apology was given, said that we now need to see the apology translated into action that will bring

about change.

Commissioner Patton made the apology last week, before the Yoorrook Justice Commission, the first formal truth-telling process looking into past and ongoing injustices experienced by First Peoples in Victoria in all areas of life since colonisation.

This is the third formal hearing, and The Commission will also be questioning Victorian government ministers and senior bureaucrats.

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Put them and Russell out of their misery

RUSSELL Broadbent was on his feet in Federal Parliament last week, speaking on a range of subjects including gambling advertising, scams, changes to your super, issues for small business and raising concern about the cost of increasing aged care wages.

But on Monday, May 22 he came back to his principled campaign about the ongoing impact of COVID vaccinations, both around the restrictions it is still placing on jobs and accessing health care, and also the adverse health impacts.

Mr Broadbent is right to raise those issues.

And regardless of whether the government's vaccination strategy, along the lines recommended by the WHO and adopted by almost every other country in the world, has likely saved thousands, if not millions of lives, if there are hundreds who've had adverse health or economic impacts, there should be a proper investigation and response.

Mr Broadbent is campaigning to have all workplace and health access mandates and restrictions lifted, quoting the case of a 16-year-old girl, Dazelle, who has been denied a double lung transplant because she isn't fully vaccinated.

"I appreciate that you might think I don't understand how hard it has been for government to make quick decisions around the pandemic whilst incorporating policies on the run. I accept their decisions were made in good faith. But now I plead with my colleagues and those in the House to also act in good faith."

He's calling for any mandates associated with COVID-19 vaccination to be lifted, for doctors to be able to speak out about their concerns and for a proper government response to the resulting health, social and economic impacts, of which he says are many.

He should then go back to trying to make a difference for the people of Monash.

Status quo not working

The upcoming referendum on a Voice to Parliament provides for constitutional recognition of our First Nations people in a very practical way.

So I was pleased that your editorial (23/5/23) observed that nearly everyone wants to see our First Peoples accorded recognition in our founding document.

But I disagree with your further arguments about the wording to be included in the Constitution, regarding the executive government.

To draw a parallel between the capacity of the Voice to Parliament giving advice to the executive, and the current situation in Bass Coast, requiring Council and the community to accept one of the four names provided by the Bunurong Land Council, is comparing apples with oranges.

The Voice's mandate is to give advice only.

It has no right of veto. Constitutional lawyers have said no legal action can be taken if government does not heed its advice.

The situation with Bunurong Land Council is very different.

They are inundated with requests for naming from all sectors of the community, and it makes sense for them to say



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grob' Robinson.

Vox Pop

Are you worried that Victoria is going broke?



Michael Dasler
"No, it comes in cycles."



Dennis Piasente
"I think he's overspent on infrastructure. When is it going to stop?"



Lyn O'Halloran
"Yes, some if it's because of COVID. He's just a spend, spend, spend Premier."



Paul Deery
"Yes, I am worried because it could have flow on effects to our business and the economy."

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.

that if they do the research to find appropriate language terms, they want one of the choices to be taken up.

It is a contract and a sign of good faith. In years to come, using Aboriginal names will be a respected step and a widely accepted "no-brainer". Our area names attest to their past widespread use.

Your suggestion that the Voice should join in the political process at the same time as the politicians, once a bill has come before Parliament, minimises the potential strength of the Voice.

Surely if you agree with Indigenous recognition, you would want to maximise the probability of legislation actually being well-targeted at the needs of First Nations communities.

The way to ensure that is for the Voice to bring grounded knowledge and advice to the table as early as possible, so that it is considered and, if accepted, structured into legislation from the start.

Your final argument about 'adding to an already complex political process' raises the issue of the alternative, ie the status quo.

The status quo is not working. We have failed policies, wasted resources, under-developed human capital, and disappointed communities that know what they need and how to achieve their goals but are not heard.

If it's going to get a bit more complex to actually facilitate 'closing the gap' at last, I'm all for it.

Marg Lynn, Berrys Creek

What is reconciliation

How can the Bass Coast councillors, get it so wrong in moving the motion, to rename the unfinished Cowes Cultural Centre by suggesting only four aboriginal names?

As a non-indigenous Australian, the four names proposed by the Bunnarong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation to council have no meaning to me.

Council also stated that the name should be part of the national reconciliation which I fully support.

The naming of public buildings acknowledges and recognises the deep cultural history and connection of the place in which we live (both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous), the council stated, and should be part of the national reconciliation.

It would have been prudent of councillors Rooks and Laing to consult the Dictionary, Cambridge states "the process of making two opposite beliefs, ideas, or situations agree."

The aim of Reconciliation Australia is stated as the creation of partnership with the government, business and both Indigenous and non-indigenous organisation to achieve social and economic equity for Indigenous Australians and to strengthen reconciliation by acknowledging the past while looking toward a shared future.

The opening paragraph from Reconciliation Australia.

What is reconciliation?

At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians.

Definition: What is reconciliation?

In its broadest sense 'reconciliation' means 'coming together'. The dictionary defines 'reconciliation' as a situation in which two people, or groups of people, become friendly again after they have argued.

In Australia, 'reconciliation' refers to bringing together Aboriginal people and non-Aboriginal Australians.

Reconciliation is not something that one side decides to 'do' - it is a process, at the end of which there may be reconciliation, but this can never be guaranteed.

Reconciliation has elements of truth, justice, forgiveness, healing, reparation, and love.

Supporting reconciliation means working to overcome the division (often called "the gap") and inequality between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

Differences are biggest in health, income, living standards and life expectancy, but also prejudice and racism.

My preference for the new centre is "Millowl Cultural Centre", Millowl being aboriginal for Phillip Island.

I urge all ratepayers and residents to make their comments known in regarding the name for the new centre by going to <https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/first-nationsnaming>

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John Trigt, Surf Beach



Martin Reidy will be presenting valuable information to first home buyers in a free evening event at Yellow Brick Road. ob50_2123

Free expert info for first home buyers

YELLOW Brick Road will be teaming up with Ray White Leongatha and Builders, South Gippsland Homes to offer free expert advice for first home buyers.

The First Home Buyer's Information Evening will help locals understand the various aspects of the buying process and answer questions about buying a first home.

"The purpose of the night is to help educate first home buyers, we see a lot of first home buyers that are unclear about the process of purchasing their first home, the costs involved, types of government incentives and basic knowledge of lending products. If we can help them along the journey and understand these things, they will be better off for it and make better more informed decisions," Mortgage Broker from YBR Martin Reidy said.

Martin will be joined by Paige Matthews from Ray White Leongatha, who will cover how the real estate process works, including specifics on real estate contracts, timeframes, making an offer and building inspections.

"There isn't a lot of information around on the process, on how to make an offer, and how it all works. I think having that information accessible for people would be really beneficial, so they feel like they can go into property or make an offer with the information behind them and feel like they can be confident enough in doing that."

Tyrone Zukovskis from South Gippsland Homes will talk about house and land packages and the building process.

"We'll be basically trying to help guide people through the building process, if they

choose to go down that path rather than buying an existing home; what to expect, what to look out for, the hurdles they'll have to jump along the way. What to look out for when they're looking for a block of land, the benefits of building over buying an existing or vice versa and guiding people through our process."

Martin also commented on the current market and affordability for buyers.

"Despite the current market conditions there are still a lot of positives for first home buyers as there are still a number of reasonably priced houses under \$600,000 on the market in the area and there are a number of government incentives that save first home buyers substantially when getting into the market."

"For example, they can save up to \$31,070 on stamp duty and access government

incentives that can save them up to \$25,000 on lenders mortgage insurance and give them \$10,000 towards a new build."

As a local himself and with expert knowledge of the process, Tyrone believes that locals will benefit from consulting with YBR rather than a big bank.

"I like what his (Martin's) business does, banks are getting really hard to get loans out of so the fact that you can go in and talk to one person, I think that is a great way for young people to go. You're giving your information to someone you can trust and then they've got your best interests at heart, to get you what you need."

The evening will be held at YBR, 19 Bair Street, Leongatha on Wednesday May 31 at 5:30pm with light refreshments provided.

LIFE Moments



Congratulations to Jared Lawson on turning 21, from Mum, Dan, Chloe, Shaelee and all of your family and friends. Jared's party was held at The Clubhouse, Wonthaggi with entertainment by DJ DBOY from Leongatha and was well attended.

Send your birthday, anniversary or baby photos to news@sgst.com.au

25% increase expected for power prices

THE Essential Services Commission has announced the final 2023-24 Victorian Default Offer.

The final 2023-24 Victorian Default Offer prices represent an annual increase of 25 per cent – that is \$352 for residential customers (assuming annual usage of 4,000 kWh usage), and \$752 for small business customers (assuming annual usage of 10,000kWh1).

Typical bills for residential customers will increase from \$1,403 to \$1,755 next financial year, and for small business customers, this means an increase from \$3,039 to \$3,791.

The new prices, which are in line with most default market offers announced around the country, will apply to all Victorian Default Offer customers from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

Around 15 per cent of households are currently on the Victorian Default Offer.

This change to the default offer price is primarily the result of high wholesale energy market prices, driven by energy market volatility in 2022. This increased the prices energy retailers paid in their futures (forward) contracts to buy electricity from the wholesale market to supply consumers.

The final offer is \$74 lower for residential customers and \$126 lower for small business customers than prices proposed in the draft decision. This is due to changes to wholesale electricity allowance following further analysis of retailer futures contracts arrangements, the final network tariffs from the Australian Energy Regulator, and a reduced retail margin. Prices across the state will vary due to the different network tariffs in each of Victoria's five distribution zones.

Eligible residential customers can access up to \$500 in state and federal government electricity bill relief to offset electricity prices.

Victorian households can apply for the state government's \$250 Power Saving Bonus cash payment through the Victorian Energy Compare website.

The federal government has also announced an additional \$250 in energy bill relief for people who receive Centrelink payments, including pensioners, health care card holders, Family Tax Benefit Part A or B recipients and others. Eligible small businesses will be able to access a \$325 rebate.

Bass Coast bring it for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

BRINGING together local families and businesses, Deery Consulting hosted their third morning tea for the Cancer Council on Thursday, May 25.

Organised by Deery Consulting Office Manager Robyn Hodson, which Paul Deery, owner of the business dubs a "fundraising machine," the event was first hosted between lockdowns.

The idea was to bring people together, out of isolation, to have a chat and share some food while raising money.

About 20 people attended and it has grown year on year, with 55 people attending last year and between 80-90 people expected for this year's morning tea. Robyn said the event was a combined effort.

"We provide the space and we organise it, but it's a real community event. It brings different community groups together for a common cause."

With over 30 local people and businesses contributing in some way to the morning



Fiona Kennedy with Australia's Biggest Morning Tea organiser Robyn Hodson from Deery Consulting. ob01_2223

tea, whether that be the food, balloons and decorations, tables and chairs or raffle and auction items, it's clearly a meaningful event to a lot of people.

"It (cancer) touches people in different ways, if not directly, then through other people, they see the pain and suffering," Robyn said.

"I've lost five friends over the last 12 months, three have won their battles."

Bass Coast artist Fiona Kennedy is one of those who has been directly impacted by cancer.

"It's a good cause and one that is close to my heart. My brother died from cancer in 2020, on my birthday."

Fiona donated one of her amazing art works from her limited gold collection to be auctioned off to help raise funds for the cause.

Valued at \$1500 the artwork is number eight out of a collection of ten and is gilded with 24 carat gold, etched into each feather.

Fiona says her artworks usually get snapped up quickly as people often purchase the paintings from the sketches she does before she even begins the painting.

Also, on display were three of her beautifully colorful oil paintings and Fiona's book, Life Through the Heart of Fiona Kennedy, for purchase. "My work is storytelling," she said. The book displays 90 of her artworks, with the story behind each one told. The event raised \$8800 for the Cancer Council. "Wow. We are blown away this year by the generosity of our community," Robyn said, and Paul Deery commented.

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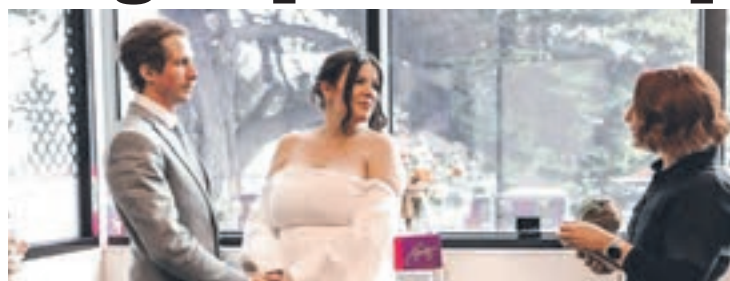
The Phillip Island Registry Office operates Monday to Friday (by appointment only), where couples are easily guided through the legal process by their Head Hitcher Lisa-Anne (Celebrant).

Located in The Huddle in the main street of Cowes, it's as simple as choosing a date, completing the Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM), grabbing your lover's hand and finally getting hitched.

Couples can book a 20-minute time slot and a confirmation is emailed within 24 hours.

The ceremony can be completed within minutes, all with class and style.

Lisa-Anne said the Registry



Emma and Hugh. Photo: captured moments by Bonnie

Office was launched in the second half of 2020 and has been a very popular choice for couples wanting to get Wed their Way without all the hoopla.

"I had couples say they were putting off their wedding because they didn't want to make the drive to Melbourne. Other couples found their priorities had changed along the way and they wanted to focus on other life goals together, or that this was their second marriage, and they didn't want the fuss of a big wedding, we've even had one couple finally getting married after a 35 year engagement," she said.

"It has always been my goal to open a registry style office locally. I had couples asking for quick, alternative weddings through my other business as a celebrant and they have loved this idea".

Legals Only Ceremonies start at just \$450. With the option to upgrade packages slightly to allow for a little more flexibility. Add-ons for extra guests, location and ceremony inclusions can be easily made at the time of booking online.

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While Jeetho township began to disappear as people flocked to Korumburra due to coal mining, that now adds to the hall's appeal, with its isolated setting providing views of cattle and the rolling hills of South Gippsland.

Jeetho Hall's kitchen has been modernised to cater for large numbers.

While the hall comfortably seats 60 people, the availability of a marquee on the lawn ensures the venue is also ideal for weddings with many more guests.

The hall was originally built by a local who donated it to the then Shire of Poowong and Jeetho.

As the surrounding town began to vanish, members of the community bought the building and it remained a central focus for special events such as Christmas parties.

It is run by a committee of management and has been appropriately restored, ensuring it is in excellent condition but retaining its heritage feel.

Funds raised through weddings and other events enable the upkeep of the building so people continue to enjoy the experience it provides.

"We've got a special hall," Lorraine said.

She has a strong connection to the building with husband Paul the hall committee's vice president and a descendant of one of those locals who helped save the hall as the town gave way to economic reality.

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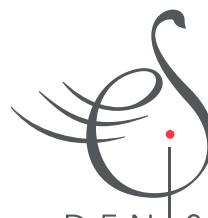


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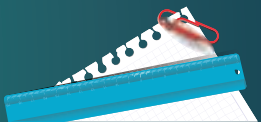
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Year 8 student Hayden Power made a fascinating 126-million-year-old discovery recently!

Eureka! 126-million-year-old fossil find for student

YEAR 8 student Hayden Power from the San Remo Campus of Bass Coast College recently discovered a 126-million-year-old fossil embedded in rock found at a beach in San Remo.

Year 8 students, led by local palaeontologist Mike Cleeland recently visited geologically significant areas of coastline as a part of their science studies.

The students were looking at evidence of volcanic activity and rock types when the discovery was made.

Mike had encouraged students to look for signs of fossils in nearby rocks as this area is known to harbor many fossils.

Hayden noticed that the rock he had overturned resembled the description of fossilised bone Mike had given, rushing the rock to Mike to have his inkling confirmed.

The fossil has been identified by palaeontologists in the Department of Vertebrate Palaeontology at Museums Victoria as a vertebra, most likely from *Koolasuchus cleelandi*.

Koolasuchus was first discovered in Bass Coast by Mike Cleeland in 1990 and *Koolasuchus cleelandi* was named the Victoria's State Fossil Emblem in 2022.

"I was surprised that I actually found a dinosaur bone, it's really exciting because it's so rare," Hayden said.

Bass Coast College has a long running history of exciting fossil finds, it is almost eight years to this day that WSC/BCC students made another significant find, with two students breaking open a rock found at Inverloch to discover a 115 million year old claw from an Ornithopod.



Charlie and Zoey had a lot to learn during their math activity.
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Education Week embraced

WONTHAGGI North Primary School was eager to embrace Education Week earlier this month with a range of activities for students and parents.

One highlight was a math activity that students could do with their parents and proved to be fun for all involved.



Newhaven College Junior School teachers and educators work together to create a Scarborough's Reading Rope.

Newhaven College has strong focus on reading and writing

NEWHAVEN College's Junior School has begun its 'Science of Reading' journey toward Structured Literacy.

Junior School staff set out by creating a display based on Scarborough's Reading Rope (2001). They looked at each strand of the Reading Rope and how they are all interconnected yet independent of one another.

When all these strands intertwine, it results in skilled, accurate and fluent reading with strong comprehension.

There are five key elements that are at the core of our reading instruction:

Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehension.

As part of the introduction of the Science of Reading, Newhaven College Junior School Literacy Leader and Prep Teacher, Annie Khoury, hosted a Parent Information Session about the current changes in the Reading world.

The session began with looking at the neurological pathways that are involved in reading and learning to read.

Parents were introduced to the Science of Reading, where research has resulted

in evidence to inform how proficient reading and writing develop, why some have difficulty, and how educators can most effectively assess and teach.

The session explored Scarborough's Reading Rope, The Simple View of Reading and the five essential pillars of reading with accompanying videos of lessons happening in classrooms.

Parents were provided with tips for reading with their children at home as well as 5 steps to follow if their child was stuck on a word.

The parents of the Junior School were invited to partner

with the school on the journey. A journey that is based on effective practices that can be used both at school and at home.

As part of embracing the improvement in literacy skills, Newhaven College's Junior school launched Writers Workshop in 2022.

The school has seen a big increase in student writing engagement and skill development since implementing this program.

On Friday May 5, the Junior School was honoured to receive a visit from Matt Glover, a writer and international literacy consultant.

National Simultaneous Storytime in Inverloch



THE Speedy Sloth was the chosen book for the 2023 National Simultaneous Storytime and at 11am on Wednesday, May 24, Bass MP Jordan Crugnale was the very special reader at the Inverloch Library.

Myli: My Community Library took part in the national occasion that last year generated a great deal of community interest with 2.18 million participants in over 59,000 locations and Inverloch library programs officer Heather Withers was proud to be a part of the fun event that promotes the value of reading and literacy.

Now in its 23rd successful year, the age-appropriate book explores themes and addresses key learning areas

for foundation to year six, with children aged from three years joined the children's area of the Inverloch Library to listen in on the story.

Inverloch Childcare was also in attendance, welcoming the children to enjoy the story that 'encouraged children to give everything a try, because you don't know if you enjoy it, until you give it a go,' said Heather.

The Speedy Sloth written by Rebecca Young and illustrated by Heath McKenzie.

LEFT: Bass MP Jordan Crugnale was the very special reader for the 2023 National Simultaneous Storytime at Inverloch Library with programs officer Heather Withers. Z11_2223

Wonthaggi Primary School introduces Auslan

IN AN exciting first, schools across Australia have started introducing Auslan as part of the standard curriculum.

It's estimated almost 20,000 people use Auslan every day to communicate, as part of the Australian deaf and hearing-impaired community, yet the language remains much of a mystery.

Locally Wonthaggi Primary School is amongst the action

implementing Auslan's southern dialect as part of the school's LOTE (Languages Other Than English) program at the beginning of 2023.

"Wonthaggi Primary School moved to Auslan, not only because of its interactional recognition, but because teachers could learn alongside their students," Auslan coordinator, Tammy Grimley explained.

"Presenting the perfect opportunity for staff and students to demonstrate the school value of 'Lifelong Learning'.

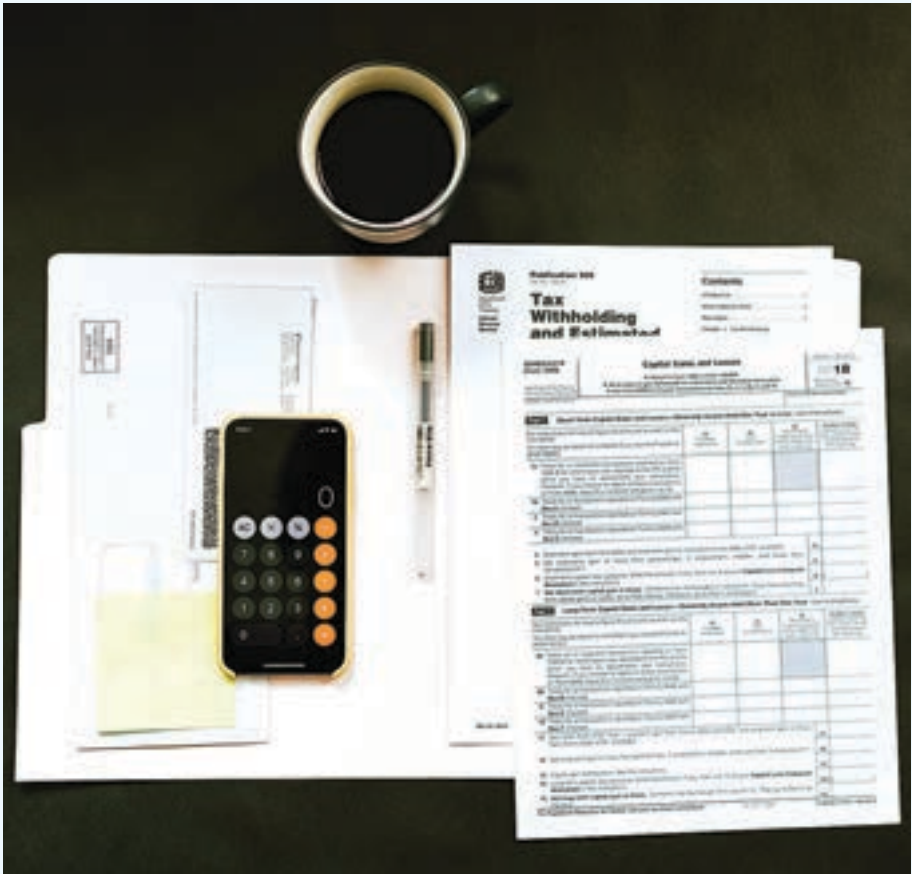
"Auslan has proved to be very engaging and beneficial to support students who may have hearing issues, challenges communicating verbally or need visual supports to accompany instructions."

With a range of lessons from foundation to grade 6, the program is delivered through the Auslan Education

Services and often sees students learning through music.

"Learning Auslan through music and singing has also proven to be extremely beneficial for retaining each sign into long term memory and engaging students."

Uniquely Australian, Auslan is one of an estimated 130 sign languages around the world with many similarities to British Sign Language (BSL).



Avoid surprises before EOFY and maximise your financial outcomes.
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Tax prep before EOFY

AVOID surprises, optimise your tax position, and maximise your financial outcomes by taking a proactive approach to taxation.

Tax planning and preparation isn't just about minimising your tax liability. It's also about making smart financial decisions that benefits your financial position. A strategy that works to improve your business operations and its future.

Know your financial situation and develop a strategy before the end of the financial year with these steps:

- Review your income and deductions: update your financial records to ensure that you have claimed all eligible deductions and allowances, including charitable donations and instant asset write-offs.
- Consider timing of asset purchases and stock sales: depending on expected tax liability in current and upcoming financial years.
- Understand concessions and incentives: check any tax incentives that may be available to your business structure.
- Review your superannuation contributions: consider any changes

you may need to make to maximise tax efficiency.

- Review your investments: review your portfolio to ensure investments are tax-efficient. Consider selling assets that have capital losses to offset any capital gains.
- Review your insurance coverage: ensure that you have adequate tax deductible coverage to protect your assets and income.
- Plan for the next financial year: set financial goals and prepare a budget. Consider the tax implications of your financial decisions and plan accordingly, including expected tax liabilities for the new financial year.
- Seek professional advice: if you're unsure about any aspect of tax planning, seek advice from a tax professional. A tax professional can help you identify tax planning opportunities and ensure that you comply with all current tax obligations.

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Top theatre equipment for Bass Coast Health

THEATRES in the new Wonthaggi Hospital now offer patients innovative medical technology thanks to a partnership between Bass Coast Health (BCH) and medical technology company, Stryker.

Stryker was awarded the tender to design and fit-out the theatres with technology that enables a greater variety of complicated surgeries to be undertaken at Wonthaggi, saving more people from having to travel to Melbourne or the Latrobe Valley for surgery.

Lighting, pendants, operating tables, and audio-visual integration and camera systems were installed in the three theatres and procedure room.

This includes the digital theatre that enables surgery to be broadcast to metropolitan health services for support and staff education purposes.

BCH Operations Director Fiona Christensen said the Stryker team acted as a “one-stop shop”, working with the BCH Operating Suite team to not only design and equip the Theatres but also to train BCH staff to maximise the surgical capacity offered by the Stryker equipment.

• FAITH FACTOR

Our generous volunteers

Rev Wendy Elson - Wonthaggi and Inverloch Uniting Church

WE have just finished Volunteer Week and I am always blown away by the work people do to care for the people around them.

I was privileged to attend Bass Coast Health Volunteer Forum and sat with our volunteers as we heard the vision of healthcare, we would hope to see realised for all our community.

Health promotion and wellbeing, as well as adequate health care for all people based on need rather than privilege is a true and admirable goal we are all working towards.

The faces of those listening, knowing that they are sharing in responsibility for this vision, was encouraging and inspiring.

The volunteers represent gardening at Wonthaggi hospital, driving people to appointments, representation on various advisory groups, community op shops and so much more. This makes health care in our region a true community endeavour.

Being a volunteer is a great thing to do from all perspectives.

Of course, there is the support of the cause itself, but it also gives benefit to those who do the assisting.

It brings great connections and that sweetest thing which is a sense we have cared for others.

This is great for our own mental well-being as well as the whole community.

People offer themselves for this service for so many different reasons, but it is certainly a cure for loneliness, a place of belonging and gives us the buzz of accomplishment.

For some of us, the motivations for volunteering come from our love of others and the model we are shown by Jesus in self-giving.

It is a concrete expression of the love we have been given, and an avenue for giving it away.

After all, that is the call of the Gospel on our lives, the giving away of the love shared with us.

And that is the example we see in Jesus, generously giving and sharing of ourselves.

So, here's to the generous and caring volunteers with thanks from us all for the work you do.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

HOW many of us cherish the gifts and treasured heirlooms which are handed down through the generations.

Items that carry that special connection to a beloved individual who may have passed or is far away. Often these are crafted for a special occasion or for a purpose and they have lasted through the years.

Well, the craft groups we have here at the WNC have been forming those connections with their loved ones for many a year.

If you would like to make something, whether it be for a special person, or for yourself to be eventually handed down then come along to either (or both) of our craft groups.

They top and tail our working week (in olden terms, Monday and Friday, so many of us work on the weekends these days.)

There is the Traditional Sampler Quilt group on Mondays, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Learn how to make a beautiful ‘Sampler Quilt’ using basic quilting techniques by hand or machine. You’ll see quilts in the making and some completed. The first session will be covering what you’ll need to start you off.

The other group are Craft & Cuppas. They get together on a Friday morning, 10am to 12noon. A friendly group who love their crafts and are willing to share ideas and their skills with one another (and with you.)

It’ll be a warm welcome which will entice you to return weekly to make something special for yourself or for a beloved other. If you are a member of the WNC, then it’s just a gold coin donation.

Our Free Community Lunch is every Wednesday at 12.30pm. Our chef Emma cooks up a storm and you are the lucky recipient of her vegetarian dishes when you come along. Not only that but you’ll be in a friendly environment, catching up with old friends or making new ones. Although it is free, if you can give a gold coin donation that will appreciated and help to offset costs. Book ahead for a seat at the table by ringing us, by email: reception@wonthaggi neighbourhoodcentre.com or dropping in at Mitchell House before the day.

Did you know that the WNC has been servicing our community for 40 years? We offer a range of support services, a welcoming environment where you can meet new friends, learn and share skills and ideas and access community information. Centre is run by a community based Committee of Management who are very interested in your thoughts and suggestions to assist them in the future planning of the ongoing work of the Centre. We invite you to complete a brief survey which can be accessed through the website. Here’s the link for your valued contribution: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHHY337> . We look forward to hearing from you.

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



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

THERE’S always something happening at BCAL. Last Friday there was the Certificate III in Information Technology class, Traffic Management and First Aid, plus visiting groups learning job skills and drones.

Luckily, there was also a Barista course on to keep all the others refreshed.

Throughout the rest of the week, the NDIS cooking group prepared a beautiful lasagne, a new student joined the Hair-dressing course and immediately became a model for the other students to style, and two new participants joined the Permaculture class which visited the Community Gardeners on Thursday morning.

Meanwhile, Kate from the Exploring Art group presented some of her poetry and art last Sunday at the Bass Coast Sustainability Festival, which also featured some members of the Practical Music course joining a ‘pop-up’ band to perform two songs they learnt the week before.

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

Gardeners are life-long learners, sharing information with each other and learning from the wider world of gardening.

BCAL’s Permaculture gardening students toured the community garden last week, looking for combinations of plants growing in compatible groups, as well as those hard-working plants doing more than one job as they grow.

They found a good example in the tough perennial bee and other insect attractor, comfrey, which also fires up the compost heap.

Permaculture is a new way of growing for some community garden members and volunteers, while others are already putting the theory into practice in their plots.

Community gardens are all about this diversity, where shared knowledge and new approaches come together to enrich the whole garden experience.

Join us on Thursdays between 10 and noon or contact us at tgordon@westnet.com.au for more information about how to get involved.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Wonthaggi Woodcrafters were the recipient of a Bass Coast Shire Community Grant.

The grant has gone towards new jointer machines which help in creating extremely accurate joints. The machinery will be very helpful for the furniture making and toy groups, among many others.

Once installed, the Woodies members will give training in the safe operation of the apparatus.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggi woodcrafters.com.au or pop in to the workshop.



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

MILPARA Community House is passionate about supporting individuals across our community to connect, grow and participate.

The House will provide a temporary home for a number of programs and services as local organisations move from their regular premises in preparation for the opening of the Korumburra Community Hub.

We look forward to welcoming some Myli Library services and to hosting the next Welcome Tea on Friday June 9 at 2.00pm.

The Korumburra Welcome Tea is held each term – if you are new to town, know someone who is, or want to share some cake and your local insights, please book your place via phone.

Coming up this week on Wednesday May 31, Milpara is proud to be hosting free community training to build essential knowledge and skills to recognise the warning signs of suicide and encourage support. QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer - three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. QPR suicide prevention training is a 3.5 hour session this Wednesday from 9.30am-1pm at Milpara Community House that will teach you to:

- Identify warning signs that someone may be thinking about suicide
 - Confidently ask if someone is thinking about suicide
 - Connect them to appropriate support
- Registration is essential. Light lunch provided.

Looking for a cosy craft activity as the cool weather sets in? Get creative and check out Milpara’s single session or regular craft groups. This Saturday, learn how to make a Macrame Plant Hanger in a 2 hour workshop (Saturday 4 June, 2-4pm), \$30 including all materials and supplies. Or come along to Sewing for Charity, Korumburra Craft Group, The Art of Storytelling or even Sunshine Spreaders.

Digital literacy means having the skills you need to live, learn and work in a world where communication and access to information is increasingly through digital technologies like internet platforms, social media, and mobile devices. If you feel you need extra confidence, knowledge or support to navigate these, please contact us to express your interest in Easy Steps to Computers, Computers Next Step, Intermediate Computers and Easy Steps to Tablets. These courses are subsidised and can be tailored to suit you.

Community houses bring people together to connect, learn and contribute through social, educational, recreational and support activities. Milpara is one of 400 neighbourhood houses across Victoria. Please share your ideas about programs, activities and things you’d like to see in Korumburra and surrounds with us.



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Michaela Salvato and Kevin Love of Phillip Island Nature Parks together with Mayor Cr Michael Whelan attended the Cape Paterson Life Saving Club on Friday morning for National Sorry Day. Z05_2223



Local artist Fiona Kennedy donated an artwork valued at \$1500 for the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, with Robyn Hodson from Deery Consulting, organiser of the fundraising event. ob01_2223



Emma Burfitt from Emazing Parties supplied the balloons and backdrop for Deery Consultings' ABMT, with her Mum Wendy Thomas and Glenys Thomas, all who have been touched by cancer. ob03_2223



Elaine Goodman with Trudy Banks from Inverloch Accommodation. ob04_2223



Linda of Latrobe Regional Hospital and Kelly from Koonwarra Village School took the time on Friday to attend the National Sorry Day event in Cape Paterson. Z06_2223



Traditional Owner Uncle Anthony Egan with Diane Egan joined the National Sorry Day event in Cape Paterson on Friday with Uncle Anthony sharing his family's story. Z10_2223



Dona and Lachy of Westernport Water were proud partners of the National Sorry Day event held at the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club. Z08_2223



Kristen of Bass Coast Health joined Michelle and Bindi at the National Sorry Day event in Cape Paterson on Friday morning to show their support. Z09_2223



Annette McGannon and Margie McGaw display goods produced by members of the Thursday 'Craft in Company' sessions at Leongatha Community House. A04_2223

Snapped Out

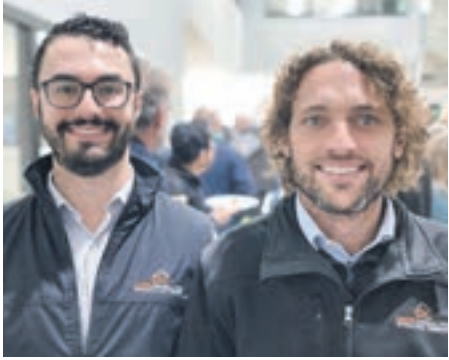
Pictures of you and your friends at National Sorry Day at Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club, Cancer Councils Australia's Biggest Morning Tea hosted by Deery Consulting in Inverloch, Cottage Market at Leongatha Community House, Wonthaggi Theatrical Groups Dusty on opening night and the Leongatha players' reunion.



Former Leongatha players including Craig Featherstone, Michael Johnston, Curly Salmon and Adrian Campbell at a players reunion on Saturday.

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Phillip Crupi and Curly Hart of Deery Consulting were enjoying the spread of food at the ABMT. ob05_2223



Renee Winterton with Tanya Dods - Cumming and Kyra Mallia from Coast-to-Coast Conveyancing were happy to go along and support the cause. ob06_2223



Western Bulldogs team mates and former Leongatha players Brian Royal and Steve Wallis, with former club president Terry Ginnane at a players reunion on Saturday.



Leongatha legends Angus Hume and Trevor Riseley enjoy a players' reunion at Leongatha on Saturday.



Gail Hines and Gloria Fletcher with stallholder Jennifer Warburton at the Leongatha Community House Cottage Market. A03_2223



Amy Koch and Eldon Sawyers of the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group assisted with front of house at the opening night of Dusty on Friday evening. Z13_2223



Graeme and Peter attended the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre on Friday night to support the Wonthaggi Theatrical Groups Dusty on opening night. Z14_2223

Local theatre companies join forces for first time

WONTHAGGI Theatrical Group (WTG) and Leongatha Lyric Theatre (LLT) are joining forces to bring a whole different vibe to the region through their first ever combined show, Fearless Fringe.

With shared visions in the performing arts space, presidents of WTG and LLT, Karen Milkins-Hendry and Bron Beach have expressed their excitement to "unite talents and create a unique shared performance".

Both theatre companies are looking for a broad range of talent to audition and be part of this amazing opportunity.

Lyric will produce a youth one act play called "After the party" written and directed by Laura Muranty. An information session will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 7pm at Lyric Studios.

After the Party, tells the story of seven teenagers trying to navigate their way through the complexities of socialising in the modern world. The cutting-edge play covers topics such as, safe partying, peer pressure, underage drinking, and cyber bullying.

Set over a 24 hour time frame, the play shows what can happen when a party goes wrong and when actions can't be taken back.

Laura said she is excited for the opportunities for youth to become involved.

Wonthaggi Theatrical group will perform "How to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse", an interactive performance where the audience is taught how to survive a zombie apocalypse.

An information session for this play will be held at the WTG shed at the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine on June 15, at 7pm.

Don't miss Loch's Food and Wine festival



THIS King's Birthday weekend will offer something for everyone at the annual Loch Village Food and Wine Festival.

Whether you are enjoying one of the fine dining experiences at the local village eateries or picking up food to go on your journey through South Gippsland there is sure to be a delight for every member of the family.

The Festival takes place on Sunday, June 11, 2023 from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Loch Railway Station Village Market site.

There is plenty of free car parking in Loch Village. Walk through Sunnyside Park and through the underpass at the eastern end of the village to the Festival. Tickets available at Trybooking or at the gate by electronic transaction only.

Entry is \$20.00 per adult, under 18s free.

Visit www.lochvillage.com for up-to-date information.

From small beginnings the festival has become a South Gippsland premier event. The best of Gippsland food and wine products are on offer in one location.

The festival is a family event. Loch Village boasts playgrounds, a skate park, free barbecues, free parking, a suspension bridge, beautiful green hills and landscapes, bay views from Cape Horn,

quaint interesting shops, eateries and galleries, historical buildings, and a vibrant community.

Wine lovers can indulge in samples of local cool climate wines and meet the vignerons in person at the event.

Pinot Noir and Chardonnay are the front-runners in Gippsland, particularly South Gippsland, while the region does very well with aromatic whites and given good vintages, can produce elegant, cool-climate shiraz of fine style.

Overall, the region is about generosity and finesse.

Wine educator and commentator Robert Hicks knows the wineries of Gippsland intimately and states "the world's great wines are about subtlety and complexity, defined varietal character and finesse, elegance and impact; all of these descriptors collectively are signposts to Gippsland."

Getting there is easier than ever with services available from V/Line on the day or take a leisurely drive approximately an hour and fifteen minutes from inner city Melbourne down the M1 and South Gippsland Highway.

Local Bed and Breakfast accommodation is available and camping facilities are available at Loch Memorial Reserve.

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A new committee will be formed for the Inverloch Tourism Association to decide on future projects and consider initiatives for the community.

Fresh start for Inverloch Tourism Association

THE COMMITTEE for Inverloch tourism Association (ITA) which have been in place for about a decade will stand down at the upcoming AGM. Gary Tayler, communications officer for Inverloch Tourism Association will continue to be part of the future committee and spoke about their past achievements.

"We started up the Farmers Market, we started up the Food and Wine Festival, Jazz Festival. Instrumental in making sure the shared pathway is being constructed with no loss of amenity and carparking. Obviously initiated all the COVID initiatives and so were in place to get us through that."

Gary is anticipating that the new committee will move the association forward and unite trades, business and tourism not only in Inverloch but also

in surrounding areas. The new committee will decide on future projects and consider initiatives to improve outcomes for the community.

"We're putting together a fresh committee to makes some big changes. We're calling to community members. We've certainly had expressions of interest."

"We've spent a lot of effort behind the scenes setting up an operating structure that not only allows the ITA to work very efficiently but also allows businesses to tap into the resources as well."

"We have a number of projects and a number of initiatives that we're planning to put into place that will help the business operators that exist in Inverloch and the surrounding areas."

"The new committee will

ultimately be the ones to decide whether that's the path they're going to take." Gary is looking forward to reforming a successful association that will provide value to the community.

"We'll be an Association that members can join, they see the benefits of having a united voice within Inverloch and the ability to share resources, such as with IT." The ITA is currently undergoing a rebrand, and with a recent government grant they have secured a professional to develop a new website, logo and platform that will be a community resource that unites local trades, businesses and tourism information online. The ITA AGM will be held on Wednesday, May 31. Register your intended attendance at the website <https://inverlochtourismassociation.org.au>.

Fight Like a Girl in Inverloch

LOCAL youth can become empowered with a self-defence class and feel confident knowing highly effective ways to protect themselves wherever they are.

YES Youth Hub is holding its Fight Like a Girl program in Inverloch which is open for young women and non-binary individuals aged between 12 and 25.

Tracey Cobb, Program Officer from YES Youth Hub said the previous programs have been highly successful with a great response from everyone who attended.

"So far, we've run three programs and during that time we've engaged with over fifty young people which is great - we're really excited by that. Our programs always have excellent numbers and our young people always walk away feeling really empowered and excited about what they learn."

Tracey commented that the youth from the YES Youth Hub decided the program was needed and would be beneficial to local youth.

"It was actually started with a conversation with a group of young people who sat in the YES Youth Hub and all these young women spoke about having experiences in the community where they felt unsafe around strange men or they were confronted by strange men in public; and they decided they wanted to do something



Bass Coat youth can learn highly-effective self-defence techniques with YES Youth Hub's Fight Like a Girl Program.

really meaningful that would empower young people and give them the tools they need to help themselves; and they decided they wanted to try a self defence program."

The last programs have been popular and this one, being held in June is expected to sell out.

"We quite often will get a young person come in whose parents think it's a really great program and they won't necessarily be excited about attending but they always walk away at the end of it smiling and empowered."

"Some comments we typi-

cally get are 'I wish everyone knew this,' or 'I wish I knew this sooner,' so it's always incredibly positive feedback around the program."

Father and young person team Howard and Jude from 'Fight Back Women's Self Defence' will be running the program with the YES Youth Hub. They teach easy-to-learn and highly-effective self-defence in an enjoyable, non-threatening environment, with no minimum fitness or prior training required.

"Howard and Jude are an incredible duo from Fight Back

Women's Self Defence, and we reached out to them to help be involved in delivering the program, as they're a father/young person duo.

"Jude's a young person herself so it's really empowering for the attendees to see her throwing around her six-foot dad and defending herself."

The program will be held on Saturday, June 3 at 11am - 1pm, at Inverloch Community Hub, 16 A 'Beckett Street Inverloch. For more information and tickets go to www.facebook.com/yesyouthhub/

VIEW Club continues to grow

AT A club meeting on Tuesday May 23, three of the newest members of the Inverloch VIEW club were thrilled to receive their membership badges from club President Heather and be formally inducted into the club.

At the next meeting two more members, Carol and Vicky, will also be inducted and presented with their badges confirming their membership.

Founded by The Smith Family in 1960, VIEW women are empowered by the positive difference they make to the lives of disadvantaged Australian children and young people.

VIEW Clubs' long-standing connection with The Smith Family helps it support the

education of Australian children in need, enabling them to create better futures for themselves. Presently, the Inverloch VIEW Club is proudly supporting a total of seven students with their education.

If you wish to discover more about the VIEW Club, its connection with the Smith Family and how you can participate in or support the Inverloch club contact Heather on 0412 463 344. General information about the Smith Family and VIEW club is available at the following websites and links: www.view.org.au, www.thesmithfamily.com.au, <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/get-involved/view-club>



Kaye, Rosa and Yvonne were thrilled to join Inverloch VIEW Club.

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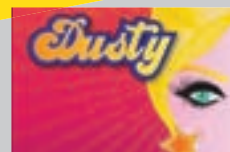
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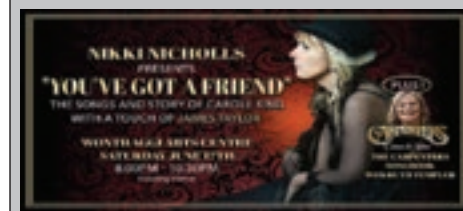
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**FOR SAMA-
Refugee Fundraiser**
Sun 25 June 2.30pm
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Tickets from \$10



Hosted by South Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees (SGRAR) this fundraiser seeks to support Afghan families in danger. Multi award winner, For Sama is an intimate, epic journey into the female experience of war. A love letter from a young mother to her daughter, the film tells the story of Waad al-Kateab's life through five years of the uprising in Aleppo, Syria as she falls in love, gets married and gives birth to Sama, all while conflict rises around her.

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Luxury in Meeniyan

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Featuring:

- Grand master bedroom, generous walk-in robe, and resort style ensuite
- Two remaining bedrooms, with built in robes, a central bathroom with separate powder room
- Gorgeous designer kitchen boasting oven, cooktop, range hood and dishwasher, with a massive walk-in butler's pantry

- Spacious, open plan lounge/dining area capturing the amazing rural views
 - Formal lounge with wood heating
 - Spacious study/home office, perfect for working from home
 - There are two functional undercover alfresco areas, one at the front of the house and one at the rear
 - Heating by way of zoned heating with solid fuel, reverse cycle heating/cooling and Nobo wall panel
 - Solar panels, and recently updated hot water services
 - Enormous lock up 10m x 15m shed, concrete, power, with additional bathroom facilities
 - Additional studio for the budding artist, and abundant enclosed veggie gardens
 - A large dedicated horse paddock with shelter and tack room, two dams and wood and animal sheds
- Additional features of this home are endless, and an inspection is a must! The flawless presentation of this property is an absolute credit to the current vendors. Everything is in

place, and there is a place for everything!

Some of you may be looking for a weekender, that's only an hour away from the eastern suburbs of Melbourne, and some of you may be looking for small acreage offering plenty of room for the kids to run around, or even maybe have a horse and some animals. Then this is for you. There's never been a better time to make the move. Don't forget to grab a glass of wine, head to the gazebo and watch the memorable sunsets.

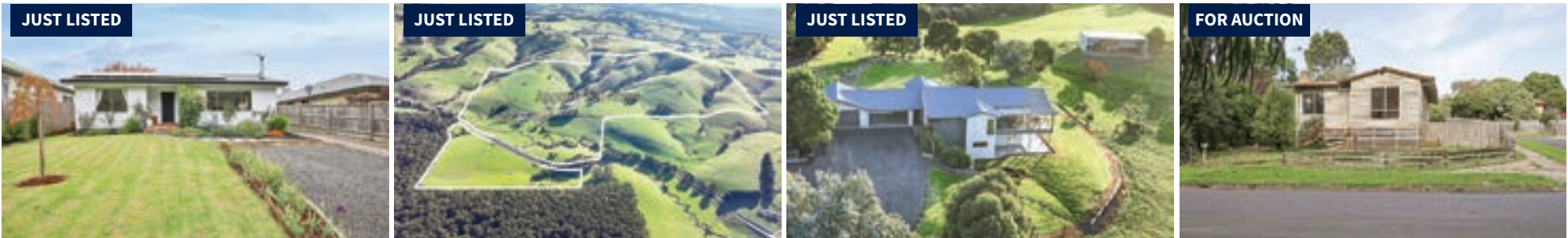
For more information or to arrange your inspection please call Kellie Thomas on 0438 647 449.

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A classic 70s renovation

NESTLED on the south side of Wonthaggi, this property presents an exceptional opportunity to own a renovated 70s home that effortlessly combines style, functionality, and low maintenance living. Situated on a corner block, this property offers the added advantage of dual access from both streets, providing convenient entry to the garages and workshops.

The outdoor entertainment area is perfect for hosting gatherings or simply enjoying the pleasant outdoors.

The space allows for comfortable alfresco dining, and a place to relax and unwind.

Step inside, and you'll immediately notice the polished floorboards that exude an elegant and timeless charm throughout the home.

The updated kitchen, bathroom, and laundry showcase modern touches and provide a contemporary appeal.

The kitchen is equipped with a dishwasher and all electric cooking appliances, making meal preparation a breeze.

With two separate living zones, this home offers versatility and ample space for various activities and preferences.

Whether you desire a cosy retreat for relaxation or a dedicated area for entertaining guests, these living zones cater to your lifestyle needs.

For year-round comfort, the property features split system heating and cooling, allowing you to set the perfect temperature no matter the season.

The modern rendered brickwork adds a touch of sophistication to the exterior, enhancing the overall kerb appeal of the property.



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“Bonnie Vale” - views to the coast

OPPORTUNITIES like this don't come along very often. With views to the bay and beyond, this unique property of approx. seven acres is a rarity.

Steeped in history, “Bonnie Vale” today is a small part of the original 320 acres selected by George Matheson in 1883.

For many years the temperate rain forest was painstakingly cleared for pastureland, with “Bonnie Vale” becoming one of the first butter and cheese producers in South Gippsland.

The current owner has been here for nearly 60 years.

For those searching for small acreage or the serious hobby farmer this could be a dream come true.

The large brick residence is more than comfortable consisting of four bedrooms, three with built-in robes, main lounge with Daikin split system heating and cooling, kitchen/dining with electric cooking and dishwasher, study nook and spacious laundry.

However, it's what is outside that will get your attention . . . a disused dairy, loading race and yards, well fenced paddocks, ample water supply serviced via wells, tanks and troughs plus extensive shedding including a carport, 6m x 9m lock-up garage, 8m x 10m lock-up machinery shed, 7m x 10m lock-up workshop and a 10m x 20m machinery shed/workshop.

This is a must-see property for those looking to secure a small acreage lifestyle opportunity.

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Regional Victoria to suffer under state’s debt, says VFF

FARMERS have criticised an inequitable and “unfair” Victorian State Budget.

The budget revealed regional Victorians and farmers will be forced to pay the price of the State Government’s infrastructure cost blowouts and years of fiscal mismanagement in Melbourne.

Victoria Farmers Federation (VFF) president Emma Germano said regional Victorians were being made to pay due to the government’s decisions.

“Whilst the Treasurer’s speech talked a lot about paying down debt, it failed to mention the debt owed to regional communities who kept Victoria from recession in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr (Tim) Pallas also failed to mention that debt levels for the state of Victoria will continue to escalate over the next five years,” Ms Germano said.

“Regional Victoria contributes almost 15 per cent to the state’s economy and is the home of about a quarter of all Victorians, but has been left reeling with only five per cent investment in the State Budget.”

Ms Germano said the future years of inequity in infrastructure spending would increase the cost of doing business and food prices for consumers.

“Whilst major infrastructure projects in Melbourne have blown out by over \$500 million, regional communities are left to pick up crumbs off the infrastructure table,” she said.

“A \$1.8 billion dollar, 10-year road maintenance program isn’t long term funding certainty, it is playing make-believe. It does nothing to give road asset managers the certainty needed to plan works and line up contractors to fix our roads now.

“Failure to fix the state’s rotten roads will just mean more pain for farmers, supply chains and regional Victorians.”

Ms Germano said important government responsibilities like protecting agriculture from biosecurity threats would be put at risk by reduced funding to the Agriculture Department.



Victoria Farmers Federation (VFF) president Emma Germano sees flaws in the recent State Budget.

“Despite some short-term investment for biosecurity funding, the large reduction to the agriculture portfolio’s budget will lump added strain on the biosecurity system. Victorians just can’t afford for this strain to reach breaking point,” Ms Germano said.

MARKET REPORT

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Leongatha Prime Sale on Wed, May 24, 2023

Bullocks

10 Bruangil Park Kernot	717.5	351.6	2,522
15 Mayfield Park1 Wonthaggi	627.7	350.0	2,196
1 Rice M Erica	555.0	350.0	1,942
13 Hunter W Kernot	745.8	350.0	2,610
1 Tiziani P & I L Doomburrim	580.0	348.0	2,018
2 Hobson JW & Jones LH Yarram	590.0	348.0	2,053

Steers

2 Von Pace Pastoral P/L	445.0	469.6	2,089
1 Sunnysglen Park	440.0	410.0	1,804
1 Xiao Min Gan Sale	475.0	400.0	1,900
3 Beamish T1	353.3	400.0	1,413
1 Harris RJ Korumburra Sth	395.0	400.0	1,580
1 Oleary JF & PT Allambee	380.0	380.0	1,444

Heifers

1 Von Pace Pastoral P/L	420.0	469.6	1,972
1 Harris RJ Korumburra Sth	345.0	426.6	1,471
1 Dixon A (Allan) Loch	390.0	410.0	1,599
2 Sunnysglen Park	365.0	410.0	1,496
1 Beamish T1	375.0	409.6	1,536
1 Myrtlegrove Farms Nyora	365.0	404.6	1,476

Cows

4 White CW & G Toora	663.8	271.6	1,802
5 Garrett B	590.0	265.6	1,567
2 Morocco West Station Deni	690.0	265.6	1,832
1 Mort A Loch	620.0	265.6	1,646
1 Rice M Erica	660.0	265.6	1,752
1 Stipani R Willung South	615.0	265.6	1,633

Bulls

1 Jane Avenel Allambee East	720.0	289.2	2,082
1 Harris RJ Korumburra Sth	850.0	286.6	2,436
1 Campbell G Mirboo North	985.0	283.6	2,793
1 Delbridge C Doomburrim	815.0	277.6	2,262
1 White CW & G Toora	1,025.0	273.6	2,804
1 McRae BJ & AK Lance Creek	910.0	272.6	2,480

Vealer Bulls

1 Kosta P Binginwarri	450.0	250.0	1,125
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Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, May 22, 2023

Jersey & Jersey x	\$22 to \$50
Friesian Bulls	\$40 to \$60
Friesian Heifers	\$50 to \$250
Beef Bulls	\$50 to \$200
Beef Heifers	\$36 to \$175
Number of Calves: 284	
Number purchased to rear: 71	

Store prices ease

Report by SGSAA

AGENTS yarded 3900 cattle last Friday’s VLE Leongatha store sale in another very good quality offering.

Prices eased on all grades of cattle with the biggest falls seen on cattle under 300kg and secondary types.

Most of the regular feedlot buyers attended and operated and purchased a large portion of cattle with prices easing around 10 -15 cents.

Lighter cattle eased 20 cents a little more in places with graziers’ competition weaker than previous sales.

Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, May 26, 2023

Grown Steers

T & L Butcher 15 Angus	643kg	\$3.60	\$2320
Nichol Primary 15 Angus	642kg	\$3.59	\$2310
Nichol Primary 14 BB	641kg	\$3.58	\$2300
Mount Angus Stud 10 Angus	638kg	\$3.62	\$2310
Nichol Primary 16 Angus	619kg	\$3.55	\$2200
P & L Taylor 11 Angus X	617kg	\$3.53	\$2180
Mount Angus Stud 19 Angus	609kg	\$3.61	\$2200
Loch Sanctuary 13 Angus	597kg	\$3.35	\$2000
Rj Sandy 12 Angus	587kg	\$3.67	\$2160
Nichol Primary 21 Hereford	585kg	\$3.38	\$1980
R Duke 14 Angus	578kg	\$3.71	\$2150
Hp & Mp Stollery 15 Charo	575kg	\$3.20	\$1850
Rj Sandy 15 Angus	562kg	\$3.70	\$2080
T & L Butcher 10 Angus	534kg	\$3.68	\$1970
Mount Angus Stud 12 Angus	533kg	\$3.75	\$2000
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Wallenbeen 27 Angus	490kg	\$3.97	\$1950
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L Ryan 25 Angus	476kg	\$3.99	\$1900
Springfield Hill 18 Hereford	474kg	\$3.50	\$1660
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Dc Bates 25 Angus	466kg	\$3.75	\$1750
Gaph Pastoral 13 AA/BB	461kg	\$3.73	\$1720
Frog Hollow Angus 18 Angus	453kg	\$4.10	\$1860
Dc Bates 27 Angus	453kg	\$3.86	\$1750
Cw Stockdale 15 Angus	452kg	\$3.58	\$1620
R & J Edwards 16 Angus X	452kg	\$3.27	\$1480
B & P Svenson 25 Angus	447kg	\$3.85	\$1720
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Springfield Hill 18 Hereford	447kg	\$3.53	\$1580
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Cw Stockdale 15 Angus	447kg	\$3.53	\$1580
Dc Bates 17 Angus	440kg	\$3.73	\$1640
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Ambassador Sammy advocates for agriculture

SAMMY Spark, 27, is an Associate Veterinarian at Gippsland Veterinary Group, resides in Inverloch and is a strong advocate for agriculture. Sammy is a committee member, media liaison and general helper for the Foster Show Society.

She is also their Rural Ambassador and representative for the Central and South Gippsland Group in the Rural Ambassador Awards.

The Rural Ambassador Award is a national competition for people aged between 20-30, to promote the future generation of shows, youth and agriculture.

The award celebrates the achievements of rural and regional youth. It aims to engage young people across local communities and advocate for agricultural shows.

"I think it is a key part in keeping our local shows alive, promoting the next generation as leaders in their community," she said.

"I wanted to be a Rural Ambassador for the Foster Show as an opportunity to further my involvement in my community and represent my local show which I am very proud of."

The Foster Show, held in February this year was attended by more than 2700 people.

The show holds a dynamic range of events such as the dog high jump, the Young Farmers Challenge, woodchop, and sheep/goat display.

A highlight each year is the Rural Ambassador program.

"I had to do an on-stage interview and was successful in



Rural Ambassador for the Foster Show, Sammy Spark believes Agricultural shows are the backbone of rural and regional communities and will represent Central and South Gippsland at the Royal Melbourne Show in September.

attending the next stage at the Lang Lang group final. Here I competed against three other finalists with an interview with three judges, and a speech to the audience on 'What impact does my local agricultural

show have on the community?' "I highlighted that the Foster Show is a true country show, around for over 115 years. Shows have economic and social impacts on the community," Sammy said.

While Sammy grew up in NSW and didn't originally come from an agricultural background, the local agricultural show played a role in helping to shape her future career in agriculture as a large animal veterinarian.

"I want to use Rural Ambassador as a chance to encourage people like myself, who may not be from an agricultural background, or even people who are not from a rural background, to recognise the opportunities agriculture and rural regions provide. I want to share my enthusiasm for rural communities, and it is a way to give back."

Sammy believes the progressive agriculture industry is a field that offers many great careers for young people.

"Agriculture is a diverse industry with thousands of opportunities. It is dynamic and ever-changing, modernising, and will always play a key role in our lives. People working in the agricultural industry are contributing to a sustainable future for all Australians."

"It is an exciting field, from farmers on the ground, scientists, engineers, veterinarians, government roles, and so much more. We need young people to be excited about Agriculture too, to keep the industry progressing."

The next stage for Sammy in the Rural Ambassador Awards, is the Melbourne Royal Show in September. Sammy is excited about continuing the journey of advocating for agriculture.

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More time to apply for flood assistance

FARMERS in Victoria affected by last year's storms and floods now have more time to apply for flood recovery financial support, including grants of up to \$75,000, concessional loans and assistance with transport costs.

Delivered under the Primary Producer Flood Recovery

Package as part of a suite of financial support valued at over \$300 million, the support package is jointly funded by the Australian and Victorian Governments through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Eligible primary producers now have until 4pm local time

on Thursday, July 13 to apply for the:

- Primary Producer Flood Recovery Grant (up to \$75,000);
- Rural Landholder Grant (up to \$25,000);
- Flood Recovery Transport Support Program (up to \$15,000); and

- Primary Producer Flood Recovery Concessional Loan (up to \$250,000).

For more information on the range of financial support measures available for the October 6, 2022, to January 13, 2023, floods and storms, visit Rural Finance at www.ruralfinance.com.au or call 1800 260 425.

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Tax incentives welcomed to reduce emissions

FARMERS for Climate Action welcomes the announcement of the \$310 million Small Business Energy Incentive, which will enable farm businesses to claim tax incentives for their investments in on-farm batteries and electrification.

Farmers for Climate Action CEO Dr Fiona Davis said farmers had called for incentives for farm batteries and that incentives were required to make batteries viable.

Dr Davis noted the \$38.3 million for ABARES to improve data collection and low emission technology on agriculture, and \$40.7 million over five years for farm extension officers, but noted this funding was repurposed from existing funds.

Farmers for Climate Action also welcomes the announcement of a National Net Zero Authority, and cautions that this good idea will only work if rural and regional voices are truly heard.

Farmers for Climate Action is a national network of 7800 farmers calling for strong, economy-wide climate policies.

New course to teach farmers about carbon, climate change and drought

FARMERS are being invited to apply for an Australian first: a series of free online science and communication workshops that would normally be worth hundreds of dollars.

Farmers will hear from experts at the Australian National University on topics such as climate change science, carbon farming, adaptation options, agri-politics, and communicating climate change.

Coordinator Ellen Litchfield said Farmers for Climate Action created the course after being overwhelmed by interest for the FCA Climate Smart Scholarship last year, when 330 farmers registered for only 20 positions. FCA is expecting similar demand for this latest course so farmers are encouraged to apply now.

Australian National University in collaboration with FCA has for the first time developed a condensed version of their Climate Essentials course just for Australian Farmers.

This online workshop, taking place on May 31, from 11am to 4pm AEST, is designed specifically for farmers who want to increase their resilience to climate change and understand agri-politics. World-leading scientists will answer questions on topics in an interactive format.

The experts include ANU's Professor Mark Howden, Caitlyn Baljak from Below Zero, and Dr Bec Colvin. Places in this exciting course are limited so farmers are invited to apply now.

EOI page <https://farmersforclimateaction.org.au/portfolio/climate-essentials/>



Dr Ty Matthews, Prof Bill Malcolm, Dr Phil Poulton, Bruce Whittaker, Jillian Staton, Ben Gerbert and Cassie Wright.

Event highlights importance of fencing-off farm dams

THE huge turn-out at South Gippsland Landcare Network's field day on May 18 revealed the high level of interest in the economic and environmental impacts of fencing-off farm dams.

Fifty people attended the event that was funded by the Victoria Drought Resilience and Adoption Hub and held on Jillian Staton and Bruce Whittaker's beef farm at Cape Liptrap.

Expert speakers included agricultural economist Professor Bill Malcolm, aquatic ecologist Dr Ty Matthews and large animal vet Dr Phil Poulton.

Jillian described how she and husband Bruce fenced-off a centrally located spring-fed dam six years ago to pipe water to troughs across their home farm.

In her opinion, the investment (which included replacing a faulty pump) has already paid for itself by giving them flexibility and the ability to graze the entire property more effectively. The improvement in pasture quality was

evident in both the before and after aerial photos included in her presentation and while walking on the property after lunch.

Professor Bill Malcolm urged participants to distinguish between economic and financial factors when making decisions as many outcomes cannot be ascribed a monetary value. Given the current lack of hard data proving a link between clean water and increased meat and milk production, he said that an economic decision to fence off a farm dam should be made in the context of the farm business as a whole. It should consider the dam as an asset with a finite life (he suggested 40 years for a new dam) and compare the likely returns if the money was invested elsewhere.

Dr Phil Poulton considered the economic impacts of fencing off farm dams from a risk management perspective. He said that providing stock with clean water from fenced off dams virtually eliminates the risk of stock and production

losses caused by diseases like Salmonella and Leptospirosis and toxic blue-green algae. It also prevents animals dying or getting injured from drowning or being stuck in mud.

On the flip-side, he reminded participants of the need to monitor troughs regularly, especially in hot weather, as lack of drinking water can be catastrophic.

Dr Ty Matthews said that despite there being around 450,000 farm dams in Victoria, little research has been done into their ecological values. A recent project he has been involved in, however, indicates that fenced-off farm dams are providing refuge for aquatic fauna that are struggling to survive due to habitat loss caused by climate change and human activity. He believes that farm dams could play an important conservation role in the future, particularly in respect of threatened native frog and fish species.

Later, on the farm walk, Ty took water samples from the fenced-off dam, a dam with

a newly-constructed restricted access point, and a fully open dam. The first sample demonstrated the high biodiversity benefits of excluding stock from dams. As well as being exceptionally clear, it contained highly sensitive macro-invertebrates (including mayflies) and a huge tadpole which was possibly a banjo frog. In contrast, the other samples had high turbidity and contained macro-invertebrates that have a high tolerance for poor water quality.

Another field day will be held in a year's time by which stage the restricted access dam will have refilled and been in use for some time. Its value in preventing erosion, providing cleaner water for stock and habitat for wildlife will be discussed along with any lessons learned from a farming perspective.

SGLN will be preparing resources on fencing-off farm dams that will be available on its website (www.sgln.net.au). Contact cassie@sgln.net.au for more details.

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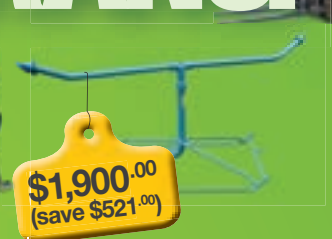
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Nominees revealed for top awards

A STELLAR line up of industry leaders, including Schreurs & Sons, have been nominated for the National Awards for Excellence – the Australian horticulture industry's most prestigious recognition. With 88 growers, businesses, research and industry nominees for nine award categories including the highly-coveted Syngenta Grower of the Year, Corteva Agriscience Young Grower of the Year and Boomaroo Nurseries Women in Horticulture awards.

Hort Connections 2023 will explore the theme of "Knowledge for Growth" to ensure the industry is primed to take advantage of the next generation of research, technology and business innovation to grow the production and value of the horticulture industry.

The Awards will be announced on Wednesday, June 7, at the National Awards for Excellence Gala Dinner, the capstone event for Hort Connections 2023. T

Industry members from around Australia have nominated potential Award candidates, with winners chosen by an independent panel of growers and industry stalwarts from across the horticulture supply chain.

Nominees for the 2023 National Awards for Excellence Syngenta Grower of the Year

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- Schreurs & Sons
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 - Con Laftsis – Laftsis Fresh Produce Pty Ltd
 - Daryl & Sally Boardman – Sunnyspot
 - Murray Collins – Collins Bros
 - Pirrone Brothers
 - Shane Eldridge – Eldridge Fresh Organics
 - Taylor Family Produce
 - Templeton Farming Enterprises
 - Tyrone Dickson & Darren Nichol – April Sun Farms
 - Vee Jays Kalfresh Pty Ltd
- Corteva Agriscience Young Grower of the Year**
- Daniel Quattrocchi – Monika's Organics
 - Jarryd Dolling – Dolling Produce
 - Joe & Dominic Boratto – Boratto Farms
 - Joseph Napoleone – Red Rich Fruits
 - Luigi Mondello – Gawler River Produce
 - Mark Russo – Adelaide Hydrofresh
 - Mitch Brimblecome – Moira Farming
 - Robert Arvier – West Pine Ag
 - Sam Pike – Sandy Creek Pineapple Co
- Bayer Researcher of the Year**
- Ben Hill-Ling – AgXtra
 - Dr Jianhua Mo – NSW Department of Primary Industries

- Dr Michael Rettke – SARDI
 - Dr Simon Baxter – University of Melbourne
 - Kevin Dodds – NSW Department of Primary Industries
 - Penny Measham – QDA
 - Prof Femi Askinsanmi – QQAFI
 - Simon Newett – Queensland Department of Agriculture & Fisheries
 - Stewart Lindsay – Department of Agriculture & Fisheries
- Butler Market Gardens Environment & Sustainability**
- Andrew Smith – R & R Smith
 - Applied Horticultural Research
 - Fresh Select
 - Kane Busch – Busch Organics
 - Mitch Pursehouse – Naturpac
 - Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers
 - Robert Arvier – West Pine Ag
 - Sam Pike – Sandy Creek Pineapple Company
 - Steve Mackinlay – Stahmann Webster
 - Venus Citrus Company Pty Ltd
- UPL Tech Innovation Award**
- Applied Horticultural Research
 - Eitan Dan – CropX Ltd
 - Kylie Hall – Hectre
 - LYRO Robotics
 - Sentek Technologies
 - Melons Australia
 - Nelson Australia

- Onside & Kiwifruit Vine Health
 - Tyrone Dickson & Darren Nichol – April Sun Farms
 - Wyma Solutions
- E.E. Muir & Sons Community Stewardship**
- Allan McGann – drumMUSTER (AgSafe)
 - Ann Lyster – Lyster Orchards
 - Green Solutions Wide Bay
 - Joseph Clarke – Centrefarm/ALEDA
 - Kalfresh Vegetables
 - Kylie Jackson – Bundaberg Fruit and Vegetable Growers
 - Michael Tran – E.E.Muir & Sons
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 - Trevor Ranford – Summerfruit
- Hort Innovation Exporter of the Year**
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 - Austchilli Group
 - Colleen Dangerfield – VFS Exports
 - Craig Spencer – Cater & Spencer
 - Frank Frappa – Premier Fresh Australia
 - Gianni Lastella – Farmer Group
 - Jade King – Green Valley Fingerlimes
 - Jeremy Haw – Hussey and Co.
 - Kees Versteeg – Qualipac
 - The Avolution

- Boomaroo Nurseries Women in Horticulture**
- Angela Ruffo – Tripod Farmers Group
 - Ann Lyster – Lyster Orchards
 - Bree Watson – Bundaberg Fruit & Vegetables Growers
 - Colleen Dangerfield – VFS Exports
 - Jane Taylor – Coles
 - Jessica Jurgens – Vee Jays Kalfresh
 - Liteisha Lochert – Solan Pty Ltd
 - Monika Fiebig – Monika's Organics Pty
 - Rowena Petrie – Royston Petrie Seeds
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In lieu of flowers, donations to the Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.

Private Cremation will follow.



HENRY:

The Funeral Service for Mr. Graeme Baird McKenzie Henry will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Friday, June 2, 2023, commencing at 10.30am.

A Private Cremation will follow.

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LOFT:

A Funeral Service to Celebrate the Life of Mr. John David Loft will be held at St. Andrews Uniting Church, Peart St., Leongatha, Tuesday June 6, 2023, commencing 1.30pm.

At the conclusion of the Service the Funeral will leave for the Leongatha Cemetery.

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The family and friends of the late Margaret Claire SCARBOROUGH are invited to attend a celebration of her 94 years of life at the Uniting Church, Broome Crescent, Wonthaggi on Monday June 5, 2023, commencing at 2pm.

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BCH sites display donor boards that acknowledge people who have given to us, including at the L. Rigby Centre cancer treatment facility at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Among those donors are Mr Parsons of Cape Paterson, who has been donating \$20 from his fortnightly pension to BCH since 2018 - amounting to an approximate \$2600 towards the building and equipment within the L. Rigby Centre.

Mr Parsons used to donate to Alfred Health while receiving cancer treatment there, until his care was transferred to BCH.

"I'm happy to support the L. Rigby Centre because it saves people from having to travel outside of Bass Coast to receive treatment. The centre is great. I like the atmosphere and the outlook," he said. "Giving to local causes is always something my family has done."

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Fireworks display will be at 8.30pm.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Exciting Times + Big Changes
Inverloch has been waiting a long time for investment and outcomes to bring the community together and place us prominently as a regional destination. Come and hear our future direction and plans. Be a part of shaping Inverloch's future!
Our Annual General Meeting will be: Wednesday, May 31 7pm for a 7.30pm start Captains Lounge, Espy Hotel, Inverloch.
You will have the opportunity to:
✓ Engage with the Inverloch and surrounds Community
✓ Communicate and contribute
✓ Be heard
✓ Learn what we've done over the last year
✓ Participate in our future direction
The official matters:
1. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of any General Meeting held since that meeting;
2. Presentation of the Committee Reports covering the activities and transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year;
3. Standing down of existing Committee;
3. Election of new administrative officers of the Association and any general committee members;
4. Address agenda items.

AGENDA
An agenda will be made available to all registered members prior to the AGM.
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Free membership is offered for the next three months. All future plans and direction for how the ITA will connect and help the Inverloch and surrounds' Community will be explained on the evening.
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Registered members who cannot attend to vote may appoint a person to attend and vote in their place (their Proxy). The member must nominate their Proxy ahead of time by emailing secretary@inverlochtourismassociation.org.au at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting.

We look forward to your valued attendance and participation.
The Secretary
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Historical society hosts annual meeting

ON SUNDAY May 20, Leongatha Historical Society hosted the Annual Meeting of the Gippsland Association of Affiliated Historical Societies (GAAHS).
At this meeting the many historical societies of the Gippsland region come together to report on activities and discuss issues of concern. Over 60 representatives were in attendance.

At the meeting, Lyn Skillern moved a motion of thanks to the previous Secretary and Treasurer, Graham Goulding, who held the position for 17 years and Lynn Kirk of Inverloch Historical Society was elected in the position. Lyn said that Graham had guided the organisation from the world of paper and mail to the digital era. Communication between the groups is now so convenient and members can share all their events and activities with others.
A highlight of these meetings is the presentation of the Gippsland History awards with Councillor John Schelling attending to present the awards. This year's recipients were Rosemary and Don Blackley of Drouin, who were presented with an award for their



Kerry Corcoran of Foster Historical Society was presented their award by South Gippsland Shire Councillor John Schelling. Lyn Skillern read the citation.

outstanding contribution to the preservation and promotion of history in Drouin.
Foster Historical Society were acknowledged for their exhibition 'Immigration to South Gippsland' which features photographs and memorabilia which tell the migration story of many who migrated to the Foster area over the last 170 years.
Kerry Corcoran of the Foster Historical Society accepted the award on their behalf. The final award went to Martin Dyt of Moe for his outstanding contribution to Moe Historical Society over 60 years.
In the afternoon, Kellie Smith of Leongatha Historical Society gave a presentation on her Leongatha Business District Heritage Project.
Kellie described her research into the history of the businesses in the central area of Leongatha since 1890, her sources of information and her findings. She explained how she found a computer program to design digital streetscapes based on photographs.
The next step is to work out how to make 3D models of building from the early days of Leongatha. Visitors then walked up McCartin St to look at buildings described during the presentation and the exhibition on display at the Historical Society in the Leongatha Mechanics' Institute.

Highway needs an upgrade, they say

A PETITION is seeking to urge the State Government to upgrade the Bass Highway to feature more overtaking lanes from Anderson to Inverloch.
"A trip from Anderson roundabout to Inverloch is 29.9km and takes 25 minutes when not impeded by slow moving vehicles," the petition states.
"However, if you find yourself behind a slow-moving vehicle, you may have no opportunity to overtake for the entire 29.9km journey.
"This is due to several factors including the absence of a single overtaking lane, recent population growth and the increased popularity of the Bass Coast Region during peak holiday periods.
"Due to the design of the current road, there is a distinct lack of straight stretches that give a road user any opportunity to overtake slow moving vehicles.
"We ask the State Government to act on the issue by getting increased funding for our roads and to publicly commit to this ongoing safety issue."
The petition is seeking 100 signatures at this stage, gaining more than 50 as of last week.
The State Government had announced \$7.8 million for upgrades to the highway running through Kilcunda last year, which includes:

- Pedestrian operated traffic lights opposite Kilcunda General Store to improve pedestrian safety and access to and from the Bass Coast Rail Trail and main retail area in Kilcunda
 - Increased car parking
 - Dedicated right-turn lane into Kilcunda Ridge Road, Peppermint Road, and Service Road to improve safety and access for road users
 - Dedicated left and right-turn lanes into the caravan park/holiday retreat entrance and Carew Street to improve safety and access for tourists
 - Improved Service Road arrangement
- Early works were anticipated to commence this year and be finished in early 2025.
To view the petition, visit Petition · Bass Highway upgrade between Anderson and Inverloch · Change.org

Community support for positive social and environmental initiatives

WESTERNPORT Water is pleased to announce the opening of applications for its 2023-24 Community Support Program.
The program aims to empower local communities by providing financial support for events, activities, and projects that promote the themes of healthy people, healthy communities, and a healthy planet.
Community groups, schools, kinders, not-for-profit organisations, committees of management, and sporting clubs from within our service area, are invited to submit their applications under two sponsorship categories.
The submission period is from June 1, to July 31, 2023, and applicants will be notified of the outcome by the end of August.
With a total commitment of \$35,000, Westernport Water aims to assist the local community, eligible clubs, and not-for-profit groups in delivering impactful activities and events.
If you represent a local organisation with projects aligned with our community's well-being, we encourage you to apply and take advantage of this opportunity to create a positive difference.
Dona Tantirimudalige, the Managing Director of Westernport Water, expressed the organisation's commitment to the importance of supporting initiatives that contribute to healthier individuals, stronger communities, and a more sustainable environment.
We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and learn, the Bunurong People. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Community Support Program

Applications invited for 2023-24



Sponsorship now available

We have \$35,000 available for eligible local schools, kinders, community groups, sporting clubs and not-for-profit organisations within our service area.

- Two types of sponsorship:**
1. Events, Hydration & Choose Tap applications - up to \$1,000.
 2. Water saving or sustainability projects - up to \$3,000.

For ideas and inspiration, you can view the projects and events we have previously supported on our website.

Applications accepted between 1 June - 31 July, 2023



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Event raises importance of prostate cancer awareness

ROTARY Clubs across Bass Coast and South Gippsland were delighted to have a sell-out crowd at the recent Prostate Cancer Awareness evening held at the Wonthaggi Club on Thursday, May 25, featuring AFL legend, David Parkin OAM.

Parkin is a former Australian rules footballer, captain of Hawthorn Football Club, premiership winner, and coach of senior football for many years. He has been an AFL commentator on ABC Radio, lecturer, author and Patron of Male Bag Foundation, promoting men's health.

Parkin spoke openly of his family history of prostate cancer. His father and grandfather both died from the disease.

David was diagnosed with prostate cancer at 65 years of age and was successfully treated. He promotes the importance of taking time to look after yourself, have regular visits to your GP and enjoy life with your family and friends.

Alan White, author and speaker, spoke about the importance of requesting a PSA test from your GP at any age, and how the prevalence of diagnoses are greater in regional areas.

Representatives from Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) and surrounding support groups were in attendance as well as continence nurses from Bass Coast Health and Latrobe Community Health.

The purpose of the evening was to promote prostate health awareness and to facilitate a relaunch of a local support group. Organisers were overwhelmed with interest from the local community.

The MC for the evening Cr Brett Tessari who is also a Rotarian, entertained the crowd throughout the event with music provided by local talent Deanne Battaglia-Van Dillen. All profits raised on the evening are being directed to the PCFA and Male Bag Foundation.

The Rotary Club of Wonthaggi are connecting community members with the PCFA and important men's health resources.

They can be contacted by emailing rotaryclubwonthaggi@gmail.com

Newest citizens take their pledge

FORTY Bass Coast residents were honoured to receive their citizenship and take their pledge at the Bass Coast Citizenship Ceremony last week.

Catherine Watson, Bass Coast Citizen of the Year – Community Leader, was guest speaker and gave a passionate speech about her own experience of becoming an Australian citizen and her journey to Bass Coast.

While Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale presented each new citizen with their certificate and a hamper.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Michael Whelan conducted the ceremony.

The new citizens came from across the globe including Slovenia, UK, Philippines, Vietnam, Africa, India and many others.

‘One Gippsland’ attacked for budget ‘welcome’

TIM BULL, the Member for Gippsland East, has had timber workers and contractors crying in his office in the past week after the announcement by the State Government that native timber harvesting in state forests would cease by the end of the year.

That's seven years ahead of schedule.

By any measure, a decision that threatens 2500 jobs statewide, a significant number of them in Gippsland, is not "welcome" news.

"It's been a terrible shock. I've had people in the office this week in tears, wondering what they are going to do with their kids, the mortgage, and a \$1 million worth of machinery," Mr Bull told the Sentinel-Times today.

"And yet we've had 'One Gippsland' come out with a statement that they've welcomed the budget. Come on!" said Mr Bull.

In fact, One Gippsland Chair, Cr Mark Reeves, Mayor of the East Gippsland Shire has been accused of both welcoming and criticising the budget.

"I can understand they might not want to upset the government, but they got virtually nothing they asked for in their pre-Budget pitch. If you don't agitate sometimes, how can you advocate?" asked Mr Bull.

One Gippsland members include: Bass Coast Shire Council (Cr Michael Whelan & CEO Ali Wastie), South Gippsland Shire Council (Cr Nathan Hersey & CEO Kerry Ellis), plus representatives



South Gippsland Shire believes the State Budget has offered mixed results.

from the municipalities of Baw Baw, East Gippsland, Latrobe City and Wellington, Federation University, Food & Fibre Gippsland, Destination Gippsland, Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation, and TAFE Gippsland.

Aside from welcoming funding for the Wonthaggi and West Gippsland hospitals, and some local schools, One Gippsland didn't have any of the priority projects in its pre-budget pitch funded. These included:

- * San Remo Road Infrastructure Improvements (\$23 million). Road transport infrastructure improvements are required in the San Remo township at the Back Beach Road intersection. These works will address the lack of capacity during key peak periods that significantly impact on visitor experience and business operations.
- * South Gippsland Highway Realignment (Korumburra

- Coal Creek bends \$100 million).
- Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternate Route Stage 2 (\$2 million). Stage 1 was completed in 2016 and has diverted heavy vehicle traffic out of the main centre of town. Funding is now required for planning and design to complete the main town centre bypass.
- Strzelecki Highway Crigh-ton's Hill Realignment (\$500,000). Funding is needed to realign the steep and tight turns at Crigh-ton's Hill where there have been a number of fatal accidents.
- South Gippsland Highway Grassy Spur Alignment (\$2 million).
- Bass Coast Dinosaur Trail Stage 1 (\$20 million). The Bass Coast is one of the few places on earth where polar dinosaur fossils can be found. This leading tourism experience will entice local, interstate, national and

- international visitors to visit.
- Gippsland Odyssey Trail (\$7.9 million).
- Phillip Island Nature Parks Masterplan Penguin Parade Viewing and Summerlands Peninsula Trails (\$33.7 million).

South Gippsland Shire stated the budget had offered mixed results.

"We were happy about the investment in a local mental health service in Leongatha, which has been an advocacy ask of ours," a joint statement from Mayor Nathan Hersey and Chief Executive Officer Kerry Ellis stated.

"We were pleased to see continued investment in South Gippsland Water.

"We are very concerned to see that more money is going into offshore wind "centre of excellence" in Ballarat than Gippsland.

"We are concerned about the lack of investment in infrastructure in South Gippsland to support readiness for offshore wind.

"We are concerned about the lack of longer-term commitment to Latrobe Valley Authority, particularly given the work on the transition plan.

"We would like to see a clearer commitment to the SEC being based in Gippsland."

The shire further stated that 'One Gippsland is a valuable opportunity for South Gippsland to share our vision, whilst working collaboratively with councils across Gippsland for a brighter future for the region more broadly.'

Advocacy for South Gippsland's future

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council's call for a revamped approach to disaster recovery has won support at the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting, as has council's advocacy for improved consultation with local councils on projects that achieve 'Major Project' status.

Council followed through on its commitment to advocate for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) to go beyond what is required to return public assets to their pre-disaster state, enabling improvements to be made that boost resilience to future natural disasters.

Council also called for simplification of the process for councils in Victoria to prove their eligibility for Disaster Recovery Funding, bringing the methodology and data requirements in line with other States.

Funding for a program of ongoing improvements to public infrastructure to ensure it can handle increased exposure to



South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerry Ellis and mayor Nathan Hersey at the recent MAV State Council meeting.

future natural disaster events was another initiative South Gippsland Shire Council successfully put forward at the MAV State Council meeting.

The success of South Gippsland Shire Council's motion for improved consultation from higher levels of government concerning 'Major Projects' is particularly pertinent given current plans for offshore wind initiatives in the region.

MAV represents all local coun-

cils in Victoria and motions adopted by the Association are then advocated to the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments.

With South Gippsland Shire Council's motions having won extensive support from other councils at the State Council meeting, MAV will now take up those issues with higher levels of government.

A council spokesperson stressed that 'Major Projects' almost always have significant impacts on the communities they are located in, noting it is important these communities feel such projects are happening with them, rather than to them.

That is a message South Gippsland Shire mayor Nathan Hersey drove home at the MAV State Council meeting and has also spoken of during council's public meetings.

"We are appreciative that our motions were accepted by the other councils and that they will now be advocated for by the

MAV," Cr Hersey said.

"One of the strongest advocacy tools at local government's disposal is the MAV, with representation of the collective voice of councils from across Victoria."

Council's concerns relating to the offshore wind energy development, which has received 'Major Project' status from the Commonwealth Government as well as being a focus of the Victorian Government, prompted the call for greater consultation.

MAV will initially advocate that need to the Federal Government, asking it to work in partnership with state and territory governments to develop a community engagement framework that includes local government authorities and specifies minimum consultation requirements to be imposed on projects afforded 'Major Project' status.

Such a framework should detail expectations for all three levels of government, enabling them to collaborate and participate in a meaningful way.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY May 30	WEDNESDAY May 31	THURSDAY June 1	FRIDAY June 2	SATURDAY June 3	SUNDAY June 4	MONDAY June 5
▼ 12.16am 0.78m	▼ 1.03am 0.75m	▼ 1.57am 0.71m	▼ 2.56am 0.64m	▼ 3.57am 0.56m	▼ 4.53am 0.47m	▼ 5.45am 0.38m
▲ 6.45am 1.28m	▲ 7.55am 1.28m	▲ 9.11am 1.33m	▲ 10.20am 1.42m	▲ 11.22am 1.53m	▲ 12.18pm 1.64m	▲ 1.09pm 1.73m
▼ 12.15pm 0.75m	▼ 1.06pm 0.85m	▼ 2.08pm 0.94m	▼ 3.22pm 1.00m	▼ 4.41pm 1.01m	▼ 5.46pm 0.98m	▼ 6.37pm 0.94m
▲ 7.17pm 1.44m	▲ 8.04pm 1.41m	▲ 8.55pm 1.38m	▲ 9.49pm 1.38m	▲ 10.45pm 1.39m	▲ 11.41pm 1.42m	

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Marg Johnson and Dawn Judkins were the winners of A Grade and B Grade respectively at Wonthaggi Golf Club on Wednesday.



Meeniyani's Kaelene Shervell IGA Meeniyani, Andrea Thorson Club Champion, Heather Poletti B Grade Champion and Jenny Cope C Grade Champion.



Foster winners Jenny Alexander and Beth Curram.

FOSTER

Ladies

FOSTER ladies played their flag event on Wednesday, May 24. The course was looking wonderful – thank you to the grounds people. Congratulations Jenny Alexander (39) 76 B Grade, and Beth Curram (19) 77. NTP: Beth Curram 17th. BDTL: Kaylene Morris (28) 75 Josie Parisi (32) 75 and Barb Warren (10) 77. Nine holes: Lyndell Shields (32) 13. Thank you to the trophy donor Trudy Prue. Next week, Wednesday, June 14, is par.

KORUMBURRA

TUESDAY, May 23: Stableford: 35 players. A Grade: Peter Van Agtmaal (17) 38 points. B Grade: Chris Muir (39) 30 points. NTPs: first Ross Besley, seventh Roland Rees, 10th Pete Wallace and 13th Roland Rees Thursday, May 25: Stableford: 13 players. Winner: David Enbom (20) 34 C/B points. NTPs: first Greg Wilson, seventh Peter Johnson, 10th Tim Fowles and 13th Roland Rees. Saturday, May 27: Allen Varley Memorial Trophy. Stableford: 38 players. A Grade: Tim Fowles (14) 38 points. B Grade: Jai Van Dyk (20) 32 points. NTPs: first John Solly, seventh Billie Wrigley, 10th Tim Fowles and 13th Steve Duffield.

Ladies

LAST Wednesday, we had fine weather for the golfers. Kerri Besley (17) won A Grade, 28 pts and Shelley Snooks (16) was next best, 26 pts. Pam Eyers (39) was the B Grade winner 26 pts, and Viv Enbom (32) was runner-up, 24 pts. BDTL went to Deb Wrigley (26), 24 pts and Barb Twite (23), 23 pts. The nine-hole comp was won by Julie Hislop with 12 pts. NTPs went to Trudy Olden, 1st and Kerri on the 13th. Four women played a very lengthy round in the McLaren semi-final. Well done to Lynette McIvor and Heather Grist, who won the match and to Kath Welsh and Julie Brannaghan who made it a very close game with 22 holes needed to decide the winners. The final will be played sometime in June. Four members travelled to Wonthaggi on Friday with Heather Grist winning a BDTL with her team and Deb Wrigley had a nice NTP. There was a small field on Saturday with Kerri Besley (18) winning with 29 pts.

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Tuesday Stableford Comp Alan Courtney was the Division 1 winner with a score of 38 points, runner up was Nick Dryden with 37 points. Division 2 was won by Ian Murray with 40 points, runner up Mark Ando with 38 points. Ball rundown to 36 points. Nearest the pins: 5th - Alan Courtney 9th - Mike Sullivan 12th - John Johnson 15th - Robbie Maskiell Wednesday Ladies Par Competition Winner was Rena Casey with a score of 4, Runner up was Leah Barker with a score of 3. Ball rundown to 1. Nearest the pins 9th – Cheryl Stockdale 12th – Cheryl Stockdale Thursday Midweek Stableford Monthly Medal Division 1 Winner: Warren Krahe with 41 points, Runner up Nik Hock with 39 points Division 2 Winner: Steve Clark with 44 points, Runner up Noel Zunneberg with 39 points. Ball rundown to 35 points. Nearest the pins: 5th Stephen Rawlings 9th Laurie Burgess 12th David Wylie 15th Michael Herman Saturday Stableford Comp Division 1: Tony Ambrus with 39 points by countback to Runner Up Taylor Rae, third place Jennifer Sullivan with 38 points Division 2: Winner Steve Johnson with 42 points, runner up Mitchell Adderley with 37 points by countback to third place Daniel Johnson with 37 points Division 3: Winner Lee Andrews with 42 points, runner up Andrew McMenamin with 41 points, third place Dave Oswald with 39 points. Ball rundown to 35 points. Saturday will be our June Monthly Medal stroke round and the usual competitions will be running on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

THE 2023 club championships proudly sponsored by I.G.A Meeniyani was completed on Wednesday May 24, in beautiful weather. Our Club Champion for 2023 is Andrea Thorson for her eight time. This was the first time in Dot Christie's golfing career that she missed playing the first two rounds due to ill health, Dot was able to play in the final round. The B Grade champion is Heather Poletti for her very first time and the C grade champion is Jenny Cope. The handicap champion sponsored by Barb Scott is Tanya Thorson and

Heather Poletti also won the Senior Champion sponsored by Veronica Park. The daily winners also sponsored by I.G.A. Meeniyani were A grade Andrea Thorson 72 nett, B grade Tanya Thorson 72 nett and C grade Jenny Cope 81 nett, the putting went to Dot Christie with 25, DLB Dot Christie 75 nett and Jo Graeme 75 nett.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY Stableford event – May 23: Fifty-seven golfers played in this Stableford round on Tuesday. A Grade winner: John McInnes with a score of 34 points. A Grade R/Up: Winton Knop with a score of 33 points. B Grade winner: Philip Edwards with a score of 33 points on a countback. B Grade R/Up: Tim McCarthy with a score of 33 points on a countback. C Grade winner: Michael Hill with a score of 36 points. C Grade R/Up: Sean Munley with a score of 32 points. Thursday Gentsomes Stableford event – May 25: Fifty-seven members and guests hit off on a shotgun start at 9am, playing in this Gentsomes Stableford event. Winners: Steve Foster and Leo De Bondt, and Roy Kleverkamp and Steven Smith with a score of 93 points on a countback. R/Up: Malcolm Gin and Alan Starkey, and Conor Hosking and Timothy McCarthy with a score of 93 points on a countback. NTP 14th: David Richards at 2.18m. NTP 16th: Gordon Allan at 2.74m.

Saturday Stableford event – May 27: Seventy-seven golfers take to the course for this Stableford event. A Grade winner: Rodney Hopcraft with 36 points. A Grade R/Up: Rod Mackenzie with 34 points on a countback. B Grade winner: Phillippe Du Plessis with 36 points. B Grade R/Up: Alan Starkey with 35 points on a countback. C Grade winner Michael O'Rafferty with 36 points on a countback. C Grade R/Up: Jon Smith with 36 points. Don Jolley celebrated his great score with his eagle on hole three. NTP 14th: Alan Starkey at 1.51m. NTP 16th: Lou Fuataga at 1.40m.

Ladies

A RED Tee Challenge Stableford event was introduced last Wednesday. The men were invited to compete with the women, from what is traditionally the 'Women's Tees', and on what is traditionally 'Women's Day'. Twenty-four men took up the

challenge and competed with 35 women. An all-out effort was made to maintain the red theme, with raffle prizes, donated by Colleen Touzel, decorated in shades of red, and each player was given a red tee. Women's captain Bec Thomas opted for two events – one for the men and one for the women. The winner of the A Grade section of the women's event was Ashleigh Hutton with 33 points, closely followed by Kay Dumbleton on 32. Nan Meagher won the B Grade section with 31 points and Karen Bear was runner up on 30 points. Josh de Groot cleaned up in the men's section with 37 points and Ken Smirk, not too far behind, was runner up on 34 points. Down the line balls went to Shirley Welsford, Marg Griffiths, Mel Wildler, Colleen Touzel, Diana Holmberg, Barry Dumbleton, Colin Bear, Greg Ellt, John Moor, John Ryan, Michael Thomas, Marea Maher, Wendy Parker, Maxine Eabry, Bev Reinhard and Janet Monk. The men were far more accurate than the women on the 14th and 16th greens – well done to Colin Bear and Barry Dumbleton.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results: Saturday, May 27, S.R 72. Competition type: Ken Chisholm 2nd round 4BBB Par Winners: Ian Baker and Glenn Moresco +7 Shield Winners. Runners Up: Phillip Dynes and Sam Horvath +6 Scratch: Michael Scott and Daniel Crellin 143 for 2 rounds. BDTL to +3. NTPs: Daniel Crellin 2nd, Ian Baker 4th, Keith Ridout propin 8th, Daniel Crellin 13th, Andy Horvath money hole 17th. Men's results May 25. Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole, SR. 71 Winner: Ian McNish 34 Runner Up: Ian Murrells 32 BDTL to 27 C/B. Men's results May 25. Competition type: Stableford 9 hole 10 to 18 SR. 36 Winner: Ian Murrells 18 BDTL to 16.0.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY saw 18 players for 18 holes of Stableford in dry conditions. The course was playing tough with the softer conditions, and this was reflected in the scores. Two grades were made with A Grade winner Marg Johnson (13)31 points and B Grade winner Dawn Judkins (32)30 points on c/b from Pam Hanley. BDL: Marg Ryan 30, Pam Hanley 30, Anne Poulton 29 and Jan Beaumont 26. NTP: eighth Jane Buardromo.

Nine holes: There were six players with Dot Garry 13 points on c/b Jane Buardromo Singles Knockout semi-finals: Merryn Dear defeated Catherine Bolding, and Carole Sartori defeated Simone Lindsay. Good luck in the grand final next Wednesday. Wonthaggi ladies were delighted to host the Annual Friendship Day with 60 players on Friday, May 26. They thankful for the wonderful support of local clubs and welcomed visitors from Mirboo North and Centenary Park. They were more delighted that, even though the day was fraught with squalls, they were able to complete the round before the greens became too wet. Rain gear was the "dress code" for the day. It was a day to celebrate golf friends, so players could buy three free extra shots or mulligans. Three secret holes were worth double points. The winning teams were unknown until announced by captain Jan. A Grade winner with 104 points (including 16 bonus) were Dawn Judkins, Merryn Dear and Wendy Gervasi (Mirboo North). A Grade runners up were Jan Beaumont, Andrea Grenville, Leonie Bentick 97 points (11 bonus) on C/B. B Grade winners were Donna Brosnan, Jenny McRae and Sharyn Williams 108 points (18 bonus). B Grade runners up were Anne Poulton, Wendy Cross and Wendy Hopkins (Phillip Island) 89 points (nine bonus). BDL was Chris Lay, Nan Meagher, Neryl Hopcraft (all Leongatha) 97, Yvonne Everitt, Rhonda Pelzer (Centenary Pk), Terry Donald (Centenary Pk) 94 Anne Walker, Irene Holm, (Meeniyani), Jo Graeme (Meeniyani) 92, Marg Ryan, Elly Berryman (Woorayl), and Heather Grist (Korumburra) 91. NTP on second and 17th was Marg Johnson, fourth Barb Warren (Foster), eighth Deb Wrigley (Korumburra), and 13th Yvonne Everitt.

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Ladies

IT was a perfect weather day for the Doris Chambers Foursomes Stableford sponsored by Pauline and Lance Lancaster. The winners, Sharyn Rayson and Bev Bridge, came in with a great score of 34 points. Runners up were Anne Grist and Elly Berryman with 30 points. BDL were Pauline Lancaster and Jean Hayes with 27 points on a countback from Ann Poole and Kath Davis. Best nine out was Janet Thompson and Anne De Leeuw. NTPs were eighth Kath Davis and 17th Sharyn Rayson.



Singles Champion Paul Gleeson (L) and Run-up Chris Chivers (R).

Phillip Island & Districts Dart League Results

LADDER update after Round 9.

Lots of movement after last week's games with The Vikings taking over top spot and The Riverboys moving into second.

Storm with a solid win over The Clangers and That's All slipping down to fourth.

SINGLES tournament results:

Congratulations to all 24 players that competed for the 'John Stewart'

memorial trophy to become the 2023 P.I.D.D.L singles champion.

Winner on the night was Paul Gleeson defeating Chris Chivers in a tightly contested final match 3-0.

New players are always welcome, so if you are interested in being involved and enjoy a friendly environment with young and old alike, male and female.

Please contact Scott Lethbridge 0407 543 154 or scott@glpc.com.au

Phillip Island Bridge

MONDAY, May 22, was the second and final week of the club pairs.

Winners on the day were Jill Short and Marion Wellwood on 61.31%.

Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles finished second on 59.82%. Just a whisker behind were Marnie Myall and Graham Mckergow on 59.52%. Overall winners of the competition were Bron Sund and John Farr on 55.91%.

Congratulations to both players. Deb Anglim and Greg Nicholson came a close second on 55.30% and Marnie Myall and Graham Mckergow were third on 54.89%.

On Wednesday, May 24, Marnie Myall teamed up with Lorrie Read to win the day on 64.58%. In second place were Bron Sund and Shirley Weaver on 61.81%.

Third place went to Caroline Shaw and Leng Leng Haggith on 58.33%.

New government grants for sporting clubs

THE STATE Government is helping more than 260 grassroots sport and recreation clubs address barriers to sporting participation, creating more inclusive ways to access sport across Victoria.

As part of National Volunteer Week celebrations, Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence announced the latest successful recipients of the Sporting Club Grants Program – which are sharing in more than \$520,000.

The projects supported in this round have a strong focus on boosting club capacity and promoting the valuable work of volunteers in helping clubs get back in the game this year.

Grant recipients included the Bass Coast Strollers, South Eastern Target Archers, South Gippsland Badminton Association, Wonthaggi and District Tennis Club, Wonthaggi Power Football Club, Wonthaggi

United Soccer Club and Korumburra Basketball Association.

The Program provides up to \$1,000 for uniforms and equipment, up to \$2,000 for training or courses that improve the skills of coaches, officials, volunteers, and administrators, and up to \$5,000 for projects that create new participation opportunities, improve accessibility, or strengthen club operational capacity.

Since 2015, the Sporting Club Grants Program has invested more than \$15.5 million to support clubs and their volunteers across the state, in positive and trying times.

The State Government is making community sport and recreation more accessible and inclusive. This initiative supports the Government to stimulate local economies, build sustainable sport and recreation volunteer opportunities, and increase participation.



The South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners were Michael Saunders (2), Wayne Stevens (L), David Talbot (3) and Vern Elliott (S).



Chris Brooks (2), Bob Arnold (L), Tony Heppleston (S) and Laurie Bell (3) were South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's best one game winners this week.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club Saturday winners Ken Gage, Chris O'Donnell, Craig Fisher and Lorraine Stanes.

INVERLOCH

LAST week's social bowls was rescheduled to Tuesday, May 23, due to construction work at the club.

The runner up was the team of Bill Selby (skip), Terry Seaward and John Duthie.

The honours for the day went to the team of Steve Snelling (skip), Di Selby, Peter Gentsch and Paul Davis.

They finished the day with two wins and 30 points.

The Bowl Over Cancer Day has been rescheduled to Thursday, June 8 due to construction work at the club.

MIDWEEK

TWENTY-THREE bowlers challenged the elements in hope of some good fun and were not disappointed.

The morning sessions were held in magnificent autumn weather.

Rain started just as the bowlers were to resume play after lunch.

However, the rain wasn't a deterrent and play continued.

Once again, there was a lot of laughter across the green, and a few wrong bias bowls, but the quality of play on such a difficult day was a sight to see.

The winners on 34 points were Vern Elliott (S), David Talbot (3), Michael Saunders (2) and Wayne Stevens (L).

Runners up on 31 points were John Nicholson (S), Gillian Harp-

er (3), Pauline McWilliams (2) and Max Williams (L).

Best One Game winners on 20 points were Tony Heppleston (S), Laurie Bell (3), Chris Brooks (2) and Bobby Arnold (L)

Thank you to David for all his work in setting up the green as well as all his work behind the bar.

A big thank you to Luke for helping David clean up after the game; the club appreciates their support.

Next week, the bowlers will be at Lang Lang and ask if everyone can try to be on site by 10am for a 10:30am start.

WONTHAGGI

IT was another excellent week at the club, with a good number of people using the greens during the week.

Wednesday saw 35 bowlers grace the greens on a perfect day for bowls.

There were five teams of four and five teams of three bowlers playing two games over 10 ends.

Two teams were two-game winners, with the runners-up being a team of three.

They were Rob Allan, Charlie Wright, and Peter McBain with a score of two wins and 32 points.

The winners were a team of four, consisting of Frank Tagell, Ken Gage, Colin Binch and Rob Aitken, with a score of two wins and 33 points.

Saturday saw a crisp, sunny, cold day



Gillian Harper (3), Pauline McWilliams (2), Max Williams (L) and John Nicholson (S) were the runners up for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group.



Inverloch Bowling Club social bowls winners, from left, Steve Snelling (skip), Di Selby, Peter Gentsch and Paul Davis.



Wonthaggi indoor bowlers Laurie Culph, Judy Sweetnam and John Bird.

with 28 bowlers taking to the greens.

There was only one team that was a two-game winner, and that was the team of Ken Gage, Chris O'Donnell, Craig Fisher and Lorraine Stanes.

It was good to see Chris and Craig in the winners' stalls.

Bowls schedule this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

Sad to hear of the passing of Tina Turner. She was "Simply the Best."

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THE results from this week's bowling once again produced some good results.

Tuesday's winners after winning both games with a plus 17 were John and Helen Rook and Jean Wylde.

Runners up on plus 11 were Thelma Kavanagh, Sylvia Mattock, Chris Rose and Brian Newman.

Friday's winners with a plus 18 were Laurie Culph, Judy Sweetnam and John Bird.

Runners up with a plus 12 were Jan Milkins, Chris Rose and Jan Clark.

A reminder just two weeks until our doubles championships, make sure you have your name down by Friday, June 2, as that when the teams will be drawn.

Soccer inspires in Wonthaggi

WONTHAGGI United Soccer Club was built on the philosophy 'more people playing soccer every day'.

Since its inception in 2005, the club has worked tirelessly to give its members the opportunity to enjoy the game they love. The Mini Roo program is an example of its triumph.

Participation in the program has increased by 30 per cent since last season, with the club fielding one U6 team, three U8 teams, and two U10 teams.

The club ran a special program to boost its U14 age group last season.

With the help of new coach Connor Ireland, the team now has enough players to be competitive.

"Connor's knowledge and passion for the game makes him a huge asset for the club, giving young players a role model and enthusiasm for the game," club secretary Alycia Marotta said.

The club continues to thrive under the incredible leadership of Marion Bals.

One of only two female club presidents in the Gippsland Soccer League (GSL), Marion also fills the roles of GSL delegate, enrolment officer and canteen manager.

"Marion coordinates barbecues, game day set up, and Mini Roo hub facilitation just to name a few," Alycia said. She is the first to arrive and last to leave and breathes the Wonthaggi Soccer Club."

She was also responsible for recent successful grant applications.

The club has been working with Bass Coast Shire Council to secure new change facilities, club storage and a new canteen.

Thanks to a government grant and some massive fundraising, the facility is set to open around late June.

The club recently celebrated Women in Football Week, with bios created online by club player, team manager and parent Shanah Lower.

The club competes in the Gippsland Soccer League, currently fielding U12, U14, Senior Women's and Men's. The club has found success over the year and is proud of the Youth Girls team – league champions in 2022.



Wonthaggi United Soccer Club is proud of its club culture and is developing enthusiasm for the game at all levels. Photo: Shanah Lower (Facebook).

Stars take on United in chilly conditions

Inverloch vs Mirboo North - Senior Women

Inverloch Stars and Mirboo North United Senior Women took to the field in drizzly and blustery conditions.

An under-womanned Inverloch came out firing with Reich (#54) finding the net in the first five minutes. This was followed quickly by another goal from Inverloch's sure footed midfielder Urquhart (#48). Some neat passing and positioning by midfielders Sherry (#36) and Urquhart and strong driving up the wings by Reich and Isles (#39) kept the Mirboo North defence busy, but they held off the Stars well, including a terrific penalty saved by the Mirboo North goalkeeper. Meanwhile, the Stars impenetrable defence had their goalkeeping chatting to the galahs grazing in the Mirboo North attacking half for company. The first half finishing 2-0 to Inverloch.

The sun came out for the second half and Mirboo North started to look dangerous with some good breakthroughs and runs at goal, but Inverloch's defenders Burt (#35), Gallagher's (#47 & #31) and Wilkens-Eilers (#19) were too strong swooping in to shut down the attempts. A persistent Urquhart found the net again, slotting in a rebounded ball and just two minutes later some acrobatic footwork from Ward (8) had her add to the tally. Despite Mirboo North fighting hard the final whistle saw the game end with a score 4-0 to the Inverloch Stars.

GSL Round 6 Results – Sunday, May 28

Senior Mens: Lang Lang United 5 d Wonthaggi United 1, Inverloch Stars 11 d Mirboo North United 0, Trafalgar Victory 3 d Phillip Island 2, Korumburra City 7 d Drouin Dragons 4

Senior Womens: Wonthaggi United 7 d Lang Lang United 3, Inverloch Stars 4 d Mirboo North United 0

Mens Reserves: Inverloch Stars 6 d Leongatha Knights 1, Trafalgar Victory 3 d Phillip Island 2, Drouin Dragons 4 d Korumburra City 3

Under 17 Mixed: Drouin Dragons White 4 d Leongatha Knights 1

Under 14 Mixed: Wonthaggi United 4 d Leongatha Knights White 3, Inverloch Stars 6 d Mirboo North United 0, Drouin Dragons Maroon 8 d Korumburra City 7,

Leongatha Knights Blue 1 drew Drouin Dragons White 1

Under 12a Mixed: Inverloch Stars 10 d Mirboo North United 4, Drouin Dragons Maroon 8 d Korumburra City 2, Wonthaggi United 6 d Lang Lang United 0

Under 12b Mixed: Trafalgar Victory 3 drew Phillip Island Red 3, Phillip Island Blue 6 d Drouin Dragons Yellow 5, Drouin Maroon/Yellow 6 d Korumburra City 0

GSL Round 7 Fixture – Sunday, June 4

Senior Mens - 3pm

Lang Lang United v Leongatha Knights, Phillip Island v Mirboo North United, Trafalgar Victory v Korumburra City, Drouin Dragons v Inverloch Stars

Senior Womens - 1pm

Lang Lang United v Leongatha Knights, Phillip Island v Mirboo North United,

Drouin Dragons v Inverloch Stars

Mens Reserves - 1pm

Phillip Island v Leongatha Knights, Trafalgar Victory v Korumburra City, Drouin Dragons v Inverloch Stars

Under 17 Mixed - 9:30am

Drouin Dragons Maroon v Inverloch Stars, Drouin Dragons White v Phillip Island

Under 14 Mixed - 11:20am

Leongatha Knights White v Leongatha Knights Blue, Phillip Island v Mirboo North United, Drouin Dragons Maroon v Inverloch Stars, Drouin Dragons White v Wonthaggi United

Under 12a Mixed - 10am

Phillip Island v Mirboo North United, Drouin Dragons Maroon v Inverloch Stars, Lang Lang United v Leongatha Knights

Under 12b Mixed - 11:30am

Trafalgar Victory v Korumburra City, Drouin Dragons Maroon/Yellow v Inverloch Stars

MiniRoos – Saturday, June 3

South West/Bass Coast Hub are playing at Inverloch

North East/South Gippsland Hub are playing at Mirboo North

Miniroos brave the cold

ON SATURDAY, May 27, players from the Korumburra City Soccer Club braved clear but chilly conditions in the South Gippsland Mini-roo's hub which was hosted by the Leongatha Knights.

The South Gippsland Mini-roo's hub comprises approximately 60 Mini-roo's players from Mirboo North, Trafalgar, Leongatha and Korumburra. Players from the under 6s, under 8s and under 10s age groups get to experience multiple shortened games in a fun, supportive and non-competitive environment.

The focus of the Mini-roo's program is to develop soccer skills and enjoyment from a young age. Korumburra are still looking for more Mini-roo's players in all age groups.

Training takes place on Tuesday afternoons from 4.45pm-5.30pm and games take place on Saturday mornings from 9.30am. For more information contact Jess on 0438 138 433 or email korumburracitysc.miniroos@outlook.com

Under 14s

It was a top of the table clash in the Under 14s

when Korumburra took on Drouin at home.

Drouin had amazing leg speed and Quinton and William were quality finishers. After a hard-fought attacking game, the scores were level at 4 goals apiece at half time. As play resumed Drouin pressed on and took a 3-goal advantage in the second half. Despite the 3-goal difference Korumburra fought on. Addison for 'Burra showed his star qualities throughout the game with 6 goals total, while one of Jhai's searching runs found the back of the net to bring the score back to 7-8.

With shots on goal from Drouin coming in fast George displayed some wonderful keeping to keep Korumburra in the game. Tao Lin was strong in defence, and Talon was brave returning to the pitch after suffering a sore leg after a tough challenge early in the game. Cassie played her best game of the season. Liam, Emily, and Josh stepped up from the under 12s and gave great performances. Despite suffering their first loss of the season Korumburra will come back strong against Wonthaggi in their next game on June 18.

Gippsland United FC results

Pre-NPL U13s – Gippsland United v Berwick

THE game started with United putting on a strong showing and controlling the game for the first 15 minutes whilst piling on the pressure against Berwick but try as they might the United boys could not find the back of the net.

What followed in the second 15 minutes of the first half could only be described as a calamity of errors and mistakes which saw Berwick score five quick goals to United, which came via McCann-Diston from a great through ball by Anderson. Heading into the break 5-1 down it was always going to be a big ask to claw their way back into the game.

With several changes to start the second half the United lads headed back onto the pitch and worked hard and matched it with Berwick, but again the goals alluded them and the score finished as it did at the half, 5-1 Berwick.

With a week of training ahead the boys hit the road to face Bentleigh Greens in this coming weekends round.

JBNPL U18s – Gippsland United v Malvern City

The U18 Gippsland boys came out to the pitch against Malvern City FC, fired up and ready to play what would turn out to be

an entertaining fixture.

The away boys dominated from the get-go, creating havoc in the Gippsland backline before breaking the deadlock with a wonderful finish to put themselves ahead. Gippsland weren't going to give up, creating an end to end contest to finish off the first half, going into half time a goal down.

At the beginning of the second half, the back and fourth game continued as Gippsland and Malvern both had clear cut chances up forward, before ChoCho Jacob set up a world-class finish from midfielder Levi Colantuno, who not only found the net, but found the top corner of the goals with a sensational strike from 25 yards out.

Gippsland continued to apply the pressure, with some great defensive efforts from skipper Abraham Konyi, and solid midfield work from Nic Nardone, who also came close to putting the home side ahead with 20 minutes to go.

Approaching the final quarter of an hour, Malvern would find three goals in a matter of six minutes, turning the tides in what was a very tight contest. Gippsland saw out the final ten minutes, with several attempts at playing behind the Malvern backline not enough as the home side would go down, four goals to one. Gippsland 1, Malvern 4.

RESULTS

A GRADE
Hill End 31 lt MDU 74
Tarwin 43 d Fish Creek 37
Boolarra 40 lt Yinnar 56
Foster 35 lt Mirboo North 45
Toora 33 d Newborough 27

B GRADE
Morwell E 73 d Thorpdale 6
Hill End 37 lt MDU 74
Tarwin 41 lt Fish Creek 60
Boolarra 44 lt Yinnar 57
Foster 33 lt Mirboo North 59
Toora 51 d Newborough 25

C GRADE
Morwell E 58 d Thorpdale 7
Hill End 27 d MDU 26
Tarwin 29 d Fish Creek 20
Boolarra 28 lt Yinnar 59
Foster 20 lt Mirboo North 42
Toora 43 d Newborough 32

D GRADE
Morwell E 53 d Thorpdale 9
Hill End 28 d MDU 25
Tarwin 29 lt Fish Creek 40
Boolarra 13 lt Yinnar 42
Foster 2 lt Mirboo North 63
Toora 11 lt Newborough 40

17 & UNDER
Tarwin 19 lt Fish Creek 45
Boolarra 38 lt Yinnar 43
Toora 23 d Newborough 12

15 & UNDER
Hill End 24 lt MDU 49
Tarwin 13 lt Fish Creek 51
Boolarra 47 d Yinnar 20
Foster 5 lt Mirboo North 55
Toora 23 d Newborough 7

13 & UNDER
Hill End 10 lt MDU 25
Tarwin 17 d Fish Creek 11
Boolarra 22 d Yinnar 17
Foster 4 lt Mirboo North 32
Toora 13 d Newborough 12

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Morwell East	220.14	26
Yinnar	163.31	24
Toora	157.14	22
Boolarra	169.50	20
Fish Creek	146.50	20
Mirboo North	120.74	16
Tarwin	106.02	16
Newborough	81.94	8
Stony Creek	58.23	8
MDU	72.63	4
Hill End	51.34	4
Foster	39.62	4

B GRADE	%	pts
Yinnar	222.67	24
Morwell Easet	205.56	24
Fish Creek	201.07	24
Toora	152.83	24
Boolarra	202.89	20
Mirboo North	176.92	20
MDU	102.78	8
Stony Creek	80.08	8
Tarwin	66.92	8
Newborough	73.52	4
Hill End	69.44	4
Foster	44.18	4
Thorpdale	8.77	0

C GRADE	%	pts
Hill End	163.36	24
Yinnar	257.81	20
Morwell East	195.69	20
MDU	143.54	20
Toora	116.20	20
Tarwin	155.36	16
Fish Creek	151.11	12
Boolarra	137.32	12
Mirboo North	107.10	12
Newborough	91.88	8
Stony Creek	60.23	4
Foster	13.60	4
Thorpdale	20.59	0

D GRADE	%	pts
Fish Creek	286.92	24
Yinnar	276.70	24
Morwell East	222.00	24
Mirboo North	362.65	20
Tarwin	130.46	16
Newborough	108.33	12
Hill End	106.25	12
Boolarra	87.67	12
Toora	56.25	12
Stony Creek	48.37	8
MDU	70.00	4
Foster	18.26	4
Thorpdale	21.17	0

17 & UNDER	%	pts
Toora	355.32	24
MDU	254.76	24
Morwell East	101.25	24
Fish Creek	219.35	20
Yinnar	146.23	20
Boolarra	60.53	16
Stony Crek	65.55	12
Newborough	55.10	8
Tarwin	40.00	8
Mirboo North	18.06	8

15 & UNDER	%	pts
Mirboo North	491.11	24
Boolarra	408.06	24
Fish Creek	178.35	20
Hill End	173.20	20
Morwell East	112.79	20
Yinnar	223.23	16
MDU	170.20	16
Toora	101.14	16
Foster	20.85	8
Stony Creek	34.36	4
Tarwin	10.95	4
Newborough	23.69	0

13 & UNDER	%	pts
Mirboo North	404.17	24
Boolarra	333.33	24
Yinnar	235.19	20
Toora	80.39	20
Hill End	83.33	16
MDU	63.44	12
Fish Creek	52.54	12
Foster	49.54	12
Newborough	61.54	8
Tarwin	41.96	8

South Gippsland and Bass Coast netball talent on show in Moe

THE GIPPSLAND League will be represented at Netball Victoria's Eastern Association Championships on Sunday June 4, with sides competing in the 13 and under 15 and under and 17 and under action.

Should any of those teams come out on top by day's end, they will qualify for this year's Victorian Association Championships Finals Day held at the State Netball Centre in Parkville on Sunday June 18.

The recent tournament in Sale, run by Sale Netball Association, was an ideal opportunity for the Gippsland League sides to gel with teammates from various clubs.

Leongatha junior coach Kate Sperling is again in charge of the Gippsland League 15 and Under squad, having guided last year's team to victory in the Eastern Association Championships, thus qualifying for the Victorian Association Championships.

Defender Gemma Meadley is the sole Leongatha representative in Sperling's squad, with no Wonthaggi players selected in that age group.

Other members of the 15 and Under outfit represent Sale, Bairnsdale and Traralgon in club



Molly Heber, Amber Walker, Molly Brown, Lacy Fennell and Gemma Meadley are the Leongatha players participating in the upcoming Eastern Association Championship netball competition, pictured with team manager Wendy Sperling and coach Kate Sperling.

competition.

Leongatha defender Lacy Fennell and midcourter Molly Brown will take the court for Gippsland League in the 13 and Under Eastern Association action.

Molly Heber (defender) and the versatile Amber Walker, who can play in defence or midcourt, are the Parrots who will feature in 17 and Under competition, with goaler Charlie Berry and athletic defender Mia Plenkovich the Wonthaggi representatives at that level.

Mid Gippsland Football Netball League, West Gippsland Football Netball Competition, Ellinbank &

District Football Netball League and Leongatha & District Netball Association will all be part of the action in Moe along with other competitions from the Gippsland region.

Each of the three age groups has two divisions, making for a big day of netball.

Gippsland League netball success in Sale tournament

IT WAS a big Sunday in Sale for Gippsland League netball, with its representative teams winning titles in Under 13s, Under 15s and Under 17s competition run by Sale Netball Association.

That made for a full weekend of netball for some players, backing up after Saturday's All Stars matches in Traralgon.

There was only one level of Under 17s competition in Sale, while Under 15s and Under 13s were divided into Open and Reserve sections, equivalent to A and B Grades.

Gippsland League accounted for Mid Gippsland Football Netball League in Under 17s and the Under 15s Open section, getting the better of Ellinbank and District Football Netball League in the Under 13s Open section.

The Sale tournament is held annually as part of a representative program to grow netball at grassroots level.

It is unrelated to the upcoming Netball Victoria Association Championships but provides good preparation for those who will be part of that competition.

The Association Championships form part of the Netball Victoria Talent Pathway, with talent identification opportunities for players, umpires and coaches at all tournament days across the state.

Association Championships Finals Day takes place on June 18 at Parkville's State Netball Centre.



Libby Hutchinson plays goal shooter in the first half, leading against Warragul. Z22_Z223



Bec Farrell shoots for goal in the second half to keep the lead against Warragul. Z27_Z223



Isabella Tiziani deliberates her next move. Z26_Z223

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Cora Lynn 64 d Bunyip 20
Garfield 50 d Dalyston 49
Inverloch 49 d Kor-Bena 22
Phillip Island 49 d K-Bass 40
T-Dalmore 59 d KWR 46
Warragul Ind. 31 lt NNG 96

B GRADE

Cora Lynn 36 d Bunyip 33
Garfield 31 lt Dalyston 70
Inverloch 43 d Kor-Bena 42
Phillip Island 39 lt K-Bass 49
T-Dalmore 46 d KWR 41
Warragul Ind. 25 lt NNG 63

C GRADE

Cora Lynn 34 d Bunyip 21
Garfield 17 lt Dalyston 48
Inverloch 50 d Kor-Bena 14
Phillip Island 25 lt K-Bass 26
T-Dalmore 45 d KWR 37
Warragul Ind. 17 lt NNG 56

D GRADE

Cora Lynn 33 d Bunyip 14
Garfield 39 d Dalyston 26
Phillip Island 4 lt K-Bass 36
T-Dalmore 56 d KWR 20
Warragul Ind. 26 lt NNG 41

17 & UNDER

Cora Lynn 37 d Bunyip 25
Garfield 13 lt Dalyston 27
Inverloch 20 lt Kor-Bena 33
Phillip Island 59 d K-Bass 20
T-Dalmore 29 d KWR 27
Warragul Ind. 9 lt NNG 46

15 & UNDER

Cora Lynn 31 d Bunyip 12
Garfield 16 lt Dalyston 38
I-K 28 drew Kor-Bena 28
Phillip Island 64 d K-Bass 3
T-Dalmore 25 d KWR 16
Warragul Ind. 19 lt NNG 33

13 & UNDER

Cora Lynn 26 d Bunyip 15
Garfield 5 lt Dalyston 6
Inverloch 25 d Kor-Bena 21
Phillip Island 35 d K-Bass 5
T-Dalmore 39 d KWR 15
Warragul Ind. 9 lt NNG 51

11 & UNDER

Cora Lynn 3 lt Bunyip 25
Garfield 5 lt Dalyston 14
Inverloch 12 d Kor-Bena 7
Phillip Island 18 d K-Bass 6
T-Dalmore 34 d KWR 10
Warragul Ind. 0 lt NNG 29

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Inverloch-K.	223.12	28
Tooradin-Dal.	152.23	28
Dalyston	142.92	20
Nar Nar Goon	132.53	20
Koo Wee Rup	125.77	16
Kor-Bena	116.08	16
Phillip Island	99.45	12
Garfield	76.50	12
Kilcunda-Bass	86.36	8
Cora Lynn	81.94	4
Bunyip	77.00	4
Warragul Ind.	32.21	0

C GRADE	%	pts
Inverloch-K	248.74	28
Dalyston	210.94	28
Nar Nar Goon	207.69	24
Tooradin-Dal.	163.24	24
Koo Wee Rup	92.17	12
Cora Lynn	90.05	12
Kilcunda-Bass	73.64	12
Bunyip	80.95	10
Kor-Bena	79.06	8
Phillip Island	62.84	6
Garfield	61.09	4
Warragul Ind	35.09	4

D GRADE	%	pts
Nar Nar Goon	209.29	24
Inverloch-K	160.47	24
Cora Lynn	136.42	20
Kilcunda-Bass	122.30	20
Tooradin-Dal.	125.17	16
Dalyston	95.63	8
Warragul Ind.	87.70	8
Garfield	83.04	8
Kor-Bena	73.33	8
Koo Wee Rup	74.03	4
Phillip Island	27.94	0
Kor-Bena	0.00	0

17 & UNDER	%	pts
Dalyston	206.61	28
Kor-Bena	290.10	28
Phillip Island	198.25	24
Inverloch-K	183.92	20
Cora Lynn	136.16	16
Nar Nar Goon	125.56	16
Tooradin-Dal.	136.16	12
Koo Wee Rup	86.63	12
Bunyip	84.47	12
Kilcunda-Bass	48.34	4
Garfield	26.35	0
Warragul Ind.	18.13	0

15 & UNDER	%	pts
Nar Nar Goon	279.17	28
Phillip Island	253.19	24
Dalyston	184.76	24
Inverloch-K	89.09	20
Tooradin-Dal.	158.68	16
Cora Lynn	119.21	12
Warragul Ind.	110.96	12
Koo Wee Rup	90.68	12
Kor-Bena	76.07	10
Garfield	44.40	8
Kilcunda-Bass	25.32	4
Bunyip	31.90	0

13 & UNDER	%	pts
Tooradin-Dal.	276.53	28
Nar Nar Goon	282.35	24
Inverloch-K	117.14	20
Cora Lynn	100.00	18
Koo Wee Rup	96.32	18
Phillip Island	170.59	16
Kor-Bena	99.31	16
Dalyston	78.02	12
Bunyip	57.72	8
Kilcunda-Bass	43.29	4
Warragul Ind.	40.87	4
Garfield	29.81	0

11 & UNDER	%	pts
Tooradin-Dal.	620.59	28
Nar Nar Goon	347.62	24
Dalyston	322.50	24
Inverloch-K	143.08	18
Garfield	126.60	18
Koo Wee Rup	85.07	16
Bunyip	150.79	14
Phillip Island	64.08	12
Kilcunda-Bass	54.55	6
Kor-Bena	41.84	4
Cora Lynn	26.16	4
Warragul Ind.	10.67	0

LEONGATHA

Under 13: It was always going to be a tough game with only one position separating the two teams. It was goal for goal throughout the game and we just couldn't hang onto the win going down by one. A really great game to watch. Score: Leongatha 28 def by Moe 29

Under 15: A great effort from all the girls. Our goalers were super accurate and defenders worked really hard for the entire game. Well done girls on putting together a great game. Score: Leongatha 33 def Moe 25

Under 17: Awesome game girls. We played a strong game in the wet and came away with a strong win. Bring on next week and let's keep building. Score: Leongatha 63 def Moe 2

C Grade: Super Strong start from the girls on this cracking day. Played super well together throughout all four quarters to come away with a great win! Score: Leongatha 44 Def Moe 25

B Grade: Well fought game girls. With lots of changes, it was great to see the girls work together especially in the fourth quarter. Looking forward to playing Moe again. Score: Leongatha 48 def by Moe 50

A Grade: A slow start allowed Moe to get the jump and momentum. Unfortunately, we were never able to gain this back and it just wasn't our day. Plenty to work and focus on for next week. Score: Leongatha 41 def by Moe 61



Ash Ferguson stays focused.



Poowong's Bianca Monson (A Grade) leaps for the ball. Photo: Jeff Tull



Leongatha A Grade Premiers of 2003, Kirsty Bolge, Sally Trease, Kate Browne, Andrea Pearce and Kate McCarthy get together for a 20-year reunion on Saturday.

Simply the best netball triumph remembered

ONE of the greatest Gippsland A Grade Netball Grand Finals of all time was remembered last Saturday when the premiers of 2003, Leongatha, got together for a 20-year reunion.

They didn't have to look too far to find a rallying point when they were watching the players of today go around with one of their number, all those years ago, Kate Browne, formerly Kate Govers, still going around in the A Grade team of 2023.

Quite some effort that. Not just making up the numbers, but playing a leading role in attack for the top Leongatha team, and being named among the best.

But with the day's play

over, featuring a strong win by Moe, there was plenty of time for the team of 2003 to reminisce, against the backdrop of some photos and newspaper clippings from the day.

"We were physically drained at the end," said Kate McCarthy.

"It went into a third overtime before we got the win."

Even then, it was literally touch and go.

"It was neck and neck all the way between us and Maffra, nothing in it," said Kirsty Bolge.

"It was a draw after full time, and the same after two periods of overtime. Finally, Maffra put up a shot that didn't drop and Andrea (Pearce) got her long

arms in there and we got the rebound."

The ball went end to end and Kelly Boyd put up the last shot of the day which fell in just as the siren sounded. Wow, what a match, what a win.

The win had its own way of reviving the spent Leongatha players and they celebrated the achievement, for three days!

Not all the players of the day got back for the premiership reunion but there was a good turnout with Kirsty Bolge (Salmon), Sally Trease (Rayson), Kate Browne (Govers), Andrea Pearce and Kate McCarthy. Other premiership team members were Jessie Geitz, Kelly Boyd, and Tameka Bullen.



Dalyston Football Netball Club coach Jenny McRae celebrated the 2018 A Grade grand final victory with daughters Grace, Alana and Hannah. Jenny was recently congratulated by the club for giving 20 years of dedication to netball coaching.

Coach congratulated for two decades of dedication

IT WAS 2003 when Jenny McRae first took on a coaching role at Dalyston Football Netball Club.

Twenty years later, she is still celebrated by the club for commitment and dedication to the game.

Jenny began her coaching career with an U13s team, but has since gone on to coach U15s, U17s, A Grade, and league rep' sides.

"After my car accident, I wasn't able to play anymore. My daughters played at the club, and this was my way to stay active in netball," Jenny said.

The premiership coach said it has been interesting to watch the game change over the years. The pace is faster, centre court players are getting taller, and the intensity is at an all-time high.

"Everyone puts in a lot

of hours, especially at a junior level. It's been important for me to keep up with new methods of coaching because this level is setting them up for the next stage in their careers," Jenny said.

Much of Jenny's time goes into googling drills and conferencing with other coaches to keep on top of the ever-evolving sport.

Jenny has enjoyed many highlights, but three grand finals were the cream of the crop.

"During my first year in 2003, we were newly in Alberton and our U13s played Foster in the grand final. Foster had always been strong and had beaten us all season. We were able to beat them on the day by three goals," she said.

"In 2017, our A Grade team beat Korumburra-Bena in the grand final in the newly formed

West Gippsland league, then again in 2018 our A Grade side beat Phillip Island in the premiership. This was a special win because we had a very young side. The average age of the team was 18 and we were coming in as the underdogs. The girls worked hard all season and fought to the very end."

This year, Jenny is coaching Dalyston's U11s and U13s.

"I've coached the U11s for the last couple of years and they are sitting second on the ladder at the moment," she said.

"The U13s are discovering their potential and learning to back their abilities. The juniors are the development years and it's important to learn to coach the players as a team and as individuals to help them keep their interest in the game."

ELLINBANK

RESULTS

A GRADE

Nyora 27 lt Nilma Darnum 71
Poowong 47 d Yarragon 45
Ellinbank 44 d Trafalgar 38
Buln Buln 49 d Catani 46
Neerim Sth 92 d Lang Lang 26

B GRADE

Nyora 25 lt Nilma Darnum 42
Poowong 30 lt Yarragon 39
Ellinbank 53 d Trafalgar 42
Buln Buln 50 d Catani 38
Neerim Sth 56 d Lang Lang 32

C GRADE

Nyora 3 lt Nilma Darnum 77
Poowong 24 lt Yarragon 28
Ellinbank 52 d Trafalgar 23
Buln Buln 30 d Catani 25
Neerim Sth 41 d Lang Lang 21

17 & UNDER

Poowong 52 d Yarragon 11
Ellinbank 33 lt Trafalgar 44
Buln Buln 26 lt Catani 36
Neerim Sth 3 lt Lang Lang 23

15 & UNDER

Nyora 6 lt Nilma Darnum 41
Poowong 28 d Yarragon 26
Ellinbank 17 lt Trafalgar 41
Buln Buln 37 d Catani 12
Neerim Sth 19 d Lang Lang 18

13 & UNDER

Nyora 11 lt Nilma Darnum 12
Poowong 18 d Yarragon 11
Ellinbank 5 lt Trafalgar 12
Buln Buln 22 d Catani 14
Neerim Sth 21 lt Lang Lang 25

LADDERS

A GRADE

	%	pts
Neerim South	351.97	28
Nilma Darnum	145.10	28
Ellinbank	138.31	24
Trafalgar	130.11	20
Buln Buln	99.39	16
Lang Lang	83.93	14
Catani	100.70	10
Longwarry	76.09	8
Yarragon	69.51	4
Nyora	56.93	4
Poowong	48.94	4

B GRADE

Trafalgar	169.31	28
Buln Buln	159.56	28
Ellinbank	223.86	24
Neerim South	126.64	16
Nilma Darnum	111.59	16
Catani	95.48	16
Yarragon	87.10	12
Lang Lang	87.06	8
Longwarry	77.14	8
Poowong	52.30	4
Nyora	34.19	0

C GRADE

Ellinbank	206.47	24
Buln Buln	118.30	24
Neerim South	185.99	22
Nilma Darnum	165.27	20
Catani	129.65	20
Longwarry	134.55	14
Trafalgar	108.75	12
Yarragon	84.16	12
Poowong	72.16	8
Lang Lang	71.56	4
Nyora	9.29	0

17 & UNDER

	%	pts
Catani	175.32	24
Trafalgar	228.33	20
Longwarry	145.10	20
Ellinbank	138.22	16
Buln Buln	126.74	16
Poowong	195.08	12
Nilma Darnum	88.24	8
Lang Lang	53.13	8
Yarragon	28.27	0
Neerim South	14.58	0
Nyora	0.00	0

15 & UNDER

Buln Buln	244.12	32
Poowong	179.51	28
Yarragon	211.28	20
Trafalgar	132.11	20
Longwarry	205.31	16
Nilma Darnum	115.57	16
Catani	84.00	8
Ellinbank	53.18	8
Neerim South	44.81	8
Lang Lang	69.23	4
Nyora	5.97	0

13 & UNDER

Buln Buln	257.95	32
Poowong	286.27	26
Catani	277.42	26
Longwarry	145.95	18
Yarragon	95.40	16
Neerim South	100.00	12
Nilma Darnum	58.33	10
Trafalgar	64.00	8
Lang Lang	45.66	6
Ellinbank	36.03	4
Nyora	31.25	4

GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Bairnsdale 37 lt Traralgon 55
Sale 41 lt Morwell 62
Wonthaggi 42 lt Warragul 48
Leongatha 41 lt Moe 61
Maffra 38 lt Drouin 57

B GRADE

Sale 46 d Morwell 42
Wonthaggi 52 d Warragul 31
Leongatha 48 lt Moe 50
Maffra 48 lt Drouin 56

C GRADE

Bairnsdale 36 d Traralgon 30
Sale 24 lt Morwell 40
Wonthaggi 31 d Warragul 23
Leongatha 44 d Moe 25
Maffra 41 lt Drouin 45

17 & UNDER

Bairnsdale 30 lt Traralgon 40
Sale 42 d Morwell 27
Wonthaggi 62 d Warragul 11
Leongatha 63 d Moe 2
Maffra 54 d Drouin 29

15 & UNDER

Bairnsdale 35 lt Traralgon 41
Sale 60 d Morwell 13
Wonthaggi 32 d Warragul 26
Leongatha 33 d Moe 25
Maffra 41 d Drouin 16

13 & UNDER

Bairnsdale 13 lt Traralgon 50
Sale 52 d Morwell 2
Wonthaggi 19 d Warragul 9
Leongatha 28 lt Moe 29
Maffra 30 d Drouin 23

LADDERS

A GRADE

	%	pts
Morwell	142.40	26
Moe	142.42	24
Leongatha	126.79	20
Drouin	114.68	20
Warragul	94.81	14
Sale	83.13	12
Traralgon	91.81	8
Wonthaggi	82.10	8
Bairnsdale	75.29	8
Maffra	69.91	0

B GRADE

Traralgon	129.03	24
Leongatha	135.89	16
Moe	117.93	16
Drouin	110.04	16
Morwell	100.61	16
Maffra	94.18	8
Wonthaggi	91.76	8
Warragul	75.14	4
Sale	67.58	4
Bairnsdale	0.00	0

C GRADE

Leongatha	187.92	24
Maffra	146.28	24
Drouin	129.25	24
Morwell	122.89	24
Bairnsdale	108.96	16
Moe	95.02	12
Traralgon	80.61	8
Wonthaggi	64.13	4
Sale	60.62	4
Warragul	68.25	0

17 & UNDER

	%	pts
Leongatha	203.31	28
Sale	176.43	24
Traralgon	171.82	24
Maffra	126.94	20
Wonthaggi	187.36	16
Morwell	95.07	10
Bairnsdale	81.33	8
Drouin	72.08	6
Warragul	40.24	4
Moe	19.08	0

15 & UNDER

Traralgon	349.57	28
Sale	230.67	28
Leongatha	112.74	20
Bairnsdale	141.71	16
Maffra	106.70	16
Moe	74.78	12
Wonthaggi	70.07	8
Warragul	62.87	8
Morwell	54.61	4
Drouin	29.48	0

13 & UNDER

Traralgon	309.80	24
Sale	280.19	24
Moe	174.68	20
Maffra	135.67	20
Leongatha	142.68	16
Bairnsdale	103.82	16
Drouin	66.67	12
Warragul	34.87	4
Wonthaggi	24.24	4
Morwell	16.55	0

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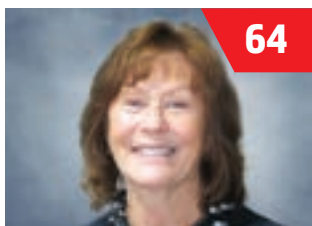
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TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

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NEWBOROUGH	TOORA
Newborough 4.4 10.9 13.15 19.18 (132)	Toora 3.2 5.2 5.3 5.6 (36)

GOALS, Newborough: Corey Nickels 5, Peter Ainsworth, Liam Flahavin, Joshua Hecker, Josh Monacella, Josh Pearce, Jack Robinson 2, Jake Bishop, Liam Charles 1 each
BEST: Joshua Hecker, Liam Flahavin, Josh Pearce, Patrick Charles, Josh Monacella, Peter Ainsworth
GOALS, Toora: Jack Weston 2, Jonathan Pintus, Aron Rhodes, Josh Toner 1 each
BEST: Mason O'Sullivan, Josh Toner, Jack Weston, Harley Hoppner, Jordan Knox, Aron Rhodes

RESERVES				
Toora	2.1	7.4	9.6	12.7 (79)
Newborough	1.2	2.4	3.6	3.7 (25)

GOALS, Toora: James Maurilli-Pullin 7, Jake Mabilia 2, Leigh de Boer, Jarryd Guganovic, Burbeej Wang 1 each
BEST: James Maurilli-Pullin, Adam Parry, Burbeej Wang, Jarrod vening, Shawn Vening, Luke Anedda
GOALS, Newborough: Brodie Burgess 2, Jordan McMahon 1
BEST: Will Troy, Tyler Peters, Rohan Richards, Joel Jacovou, Jordan McMahon, Jack Duncan
THIRDS
Fish Crk/Tarwin 8.2 10.8 15.11 21.13 (139)
Newborough 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 (1)
BEST, Newborough: Cooper Hanson, Lincoln Mulley, Lachlan Nelson, Seth Coady, Daniel Edebohls, Nicholas Murray

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

151 28

FOSTER	MIRBOO NORTH
Foster 4.4 9.8 15.8 23.13 (151)	Mirboo North 1.2 1.2 3.3 4.4 (28)

GOALS, Foster: Tom Bartholomew, Matthew Clark, Jack Rathjen 4, Michael Cooke 3, Willem Duursma 2, Mitchell Green, James Morris, Brendan Neville, Jonathan Segat, Eddie Smith, Tim Wigney 1 each
BEST: Brendan Neville, Craig Wray, Tim Wigney, Oliver Callcott, Brock Cripps, Michael Cooke
GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Beau Melbourne 3, Josh Taylor 1
BEST: Patrick Lewis, Harrison Mahoney, Ben Campbell, Beau Melbourne, Josh Taylor, Joel Lambourn
RESERVES
Mirboo North 4.4 5.7 8.10 13.14 (92)
Foster 2.1 2.2 4.3 5.3 (33)
GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Lachlan Dight, Jedd Felmingham 3, William Lewis 2, Michael Aveling, Simon Busuttil, Harry Dobson, Trevor Hart, Alex Krausz 1 each
BEST: Lachlan Dight, Luke Gervasi, Jedd Felmingham, Harry Dobson, Simon Busuttil, Hayden Barnes
GOALS, Foster: Ethan Lavis 2, Simon Gibson, Jason Midwinter, Jason Smith 1 each
BEST: Ben Tillack, Jason Smith, Mikey House, Ollie Cox, Alej Lacanaria, Nathan Gundrill

THIRDS
Foster 3.1 5.3 7.7 9.8 (62)
Mirboo North 1.3 4.5 6.7 7.10 (52)
GOALS, Foster: Nathan Gundrill 5, Reghan Lewis 2, Jedd Davy, Flynn Lomax 1 each
BEST: Reghan Lewis, Nathan Gundrill, Leevi Lidstone, Jedd Davy, Flynn Lomax, Caeleb Garlick
GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Jesse Rawlings 2, Sam Bradley, Oliver Budd, Thomas Heislars, Daniel Masters, Archie Woodall 1 each
BEST: Oliver Budd, Noah Bradley, Hayden Barnes, Jack Jagusch, Sam Bradley, Thomas Heislars

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

ELLINBANK ROUND 9

Lang Lang v Ellinbank
Trafalgar v Longwarry
Yarragon v Neerim South
Nilma Darnum v Poowong
Catani v Nyora
Buln Buln - BYE

MID GIPPSLAND ROUND 7

Newborough v Stony Creek
Fish Creek v Boolarra
Thorpdale v Toora
Mirboo North v Tarwin
MDU v Morwell East
Hill End v Foster
Yinnar - BYE

Magpies no match for ferocious Bulldogs



Toora and Newborough scramble for the ball. Photo: Tarley Maurilli-Pullin

IN THE Game of Thrones, there was plenty of fear and apprehension based on the warning that “Winter is Coming”.

And to bring that phrase back into the MGFNL and throw an in-form Newborough side to that, you just knew that Toora were going to be tested to the absolute max.

The goal for the home ground Magpies possibly wasn't going to be whether they won, but how they held strong or otherwise under the enormous pressure expected.

Newborough did win comfortably but the Magpies did feel as though they fought the match out as best they could with the players they chose to field...

Newborough are starting to build quite the record and as good as they have been, the Bulldogs are likely to improve even further deep into the season.

“After a disappointing performance against Stony Creek we wanted a response against Newborough,” Jack Weston, Toora coach said.

“To the boys credit we responded and pushed a great side for a half, dropping away after half time. “Our intensity and effort around the ball early was fantastic.

“To Newborough's credit they were able to get us on the spread from the contest and kicked a winning score.

“Hopefully we can take our improved performance and put it together for four quarters against Thorpdale next week who are probably the form team of the competition.”

The Magpies now face the high flying Blues, who have strung together three winning games in a row and no doubt will have their sights set on four.

Tigers clash but only one comes out ontop

IT WAS showtime for Foster fans at the Foster Showgrounds on Saturday afternoon, when the ferocious Foster Tigers thrashed the Mirboo North Tigers by 123 points, in idyllic sunshine on a perfect playing deck.

After two hours of one-sided football, where too many of its disposals represented the rusty artillery of inexactitude, Mirboo North suffered its biggest thumping since losing to Newborough by 129 points at Tigerland in 2014.

Pre-game, there was nothing to suggest Foster's form would explode into a firestorm, or a Mirboo North implosion was about to take place.

After all, Foster was coming off successive defeats by Yinnar and Fish Creek, following narrow back-to-back three-point victories against Tarwin and Boolarra.

Mirboo North had won three of its opening five games that included a 10-point victory over MDU in the previous round and it was five spots

By Rover

above Foster on the ladder in fourth place.

Kicking into a slight breeze, Foster scored three early goals, following two strong marks from Michael Cooke and a clever intercept grab and piercing 30-metre low flier by 15-year-old Willem Duursma.

When Beau Melbourne snapped Mirboo North's first major two minutes later, no one imagined the white calico flags wouldn't be waved again for the visiting Tigers, until well into the third quarter.

Then, after Jack Rathjen booted the first of his four goals for the day, Foster held a 20-point quarter-time lead, where Brendan Neville and Craig Wray helped the locals hold sway with some outstanding play.

Giant ruckman, Patrick Lewis, Harry Mahoney and Ben Campbell were doing their best to keep Mirboo North in the game, but

Foster's orderly marking and tidy kicking were of paramount concern.

After nothing much went right for Mirboo North in the opening term, everything went wrong for it with a scoreless second quarter, that saw Foster control the air, feature prominently at ground level and force the visitors into a series of inexplicable unforced errors.

In effect, the contest was over bar the shouting, not long after quarter-time, as Foster strode towards a 54-point lead at half-time.

Speaking of shouting, concerned Mirboo North bar-rackers were wary of issuing vociferous advice from over the fence, lest their cries be misconstrued and free kicks gifted to the home side.

More scoreboard pain came Mirboo North's way during the third quarter, with Foster adding six goals without a miss from varying distances and a range of angles, a couple of which, were quite tight

and Peter Daicos-like.

Although Mirboo North managed 2.1 for the term, with goals from Melbourne and Josh Taylor, it was staring at an insurmountable 77-point three-quarter time deficit.

There was no let up by Foster in the last quarter, where its zest, dash and drive continued unabated that saw 8.5 added to its already impressive scoreline.

Oliver Callcott, Brock Cripps and Tim Wigney joined Neville and Wray in ensuring Foster's dominance was maintained all the way to the final siren.

In the end, Foster had overwhelmed Mirboo North with 11 individual goal kickers, led by Rathjen, Tom Bartholomew and Matthew Clark contributing four majors apiece.

Despite Mirboo North experiencing its heaviest defeat in nearly a decade, there is no guilt in the team's performance, because its strivings were ceaseless.

Disappointing performance for the Sharks

By Rob Popplestone

ON THE surface at least Tarwin hadn't seemed to be bringing the same sort of game they had done in the year prior, when the Sharks were clearly the benchmark of the home and away competition.

Back on their home deck and after an in-different start to the season, this clash had quickly become their most important of 2023, but you wouldn't have thought it, given the Sharks most disappointing performance.

"A very pleasing win yesterday, with our injury list growing by the week to have even contributors across the ground was great to see. Tarwin is a very strong opposition and always hard to beat at Shark park."

"Expecting Boolarra to come out firing next week. Always a tight contest so will be a high pressure game," Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach said.

The Kangaroos have been quietly but effectively going about their business and are now only a win or two from bobbing their head up around the very top couple on the MGFNL ladder.

"We had some passages of play that looks like us and then momentum changes and we can't get it back," Troy Hemming, Tarwin coach said.

"We are learning a lot with this group this year so the only thing we do is move onto next week against Mirboo North. We are still very positive that when we get our plan to click it will challenge teams for four quarters."

Although on paper there appears plenty of time in which to make a move, the evenness of the competition will make any substantial climb up the ladder near impossible if the run is left too late.



Coach Jarrod Walker battled hard all day against his bigger Tarwin opponent Nathan McRae.



Fish Creek's Will Vooham has eyes for the ball.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

 **53**  **28**

	FISH CREEK		TARWIN	
Fish Creek	1.0	4.3	6.5	8.5 (53)
Tarwin	2.3	3.4	3.4	4.4 (28)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Adam Bright, Thomas Cameron 2, Stewart McCooke, Sam McGannon, Pat Pekin, Ryan Williams 1 each
BEST: Pat Pekin, Tom Valenta, Willem Voorham, Sam McGannon, Levi Cocksedge, Jarrod Walker
GOALS, Tarwin: William Blundy, Jason Kennedy, Todd Lomax, Ryan Waddell 1 each
BEST: Jason Kennedy, Jordan Hill, Hugh Suckling, Marty Snooks, Daniel Houston, Todd Lomax

RESERVES
Tarwin 3.3 5.5 5.9 10.12 (72)
Fish Creek 1.0 2.1 3.1 3.2 (20)
GOALS, Tarwin: Travis Kitchin 6, John Kilsby, Nick Tucker 2
BEST: Nick Tucker, Stuart Kilsby, Sam Burns, Harrison Cumming, David Leggo, Travis Kitchin
GOALS, Fish Creek: Jarrod Livingstone, Colin McPhee, Rhys Staley 1 each
BEST: Joseph Rysko, Rory Standfield, Brandon Bell, Matthew Pocklington, Colin McPhee, Brandon Busuttill

THIRDS
Fish Crk/Tarwin 8.2 10.8 15.11 21.13 (139)
Newborough 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 (1)
GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Jackson Morgan, Joseph Rysko 3, Alby Edgelow, Shea Griffin, Ryan Gwin, Archie Moore 2, Billy Boyd, Tige Brewer, Zak Bright, Asher Hamlett, Zac McRae, Tom Millton, Rory Standfield 1 each
BEST: Rory Standfield, Zak Bright, Alby Edgelow, Jackson Morgan, Tom Piasente, Wilkie Edgelow

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

 **142**  **51**

	MDU		HILL END	
MDU	7.2	11.4	15.5	22.10 (142)
Hill End	0.2	4.8	6.9	7.9 (51)

GOALS, MDU: Brendan Tomada 5, Shaye Walsh 4, Jayden Deas, Michael Smith 3, Samuel Wilson 2, Ashleigh Allen, Jake Bromley, Jess Hickey, Nick Tuckett, Jacob Whiteside 1 each
BEST: Brendan Tomada, Nick Tuckett, Samuel Wilson, Nathan Allen, Thomas Corry, Jacob Whiteside
GOALS, Hill End: Jamie Somers 3, Lachlan Answer, Seth Calway, Jeremy Hunter, Bailey Morton 1 each
BEST: Seth Calway, Liam Fitzpatrick, Harry Moore, Joshua Fairfull, Aaron Fawcett, Ambu Uliando

RESERVES
MDU 4.5 7.11 11.16 18.16 (124)
Hill End 0.1 0.4 0.4 1.4 (10)
GOALS, MDU: Jack Dunn 6, Blake Moscript, Benjamin Schroen 3, Erik O'Loughlin 2, Jake Brydon, Ben Cantwell, Benjamin Maxwell, Samuel Turner 1 each
BEST: Benjamin Schroen, Jack Dunn, Blake Moscript, Travis Ruedin, Erik O'Loughlin, Kayden Scrimshaw
GOALS, Hill End: Ethan Calway 1
BEST: Ethan Calway, Anthony Wilkes, Seamus Murphy, Daniel Lamers, Jake Schiavello, Tim Mackenlay

THIRDS
MDU 2.3 4.5 9.11 12.13 (85)
Yinnar 0.1 3.1 3.3 3.5 (23)
GOALS, MDU: Angus McInnes 3, Rylan Bell, Finn Dunn, Hunter Fennell, Lachlan Hibberson, Harry Scrimshaw, Burke VanderZalm 1 each
BEST: Raph Jefferis, Rylan Bell, Angus McInnes, Hunter Fennell, Burke VanderZalm, Benjamin Hibberson
GOALS, Yinnar: Jay Rogalsky 2, Harvey McKay 1
BEST: Jay Rogalsky, Isaac Krizanac, Oliver McColl, Luke Douch, Noah McCafferty, Presley Podmore

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS
Yinnar 9.15.69 d Boolarra 6.6.42
Thorpdale 9.8.62 d Morwell East 4.7.31
RESERVES
Yinnar 13.12.90 d Boolarra 1.1.7
Thorpdale 9.9.63 d Morwell East 6.8.44

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 6

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Newborough	6	0	236.23	24
Yinnar	5	1	137.75	20
Morwell East	4	2	118.69	16
Fish Creek	4	2	81.22	16
MDU	3	3	155.38	12
Foster	3	3	129.97	12
Thorpdale	3	3	111.90	12
Mirboo North	3	3	90.71	12
Stony Creek	2	3	85.92	8
Tarwin	2	3	84.16	8
Boolarra	1	4	81.32	4
Toora	1	4	47.06	4
Hill End	0	6	47.95	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
MDU	5	1	483.93	20
Newborough	5	1	228.08	20
Tarwin	4	1	308.78	16
Toora	4	1	195.51	16
Yinnar	4	2	177.16	16
Thorpdale	4	2	116.97	16
Fish Creek	3	3	104.28	12
Morwell East	3	3	98.76	12
Stony Creek	2	3	79.93	8
Mirboo North	1	5	48.46	4
Hill End	1	5	40.00	4
Boolarra	1	4	25.60	4
Foster	0	6	24.27	0

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
MDU	5	1	157.38	20
Fish Creek/Tarwin	4	2	212.25	16
Mirboo North	3	3	179.82	12
Yinnar	3	3	122.18	12
Foster	3	3	87.83	12
Newborough	0	6	10.71	0
Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 8

POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

**86**

**20**

POOWONG				
Poowong	3.1	5.4	9.6	13.8 (86)
Yarragon	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.2 (20)

GOALS, Poowong: Jack Hazendonk 4, Conor Cunningham 3, William Robertson 2, Joel Norton, Zac Gray, Micah Williams, Steven McInnes 1 each
BEST: Conor Cunningham, Jack Hazendonk, William Robertson, Joel Norton, Kurt Newton, Mitch De Kleuver
GOALS, Yarragon: Brody Leitch, Liam Casey, Mitchell Davey 1 each
BEST: Kalin Parker, Kaden Finlay Smith, Brad Harding, Liam Casey, Luke Clark

RESERVES

Yarragon	7.2	10.7	12.14	16.16 (112)
Poowong	1.0	3.2	3.2	5.3 (33)

GOALS, Yarragon: Heath Darcy 4, Hayden Favero, Kallym Canobie 3, Jarvis Wheller 2, Jake Hedley, Blake Mooney, Oliver Marek Dylan Binzer 1 each
BEST: Oliver Marek, Kallym Canobie, Heath Darcy, Hayden Favero, Michael Price, Clayton Bawden
GOALS, Poowng: Jake Peacock, Tarkyn Taylor-wilton, Rhys Schulz, Joshua Hutton, Mathew Burr 1 each
BEST: Tyran Lord, Joshua Hutton, Zach Townley, Jake Peacock, Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton, Jake Lewis

THIRDS

Yarragon	5.2	8.6	9.8	10.10 (70)
Poowong	1.1	3.4	3.5	6.6 (42)

GOALS, Yarragon: Zak Keeble, Joshura Mills, Lachlan McWhinney 2, Liam Smith Butterworth, Kade Paynter, Jamie Buch, Aidan Weekes 1 each
BEST: Blair Owen, Zak Keeble, Ty Keeble, Joshua Mills, Kade Paynter, Lachlan King
GOALS, Poowong: Tommy Burgess 2, Angus Halliwell, Benjamin Fowler, Rory Nettle, Calvin Langford 1 each
BEST: Tommy Burgess, Anthony Orsini, Daniel Whelan, Bryce Townsend, Sterling Holman, Gavin Monson, Lukas Watts

FOURTHS

Poowong	2.2	4.5	6.7	6.8 (44)
Yarragon	1.3	2.7	4.10	5.14 (44)

GOALS, Poowong: No names supplied.
BEST: Jett Blackwood, Rory Nettle, Aaron Damon, Marty Cook, Gavin Monson, Johnathan Wilson
GOALS, Yarragon: Callum Kennedy 2, Seth Damschke, Ryhs McDonald-Flegg, Kai Clancy 1 each
BEST: Matthew Balfour, Rhys McDonald-Flegg, Seth Damschke, Adam Pickthall, Callum Kennedy, Ty Keeble

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

**108**

**84**

NYORA				
Nyora	3.5	4.11	9.15	15.18 (108)
Nilma Darnum	2.1	5.2	9.3	13.6 (84)

GOALS, Nyora: Joshua Ryan, Travis Stewart 3, Adam Pugh, Nick Anderson 2, Scott Pugh, Jono Hewitt, Rhys Grange-Lylak, Marvic Sellars, Max Mattock 1 each
BEST: Travis Stewart, Rhys Grange-Lylak, Joshua Ryan, Connor Thompson, Jesse Heylen, Jordan Anderson
GOALS, Nilma Darnum: John Hayes 6, Jack Jarred 2, Sage Tapner, Billyjack Smith, Lucas Maffei, Oxley Huson, Malcolm Hunter 1 each
BEST: John Hayes, Nick Carrigy, Sebastian Crowle, Jeremy Jarred, Cody Harrison, Malcolm Hunter

RESERVES

Nyora	3.1	6.3	6.4	8.11 (59)
Nilma Darnum	1.3	2.5	3.5	4.5 (29)

GOALS, Nyora: Ryan Torelli 3, Rob Moxon 2, Lincoln Brock, Matt Layton, Gavin Doig 1 each
BEST: Ryan Torelli, Rob Moxon, Connor Jester, Lincoln Brock, Brad Drews
GOALS, Nilma Darnum: Corey Wright, Christopher Demicoli, Munashe Mnjoma, Nicholas Gorman 1 each
BEST: Christopher Demicoli, Rhonan Perry, Munashe Munjoma, Brady Einsiedel, Benjamin Egan, Christopher Cameron

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS				
Neerim Sth	12.14.86	d	Lang Lang	2.2.14
Ellinbank	7.5.47	d	Lang Lang	6.8.44
Buln Buln	8.13.61	d	Catani	4.4.28
RESERVES				
Neerim Sth	12.14.86	d	Lang Lang	2.2.14
Ellinbank	7.5.47	d	Lang Lang	6.8.44
Buln Buln	8.13.61	d	Catani	4.4.28
THIRDS				
Neerim Sth	19.17.131	d	Lang Lang	4.3.27
Ellinbank	14.10.94	d	Trafalgar	2.5.17
FOURTHS				
Neerim Sth	12.5.77	d	Lang Lang	5.5.35
Ellinbank	8.5.53	d	Trafalgar	4.7.31
Buln Buln	5.7.37	d	N-Darnum	5.6.36

Magpies relish after defining victory

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG welcomed Yarragon on Saturday in all four divisions, well done to both clubs for making the effort of fielding four teams.

Poowong were forced to make a change with Steve McInnes suffering a “hammy” last week, back in Andrew Logan, back from a “hammy”.

The Magpies kicked to the Drouin Road end with the wind, the ground was soft after this week’s rain but stood up well.

It was Yarragon that was first on the board with a goal, Poowong replied with a goal to Alex Henshall, play was confined to the scoreboard wing for most of the match being the scoring side.

Poowong were playing well and added three more goals for the quarter with goals to Kurt Newton from a free kick, Alex Henshall running into goal and Micah Williams marking and kicking Poowong’s fourth.

Good quarter by Poowong, now with Yarragon having the wind probably worth 2-3 goals it would be up to Poowong’s defence to hold firm, though not impossible to score against the breeze.

Jack Hazendonk and Connor Cunningham were causing Yarragon a problem and with Poowong’s defence

playing well they started off the third quarter with a fourteen-point lead with the breeze.

The coach asked players to go back to the game plan and work hard with the breeze to be well placed at three quarter time.

Poowong opened with a snap for goal finishing out of bounds on the full.

The Magpies were determined to finish the game off with a victory and when Mitch Molloy’s kick for goal swung back for Poowong’s tenth they were looking home.

Further certain when Damon Hansen marked and goaled from a kick across goal Poowong were home. Yarragon managed two late goals to finish with five.

The boys sung the club song with great gusto before a large crowd gathered with A grade netballers winning their first game for the season.

Let’s get behind the club who are doing a great job in the community giving people the opportunity to play football and netball and make mates in this tough society.

Remember being a volunteer for the club is a great way to make new mates and join a great family club.



Poowong’s Jack Hazendonk was strong on the field. Photo: Jeff Tull

Comfortable victory for Saints over the Bombers

By Nyora Football Club

NYORA welcomed the 1993 premiership players for their 30-year reunion along with life members and sponsors to a day of high expectations against Nilma Darnum who coincidentally are being coached by Paul Algar who was their ‘93 premiership coach.

After winning the past two games against top five contenders, we entered the game in brilliant fashion with Josh Ryan kicking two goals in the first 90 seconds.

Nilma Darnum were able to stem the flow somewhat even winning the second quarter, but we were never headed and ran out comfortable winners by four goals.

We would have won by more if not for a few 50 metre penalties resulting in opposition goals.

Under no circumstances boys should you back chat an umpire.

Simply accept their decision and play the game.

Josh Ryan and Rhys Grange-Lylak played their best game of the season showing what they are capable of and were supported by jumping jack Travis

Stewart, the Heylen brothers, Jordy Anderson and the rest of the team.

Keep up the good work boys and expecting a win against Catini this Saturday putting us in top five contention.

Bear in mind if we had won the games earlier in the season where we lost by a single goal, we would be in the top five right now.

Reserves:

Well done by the boys winning by five goals and staying in touch with the top five.

If it wasn’t for a few hot moments where we again gave away numerous 50 metre penalties the margin would have been much greater.

A special mention is Lincoln Brook who seemed to be everywhere and totally dominate the game.

Keep up the great work Lincoln.

RIGHT: The Saints’ Connor Thompson looks to boot it long.



ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 8

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Buln Buln	8	0	206.52	32	Neerim South	7	0	634.58	28	Neerim South	6	1	260.47	85.7	Neerim South	6	0	296.09	92.8
Ellinbank	6	1	207.14	24	Ellinbank	6	1	332.02	24	Buln Buln	6	1	223.41	85.7	Ellinbank	6	1	320.78	85.7
Neerim South	5	2	286.94	20	Lang Lang	5	2	268.52	20	Ellinbank	5	1	336.54	83.3	Trafalgar	5	2	188.51	68.7
Trafalgar	5	3	102.02	20	Buln Buln	5	3	157.85	20	Yarragon	3	3	102.78	50.0	Lang Lang	4	3	192.17	57.1
Poowng	4	3	82.29	16	Catani	4	3	112.23	16	Longwarry	2	4	58.02	33.3	Longwarry	4	3	82.43	57.1
Yarragon	3	4	90.47	12	Trafalgar	3	5	148.10	12	Trafalgar	2	5	45.54	28.6	Buln Buln	4	4	76.60	50.0
Nyora	3	5	76.50	12	Yarragon	3	4	85.75	12	Poowong	2	5	40.68	28.6	Yarragon	1	4	47.71	25.0
Longwarry	3	4	62.44	12	Longwarry	3	4	80.40	12	Lang Lang	0	6	30.71	0.0	Poowong	1	6	31.29	7.1
Lang Lang	2	5	68.31	8	Nyora	3	5	54.21	12	Catani	0	0	0.00	0	Nilma Darnum	0	7	26.09	0.0
Catani	1	6	63.98	4	Nilma Darnum	1	6	26.32	4	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0
Nilma Darnum	0	7	53.12	0	Poowong	0	7	9.53	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0

Power zaps Gulls

TOM Davey celebrated his 100th senior game for Wonthaggi in style, booting six goals and helping Power dismantle an outclassed Warragul, and topping his side's best players list.

Wonthaggi coach Jarryd Blair joked with the players after the game that it was never in doubt Davey would kick a bag full of goals in his milestone game regardless of how the match result turned out, suggesting he has a touch of tunnel vision when it comes to the goals.

But it wasn't just Davey's goalkicking that impressed the coach, with Blair praising TD's ability to stick the tackles and do the team things.

While happy with his personal haul, Davey loves being a part of the Power side, highlighting everyone's willingness to work hard.

The results of that effort were on show against the Gulls as all Wonthaggi players contributed solidly throughout.

Blair praised his team's controlled ball use, noting the Power maintained its solidity all game.

Wonthaggi mixed its approach, sometimes relying on rapid ball movement and other times adopting a patient build up, chipping accurate passes to players who had found space, but it mattered little which method Power chose, with regular scoring opportunities created either way.

From the outset, Wonthaggi's superior class was

apparent, resulting in five first term goals to none.

The Gulls stuck at the task early, their tackling efforts earning some holding the ball decisions, but as the day progressed most pressure on Wonthaggi fell away and Power players found plenty of free space.

While there was limited opposition, Wonthaggi's performance shouldn't be played down, with its ability to deliver high-quality footy despite parts of the ground being heavy with water and shifting under foot.

Blair noted the conditions after the game, urging the players to look after their bodies and focus on recovering from what was at times a tough slog.

Tom Murray was a lively presence for Power, noticeable from the outset as he set an attacking tone for the side, and deservedly listed next behind Davey on Wonthaggi's top performers list.

With the footy spending much of the match in Wonthaggi's forward line, Davey wasn't the only one having a day out around the big sticks as Noah Anderson and Cooper McInnes slotted four majors each and Troy Harley booted three.

Ryan Sparkes blended class and tenacity as usual, never relenting in his attack on ball or man, even when Power victory was certain.

Toma Huther looked the part again whether in the ruck or with his other contributions around the ground, and his fitness and agility were telling.



Tom Davey is chaired off after Wonthaggi recorded a big win in his 100th senior game for the club. A13_2223



Jack Blair breaks away from a tackle and looks for options down field. Z34_2223

Moe adds Gowers to end Parrots' winning streak



Moe's Ben Daniher takes a spectacular grab ahead of kicking an important goal at Leongatha on Saturday.

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Not that Leongatha played badly in general play.

In his 150th game, big Ben Willis was having an impact, against good opposition in the ruck including Ben Morrow and new Moe beanpole Chris Prowse, not only getting his share of the taps but also tackling and following up on the loose ball in an inspirational effort. And while Moe had close checks on two of Leongatha's key onballers, Tom Marriott and Aaron Heppell, who were given no space in which to work, Cam Olden, Kim Drew, Jack Hume, Jesse Burns and Luke Bowman were picking up the slack with Guy Dickson, Sean Westaway and Cade Maskell leading a stout defence.

There wasn't a lot wrong with

how Leongatha were playing the game, contesting well for the ball, tackling and taking it up to the challengers, but they were constantly under commendable pressure from Moe, they lacked the movement and run you'll usually see and were noticeably quiet on the field.

Poor kicking for goal will do that.

At the last huddle, the Moe coach encouraged his players to keep doing the things that had got them there, to keep taking the game on, to keep scoring and they did that, counter-attacking out of Leongatha's half as the Parrots pressed up, throwing the likes of Dickson and Maskell forward, and with Marriott, Olden and Heppell among those trying to make things happen.

Keilty himself turned the

Parrots out several times with towering marks at half back, combining with Jordan Ceppi on occasion, who had earlier hobbled off the ground in the hands of the Moe trainers, to release ball forward.

It was Moe's Grady Cocksedge who got the crucial first goal of the last quarter, where Leongatha had been the first to go into attack. It started the Moe-end of the grandstand rocking and the visitors had the win in their keeping.

Marriott showed Leongatha the way home with a late goal but Gowers and Ben Daniher delivered the coup de grace, the final one coming just as the siren sounded to end the streak.

Final scores: Moe 12.5.77 def Leongatha 6.14.50.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 7

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

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MOE		LEONGATHA			
Moe	2.1	6.3	11.5	12.5	(77)
Leongatha	0.7	1.12	5.13	6.14	(50)
GOALS, Moe Bill Gowers 6, Ben Daniher, Harrison Pepper 2, Jacob Balfour, Grady Cocksedge, Jacob Wood 1 each					
BEST: Jacob Wood, Declan Keilty, James Blaser, Brock Smith, Bill Gowers, Ben Daniher					
GOALS, Leongatha: Jesse Burns, Jack Ginnane, Aaron Heppell, Jack Hume, Thomas Marriott, Cade Maskell 1 each					
BEST: Cade Maskell, Cameron Olden, Ben Willis, Guy Dickson, Jack Hume, Kim Drew					
RESERVES					
Leongatha	3.5	7.10	11.13	11.14	(80)
Moe	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	(13)
GOALS, Leongatha: Flynn Materia 4, Joshua Schelling 2, Darcy Berryman, Ty Hall, Darcy Hume, Reegan Kemp, Hayden Lindsay 1 each					
BEST: Luke Marshman, Joshua Schelling, Ty Hall, Noah Fixter, Levi Hickey, Oakley Kerr					
GOALS, Moe William Claridge, Kane Weir 1 each					
BEST: Aaron Wilson, Kane Weir, Lachlan Rees, Nathan Balfour, Tyler Morrow, Jarrod Thornton					
THIRDS					
Leongatha	0.4	3.6	6.8	10.10	(70)
Moe	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.5	(11)
GOALS, Leongatha: Jett Garnham 4, Trent McRae 3, Kade Berryman, Ben Fort, Beau Grabham Andrews 1 each					
BEST: Trent McRae, Lachlan Gill, Will Brown, Harrison Reville Gent, Ben Fort, Jett Garnham					
GOALS, Moe Josh Dwyer 1					
BEST: William Jenkinson, Ethan Mounsey, Kyan Mulley, Alex Styles, Liam Weir, Lachlan Wallace					
FOURTHS					
Moe	3.5	4.6	6.8	7.8	(50)
Leongatha	1.0	2.5	4.8	5.10	(40)
BEST, Moe James Declan Pace, Liam Masters, Jordan Shields, Thomas Matthews, Max Edebohls, Lucas Earl					
BEST, Leongatha: Clayton Quaife, Isaac Bolge, Aydan Williams, Thomas Geary, Hayden Bowler, Archie Fixter					

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

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WONTHAGGI		WARRAGUL			
Wonthaggi	5.4	10.6	18.11	25.15	(165)
Warragul	0.0	3.1	3.2	4.3	(27)
GOALS, Wonthaggi: Tom Davey 6, Noah Anderson, Cooper McInnes 4, Troy Harley 3, Isaac Chugg, Mitch Hayes 2, Jarryd Blair, Tim Knowles, Brodie Mabilia, Thomas Murray 1 each					
BEST: Tom Davey, Thomas Murray, Tim Knowles, Noah Anderson, Toma Huther, Ryan Sparkes					
GOALS, Warragul: Bayley Paul, Riley Senini, Nick Stevenson, Corbin Sutherland 1 each					
BEST: Sam Whibley, Corbin Sutherland, Riley Senini, Lucas Carter, Jake Hughes, Bayley Paul					
RESERVES					
Wonthaggi	4.3	9.10	14.17	21.19	(145)
Warragul	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.1	(13)
GOALS, Wonthaggi: Adam Busana 6, Nathan Jones 4, Reeve Moresco 3, Ollie Dawson, Kyle Yann 2, Wayne Luke, Kane McCarthy, Andrew Murray, Josh Waters 1 each					
BEST: Kyle Yann, Ollie Dawson, Luke Gheller, Adam Busana, Kane McCarthy, Jaxon Williams					
GOALS, Warragul: Dale Carroll 1					
BEST: Jacob Orlicki, Xavier La Frantz, Daniel Saker, Randall Mitchell, Jason Neville					
FOURTHS					
Wonthaggi	1.2	2.7	5.7	7.8	(51)
Warragul	2.3	3.6	3.6	3.11	(29)
BEST, Wonthaggi: Jaxon Brouwers, Archie Jobe, Oliver Feather, Chase Caldwell, Thomas MacMillan, Connor MacMillan					
BEST, Warragul: Tyson O'Leary, Caleb McIntosh, Xavier Olsson, Levi Moore, Oliver Spath, Harry Hodge					

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS					
Traralgon	11.16.82	d	Bairnsdale	6.7.43	
Sale	8.10.58	d	Morwell	8.6.54	
Maffra	15.17.107	d	Drouin	8.12.60	
RESERVES					
Traralgon	9.7.61	d	Bairnsdale	7.4.46	
Sale	11.14.80	d	Morwell	7.2.44	
Maffra	17.10.112	d	Drouin	0.0.0	
THIRDS					
Traralgon	15.6.96	d	Bairnsdale	5.7.37	
Sale	11.11.77	d	Morwell	8.6.54	
Maffra	14.6.90	d	Drouin	2.8.20	
FOURTHS					
Traralgon	14.9.93	d	Bairnsdale	5.6.36	
Sale	13.6.84	d	Morwell	7.6.48	
Maffra	10.8.68	d	Drouin	7.5.47	

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 7

SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					FOURTHS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	6	1	204.24	24	Leongatha	6	1	318.13	24	Traralgon	7	0	341.54	28	Traralgon	7	0	282.32	28
Moe	6	1	168.14	24	Maffra	6	1	246.86	24	Leongatha	5	1	150.52	20	Maffra	6	1	226.40	24
Traralgon	6	1	154.01	24	Wonthaggi	5	2	206.03	20	Maffra	5	1	130.04	20	Moe	5	2	170.61	20
Wonthaggi	5	2	171.36	20	Traralgon	5	2	173.85	20	Warragul	3	3	146.67	12	Bairnsdale	5	2	163.61	20
Sale	3	4	82.84	12	Moe	5	2	137.83	20	Bairnsdale	2	3	85.23	10	Leongatha	4	3	151.56	16
Maffra	2	4	77.53	10	Bairnsdale	3	4	88.48	12	Moe	2	4	44.81	8	Drouin	4	3	104.30	16
Bairnsdale	2	4	60.53	10	Morwell	2	5	77.03	8	Sale	1	4	86.80	6	Sale	2	5	45.83	8
Morwell	2	5	81.50	8	Sale	2	5	73.96	8	Morwell	1	6	63.46	4	Warragul	1	6	75.32	4
Warragul	2	5	44.64	8	Warragul	1	6	23.01	4	Drouin	1	5	44.46	4	Wonthaggi	1	6	41.17	4
Drouin	0	7	76.54	0	Drouin	0	7	18.60	0	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Morwell	0	7	23.09	0

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Dalyston	13.15.93 d Garfield 6.10.46
Inverloch-Kongwak	19.23.137 d Korumburra-Bena 2.3.15
Phillip Island	17.14.116 d Kilcunda-Bass 10.6.66
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INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

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IMVERLOCH-K		KORUMBURRA-BENA	

Inverloch-K 2.3 9.13 13.18 19.23 (137)
Kor-Bena 2.1 2.1 2.1 2.3 (15)
GOALS, Inverloch-K: Will Hams 5, Nicholas Baltas 3, Toby Mahoney, Ethan Park, Marcus Toussaint 2, Clinton McCaughan, Callan O'Flynn, Lachlan Scott, Tate Short, Jamieson Soumilas 1 each
BEST: Will Hams, Ethan Park, Clinton McCaughan, Marcus Toussaint, Kairon Dorling, Toby Mahoney
GOALS, Kor-Bena: Evan Allaway, Kodie Walker 1 each
BEST: Codie Anderson, Tyson Findlay, James Dunn, Boyd Robertson, Jay Walker, Rhys Dixon,
RESERVES
Inverloch-K 1.5 5.7 13.10 16.14 (110)
Kor-Bena 0.0 0.1 0.1 0.2 (2)
GOALS, Inverloch-K: Liam O'Neill 5, Lachlan Johnson, Lucas McMillan 4, James Scott 2, Patrick Jobling 1
BEST: James Scott, Liam O'Neill, Lachlan Johnson, Malachy O'Flynn, Patrick Jobling, Campbell Scott
BEST, Kor-Bena: Mitchell Sawyers, Jesse Harris, Blake Fisher, Wade MacDonald, Riley Olden, Jed Harris

THIRDS
Inverloch-K 3.3 9.4 12.7 15.10 (100)
Kor-Bena 0.0 0.2 0.2 1.4 (10)
GOALS, Inverloch-K: Jarvis Harvey 6, Isaac Seuren, Charlie Shaddock 2, Cade Brown, Jack McNally, Tate Rigby, James Rowe, Oscar Ward 1 each
BEST: Jed Rosenow, Charlie Dawson, Jarvis Harvey, cade brown, Blake Green, Zak Box
GOALS, Kor-Bena: Jack Donohue 1
BEST: Zac Grabham, Jack Donohue, Tanner Walker, Thomas Walker, Josh Checkley
FOURTHS
Inverloch-K 5.2 7.7 11.9 13.11 (89)
Kor-Bena 1.0 1.0 1.0 2.3 (15)
BEST, Inverloch-K: Archie Terlich, Jasper Cousins, Patrick Dwyer, Mitchell Ward, Lucas Allen, Augustus Finsterer
BEST, Kor-Bena: Tanner Walker, Max Fowles, Mitchell Hobbs, Jake Kelly, Hayden Simcock, Jesse Gollop

IN OTHER GAMES...	
SENIORS	
Cora Lynn	27.17.179 d Bunyip 4.4.28
Tooradin-Dal	11.22.88 d Koo Wee Rup 10.5.65
Nar Nar Goon	12.11.83 d Warragul Ind 8.4.52
RESERVES	
Cora Lynn	20.17.137 d Bunyip 1.0.6
Tooradin-Dal	7.8.50 d Koo Wee Rup 3.4.22
Nar Nar Goon	15.17.107 d Warragul Ind 2.4.16
THIRDS	
Tooradin-Dal	15.13.103 d Koo Wee Rup 2.5.17
Warragul Ind	17.8.110 d Nar Nar Goon 3.3.21
FOURTHS	
Koo Wee Rup	8.5.53 d Tooradin-Dal 4.7.31
Warragul Ind	17.7.109 d Nar Nar goon 2.5.17

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

GIPPSLAND ROUND 8

Warragul v Sale	
Morwell v Bairnsdale	
Traralgon v Wonthaggi	
Maffra v Leongatha	
Drouin v Moe	
WEST GIPPSLAND	ROUND 8
Bunyip v Nar Nar Goon	
Cora Lynn v Warragul Industrials	
Dalyston v Phillip Island	
Garfield v Tooradin-Dalmore	
Kilcunda-Bass v Korumburra-Bena	
Koo Wee Rup v Inverloch-Kongwak	



High pressure against Marcus Toussaint despite the heavy lead against Korumburra. Z37_2223



Clinton McCaughan keeps the ball in Inverloch's forward 50 and takes a shot at goal. Z38_2223

Sea Eagles soar over Giants

KORUMBURRA-BENA licked their wounds and travelled down from the hills to the Inverloch Recreation Reserve to take on the biggest test in footy this season, against the undefeated Inverloch-Kongwak.

The Sea Eagles would've expected a strong fight from their younger opponents, who took it right to them in the corresponding match up at Inverloch last season, in which the upset was in play.

Korumburra-Bena had certainly come to play, putting any thought of an easy day at the office out of the Sea Eagles minds, booting two first quarter goals thanks to some great pressure and defence.

Both teams' backlines were put under immense pressure at times but as the siren blew to end the opening term, the Giants turnovers and mistakes were the difference, as they went into the first break five points down.

Paul Fermanis' side were making a game of it though, bringing their trademark fight, showing once again they are a team with a big heart.

In the second quarter, it was I-K who were putting the majority of the pressure on, but the Giant's defence was again up to the challenge, despite being so under the pump, generating scoring opportunities which were unfortunately not converted.

As the term wore on, the Sea

Eagles got more and more into their groove, forcing Korumburra-Bena turnovers and making them pay with goals, which started to flow nicely towards the end of the quarter.

At halftime, the hosts had opened up a 54-point lead, thanks to a seven goal second term, in which they kept their opponents scoreless.

The third term was now different, as the ladder leaders began to flex their muscle, moving the ball exceptionally well, using it to their advantage as they have done all season long.

The Giants were brave, but started to struggle with size and were finding it hard to find space, often getting tackled quickly and easily, this led to some indecision with ball in hand and more turnovers.

With one quarter to go, the Giants found themselves 83-points behind but never gave in.

Inverloch-Kongwak eventually ran out 122-point winners, thanks to another six unanswered goals in the final term, the win is their seventh straight in 2023 and they remain a game clear on top of the table.

The Sea Eagles will now travel to face Koo Wee Rup this Saturday, while the Giants will go on the road to battle it out with Kilcunda-Bass in the hopes of finding their second win of the season.



Ethan Park goes for goal in the second half against Korumburra Bena. Z41_2223

Bulldogs flex their muscles

PRE-game saw a couple of changes to last week's team, with Daniel Bourke and Damien Holmes coming back in something almost akin to Father and Son!! No other changes on the day, so at least no surprises there.

But surprises were to continue! After an even start the visitors took early control, dominating through the mid field, putting the Bulldogs defence under enormous pressure.

Goals to Anthony Daraio and Taylor Gibson got the Panthers going, and then all of a sudden these two gentlemen stepped up again, and surprise, surprise, it was the Panthers leading with 4 goals whilst the Bulldogs were still appreciating the sun! Up stepped captain Jack Taylor for the home team, being instrumental in goals to Max Blake (21 mins) and Jesse Patullo, and the Bulldogs were back in it, 26-15 down at the first break.

The second opened with a freakish goal from Daniel Pearce that looked like it was kicked from 70m out, and the game tightened. In stepped man-mountain Alex Duyker who took over in defence repelling attack after attack from the visitors.

Then up stepped the next surprise – everyone's favourite umpire took over awarding free-kicks and 50m

penalties galore to keep everyone guessing! With goals to Jesse Patullo from the boundary line, Brendan Kimber and Max Walton, the Bulldogs took over, answered by a goal from nowhere from Dale Gawley from the visitors. Half-time saw the Bulldogs in front 49-33.

In the third, The Bulldogs took complete control. Forward pressure was up, ball delivery improved, and goals came from everywhere. Trav Woodfield stepped up for a couple, Max Blake for a couple, and the lead ballooned. The Panthers fought back with Nathan Foote, Lochlan Scott and Taylor Gibson determined to stop the run. All in all, 8 goals to 3 in the third saw the Bulldogs up 100-53 at the last break.

Not sure what happened in the last, as the Bulldogs went from irresistible to unattractive, whilst the Panthers reasserted control.

It took seven minutes to see any score in the quarter, with many forays forward resulting in comical turnovers for both sides until Anthony Daraio decided enough was enough and snuck a couple through, giving the visitors a surprising chance to get back into the game.

It took until 23 minutes in for Kai Mackenzie to range up from defence to put through a sealing goal for the Bulldogs.



The Bulldogs' Mark Griffin clings to the ball as Daniel Bourke assists. Photos: Carol Ratcliff

Magpies overcome Garfield hoodoo

SEVEN years after the inaugural foundation of the West Gippsland Competition, Dalyston has finally travelled home with the four premier-ship points from Garfield.

In all this time the Stars have reigned supreme on the spacious Garfield reserve, but the 2023 Magpies have finally erased their visitor's curse.

After a tight first half, Dalyston built their lead to coast home by 47 points.

Commencing in dry conditions, Jake Barry posted Daly's first goal within the first minute.

Garfield seemed determined to stymie the Magpies early run with Griffiths and Lang prominent in defence.

Barry showed courage to mark under pressure to add his second and Storr added another to have Dalyston on a roll.

The Stars pegged back the advantage with their first to Braaksma in the dying minutes to trail by 13 points at the break.

Garfield began the second maintaining control of the play however Braaksma and Evans both missed set shots and Carew's goal on the counter

gave Dalyston breathing space.

Ash Russell capitalised on a defensive error by the Pies to soccer through the home team's next goal and Jett Pickering on the end of a pinpoint pass from Sauze added another.

Dalyston equalled the scoring for the term when Storr snapped his second to cap off Mitch Davey's forward pressure.

The game swung the Magpies way in the premiership quarter. Although the Star's tackling game was strong, Dalyston continued to find avenues to their forward 50. Goals in succession to Wallis, Wright and Monson were all the result of solid team play.

Indeed, the footy Gods were on Dalyston's side as a speculative kick by Hallahan fell into the grasp of Mason Storr to start the last. And his team went on outscoring the Stars, five goals to two, to complete a good day's work.

Next they host Phillip Island with a special Heritage round celebrating the centenary of Dalyston's first ever premiership in 1923 along with a reunion of the 1982 Reserves team.



Dalyston's William Clarke moves in to assist Michael Harris during the action. Photo by Angus Chisholm

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 7

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

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PHILLIP ISLAND KILCUNDA-BASS

Phillip Island 2.3 7.7 15.10 17.14 (116)
Kilcunda-Bass 4.2 5.3 8.5 10.6 (66)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Max Blake 3, Mark Griffin, Jordy Patullo, Travis Woodfield 2, Cameron Brown, Hayden Bruce, Brendan Kimber, Kai Mackenzie, Daniel Pearce, Billy Taylor, Jack Taylor, Max Walton 1 each

BEST: Alex Duyker, Damien Holmes, Jack Taylor, Mark Griffin, Cameron Brown, Jason Tomada

GOALS, Kilcunda-Bass: Anthony Daraio, Taylor Gibson 4, Dale Gawley, Daniel Starling 1 each

BEST: Lochlan Scott, Bradley Aldwell, Benjamin Eddy, Sam Watson, Anthony Daraio, Nathan Foote

RESERVES

Phillip Island 5.7 9.11 16.13 24.18 (162)
Kilcunda-Bass 0.0 0.2 0.2 0.2 (2)

GOALS, Phillip Island: James Nicolaci 10, Orlando Kane Gillard, Ben Taylor 3, Jett McMillan, Jesse Patullo 2, Tully Dickie, Heath Dobbie, Tyce Kleverkamp, Cooper Logan 1 each

BEST: Orlando Kane Gillard, Tom Aylett, Noah Bee-Hickman, Ben Taylor, James Nicolaci, Tully Dickie

BEST, Kilcunda-Bass: Gerard Giacco, Jordan Osborne, Owen Thomas, Robert Taylor, Joshua Ryan, Ashden Grenness

THIRDS

Phillip Island 11.12 (78)
Kilcunda-Bass 1.3 (9)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Zac Walker 3, Jack Johnston, Noah Muller, Brady Ross 2, Jack Huther, Sonny Merryfull 1 each

BEST: Zac Walker, Jye Sutherland, Beau Davies, Brady Ross, Daniel Caffieri, Darcy Thompson

GOALS, Kilcunda-Bass: Joshua McPherson 1

BEST: Blake Baker, Trent Cartmel, Nicholas Slavovic, William Campbell, Finn Russell, Toby Challinor

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

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DALYSTON GARFIELD

Dalyston 3.3 5.6 8.10 13.15 (93)
Garfield 1.2 3.5 4.7 6.10 (46)

GOALS, Dalyston: Mason Storr 5, Jake Barry, Hayden McLean 2, Blake Carew, Brad Monson, Hayden Wallis, Lachie Wright 1 each

BEST: Michael Harris, Mason Storr, Brayden Duve, Jake Barry, Brayden Bowes, William Clarke

GOALS, Garfield: Jett Pickering 2, Isaac Braaksma, Ash Russell, Zac Soutar, Theo Zaccari 1 each

BEST: Mark Griffiths, Finn Hower, Cooper Reilly, Theo Zaccari, Zac Soutar, Matt Jones

RESERVES

Garfield 1.0 1.0 4.2 5.3 (33)
Dalyston 1.8 1.10 3.10 3.10 (28)

GOALS, Garfield: Jahmain Harrison 2, Zach Dalton, Jesse La Frantz, Jack Salan 1 each

BEST: Jahmain Harrison, Lachy Fernandez, Aaron Davidson, Zach Dalton, Oliver Whibley, Scott Simpson Brewer

GOALS, Dalyston: Mitch Hewitson 2, Jack Legione 1

BEST: Jesse Orchard-Moore, Shaun Silver, Joe Alexander, Ben McRae, Mitch Hewitson, Benjamin Robinson

THIRDS

Garfield 4.8 9.10 13.16 18.18 (126)
Dalyston 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)

GOALS, Garfield: Jake VanDenBerghe 5, Cam Jenkins 3, Billy Anile, Bailey Deveny, Cody Miller 2, Archer Burgmann, Kade Nibbs, Levi Reid, Brynn Turner 1 each

BEST: Archer Burgmann, Daniel Freriks, Trent Capizzi, Brynn Turner, Tahj Murphy

BEST, Dalyston: Jaxon Foon, Tai Bolding, Matrix Chisholm, Ryda Kay-Darts, Sebastian Ori, Ryan Cargill

FOURTHS

Dalyston 2.3 3.6 6.7 8.10 (58)
Garfield 0.2 1.2 1.2 1.3 (9)

GOALS, Dalyston: Noah Shepherd 3, Bailey Anderson, Will Chisholm, Chase Edwards, Flynn Peters, Edward Wines 1 each

BEST: Riley Brinkman, Harry Howell, Mackenzie Cameron, Chase Edwards, Will Chisholm, Lincoln Harris

GOALS, Garfield: George Morgan 1

BEST: Kai Kelsey, Joseph Zaccari, Sammy Wouters, Jack Baker, Evan Loomes, Phacharaphon Wangkaew

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS										ROUND 7									
SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					FOURTHS				
W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts	av	W	L	%	pts	av
Inverloch-K	7	0	353.60	28	Inverloch-K	7	0	710.48	28	Inverloch-K	7	0	363.27	4.00	Phillip Island	6	0	618.67	4.00
Tooradin-Dal	6	1	152.16	24	Tooradin-Dal	6	0	636.36	26	Garfield	5	1	370.31	3.33	Warragul Ind	6	1	887.95	3.43
Phillip Island	5	1	197.86	22	Nar Nar Goon	5	1	295.68	22	Phillip Island	5	1	213.40	3.33	Dalyston	4	1	334.44	3.20
Cora Lynn	5	2	155.56	20	Cora Lynn	5	2	243.02	20	Tooradin-Dal	5	2	231.60	2.86	Nar Nar Goon	4	2	87.30	2.67
Dalyston	5	2	123.01	20	Phillip Island	4	3	142.64	16	Warragul Ind	4	2	183.48	2.67	Koo Wee Rup	2	3	52.17	1.60
Nar Nar Goon	3	3	123.76	14	Garfield	4	3	77.14	16	Cora Lynn	3	3	166.21	2.00	Inverloch-K	2	4	100.43	1.33
Warragul Ind	3	4	112.70	12	Koo Wee Rup	3	4	91.77	12	Kilcunda-Bass	2	4	68.41	1.33	Kor-Bena	2	4	43.99	1.33
Kilcunda-Bass	3	4	73.48	12	Dalyston	2	5	92.51	8	Nar Nar Goon	2	5	48.74	1.14	Tooradin-Dal	1	4	46.96	0.80
Garfield	2	5	65.32	8	Warragul Ind	2	5	83.27	8	Dalyston	1	5	18.40	0.67	Garfield	1	4	23.37	0.80
Koo Wee Rup	1	6	72.53	4	Kilcunda-Bass	2	5	34.57	8	Koo Wee Rup	1	6	46.93	0.57	Bunyip	0	5	12.62	0.00
Kor-Bena	1	6	42.28	4	Bunyip	1	6	13.55	4	Kor-Bena	0	6	16.08	0.00	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bunyip	0	7	28.52	0	Kor-Bena	0	7	9.90	0	Bunyip	0	0	0.00	0.00	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00



The game between Leongatha and Moe on Saturday had a little bit of everything.

Moe adds Gowers to end Parrots' winning streak

LEONGATHA'S 34-game, three-year winning streak is over at the hands of a resurgent Moe, strengthened at the 11th hour by former Western Bulldogs' leading goalkicker, Billy Gowers.

Where Leongatha was weakened by the late withdrawal of talented onballer Jake van der Pligt, Moe's new recruit kicked the first goal of the game, and in a defensive, low-scoring affair, his five goals were crucial in the final analysis.

So was Leongatha's atrocious kicking for goal, with a match-losing 1.12 to half time as against a hard-working 6.3 by Moe, three of them in Gower's column.

Leongatha narrowly won the third quarter to be trailing by 16 points at the last change but Moe were up for the fight and went on to a famous victory, confirming a three-way go

for ladder leadership between Moe, Leongatha and Traralgon with Wonthaggi a game back in fourth place.

Moe went into the game against the reigning premiers with a plan and they stuck to it all day.

According to coach Declan Keilty, the plan was not to allow Leongatha's players any space to get their game going, whether it was tight-checking man-on-man, tackling, tagging, tracking front, back and at the stoppages, it was noticeable the Parrots couldn't get clear.

And while Moe's forwards took their chances in front of goal, Leongatha couldn't hit the side of a barn.

Where Leongatha's Jenson Garnham missed his first-up shot on goal, after being drilled with a pass straight out of the centre by the Parrot's

on-ball machine Tom Marriott in the initial five seconds of the match, Gowers did not make the same mistake down the other end.

One of Moe's better players on the day, Jacob Wood, scooped up the loose ball at half forward and drove it towards Gowers one-out with Steve Forrester, and judging the ball better over the back, ran into an open goal for the first of the day, his first for his new club and at the same time, providing a huge boost to the visiting Lions' chances.

He got the first goal of the second quarter too, with a classy long shot from the boundary, another later in the quarter and two more afterwards and Moe was well on the way to ending Leongatha's record winning streak.

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New Moe signing Billy Gowers, made an immediate impact, among other goal-scoring efforts, judging this mark at the back of Jackson Harry.



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