



## OVERLAY FIASCO IS CAUSING DISTRESS

Wonthaggi resident Emily Pagliarella was standing up for her mum, a purchaser of a block in Wonthaggi's north-east growth precinct, when she carried this placard to a rally in the town last Sunday. Story page 3.

# STICKY SITUATION

- Bass Coast accused of cheating Passivhaus test

THERE is now serious doubt about the \$32 million Berninnett cultural centre at Cowes achieving one of its key aims, in line with the Bass Coast Shire Council's Climate Change Action Plan, to "be built, designed and certified to Passivhaus Standards, making it the most environmentally significant building in the region".

Sources within the Council told the Sentinel-Times last week that the facility had failed its first pressure test the previous week, a key component of accreditation, and was being set up for a supplementary test last Friday.

However, in contravention of the Pas-

sivhaus rules for correctly air-pressure testing a building for compliance, contractors spent much of the day last Thursday, sticky-taping up the gaps in external doors, windows and openings to better enhance the building's chances of achieving the required levels of air-tightness for Passivhaus.

They even taped a cover over the library-book return slot. In effect, they were cheating the test, it has been alleged.

The council advised the community via Facebook on Wednesday that "Berninnett will be closed to the public on Friday 24th of May due to the final Passivhaus assessment being undertaken which involves the final in-

spection and air test."

But a Phillip Island business operator, who asked to remain anonymous, has been critical of the shire's attempts at "greenwashing" a building that could not comply with the required environmental standards during usual operations.

"If it doesn't achieve the standards because it's not airtight, then so be it. The building is probably very efficient anyway. Just don't be trying to fool the people, and especially appease the green lobby, by coming up with an outcome that simply isn't sustainable in normal operations," he told the Sentinel-Times.

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Contractors spent much of the day last Thursday sticky-taping up all external doors, windows and vents hoping that the Berninnett cultural centre might achieve some sort of contrived Passivhaus accreditation.

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# Victorian opposition intensifies Wonthaggi overlay fight

THE STATE opposition escalated its campaign against the Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO) debacle affecting the North East Wonthaggi residential corridor, with leader John Pesutto vowing to scrap it completely if the coalition wins government at the next State election.

That occurred at a well-attended rally held at North View Drive public park on Sunday.

"I am pleased to announce that, in government, we will rip up this overlay," Mr Pesutto declared, adding he can't believe it has come to this, with a second rally required to fight for people's basic rights.

He expressed disgust that a government could allow such a heavy imposition on people's homes, their chief asset and "castle".

Acknowledging there is no State election until November 2026, the opposition leader promised to pressure the government to remove the overlay.

"We will get the solution," he declared, questioning how such catastrophic mistakes were made and slating them to government incompetence.

Shadow Planning Minister James Newbury backed his leader's commitment, urging people to join with the opposition in applying pressure to the government to ensure a positive outcome.

"They need to know you are upset," he said, stressing people must demand through their local State Government member that the government fixes the problem.

However, he made it clear the opposition isn't planning to sit back and let the community fight the battle on its own.

"We will, this week, raise this directly with the premier and government in parliament and we will ask them, are they going to match us," Mr Newbury said.

Having accused the government of stealing a vast sum from the pockets of affected property owners, leaving them with substantial costs, he went further on the attack, pondering how the overlay documentation could



Alan Brown, John Pesutto, James Newbury and Dr Renee Heath at Sunday's rally against the controversial Wonthaggi overlays, with some of the attendees behind them. A57\_2224

have been signed off on.

"How could any minister agree to put an overlay on homes that are sitting there built, with you guys living in them?"

"I thought to myself, you'd have to be a fool to sign this document because there are four pages of houses affected by this overlay," Mr Newbury said.

Dr Renee Heath, Upper House Member for Eastern Victoria has a petition going, with people adding their signatures at the rally.

She has been doorknocking in the North Wonthaggi area, with former Liberal Party Leader and key player in the overlay fight Alan Brown recounting the fact Dr Heath had a line of people stretching out the door at the North Store Café, wanting to share their overlay concerns.

Dr Heath stressed she believes the pressure on the government will force it to rip up the retrospective overlays, describing them as "unfair".

She said on Sunday the online petition was started about 10 days ago and was already approaching 1,000 signatures that morning, with a paper version in circulation too.

Dr Heath stressed that 10,000 electronic signatures would force the government to debate the issue in parliament, noting anyone in Victoria can sign it, and encouraging people to share the petition on Facebook and

get friends and family to join the cause.

Earlier, Mr Brown said there appears to be no factual basis to suggestions the affected land is likely to be contaminated.

To illustrate his point, he spoke of the undeveloped estate upon which rally attendees were gathered.

"The company that owns this estate has had a full environmental audit done, the result zero contamination, nothing," Mr Brown said.

He spoke of a 2016 study commissioned by council during the time when current State local member Jordan Crugnale was mayor.

The report by consultancy GHD advised further investigation of the land.

Mr Brown said he would have asked for proof there may be or likely is contamination.

He mentioned a lack of subsequent investigation, accusing council of kicking the can down the road for the next four years.

"Then the current State Government announced that Wonthaggi was one of six regional centres in the State that was going to get preferred development status; they wanted 5,000 new homes here and they announced it, and they took it out of the control of the council and took over the planning process for these estates," Mr Brown said.

"What they've done is killed

it dead," he stated.

Mr Brown reflected on the first home buyers and retirees who have been hardest hit by the overlay disaster, putting the average decrease in the value of impacted land at between 15 and 20 percent.

He put that into perspective by saying a home that was recently worth \$800,000 is potentially only valued at about \$650,000 now, noting the depreciation in the value of blocks of land is in the vicinity of \$100,000 for a property that may previously have cost \$320,000.

Mr Brown declared those who own affected houses and land have done nothing wrong, making their purchases with no knowledge of the unfair situation that has arisen.

"Your rights have been taken away," he declared, suggesting that it is the domain of despots to take people's rights away retrospectively.

While those at a previous public gathering implored the State Government to remove the overlays, no action to that effect has occurred, Mr Brown said, adding the EPA has since stated it finds no reason to change the audit requirement in place.

He stressed that with council set to contribute to soil testing costs on affected properties, all Bass Coast Shire ratepayers will be hit financially by the EAO situation.

## Sticky situation

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"What happens after they take all the sticky tape off and open up the building again? It's just ridiculous to be trying to claim the highest levels of efficiency under those circumstances."

There is also the issue of how much extra it cost to add the greater levels of insulation than typically needed, the triple glazing and insulated frames, mechanical ventilation and airtight design to go after Passivhaus accreditation that has been a catchery of the project from day one.

The former mayor, Cr Michael Whelan is quoted on social media by the builders, McCormick Constructions, as describing Berninnett as "a Passivhaus masterpiece" before it had even been tested for accreditation: "A Passivhaus masterpiece, where the soul of art, performance, culture, and community is immortalised upon the canvas of Phillip Island for generations to come."

So, who pays if Passivhaus accreditation is not achieved or if it is only achieved in contrived circumstances?

UK firm, the BRE Group, registered with the Passivhaus Institut as an official Certifier for Passivhaus Buildings states clearly in its documentation that "openings in the external envelope like doors, windows and loft hatches must be closed for the duration of the test, and must not be temporarily sealed. All sealed openings must be noted and recorded in the test report."

## Wonthaggi's overlay fiasco causing distress

A YOUNG mum battling with a child's brain tumour. Dozens of couples who've spent all they have to buy a block. Retirees who've seen \$150,000 wiped off the value of their most important asset, their home. Others getting pressure from their banks if forced to renegotiate with their builder.

The distressing impact of the State Government's disastrous planning bungle in Wonthaggi are legion.

And while Emily Pagliarella acknowledges that her situation isn't as bad as some, the imposition of a "contamination" overlay on her mother's block has caused angst.

"Mum used her inheritance from her mother's estate to buy a block in north Wonthaggi to provide security for the future. Now this. She can't do anything now. It can't be left like this," said Emily.

Emily attended a public rally in Wonthaggi last Sunday afternoon, addressed by the State Opposition Leader John Pesutto, carrying a banner which said: "Innocent lives shouldn't be bureaucracy's collateral".

At the rally, attended by upwards of 300 people, Mr Pesutto pledged to remove the overlays if his party won office in November 2026. He said he'd met with dozens of people, at a one-on-one session before the meeting, who had been horribly impacted by the overlay.

His offsider, the planning spokesman James Newbury, said the actions of the state government amounted to criminal behaviour, robbing up to \$150,000 from the value of Wonthaggi residents' most important asset, their home, by retrospectively applying Environmental Audit Overlays on properties that showed no sign of being contaminated.

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Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: Light  
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**WED | May 29**  
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Wind PM: Light  
**7° 19°**



**THUR | May 30**  
Showers increasing.  
Wind AM: N 15-25km/h  
Wind PM: NW 25-40km/h  
**9° 21°**



**FRI | May 31**  
Showers.  
Wind AM: W-NW 20-30km/h  
Wind PM: W-NW 20-30km/h  
**9° 17°**



**SAT | Jun 1**  
Showers.  
Wind AM: W-NW 15-20km/h  
Wind PM: W-NW 15-20km/h  
**8° 17°**



**SUN | Jun 2**  
Partly cloudy.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: Light  
**8° 18°**

## IN BRIEF

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Learn more about the Scorecard: [www.ecotourism.org.au/strive-4-sustainability](http://www.ecotourism.org.au/strive-4-sustainability)

### Constable charged with assault

A FIRST constable from eastern region has been charged with assault related offences.

The charges relate to an incident which occurred between March and May 2024 in Inverloch and Docklands while the member was off duty.

The 26-year-old man has been charged with assault and possess drug of dependence.

He will appear before a court at a later date.

Police media unit published this information on their website last Friday.

### Progress of the Wonthaggi Streetscape Master Plan

BASS Coast Shire Council have completed the schematic design for the Wonthaggi

Activity Centre Streetscape Master Plan project and have recently finalised the detailed design for the formalisation of 26 car parking spaces in Watt Street.

Focus now lies on the design for the Greening of Graham Street, which is underway and currently undergoing review by the Department of Transport and Planning to ensure its alignment with regulatory standards and community needs.

Council have stated they are committed to collaborating closely with the business traders and owners in Graham Street to mitigate any potential disruptions caused by the upcoming construction works.

### Cattle truck rollover in Lang Lang

A TRUCK rollover incident in Lang Lang has tragically resulted in the 70 head of cattle on board being euthanised. Emergency services were called to the South Gippsland Highway near Kettles Road in Lang Lang about 2am on May 26 after a truck ran off the road and tipped over.

Seven CFA units attended the incident at around 2.11am where Victoria Police and Ambulance Victoria were on the scene. Animal Welfare attended for the cattle involved.

A number of vehicles travelling on the highway were involved in collisions with cattle before the road could be closed and police managed to lock-down the area.

Ambulance Victoria confirmed a woman in her 30s was taken to Dandenong Hospital with upper body injuries, in a stable condition, and the driver was in shock but had no life threatening injuries.

Senior Sergeant Brad Steer confirmed the weather conditions caused extreme fog and a slippery surface in the early hours of the morning and the incident is still under investigation.

CFA confirmed the units were from Lang Lang, Loch and Koo Wee Rup, and the

incident was under control at 4am and deemed safe by 5am. Fortunately no one was seriously injured.

### Stay vigilant in light of recent burglaries and vehicle theft arrests.

LEONGATHA has been subject to theft of motor vehicles and burglaries over the last month and Senior Sergeant Brad Steer confirmed that with the support of the community, Victoria Police have arrested multiple offenders, including one local male to Leongatha who is remanded in custody.

Since the recent arrests the theft of motor vehicles has decreased significantly; however, Senior Sergeant Steer appeals for the community to continue to remain vigilant, by securing personal belongings and reporting any suspicious behaviour to Victoria Police.

It's important for everyone to be aware of their surroundings and take necessary precautions to protect their property. Working together, we can help deter criminal activity and keep our community safe. Victoria Police are grateful for the community support leading to these arrests.

### Collision in Leongatha South

EMERGENCY services responded to an accident in Leongatha South on May 27, where two cars collided, but no one was seriously injured.

Ambulance Victoria confirmed paramedics responded to reports of a collision in Leongatha South at around 8:20am on May 27, 2024.

One person was transported by road ambulance to Dandenong Public Hospital, and one person was transported by road ambulance to Wonthaggi Public Hospital.

### Still not dead in the water

YOU'D think after the debacle of the Sunderland By Surf Beach Special Charge Scheme

that the project was dead in the water.

But as local resident Graeme Davy found, in answer to a question to council recently, possible road and drainage works there are still very much alive.

"Council stated," he said, in relation to Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Roads and Drainage, "that no upgrade project or special charge scheme will proceed in any form as the majority of residents have objected. Why, in less than five months has council gone back on their word and proposed to upgrade all areas of Surf Beach Sunderland Bay over the next few years?"

In response Council directed Mr Davy to its review of the shire's Urban Roads and Drainage Improvement Policy which lists five Surf Beach road and drainage works as the highest ranking projects in the shire with The Esplanade from Zephyr St to Sunderland Bay Rd ranked as number one. Batman Street is number two.

### Gippsland South pubs win big at hospitality awards

Local pubs and hotels were well-represented among the finalists and winners at the 2024 Australian Hotels Association Victorian State Awards for Excellence.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien said he was lucky enough to be in attendance to see their well-earned recognition.

"We all know that Gippsland pubs are great pubs and the AHA State Awards provided an opportunity for the whole state to realise just how wonderful they are," Mr O'Brien said.

The big winners of the night were The Middle Pub Korumburra, named Regional Hotel of the Year and picking up the Parma of the Year and Best Outdoor Experience. The Poowong Hotel won Best Pub Bar – regional and the Welshpool Hotel won Top Supporting Pub for Good Friday Appeal fundraising.

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# Storm repercussions remain five months on

THE IMPACTS of last year's Boxing Day deluge are still being felt in Welshpool.

Eddie Fowler of Welshpool Outdoors has given up pursuing an insurance claim, having not been covered for flooding, while Welshpool Hotel owner Skye Dubignon still has a couple of accommodation rooms out of action and has had no success with her claim thus far.

Having only opened five weeks before the storm event, following a couple of months preparation, Skye is unable to afford replacement carpet.

"We're trading as best we can," she said, pleased to be operating, but noting that her hands are currently tied when it comes to updating or fixing things.

Seven of the nine accommodation rooms are in use, albeit it without carpet.

"Two rooms have still got damage that needs repairing," Skye said.

She stressed there is considerable wood damage to the premises with water causing swelling, adding it is a matter of time before that timber will have to be ripped out and replaced at substantial cost.

"If I was to walk away, then the pub's closed again and that is the heart of the town," Skye said, stressing the issue needs to be resolved for her and any other business operators still chasing up insurance.



**Helen and Eddie Fowler celebrated 50 years of business recently, with Welshpool Outdoors continuing on despite last year's storm impact. A06\_2224**

"It just needs to be fixed for all of us; everyone works their hardest and we all pay good money for insurance," she said.

While acknowledging the ferocity of the Boxing Day downpour, which she said dumped about 140mm of rain in just a few hours, Skye expressed concern about the ability of drains to cope and another issue she believes exacerbated the situation.

"The rail trail being built up has stopped the water flowing away," she said.

Eddie acknowledges he should have been more diligent in reading the fine print regarding his insurance coverage but said that with Welsh-

pool not classified as being in a flood zone "It never entered our minds."

"It's not just us, it's the pub, the community group Bendigo Bank building and the Op shop; none of us had flood insurance and there are other people too that had part flood insurance, so it's been a real catastrophe for the whole town," Eddie said.

He explained that if the water had come in through the roof, he could have lodged a successful claim for storm damage but that didn't apply to water entering from the street.

Eddie is concerned that Shady Creek presents an ongoing risk, with rubbish having backed up under the old

railway bridge during the storm event, causing water to flow back with ferocity.

"Unless Gippsland Catchment Management Authority do something about cleaning the creek and eliminating the bottleneck at the old railway bridge, we could very well see the same scenario again," Eddie said.

"So, no criticism of anyone, it's just a matter of circumstances."

He believes some form of flood wall may be needed to divert water in future.

Eddie praised the South Gippsland Shire Council, saying they have done a lot to help, and commented they were again busy attending to drains recently.

"That will be an ongoing challenge to the shire to try and keep that level of maintenance up," he said.

In the immediate aftermath of the storm, CFA members took to the street to help with the cleaning operation and the police ensured safety, with council soon providing bins for rubbish removal.

Eddie acknowledged it's not all about Welshpool, with council needing to focus on other towns too.

"But we really copped it," he said, adding it will take Welshpool Outdoors a long time to get over the setback, but that it wasn't the hardest hit business in town financially.

## Bass Coast College students explore career options

BASS Coast College students entered the workforce for a week of work experience recently.

From May 13 to 17, more than 200 Year 10 students had a taste of what their potential career could be. The week was a great success, with wonderful feedback reported from the students and local businesses.

Already, several of the students involved have received offers for jobs, apprenticeships, and traineeships. A good range of industries were chosen by the students, covering Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Phillip Island and the Waterline area.

A few students also chose to travel to Melbourne, with one student completing their work experience with Melbourne University and a couple of students choosing veterinary clinics in the metropolitan area.

"The week of work experience will help our students make informed decisions about their futures. It was a great opportunity for them to show potential

employers what they are capable of," McKenzie campus careers coordinator Michael Owen said.

"Soon they will begin to pick subjects for Year 11 and 12, for both our (Vocational Major) and VCE classes."

Career counselling will begin in term three, which will help the students make the right subject choices to support their future endeavours.

Mr Owen thanked the businesses involved on behalf of Bass Coast College.

"The school relies heavily on the local businesses to get involved and we thank the community for its assistance," he said.

"It is a big thing for employers to give up their time and the experience is incredibly valuable. Our students have gotten a lot out of it."

Bass Coast Health was given a special mention after offering work experience placement opportunities to around 10 students.



**Bass Coast Health's Gabby O'Connor (second from right) with Bass Coast College's work experience students Kelly Power, Alex Jaskula and Cassie Sand.**

## Next steps in mushroom murder trial take place

THE Leongatha woman charged with the murder of three Korumburra people, and the attempted murder of two others, Erin Patterson 49, appeared by video link in the Melbourne Supreme Court last Thursday, May 23 for a Post Committal Directions hearing before Judicial Registrar Tim Freeman.

Other than to acknowledge she could hear the proceedings, Ms Patterson, dressed in

a blue jumper, wasn't required to say anything during the short session.

The hearing follows a decision at the Latrobe Valley Magistrates Court on Tuesday, May 7 to "fast track" Ms Patterson's case to trial, as elected by the accused, but without taking away the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses ahead of the trial proper.

At the end of Thursday's Post Committal Directions hear-

ing, dates were set for these pre-trial cross-examinations, starting on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, for eight days and continuing from Monday, October 7 for up to three weeks.

Ms Patterson had previously entered a plea of not guilty to each of the three murder charges and five attempted murder charges at the Latrobe Valley Magistrates Court on May 7.

The three murder charges and two of the attempted murder

charges arose out of a family lunch at Ms Patterson's Leongatha home on Saturday, July 29 last year when, it has been alleged by police, Ms Patterson served a meal of Beef Wellington, laced with death-cap mushrooms, to the diners, three of whom died in hospital in Melbourne a week later.

The incident has attracted worldwide interest, and a large number of news outlets continue to follow the case.

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## Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Le Serve



OVER the past week, I've had the privilege of meeting with various people and organisations, and one resounding theme has emerged: the profound love people have for living here. Why would you live anywhere else? Our community offers the perfect blend of beach and country living, providing the best of both worlds.

### Give us your feedback

I am thrilled to share that we have some exciting new projects up on Engage Bass Coast including a roads and asset management plan that we are seeking feedback on. Please get involved and have your say.

We are also seeking your thoughts on what the future of Graydens Reserve could look like. This is a much-loved community space in Newhaven and we are planning future upgrades of the area.

### Upcoming Events and Partnerships

We are continuing to enjoy further attraction from organisations recognising our beautiful area with Council partnering with the iconic brand Ripcurl for a two-year sponsorship for stand-up paddleboarding as well as future surfing competitions, an exciting addition to our events calendar. This initiative promises to attract enthusiasts and visitors, further boosting our local tourism and showcasing the natural beauty of our coastal environment.

### Community Diversity

During my visits, I was particularly moved by the work being done at Mitchell House, where they have been nurturing and empowering migrants moving into our region. Their dedication to caring for and supporting new community members is truly commendable.

Last week, I had the honor of speaking at the Diversity

& Inclusion breakfast hosted by the Wonthaggi Rotary Club. Maddy Harford and I discussed the incredible contributions of our migrant and refugee community. It was heartwarming to hear how friendly and inclusive our region is perceived, and this is something we can all be proud of.

I also attended the Surf Life Saving Club presentation at Woolamai Beach, where I was impressed by the dedication of the volunteers, particularly the younger members who make up around 50% of the team. This is a testament to the spirit of our youth and their commitment to community service. A special thanks to Jason Close, President of the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club for the invitation as well as to all the amazing people attending and sponsoring the club. Their Nippers program, with its 400 participants, is another example of how Bass Coast punches above its weight, reflecting our community's strong commitment to action and engagement.

### Council Elections

As we approach the Council Elections, I encourage everyone to consider getting involved. We need more representation from women, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and younger individuals. Your participation is vital to ensuring our council reflects the diversity and dynamism of our community. Please take advantage of the upcoming training and information sessions to learn more about how you can make a difference.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for making Bass Coast such a wonderful place to live. Together, let's continue to build a vibrant, inclusive, and thriving community.

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# Spotlight on Inverloch at first mixer event

THE INVERLOCH Tourism Association held its first mixer event at RACV Inverloch Resort last Friday night.

The event was a huge success and featured talks by various Inverloch Tourism Association (ITA) committee members on projects being worked on to promote Inverloch as a destination of choice within Australia.

Representatives from Bass Coast Council also attended with Cr Leticia Laing summing up the reaction of the vast majority of attendees.

"You could feel the whole room be inspired by the incredible work by this motivated group of talented volunteers. I can't wait for council to support, collaborate and grow the amazing offerings of Inverloch," she said.

ITA plans on holding mixer events every two months with guest speakers for each event and encouraging networking between the attendees.

This first mixer unveiled some of the amazing projects being developed by ITA including the Visit Inverloch digital platform, promotional videos for the town, advocacy for free wifi for the township retail centre, power backup resilience and new EV charging station, and exciting special projects such as the Inverloch Circuit Trail, Arts Project and Inverloch Connections short stories project.

The event was attended by a range of business owners and community members who had the opportunity to mix in a relaxed setting and learn about each other and how Inverloch can grow.

"Being part of the growth of



Inverloch's world acclaimed artist Fiona Kennedy, Chris Hext from Vibe Voice and Data and Alex Aeschlimann from NBN at the Inverloch Tourism Association mixer.

Inverloch's exciting new digital platform program means your business will become part of the bigger picture that we are painting about what brand Inverloch really means and ensures you are part of the Visit Inverloch experience reaching visitors, residents and the broader community," MC for the evening Mick Astbury, ITA committee member and business owner of Offshore Digital who has designed the new [visitinverloch.co](http://visitinverloch.co) website, said.

ITA will publish more updates on these projects throughout the year.

"What the mixer hopefully showed to everyone who attended is that

the ITA is moving forward with exciting ideas thanks solely to the incredibly talented and highly motivated volunteers we have on board. We have our best chance of success if we can expand on the volunteer support team and so ITA is welcoming those community members who have time, energy and skills to help ITA continue to excel," ITA's president Glenn Morris said.

It sounds like the ITA is moving onwards and upwards with the winner being Inverloch.

For more information or to reach out about joining or volunteering with the ITA please email [admin@inverloch.org.au](mailto:admin@inverloch.org.au).

## Planning for the future of Graydens Reserve

BASS Coast Shire Council is asking for community feedback on what the future of Graydens Reserve could look like. Graydens Reserve is a much-loved community space in Newhaven and Council is planning for future upgrades of the area.

Late last year Council asked for expressions of interest to make up a panel of community members who have a connection to the Reserve to help co-design the community engagement for Graydens Reserve. This panel of 18 community members met in February this year and spoke about the uses of the Reserve. Bass Coast mayor Cr Clare Le Serve said it is an important and well used community space.

"During the community panel meeting we heard that it is a popular place for birthday parties, gatherings for families and friends, a stop-off on the way home from school and to and from the Island," Cr Le Serve said.

"Now we want to hear from the wider community about how they use the Reserve and what they'd like to see there in the future."

The planning will take into account Regional Roads Victoria's future plans for Phillip Island Road. It also actions the Bass Coast Skate Park Strategy Review 2023 which identifies the design of a local skate park at the Reserve.

There are a range of ways to share

feedback including a survey and drop-in sessions. There are separate surveys for adults and children so Council can hear from a broad audience who use the Reserve.

To fill out the survey visit [engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/graydensreserve](http://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/graydensreserve)

Information sessions will be held at the Reserve on Tuesday May 28 from 1.00pm to 2.00pm and 3.00 to 4.00pm.

Consultation closes on Sunday June 16 2024.

For more information visit [engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/graydensreserve](http://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/graydensreserve) or contact the Recreation Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211.

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# Deery Consulting serves up morning tea to tackle cancer

CANCER was in the cross-hairs at Deery Consulting's well-organised and scrumptious morning tea in Inverloch, at which locally raised Olympic rower Drew Ginn spoke of his complicated relationship with the disease, and funds were raised for the Cancer Council.

Drew lost both parents to cancer, his mother when he was just 11 and his father four years ago.

"Cancer took my mother away from me but gave me an unusual amount of motivation to make everything I did count, and without the loss I wouldn't have been the athlete I turned into," he said.

"Some of the best experiences in my life have come because of cancer and that makes me feel weird and guilty."

Sport was an escape, an ability to get away from the worries life presented.

His rowing career included being a member of Australia's gold medal winning coxless four team at the Atlanta Olympics, fondly nicknamed the 'Awesome Foursome'.

He won gold in the coxless pairs at the Athens and Beijing Olympics and picked up a silver in the coxless four in London.

The audience heard Drew's recollections of watching hurdler Debbie Flintoff King competing in the 1988 Olympics, something that inspired



Organiser of the Deery Consulting Biggest Morning Tea Robyn Hodson with her mum Cynthia Walker. A11\_2224

the small town boy to want to achieve something comparable.

Seeing the Awesome Foursome's 1992 Olympic success furthered his ambition.

He spoke of his Olympic racing memories, beginning as an exuberant 20-year-old with more experienced teammates in 1996.

Drew has long been involved in Tour de Cure, an Australian charity raising money to fund cancer research.

"I wanted to make a bigger difference," he said, explaining that as an ambassador he helps raise funds and awareness.

He noted that while cancer research breakthroughs are

happening all the time, they cost a lot of money.

"So, the funding you're doing here today and the support you're giving is awesome," he told the morning tea attendees.

Deery Consulting office manager Robyn Hodson is the organisational force behind the team's Biggest Morning Tea event, organising sponsors for the fund-raising silent auctions and raffle, and arranging the guest speaker and impressive selection of sweet and savoury food.

Local business Paul the Pie-man provided the food, generously donating the scones, jam and cream, with everything else at a discount.

Baker and one of the business' operators, Mitch Woods is delighted to contribute.

"We do a lot of stuff for the Cancer Council, so we're always happy to do donations for things like this, involve the community and help support a good cause," he said.

Robyn said Deery Consulting began its involvement with the Biggest Morning Tea during the pandemic, in between lockdowns, as a way of bringing the community together to provide a place to connect.

She spoke of the prevalence of cancer and the fact staff at the business have loved ones impacted by it.

Having outlined some grim statistics, Robyn moved onto a positive outlook for the future.

"I want to make today about hope and the Cancer Council's vision is all about hope; they hope for a cancer free future and that by 2030 cervical cancer will be eliminated in Victoria, so let's hope the researchers in their labs find the breakthroughs they are looking for," she said.

Robyn considers it an honour to organise the morning tea, noting it wouldn't happen without the support of sponsors and attendees.

She was congratulated by Bass Coast Shire councillor Brett Tessari, along with everyone who helped with the organisational efforts or contributed to the cause.

## Community gathers at the Nobbies for Sorry Day healing

NEARLY 100 people attended the Sorry Day Community Gathering at the Nobbies Centre on Sunday morning, united in support of healing for all Stolen Generations Survivors.

The event saw the participation of Stolen Generations Survivors, their families, descendants, and allies. The gathering began with an emotional healing smoking ceremony overlooking the rugged coastline of Millowl, creating a space for reflection and connection. Following the ceremony, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community leaders shared deeply moving stories about the lasting impact of the forced removal of children on their families and communities.

Speakers recounted personal and generational experiences, shedding light on the profound trauma that has reverberated through generations. Their stories highlighted not only the pain and loss endured but also the resilience and strength of their communities.

The truth telling led by Patrice Mahoney OAM was a powerful reminder of the importance of acknowledging past wrongs and working towards a future where healing and reconciliation are prioritised.

"We haven't fixed the injustices, it's important that we listen to all the stories and injustices so that we can do better, these people are not healing, we need to do better," said Robert Ogden Bunurong Traditional Owner.

"To our mob and the brothers and sisters and around, we must speak our truth, we must stand together arm in arm, our voices have been silenced, our stories have been dismissed, our pain has been dismissed for far too long."

Sorry Day, observed annually on May 26, is a significant day in Australia, dedicated to remembering and honouring the Stolen Generations—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children forcibly removed from their families by government policies.

## Detox your Home is coming to Wonthaggi

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**Ben Hall and Fiona Cox, Poowong Hotel owners proudly hold their award for Best Pub/Bar.**

## Poowong Hotel wins Best Pub/Bar - regional

WINNING the Best Pub Bar - regional at the recent state AHA State Awards for Excellence has made Poowong Hotel owners Fiona Cox and Ben Hall feel incredibly proud.

"It was pure elation. We were just besides ourselves, which was fantastic. The AHA put on such an amazing night for everybody to enjoy."

The Poowong crew enjoyed a night of great food and entertainment together celebrating their hard earned success. Fiona, and partner Ben have been running the Poowong Hotel for nearly 18 years.

"It's been a lot of hard work that's gone into it," said Fiona.

The pub owners put their success down to having good staff, taking pride in their business while also enjoying their customers.

"We're forever striving to be the best that we could possibly be with customer service. We've got a fantastic crew of our staff, and I think that reflects also on the fact that they take pride and enjoy coming into work."

Loving what they do, constantly evolving, and listening to what the customers want are also factors that Fiona attributes to their success and being chosen for the award.

"Our customers are the ones that sort of put us there. We strive to make sure that we're constantly evolving."

The Poowong Pub will now get the chance to represent at the 2024 AHA National Awards for Excellence in Brisbane this November.

By Andrew Paloczi and Michael Giles

WHILE Middle Korumburra Hotel's parmas have been grabbing the headlines since being named best in Victoria, staff and owners are also delighted to have been awarded 'Regional Hotel of the Year' and 'Best Outdoor Experience'.

The trio of honours was bestowed by the Australian Hotels Association (Vic) at Crown Palladium on May 20, with the Middle Hotel now set to compete on the national stage in Brisbane during November.

"It's the whole experience and it shows how well we've done, especially over the last 12 months," head chef Mark Smith said of the 'Regional Hotel of the Year' recognition.

Mystery judges scored competing businesses on food, staff knowledge, décor and customer service.

"It's a massive achievement for not only our staff but everyone who comes in the door, because everyone makes the hotel experience," publican Ben 'Fish' Fisher said, adding the achievement is good for Korumburra as a whole.

Winning the 'Best Outdoor Experience' reflects on the extensive work that has gone into the Middle Hotel's outdoor area that now includes



**Middle Korumburra Hotel publicans Ben and Elyse Fisher with head chef Mark Smith display the trio of awards the venue received from the Australian Hotels Association (Vic). A01\_2222**

decking, a bar, and an undercover section, but also acknowledges the overall experience on offer including food.

The bar was installed where the bottle shop used to be and is ideal for functions.

Still, regardless of the pride felt in the other honours, it is the 'Parma of the Year' for Victoria status that is drawing people in the doors.

"The iconic 'Parma of the Year' was tightly contested by 16 finalists with the Middle Hotel in Korumburra finding the way into the hearts of our judges as the champion," Mark said on National Nine

Australian Hotels Association (Vic), with the Poowong Hotel among the finalists.

Asked about his secret to success, Mark said it was all about the quality ingredients, although the preparation must be top class too with the dish earning an almost impossible 100 percent score from the judges.

"It's got to be the chicken, the quality of the chicken, the quality of the crumb, the Napoli sauce has got to be a nice flavoursome Napoli, good quality ham, the cheese that we use is a cheese blend," Eddie had the base of one, savouring a schnitzel and salad, while Margaret described her minute steak as "lovely". demonstrating the Middle Korumburra Hotel is no one trick pony.

Bookings are recommended for lunch and dinner.

News as the perfect parma appears before the eyes of viewers.

The chef, originally from Oxford, sees the amusing side that such an iconic Australian dish is prepared by an Englishman, saying the Middle Hotel team is proud of the success.

The positive sentiment of the judges was supported by Wednesday's lunchtime customers.

"We saw it on the Channel 7 news and it lived up to my expectations based on the news commentary," diner Peter Leon of Warrandyte said.

His companion Lyn Leon agreed, describing it as "a very nice parma".

Langwarrin's Steve Liddiard and Bernadette Clark were equally impressed.

"It was very tasty and a generous portion," Steve said, with Bernadette praising the parma and its accompanying crunchy chips.

The Leons were accompanied by Nyora's Margaret and Eddie Dobbs who bucked the dining trend, not ordering parmas.

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**Applications close 6:00pm on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

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# A sense of belonging in the Bass Coast

MAYOR Cr Clare Le Serve warmly opened the Diversity and Inclusion Breakfast on Saturday May 18, an event coordinated by the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi, and generously sponsored by the Wonthaggi Club.

The event celebrated the growing vibrancy in the Bass Coast and promoted a sense of social inclusion and belonging for all people from diverse backgrounds.

Key speaker, Maddy Harford from the Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group kept the crowd enthralled with heartwarming stories about helping two refugee families to the Bass Coast in the last 18 months, whilst participants enjoyed a delicious hot buffet breakfast.

Thirty years ago, Maddy, her husband Harry and their two young children lived in Papua New Guinea as volunteers, giving them lived experience of having to establish themselves in a new country, with a different culture, learn a new language, make new friends and contribute to the community. Maddy has brought this experience to her role in the national Community Refugee Integration and Settlement program, helping to settle the Ali family in Wonthaggi, and the Al Amad family in Korumburra.

Maddy described how the children from the Ali family had arrived in Australia, not knowing how to swim, and being frightened of the water. After a few swimming lessons, the children became very fond of swimming, to now, where they are loving the water so much, it requires new tactics to coax them out.



Attendees of the Diversity and Inclusion Breakfast from the Multicultural Group at Mitchell House with Mayor Clare Le Serve.

A strategy employed to help the children become acquainted with attending school, was to do a few dry runs before the school term started. The children would be woken in the mornings, get dressed into their uniforms, pack their bags, and go through the routine of travelling to school, so that when the time came for real, they were happily able to adjust. The children are now thriving, and the Ali family have welcomed a new, Australian born baby to their family since arriving.

Leslie Adams, Manager of the

Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre spoke about Mitchell House being a safe, welcoming and supportive environment where people of diverse backgrounds can drop in, develop friendships and learn new skills. Leslie spoke about her work with people experiencing the effects of homelessness in the Bass Coast, recounting that even that morning of the breakfast, there were a couple of people outside Mitchell House seeking assistance.

Leslie frequently encounters people in various circumstances, some with no home, some with

no work and some with no food. Some are individuals, some are families, and sometimes they are with pets.

Leslie's work helps to improve the wellbeing of community members through a diverse range of programs and activities. Community members may not be aware that Mitchell House provides a food program that allows people to take away a bag of food items, and a frozen meal or two, if they have a need. There is a community lunch provided every Wednesday, and Mitchell House can also provide toiletries

and feminine hygiene products, as well as baby food, and sometimes pet food.

Wonthaggi Neighbourhood House is part of a larger collective of local organisations including Housing Matters Bass Coast and Rotary, advocating for secure, affordable and sustainable housing that meets the diverse needs of people in the Bass Coast Shire. In the meantime, the group are sharing information and resources to help as many people as possible in the Bass Coast meet their immediate basic needs, and to feel cared for in a respectful way, during a time when there is even more of a need than usual.

The breakfast was successful in building connections towards a more socially inclusive Bass Coast, to enable people of all backgrounds, especially people who are disadvantaged, to participate in their community, and enhancing their access to care and resources.

Donations can be made directly to Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House. Please advise if the donation is specifically for the Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group. Any enquiries about the breakfast can be directed to [rotaryclubwonthaggi@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryclubwonthaggi@gmail.com).

The breakfast was also attended by Cr Geoff Ellis. Attendees were entertained by the angelic voice of Deanne Battaglia Vandellen. Rotary's District Governor Linda Humphries provided closing remarks, expressing admiration for the wonderful work being done in the Bass Coast to care for their community.

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- Gippsland Basin Geophysical and Geotechnical Investigations
- South East Australia Carbon Capture & Storage Project

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**South Gippsland**  
Shire Council

## South Gippsland Shire Council News

### Grant Writing Workshop

South Gippsland Shire Council is pleased to announce the next round of community grants will open Monday 1 July.

Community grants help to support and enrich our local community by providing funding for key projects and initiatives.

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 FREE Grant Writing Workshop on Tuesday 4 June 2024. The workshop is designed to help 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

For more information and to reserve a spot at the workshop, please visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/  
communitytraining](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining)

#### Stay In The Know



Would you like to receive updates on what is happening at South Gippsland Shire Council straight to your inbox?

In The Know, is our eNewsletter that is sent fortnightly and gives you an overview of what is happening at Council and in the community.

This can include employment and tender opportunities, engagement projects and more.

To subscribe to our community newsletter, please visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/subscribe](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/subscribe)

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 26 June 2.00pm  
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates)

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

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Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

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#### STAND FOR COUNCIL

Are you considering becoming a candidate in the upcoming local government elections?

South Gippsland Shire Council in partnership with the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is holding a 'Stand for Council' information session in Leongatha, designed to provide potential candidates with all the details they need to make an informed decision about running for Council. Learn about the role of local government and the important role councils play for our local communities.

To attend the session, you must register your attendance. For more information and to register, please visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/election](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/election)

#### IMPOUND OF VEHICLES

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

- A champagne Mercedes sedan from Ridgeway, Mirboo North on Wednesday 24 April 2024.
- A silver Mitsubishi hatchback from Louis Road, Venus Bay on Wednesday 8 May 2024.  
**Year:** 1998  
**Engine Number:** JMFMCJ2AXU000723

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

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

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## Compliance requirements add to Korumburra Bena project cost

BRINGING aspects of the existing structure being used for the new Korumburra Bena Football Netball Club footy changerooms up to modern compliance standards accounts for most of the approved contract variation that added just under \$296,000, excluding GST, to the cost of the project.

The contract was awarded to Beachley Constructions last year for \$1,442,900 excluding GST.

With the contract variation for upgrades to existing services and design amendments exceeding the contingency allowance, the variation was approved by the council CEO after consultation with the mayor, with that reflected in the minutes of council's May meeting.

Sentinel-Times requested details of the reasons for the substantial increase in costs.

Council responded that a variety of expanded or previously unforeseen works were needed to bring the existing building up to modern compliance standards.

These works include:

- Increased provision of fire services
- Improved accessible facilities
- Alterations to emergency exit routes and lighting
- Additional mechanical ventilation
- Upgrades to water and sewer services
- Upgrades to electrical switchboard
- New building waterproofing

## Nearly 500 people offer feedback on Coal Creek's future

ENGAGEMENT to inform a new Strategic Plan for Coal Creek Community Park and Museum recently concluded with 457 people providing feedback.

The need for a new Strategic Plan was identified in Council's Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy to help pave a clear and realistic direction for the future of Coal Creek. As part of the engagement a Discussion Paper was developed, which presented three options: revitalisation of the current facility, a new direction or ceasing current operations.

Feedback was collected via an online survey (322 responses), written submission (26 responses) and an in-person survey (109 responses) collected during pop up events held in Korumburra, Leongatha, Foster and Tarwin Lower.

"I would like to thank everyone who took the time to provide feedback during the consultation period, and the members of the Coal Creek Assembly who dedicated two whole days to learn about Coal Creek and to discuss its opportunities and challenges," said Kerryn Ellis, Chief Executive Officer of South Gippsland Shire Council.

In addition to this, a Coal Creek Community Assembly was established to provide a recommendation to Council based on detailed information, a site visit and the collated community feedback.

To establish the Assembly 5,000 invitations were randomly sent to households across South Gippsland and from this a representative sample of 28 participants were selected based on geographic location, gender and age.

The Assembly met in-person over two full days, to determine their thoughts on the future of Coal Creek. Their collective decision has been provided back to Council and will inform future discussions with Councillors as the Plan is progressed.

# Tim Tamlin in new role at Strathbogie

FORMER South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Tim Tamlin has been appointed Strathbogie Shire Council's Interim CEO from July 15 following an extensive recruitment process.

Mr Tamlin had a nine year, eight month appointment at South Gippsland, between November 2009 and June 2019, ultimately departing during the turmoil that saw the council sacked by State Parliament on June 21, 2019.

According to a statement by Strathbogie, Mr Tamlin will be appointed for up to 12 months "to ensure the continuity of business operations, to oversee the Councillor Induction program after the October elections and to support the newly elected Councillors in the process to appoint a Chief Executive Officer in 2025".

The appointment follows the resignation of current CEO, Julie Salomon, announced in April and taking effect from July 4.

"With a strong background in engineering, infrastructure planning, finance and governance, Mr Tamlin brings extensive experience in senior leadership roles in the private and public sector. This includes roles at South Gippsland Shire Council and, more recently, as interim CEO role at Cam-



The former South Gippsland CEO Tim Tamlin has a new role at Strathbogie in the state's north east.

paspe Shire Council and Kingston City Council.

Strathbogie Shire Council Administrator Peter Stephenson said the appointment followed a competitive process with a number of former local government CEOs considered for the role.

"It was really important to find someone with the experience and skills to continue to support business continuity and build on the solid governance foundation, strategic focus and works program that is in place at Strathbogie," he said.

"It is also critical to have someone who understands local government and their communities and can support the in-

duction of the new Councillors after the October elections as they recruit a new permanent CEO and set their strategic plans for their term."

Mr Tamlin said he was looking forward to joining Strathbogie at such a critical time.

"The next 12 months are incredibly important ones for Strathbogie and it is a particularly exciting time to be joining the organisation.

"I look forward to learning more about the projects, the people behind them and the community of Strathbogie over the coming months and to working with the new Council after the elections," Mr Tamlin said.



Work is underway at the site of the planned new Korumburra IGA store. A19\_2224

## New Korumburra IGA progress

WORK on the foundations for Korumburra's new IGA supermarket commenced recently, with the need to create structural integrity around the perimeter of the site prior to required excavation.

"Before we go digging all the dirt out, we've got to level out a little bit and get some firm compacted soil

in there so we can set up a drilling rig," Michaels IGA general manager Dom D'Agostino said.

"They're going to be drilling down the side so they can put in bored piers and they'll pour concrete all around the perimeter and create the foundations of the supermarket."

That will ultimately allow excavation to occur and the slab to be installed.

It's not yet possible to put a timeframe on the works as it is uncertain what challenges may arise, with weather and what is discovered underground during excavation a couple of factors that will influence the duration of works.

## Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams

HELLO South Gippsland.

We are extremely lucky to have many amazing businesses in South Gippsland. Some of these received awards at the 2024 Australian Hotels Association Victorian State Awards for Excellence. Congratulations to The Middle Pub Korumburra for taking home Regional Hotel of the Year, Parma of the Year and Best Outdoor Experience - owner Ben Fisher also won the Local Legends Award. Congratulations also to the Welshpool Hotel for winning Top Supporting Pub for Good Friday Appeal Fundraising. The Poowong Hotel were finalists in the Awards too, which is a fantastic achievement. So, if you are looking for something to do this weekend, why not enjoy one of our local eateries?

### National Volunteer Week

From May 20 to 26 every year, we get to sing the praises of our volunteers. In South Gippsland, we have one of the highest volunteering rates in Victoria. Our community love to support and help each other whether it be helping out at organised sport or getting that local event you love happening, volunteers do so much for us all.

New groups form for a variety of reasons, including when our region is rocked by a disaster. The Mirboo North Storm Cell Volunteer group formed after the February 13 storm event. Providing extra sets of hands to assist with clean up and a place for the community to gather and chat, the Group continues to this day.

The Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival finished up on the weekend and is completely organised by volunteers. Run every two years, the event attracts visitors from across Australia and the world to our region. The volunteers truly do an amazing job putting together a program of events that truly highlight the beauty and importance of our creative industries. In light of their efforts, they were awarded the 2023 Community Event of the Year at the South Gippsland Australia Day Awards.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for everything you do.

### Organisational Performance Report

At the May Council Meeting, Council endorsed the Quarter 3 Organisational Performance Report. There are some truly impressive statistics in there that highlight the work the organisation has done during a time where we have had two emergency events. Five initiatives have been completed so far, with another 29 on track for completion by June 30, 2024. If you would like to read the Report, please visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/organisational-performance-reports](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/organisational-performance-reports)

### Community Training Opportunities

Discover new skills, enhance your knowledge and meet other community focussed people at a Community Training Session.

The next session is the Grant Writing Workshop, which will be held on Tuesday, June 4 from 6pm to 8pm at Council Chambers, Leongatha.

To book into this or any upcoming session, please visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining)

### Regional Tourism Investment Fund

The Victorian Government's Regional Tourism Investment Fund is now taking applications. The Fund aims to support new and innovative tourism infrastructure projects in regional and rural Victoria that will increase year-round visitation, improve the quality of experiences and encourage visitors to stay longer.

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Middle Korumburra Hotel owners Ben and Elyse Fisher and son Levi look forward to the Big Freeze event at the venue on June 2.

## Big Freeze to hit Korumburra

TACKLING Motor Neurone Disease is again in the spotlight at the Middle Korumburra Hotel on Sunday June 2, with the popular MND Big Freeze event again set to draw a crowd and a brave collection of participants awaiting an icy experience in the dunk tank.

Famous and individualistic 1980s footy identity Mark 'Jacko' Jackson and former Melbourne player David Neitz will be part of the action in the beer garden.

The popularity of Korumburra's MND fundraising event is driven by the inspirational Neil Daniher through the yearly Big Freeze event at the MCG held before the King's Birthday clash between Melbourne and Collingwood.

The former Essendon player and Melbourne coach, whom Neitz played under, brings awareness to the disease through his brave battle with 'The Beast' and is renowned for his extraordinary positivity.

It will be the second time the dunk tank makes an appearance at the Middle Hotel, with the Korumburra event raising over \$14,000 when it was last held a couple of years ago.

Publians Ben and Elyse Fisher have hit up local community clubs to put forward some of their well-known members to be dunked for the cause.

Burra Brewing Company's Ali Smith will be one such identity.

Korumburra-based South Gippsland Shire councillor Jenni Keerie is also set for a chilling experience.

Raffles and a 'win your height in beer' competition will boost fundraising efforts, with nearby Auddino Real Estate donating the beer, MND having impacted that family.

"We did one in San Remo a few years ago and the lady who won strapped buckets to her shoes," Fish said, with that enterprising effort earning her a couple of extra slabs.

However, stilts have been ruled out.

Local identity 'Fatty' will be performing from about 3pm, by which stage the singer and guitarist will hopefully have thawed out after his time in the tank.

Action gets underway with a 10am breakfast, the dunking tank spectacle beginning at 12pm.

## Road repairs and safety to be slashed

ROAD repairs will be slashed by 75 per cent next financial year, despite the dire state of our roads, Parliament's Public Accounts and Estimates Committee has heard.

The State Government also cut \$88 million from its Road Safety Fund this year and will oversee a further reduction of 27 per cent next financial year, despite a rise in the road toll.

The government's budget papers indicate the area of road subject to resurfacing or rehabilitation has fallen from 12 million square metres two years ago to just three million next year.

Alarming, the roads maintenance budget is 16 per cent less now than it was in 2020 and our roads continue to get worse for it.

The hearings revealed 388 km of road

are now subject to speed restrictions due to lack of maintenance, while in the past three years almost 2000 Victorians have lodged claims for compensation due to damage to vehicles caused by the roads.

Despite the cuts - or perhaps because of them - the government is refusing to release a survey it undertook last year that revealed 91 per cent of roads reviewed were in poor or very poor condition.

Shadow Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Danny O'Brien, said the budget was another failure for roads around the state.

"Successive years of budget cuts have left our roads in a dire state and this budget ensures they won't get better," Mr O'Brien said.

"Indeed, reductions in the resurfacing and rehabilitation program will only see our roads get worse in future."



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## MAT MORGAN





Rick Coleman managed the 'Veggie Patch to Plate' Garden Gems Workshop at the Wonthaggi Men's Shed Garden in May with a focus on teaching permaculture and sustainable gardening practices. Z01\_2224

## Sustainable gardening practices with Garden Gems workshops

THE recent launch of the Bass Coast Shire's Garden Gems Workshops supports all eight community gardens within the shire; an initiative administered by Rick Coleman; specialising in Permaculture, and Horticulturalist Frances Saunders – concentrating on sustainability and community connection.

Rick and Frances have years of experience in teaching permaculture and sustainable gardening practices. Together they offer community gardening and horticultural workshops that focus on ethical design in gardening and cover a range of topics such as organic gardening, drought management, natural pest management, and food preservation techniques.

Through these workshops, Rick and Frances aim to educate and empower individuals to create sustainable and resilient food systems while fostering social interaction and community engagement. Their expertise and passion for permaculture and horticulture make them a valuable

resource for those looking to learn more about sustainable gardening practices.

During the 'Veggie Patch to Plate' workshop Rick underlined the importance of finding different ways to process and harvest food in order to extend the harvest times and make the most out of your garden produce. By exploring techniques such as food preservation, fermentation, and value-adding, individuals can not only reduce food waste but also create a diverse range of products from their harvest.

This approach not only helps in saving costs but also ensures a year-round supply of fresh and nutritious food. Through his workshops and teachings, Rick encourages individuals to think creatively about how they can process and harvest their produce to maximise its potential and sustainability.

"Today we've taught the group what to do with their extra produce and how to value it," said Rick. "An abundant harvest of chillis, can be

crushed into chilli powder, and that's your natural pesticide for the garden."

"We had a simple lesson on fermented foods, for example sauerkraut. So, you've got a cabbage you harvest and now you have a week to eat it; or a bit of cabbage and salt and a bit of squeezing and there you can make your own sauerkraut in half an hour, then you've got 12 months to enjoy it. So now you're extending your harvest times. Most gardeners only grow for four months. And they've got eight months when there's nothing - well we've got 12 months of food if you're finding different ways to process and harvest and save money - this way we don't have to be confined to poverty."

The program empowers the community with best practices in their own gardens and invites everyone with little to no experience at all to join the workshops for social interaction.

"The main reason we gather is loneliness - I read that one third of Australians were lonely

all the time, and two thirds of Australians are lonely most of the time. Mental Health in this country is low, so reinvigorating these community gardens is vital, and so far, they've taken off - showing enthusiasm and delight."

Frances Saunders is an award-winning teacher with extensive experience in horticulture and landscape design with an emphasis on sustainable practices, so alongside Rick who has taught on every habitable continent on earth - the two can help inspire healthier lifestyles through these workshops.

The free workshops are a partnership between Bass Coast Adult Learning, the Bass Coast Shire Council and local community gardens.

The next session at the Wonthaggi Men's Shed Garden is at 10am on Wednesday, June 19, where Frances Saunders will teach about seed saving. There will be plenty of free seeds too!

To register for a local Garden Gems Workshop, visit [www.thecap.com.au](http://www.thecap.com.au)



Jillian Staton, Chair of the South Gippsland Landcare Network said they are extremely excited to be presenting the Biodiversity Protection to the public.

Have your say on the future of biodiversity protection

SOUTH Gippsland Landcare Network (SGLN) has developed a Biodiversity Protection Plan for South Gippsland to guide a coordinated response for improving the natural environment in the region.

They are seeking community and stakeholder feedback on the final draft. 77% of the remaining remnant vegetation and wildlife habitat in South Gippsland is located on private land which is why everyone's participation is crucial.

The feedback period will open on Tuesday May 28, and run until Wednesday June 12.

SGLN holding a Community Information Session on Wednesday June 5 from 10am to 12noon at the Korumburra Community Centre. Community and stakeholders are encouraged to read the draft Biodiversity Protection Plan (BPP) and provide feedback via [sgln.net.au/bpp](http://sgln.net.au/bpp) prior to or after the information session.

Jillian Staton, Chair of the South Gippsland Landcare Network said, "We've taken a collaborative approach to developing the BPP because we want everyone in the community to be able to play a part in protecting our natural assets, and to ensure we are all working towards the same goals."

In 2021, South Gippsland Landcare Network identified the need for a BPP and brought together a broad cross-section of the community, from individuals and small community groups to large organisations, to discover what can and needs to be done to protect South Gippsland's natural environment. The BPP is an ambitious 10-year plan that identifies improvements needed to protect biodiversity in South Gippsland.

"We are extremely excited to be presenting the BPP to the public and thank everyone who has participated in our workshops and surveys, contributed data and reviewed drafts of the BPP. It has been a long process, and we are grateful to everyone for their time and support," said Jillian.

### Community Information Session:

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Owners of Zen Nails Design and Beauty Sa Le and Steve Tran opened their second beauty salon in the township of Inverloch yesterday after operating in Wonthaggi for the past decade. Z02\_2224

## Ultimate self-care in a modern new space

SA LE and Steve Tran are dedicated to providing top quality service and using only the best products for their clients. Together, they're passionate about helping people look and feel their best and are committed to creating a peaceful and rejuvenating environment for their customers to enjoy.

After 10 years of operating Lesa Nails and Foot Spa in Wonthaggi, Sa and Steve have officially opened their second salon, Zen Nails Design and Beauty in the main township of Inverloch.

"I have dreamt of opening a salon in Inverloch since 2006, I was just waiting for the ideal space," said Sa. Imagine walking into a new salon with a modern and sleek space, filled with natural light and chic decor.

Customers are invited to browse through a wide selection of nail polish colors, from classic reds and pinks to trendy metallics and bold neon's. The technicians are at hand to expertly shape and buff each nail, creating the perfect canvas for the chosen color.

With precision and care, Sa, Steve, and their friendly staff can apply polish, SNS, shellac or BIAB polish making sure to get every edge and corner just right – allowing each client to watch their nails transform into works of art, whilst they feel a sense of relaxation.

The salon is conveniently located in the heart of Inverloch, making it easily accessible for locals and visitors alike. Sa and Steve look forward to welcoming old and new clients to their salon and are excited to share their expertise and passion for beauty with the community.

Let Sa and Steve take care of all your beauty needs, from manicures and pedicures to brows and eyelash extensions. Indulge in a relaxing Thai pedicure in one of their state-of-the-art full body massage chairs, or treat yourself to a soothing hot rocks experience. With nearly 20 years of knowledge in the industry, you can trust that you're in good hands with Sa and Steve.

Zen Nails Design and Beauty is the perfect place to unwind and rejuvenate. Take some time out for yourself and book an appointment today to experience the ultimate pampering session in Inverloch. Located at 10 Williams Street, Inverloch.



CUC Bass Coast Centre Manager, Sarah Bourke, joins Assistant Principal Phil De Salvo and Michelle Zevros Priority Schools Engagement Coordinator from Swinburne University, along with CUC Students, Swinburne Mentors and BCC Dudley Student Leaders.

# Bass Coast College enjoys Future Bound program

RECENTLY Country's University Centre Bass Coast has delivered the FutureBound Program to Year 9 students at Bass Coast College, Dudley Campus.

The program has been co-designed with Swinburne University and delivered in partnership with South Gippsland and Bass Coast Local Learning Network and is funded through the Federal Governments Regional Partnership's Program Pool.

The program aims to demystify the university experience for regional student – to teach young people around the language around university through a series of practical and engaging activities.

Participants meet and learn from current CUC and Swinburne University students,

who have developed taster sessions across a range of disciplines including business and law, media, engineering and communications. Students can find out firsthand what it is like to go to university and learn about the different ways that higher education can work for you.

Centre Manager for Country Universities Centre, Sarah Bourke said "we know that people living in regional and rural parts of Australia are 50% less likely to engage in higher education, and with 57% of our currently registered students being the first in their families to go to university, FutureBound has been introduced as an outreach program for our schools in the region to nurture post-secondary

aspirations for young people".

Assistant principal at Bass Coast College, Phil De Salvo said, "the earlier we can be having conversations with young people about potential career pathways the better.

These pathways can help students find some purpose and set goals while developing skills into the future. It has been fantastic to allow students to have some exposure with Country Universities Centre to inform them of what can be offered to facilitate their future work and lifestyle goals.

I'm proud that this can be offered to Year 9 students to engage with their aspirations for the future, whether that be university, higher education, trades and other work pathways post-sec-

ondary school."

The program is currently being delivered at South Gippsland and the Bass Coast secondary schools free of charge, and to learn more about how your school may be involved please visit [www.cucbasscoast.edu.au](http://www.cucbasscoast.edu.au).

CUC Bass Coast is a not-for-profit community driven enterprise established in 2020 with the aim of making higher education more accessible for students of all ages across the region.

Currently with 153 registered students, the centre is open for access to these students seven days a week, providing high speed technology, academic mentoring and network of like-minded students to create a community of learning environment.

## Discover the huge range at Myli's Library of Things



Myli offers a huge range of things to borrow including this surfboard.

MODERN libraries offer more than just books. At Myli - My Community Library, our Library of Things is continually expanding, offering items from outdoor sports equipment to home energy devices.

The concept of a Library of Things is to offer items like tools, kitchen appliances and sporting equipment for borrowing. This innovative concept encourages resource-sharing and fosters sustainable practices. It's a fantastic opportunity for our community to try equipment or borrow items you might only need temporarily or as a once off.

Our current Library of Things includes outdoor equipment such as picnic blankets, surfboards and stand-up paddle boards, as well as home energy equipment such as thermal imaging cameras and portable induction cooktops.

Excitingly, we've recently expanded our collection to include three cake tin sets and bird watching kits, available for pick up at all of our staffed library branches. With each addition, we hope to enhance the experiences and opportunities available to our community members. Our goal is to support diverse interests and hobbies, providing resources

that cater to various needs and passions.

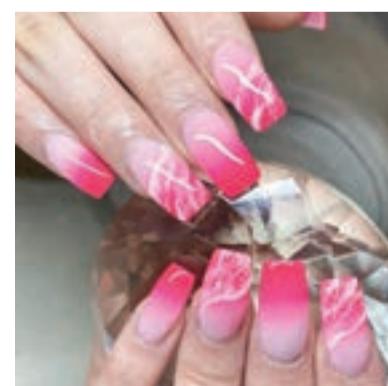
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# Brass tuition from band

STUDENTS at Inverloch Primary School are the most recent group to be offered free brass tuition through the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band.

After receiving grants through the State Government's Strategic Partnerships Program, the band has been offering free lessons and band practice to Grade 5 and 6 students at Wonthaggi Primary School since the beginning of 2023.

Wonthaggi Citizens' Band Vice President Sonny Day said, "I am thrilled about our upcoming training project in collaboration with the Department of Education and Inverloch Primary School. Instrumental music played a significant role in my own school life, benefiting me

both academically and socially. It helped me make friends, learn creativity, and develop teamwork skills. I hope the students who participate will gain a lifelong love of music and a strong sense of belonging in our community."

Students have the opportunity to have a weekly lesson on cornet, tenor horn, baritone, euphonium or tuba from experienced tutor Natalie Stewart and an instrument to take home and practice in between lessons.

Twelve Inverloch Primary School students have been very excited to receive their instruments and begin lessons this term.

New students joining the program are always welcome at

both schools, contact Natalie on 0405 034 203 or natalie.stewart3953@gmail.com to register your interest.

The band also runs lessons for keen musicians of all ages and abilities at the band hall in Billson St, as well as the opportunity to join the Training Band, Wonthaggi Youth Brass and Wonthaggi Citizens' Band for players depending on their level of experience.

Adult beginners or players who have had a long hiatus are very welcome, and instrument hire is available. For more information about any of the band's programs, email wonnincitizens-band@gmail.com or call Secretary Fiona Moldrich on 0407 299 738.



Inverloch Primary school students receiving free tuition in brass instruments from the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band.



Grade six students learnt about the traditional methods on how to make gnocchi.

## Meenyan students cook with local restaurant

AS PART of Meenyan Primary Schools Engaging Communities Program the grade six students spent the day at Trulli restaurant in Meenyan learning how to make authentic Puglianese Gnocchi with Napoli sauce.

Under the expert guidance of Francesco and Claudio Laera the students created a magnificent lunch.

During the workshops the students learnt about the traditional methods on how to make gnocchi and the importance of the "Slow Cooking" approach used throughout Italy. As well, Francesco and his brother Claudio spoke about their upbringing on their family farm in Puglia Italy.

This was a wonderful experience for all the students. At the end of the session all the students were treated to a wonderful homemade Trulli Gelato.



Meenyan Primary Schools students learning how to make authentic Puglianese Gnocchi with Napoli sauce at local restaurant Trulli.

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## Gippsland could benefit from flood event report

THE LEGISLATIVE Council Environment and Planning Committee have tabled its interim report on the Inquiry into the 2022 Flood Event in Victoria.

The report focused on flood recovery in Northern Victoria and highlights significant shortcomings of the Government's response and recovery efforts for flood impacted Victorians, 18 months on from the devastating event.

Member for Eastern Victoria Region and committee member, Melina Bath said Gippsland would significantly benefit from good recommendations that come from the final report.

"It's important we get good recommendations from this report to ensure the government can more effectively address the needs of Gippsland communities during and after a flood, sooner than what we have seen in Northern Victoria," Ms Bath said.

"As many residents remain in temporary housing, it is imperative that the State Government intensifies its efforts to assist displaced individuals and stops allowing flood-affected communities to suffer the consequences of its mismanagement."

Alarming findings show that the complex processes involved in accessing financial aid for flood recovery intensified the suffering of numerous individuals, businesses, and communities.

Complexities and delays have discouraged some from applying, while others found that the aid available did not meet their actual needs.

Another finding found a pressing demand for timely insurance processing to ease financial strain, and the broader issues of housing availability, affordability and suitability in the region created additional distress in housing flood affected people.

Currently, local councils are still awaiting financial assistance from the State Government to address the significant damage to infrastructure in flood-affected areas.

## Meet with GSHS board

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service (GSHS) is inviting local residents to find out more about their local health service.

GSHS will host a public meeting on Thursday June 20 at the Italian Club in Korumburra from 5-6.30pm, giving people an opportunity to connect directly with the Executive and Board of Directors.

The meeting will give local people a chance to ask questions about the health service and to find out more about the plans for health reform across Victoria.

The discussion will also include the State Government's health reform process and opportunities for health services to provide the best outcomes for local people.

People wanting to attend can RSVP with any questions by Thursday June 6 to [rebecca.shaw@gshs.com.au](mailto:rebecca.shaw@gshs.com.au) or 5667 5504.

# Bath bats for San Remo PS after cruel education budget cut

THE Nationals, Melina Bath has demanded answers as to why the State Government cruelly cut San Remo Primary School's promised funding from the May state budget.

Speaking in state parliament, Ms Bath called on the Minister for Education to find the promised funding for the San Remo Primary School.

Ms Bath said San Remo Primary School students, teachers, parents and administrators deserved a fit for purpose modern educational facility.

"The State Government pulling its promised funding has understandably blindsided the school community and thrown its upgrade plans into chaos.

The school was promised a \$5.3 million upgrade during the 2022 election campaign.

The original school buildings are 140 years old, growing more decrepit as the days go by – students and teachers are accommodated in substandard portable classrooms.

Despite the school being a shovel ready project with a master plan, architectural designs and being ready for tender – the State Government



**Josh Thompson San Remo PS School Council President with Melina Bath MP who's demanding answers on budget cuts to the school.**

reneged on its commitment.

"I'm appalled the Government prioritised funding \$4.1 million for a football scoreboard at Kardinia Park and not a primary school in San Remo with evident needs."

Ms Bath recently met with School Council President Josh Thomson and has offered ongoing advocacy.

"I understand the school community's significant disappointment - its meticulously

planned construction timeframes have been thrown into turmoil.

"There is also an impact on the school maintenance budget, with the School Council compelled to spend money on dilapidated infrastructure that will still need to be replaced.

"The government's failed commitment will see construction blow out to 2026 or beyond.

"The School Council has

legitimate concerns that rapidly rising building and construction costs will also impact its ability to deliver the upgrade.

"It should not have to make any concessions on its plans to deliver a new library, classrooms, an administration hub and shared education spaces.

"I am calling on the State Government to find the funds and allow the school to proceed with its upgrade immediately."

## New Lieutenant finds purpose through CFA

FIVE years after joining CFA in search of purpose following two family tragedies, Kelly Liddell has become lieutenant at Foster Fire Brigade.

In 2018, Kelly moved from Brisbane back to Foster to gain support from family after she became pregnant.

In the most tragic turn of events, Kelly lost her son who was stillborn, and a month later her mother was diagnosed with stage four cancer.

"Two or three days after my son's funeral I took over as mum's full-time carer," Kelly said.

"While I was her carer (she was able at this stage), I thought rather than sit here all day I need something to keep my mind busy. Especially after something so tragic, you need to find that purpose."

"Mum thought it was awesome I joined up. We were always that family that got help from everyone else, so to give



**Kelly Liddell, on scene at a fire, become lieutenant at Foster Fire Brigade.**

back again, it was kind of like paying it forward.

"I used to get Christmas presents from the Smith Family, now when I can I like to help those organisations as well."

Kelly's mum lost her brave battle with cancer in 2019. The brigade and broader CFA was hugely supportive of Kelly at the time. Five years after joining the brigade, Kelly is always on hand to help.

"Everyone usually turns around and says 'Kel will do it', or I'll say 'if no one else will do it I will do it', she says.

"If I can be there, I will be there. I don't have a preference on jobs. I just get up and go."

And Kelly now has an extra helper on hand at the station in her son, Brooklyn, 3.

"Ever since he was a baby, I would take him to the station, now he even helps wash the

trucks, everyone there just loves him," she said.

"When Brooklyn sees me in uniform he says, 'bye mummy, see you'. Only time I am allowed out the door without him."

Kelly joined the CFA following the 2018-19 bushfire season after seeing a recruitment campaign on television.

"I thought 'I reckon I can do that'. I have always been the kind of person that just goes throw a job at me, if I can't do it, I will tell you."

Her message to other budding volunteers?

"Honestly, why not? Even if it's not the firefighting side of it, there's the social side. So many other aspects people can get into. Whether it be back in the office at the station, or further up if you want to develop."

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## Hiking, fishing, camping and dumping rubbish

WITH autumn here, Victorians are going bush to enjoy the environment, but EPA Victoria says some people are just using it as a dumping spot for their rubbish.

Plastic bags, car boot loads and even industrial skip bins full of it.

EPA is asking every Victorian who loves the bush to store the EPA hotline number 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842) in their mobile phone and report any dumped rubbish they find.

EPA's Gippsland Regional Manager Jessica Bandiera says anyone camping, mountain biking, hiking or just having a barbecue in the bush can do their bit for the environment.

"Give us a prompt report and an accurate location of the dump site, and you are giving EPA a better chance of tracking down the culprit and making them pay the price," Ms Bandiera said.

"Taking a photo can help, too. With these simple measures, you can make sure your favourite spot in the bush doesn't turn into a stinking, illegal tip," she said.

Loads of waste dumped in the bush often include construction and demolition waste, hazardous materials like asbestos and rotting household rubbish.

EPA can issue regulatory notices and fines that start at more than \$9,000 and can go well into the hundreds of thousands if the case goes to court. The court can also order the culprit to pay for the clean-up, which can cost even more than the fines. And cases involving small items of litter can be reported to your local council.

"Illegal dumping creates an eyesore and can contaminate the soil and nearby waterways, and if the culprits get away with it, the cost of the clean-up is too often left to the community or landholders," Ms Bandiera said.

Members of the public can report pollution by calling EPA's 24-hour hotline on 1300 372 842 or providing details online at [epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution/reporting-pollution](http://epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution/reporting-pollution)

You can also report small amounts or scattered litter to your local council.

## Bush users fight back on National Park plan

BUSH users have ramped up their fight against the State Government, launching a parliamentary e-petition opposing any potential closure of public access in Victoria state forests.

The petition is in response to the State Government's review into the future of Victorian state forests and calls on it to guarantee no new national parks will be established and the continuation of traditional recreational activities in state forests.

Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Public Land Use and The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria, Melina Bath is sponsoring the petition and will table it in parliament later this year.

Echoing community concern, Ms Bath maintains good forest management practice does not have to mean the exclusion of traditional pursuits.

The Nationals strongly support active management of state forests and that includes supporting bush users and public access to public land.

"Victoria's treasured national parks are already neglected, adding more will not improve environmental outcomes.

"60 per cent of Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action staff operate out of metropolitan Melbourne - the State Government fails to comprehend that public land is best managed with boots, not suits.

"The Government's appalling



Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Public Land Use and The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria, Melina Bath is sponsoring a petition to keep state forests open.

environmental policies have failed and led to overgrown tracks, increased bushfire risk and a boom in invasive weeds and feral animals.

"Locking up public land is not a conservation strategy, it's neglect."

Ms Bath said activities such as prospecting, free camping, horse riding, four-wheel driving, trail bike riding, dog walking and hunting would all be banned in any new national park.

"Bush users overwhelmingly

respect and preserve public land, their activities stimulate jobs in regional communities and have a positive impact on mental wellbeing.

"Following the State Government's recent public consultations, many community members are adamant that their opinions are being ignored by the Government and the outcome of its consultation is predetermined.

"This petition has been launched to help bush users reclaim their voice from

a State Government who doesn't want them to be heard.

"Their message is clear, no more new national parks and public land belongs to the people - as an avid bush user I will continue to support them and be their voice in the parliament."

The e-petition can be signed online <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/petitions/stop-the-creation-of-any-new-national-parks/>

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Volunteers from the Leongatha Secondary College and Mary McKillop College helped to raise nearly \$16,000.



Some of the 80 generous volunteers that attended the morning tea for the Leongatha RSL last week.

## RSL volunteers celebrated

ON THURSDAY May 23, coinciding with National Volunteers Week the Leongatha RSL hosted a morning tea to show their appreciation to their many volunteers who help in numerous ways throughout the year.

On this particular day we showcased that our most recent ANZAC day appeal, where we have volunteers from the Leongatha Secondary College and Mary McKillop College walk around the streets of Leongatha selling merchandise and volunteers set up at ALDI and IGA selling merchandise for a two week period before ANZAC day, raised a whopping \$15,818.60. This is the highest amount we have ever raised for our ANZAC day appeal and a testament to our wonderful volunteers.

Our president, Bill Verboon, General Manager, Greg Nugent and Welfare Coordinator, Wendy Wyhoun all addressed the 80 plus volunteers thanking them for their tireless efforts and for continuing to put their hands up to help us, to help others.

Not only does the RSL have regular volunteers who assist with selling merchandise for ANZAC and Remembrance Days, we also have many volunteers who drive ex-service members and vulnerable community members to appointments in surrounding towns and Melbourne, volunteers who knit warm and cuddly teddies, make slices and cakes and assist at our Welfare Hub, helping community members access assistance that helps them to live fuller lives.

We also gave a big thank you to Wendy Wyhoun, who puts in a massive amount of work, ordering and preparing merchandise, gathering volunteers and rostering them to jobs, collecting, counting and reconciling all of the funds raised and be a general point of contact for all things volunteering.

Her hard work and commitment means that it all runs very smoothly. The Leongatha RSL is always looking for more volunteers, so if you have some spare time and can lend a hand in any capacity please get in touch on 5662 2012.

## Volunteering awards 2024

THE 2024 Volunteering Award are now open for nominations.

The Volunteering Awards are an opportunity to recognise and thank Victorian Volunteers for the incredible contributions they make to our local communities.

There are a number of award categories and a handful of information sessions to help you submit your nomination.

Make a nomination at: <https://www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au/events/awards/>.

Submissions close Monday 22 July 2024.



Carinya Lodge volunteers are officially recognised during National Volunteer Week but their contribution is celebrated throughout the year.

# Carinya Lodge celebrates volunteers

KORUMBURRA'S Carinya Lodge held a Monday afternoon tea to celebrate its 25 volunteers and the key part they play, with the event marking National Volunteer Week.

Volunteers play important roles within the Carinya lifestyle team, in gardening services and the Carinya Auxiliary, with the lodge's committee entirely volunteer-run.

"We honour the selfless individuals who generously give their time, energy, and skills to make a positive impact in our community," Carinya's executive assistant Sarah Jackson said at the gathering.

She told the volunteers that the lodge thrives because of their dedication and compassion and that each of them plays a crucial role in Carinya's mission to support and uplift those in need.

"Your unwavering commitment has made a significant difference in the lives of so many, and for that, we are deeply thankful," Sarah said.

She explained that volunteering is more than just offering help, with building connections, showing empathy, and creating a sense of belonging other important elements.

Sarah stressed that the contributions of Carinya's volunteers are invaluable regardless of whether they are organising events, providing companionship, assisting with daily tasks or involved in governance of the Lodge.

"As we celebrate National Volunteer Week, it is important to acknowledge the diversity of our volunteer team," she said, noting it comprises people from different backgrounds, each bringing unique skills and perspectives.

She acknowledged that volunteering requires an element of sacrifice and there can be challenges balancing the commitments involved with other aspects of life.

"Yet, you continue to show up, driven by a shared vision of making Carinya a better place," Sarah said.

Bev Hall is part of Carinya's lifestyle team, having volunteered at the Lodge for 12 or 13 years.

She finds it rewarding to put smiles on the faces of Carinya residents, enjoying the conversations with them and learning a lot in the process, and has many memories of humorous moments and the competitiveness that emerges during any game.

Bev said the most challenging aspect of the role is that she becomes attached to the residents and it is difficult when they pass away, something that

made her consider not continuing at the Lodge.

However, she decided it's not about her, it's about the residents, albeit she gets a lot out of her Wednesdays at the lodge.

Bev encourages others to get involved in volunteering there, even if they have limited time.

Sarah believes the range of volunteering opportunities available at Carinya fits in well with this year's Volunteer Week theme of 'Something for Everyone'.

"Each one of you is a vital part of our journey, and we are profoundly grateful for your contributions," she said, adding the spirit of volunteerism is something to celebrate every day, not just for a week, and that the impact of the kindness of volunteers extends well beyond what they realise.

## South Coast FM offers a great way to volunteer



South Coast FM volunteers enjoying a big day out with a boat trip and lunch in Cowes in April 2024.

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## Sticky Chai

By author Claire Chitty

TODAY, I made the most delicious morning coffee ever, yet it didn't start out that way.

Firstly, a word of advice, never ever make a sticky chai in a coffee machine. Laziness and lack of foresight propelled this action, and let's just say, hindsight is a wonderful thing. Anything other than what the coffee machine is designed doesn't work, and if you make this unwise decision, make sure the filter is cleaned 'properly' straight afterwards. No quick wipe over scenario.

[Note, I used the word 'sticky' so you may hazard a guess where this is going].

I let a day pass before making a simple coffee and to my dismay, the water refused to flow. Sigh. I cleaned the machine, again, and still the water refused to appear as the machine protested and spluttered.

I said a few rude words, momentarily berating myself, and assuming the worst. I thought I'd probably need to get the machine fixed or replaced, both concepts that go against my philosophy of recycling and hard rubbish waste.

So, I took a deep breath, prayed to a higher power, and waited with willing anticipation. Would it work? Had I learnt the underlying lesson or was my faith being tested?

Crossing my fingers, I pressed the button for the ninth time, and voila, water caressed the coffee grinds as the delicious aroma floated into the air. Then, as I sprinkled hot chocolate over the fluffy soy milk, the powder dispensed in copious amounts. I equate it to not dissimilar to the 'shaken not stirred' scenario; so instead of a cappuccino, the result was an unintentional yet amazing café mocha.

Are you wondering where this is going? The moral of the story is that sometimes we may think we're heading in a specific direction, but life has other ideas.

We constantly make decisions and choices, where consequences are not set in concrete, and outcomes are unknown. During the course of our lifetime, we may experience detours, meanderings and distractions that us off our path or purpose temporarily. Or, is it fear, lack of self-belief, curiosity, and further lessons to master that leads us down different paths to explore and ponder?

And that's a question that only we can individually answer without regrets as we journey through life.

In all my years of personal growth and spirituality, I know a higher power travels with us, often unseen yet always encouraging, guiding and supporting without judgement, though all the highs and lows, pain, grief and joy. I believe if people could see this with their physical eyes, humanity would be more mindful of their thoughts, deeds and actions, and the world would be a more harmonious respectful place for all.

Together, as a collective we can overcome berating ourselves and begin to create new ways of being, both within ourselves and in the community.

And now, I'm going to experiment creating a sticky chai, this time in a teapot with a sieve and steaming hot milk. How about you?

# New medical workforce model for Leongatha hospital

A NEW medical workforce model has started at Gippsland Southern Health Service's (GSHS) Leongatha hospital, ensuring safe high-quality care close to home.

GSHS is employing doctors to provide dedicated staffing to the Leongatha Urgent Care Centre from 8am-9pm seven days per week and a doctor dedicated to the Leongatha wards from 8am-1pm seven days a week. The new system replaces a long-standing partnership with Leongatha Health Care (LHC) GPs who have been staffing Leongatha's inpatient and Urgent Care Centre.

GSHS CEO Lou Sparkes said the changes followed an external review early last year prompted by increases in service activity since COVID, growth in community need to access health services closer to home, and concerns expressed by LHC about sustaining coverage of the after-hours roster and the UCC while delivering services to their in-clinic patients.

The review recommended the new medical workforce model which has been approved by the GSHS Board of Directors and supported by the Victorian Department of Health.

"The new model has started and will make it easier for people to see their GP and easier



**Hugh Chisholm a GP working at GSHS and Leongatha Healthcare with recently appointed Executive Director Medical Services, Dr Angela Williams.**

to see a doctor at the hospital," Ms Sparkes said. The partnership with LHC has been in place for more than 60 years and close links will continue. "It has been a very strong partnership that was committed to the health service for a long time but it was not sustainable for them or us because of the pull between the hospital and the clinic," Ms Sparkes said.

"We are very grateful for the support from Leongatha Medical Centre over many decades. GSHS are maintaining a very deep connection and many of the GPs at the clinic will be working in the model. This

allows LHC to prioritise their needs without splitting time across the clinic and GSHS and gives us the opportunity to recruit independently.

"It means people in hospital will get the care they need and those seeing a doctor in the clinic won't have their appointments postponed because the doctor has been called to the hospital."

It is anticipated some doctors from the practice will also be employed by GSHS to staff the roster. Ms Sparkes said the new model provided more medical coverage than GSHS had capacity to deliver in the

past and deliver more accessible care closer to home.

"It will strengthen our clinical oversight, governance and support to staff," she said.

Recently appointed Executive Director Medical Services, Dr Angela Williams, has oversight of the new medical workforce and doctors. The Leongatha Urgent Care Centre will continue the existing arrangement of using My Emergency Doctor (MED) after hours, enabling GSHS to provide access to senior emergency physicians around the clock.

The GSHS Leongatha Hospital workforce consists of 29 medical practitioners, including an Executive Director of Medical Services, eight General Practitioners, two Emergency Physicians, an Obstetrician Gynaecologist, Anaesthetist, seven visiting GPs or senior medical officers who work across the ward and UCC, nine GP-Anaesthetists and five GP-Obstetricians.

The medical model at GSHS Korumburra campus will remain the same with excellent care from the Korumburra Medical Centre (KMC) doctors continuing to provide care at the Urgent Care Centre. Ms Sparkes said demand was lower for Urgent Care services at Korumburra and the arrangement was sustainable for the practice while meeting the needs of the community.

## Bass Coast doctors strengthen supervisory skills

THREE doctors from Bass Coast Health have strengthened their teaching and supervisory skills with free training provided by Monash Rural Health's Gippsland Regional Training Hub.

The training is part of a Clinical Teaching and Education Pathway, designed to strengthen teaching and supervisory capacities among doctors within regional health services. The three-part program has been delivered in Gippsland since 2022, but this was the first time it has run in South Gippsland.

"It was great to partner with Bass Coast Health and deliver our award-winning Clinical Teaching and Education Pathway here for the first time," said Associate Professor Rob Dawson, Director of the Gippsland Regional Training Hub.

As a teaching hospital, Bass Coast Health supervises



**Associate Professor Rob Dawson with Bass Coast Health's Dr Su Su Htwe, Dr Megan Scott and Dr Kishan Ajjampur.**

around 12 Monash University medical students on placement each year, as well as interns on rotation from Monash Health, and house medical officers.

Bass Coast Health's newly appointed Clinical Dean, Dr Megan Scott, who supervises final-year Monash medical students, said she would recommend the program to colleagues passionate about educating the future medical workforce.

"As a senior medical professional, teaching junior medical staff is an everyday occurrence and is a part of our role that is incredibly rewarding. I encountered many fabulous and inspiring teachers and mentors during my junior medical years who I still look up to and admire today, which is something I aspire to. The clinical teaching and education pathway training provided an excellent platform to build on my

teaching techniques, delivery of information to junior staff and to overall increase my confidence as a medical educator."

Participants will now have the opportunity to build further on their skills with a full-day course focused on clinical supervision. Associate Professor Rob Dawson says that increasing supervisory capacity in Gippsland is an important part of strengthening the local medical workforce.

"We know that high-quality teaching and supervision is the key to supporting the experiential learning required by the Monash University students and junior doctors at Bass Coast Health. This in turn improves patient-centred care. Monash Rural Health and the Gippsland Training Hub are proud to support the local health services we are affiliated with by bringing this high-quality training to our region."

## Korumburra Scouts urge community to buy raffle tickets

THE 2nd Korumburra Scouts is participating in Scouts Victoria's Monster Raffle.

This is a fundraising event where participants can win prizes while supporting Scouts and schools in Victoria.

The Korumburra group is raising money to keep the cost of fees low to families while still having the funds to maintain the Queen Street Scout Hall and cover new equipment purchases.

The 2nd Korumburra Scout Group acting Group Leader Wombat Lyons said the Monster Raffle fundraiser was an annual

highlight on the groups fund-raising calendar which also includes phone book delivery and local barbecues.

"It's one Scouts Victoria do every year, so they've got huge prizes," he said.

"This year's first prize is a Haval Jolion SUV; second place gets a three-day Uluru adventure, including a flight for two people, and there are many prizes with more than 100 in total."

The raffle will be drawn at 11am on Thursday, November 28, at Victorian Scout Centre in Mount Waverley and 2nd Korumburra Scouts are hoping

that as many community members as possible buy a ticket from the link on the group Facebook page, from the QR Code on the hall front door or from fliers displayed around town.

The group is using its regular fundraising spots at the Coal Creek market to support families of young people attending the next jamboree, to be held in Queensland next year from January 6 to January 15, which will unite thousands of Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and leaders from all over Australia.

Mr Lyons said the event would be an excellent opportunity to

learn about the great outdoors and other life values but, the cost is around \$3000 per member which means all the barbecues need to go to this target, leaving the group to use other fundraisers this raffle to cover all the other costs including maintaining the hall on Queen Street shared with a range of community groups.

At the time of writing to the South Gippsland Sentinel Times, \$328 had been raised by the raffle.

Raffle link: <https://scoutsvic.raffletix.com.au/2ndkorumburra>

# Financial Advice

## Make money between stock sales

THERE are always opportunities to increase profit potential – got your attention? Read on to find out how.

Farming involves big money and therefore big costs saving potential, making all the difference in surviving the off-season, a crisis, or enhancing your financial future.

\$50 here and \$5,000 there can add up and can be reapplied to other farm productivity improvements to further increase profits, as well as alternative investments; paying debts faster (resulting in more savings), or to improve your lifestyle by taking that holiday you are dreaming of.

Saving \$500 per year equates to nearly \$6,000 over 10 years at 3% average interest. Imagine if you found 10 items saving \$500 each = a whopping \$60,000 off your mortgage over 10 years! Now imagine doing this each year.

Your admin tasks will finally become an exciting job if you tackle it with the mindset of 'where can I find money today'?

Make it a fun weekly challenge to find the extra cash. One idea is Money Making Monday's.

Engage your team. Farm labourers; Bookkeepers; Accountants; Financial Advisors; Agronomists; Industry support agencies; Processors, Farmers and many others can all offer efficiency options.

As a start, here is a list of tips that could save you money/increase profits. You won't be able to tackle all of these at once, so pick a few and work on the others:

- Negotiate with current lenders to reduce interest rates
- Consolidate debts where interest rates can't be reduced; multiple debts into one low interest rate
- Government Concessional Loans may be a good option or use this option as leverage with current lenders to reduce their interest rate
- Establish a cost share 'network' of local farmers – bulk buy supplies at cheaper rate or share in equipment purchases. Additional benefit of enabling supplier representatives to regularly engage with the group for best prices and products – lots of suppliers will be vying to get your business!
- Research other processors / contract and market opportunities
- Follow up your accounts owing. Sell off debts to a professional collection agency for accounts that are hard to recover
- Check current direct debits and subscriptions and cancel any that are not essential.
- It is always a good idea to review all insurance policies (if transferring – make sure you negotiate reduced or nil waiting periods). Look out for inflated cover amounts. This task could save you thousands of dollars.



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- Review all utility plans and/or request better deals with electricity, telephone, and internet providers.
- Negotiate with suppliers for cheaper rates if you commit to automatic direct debits for regular costs, or offer pre-payment for bigger purchases – you will be surprised what suppliers will agree to for regular payments.
- Before purchasing replacement equipment, analyse cost benefit of repairing, or upgrade on lease/loan agreements with more cost-efficient models
- Sell equipment that is no longer used or used sparingly and you can hire or contract, as needed
- Arrange a 'strict' asset maintenance schedule to increase lifespan and resale value. An 'Equipment Maintenance Plan' will prioritise repairs to immediate farm needs, avoiding unnecessary spend
- Make informed purchases by developing a plan each season for what you actually need. Consider all costs including labour, fuel, fertiliser, chemicals, seed or semen etc
- Prioritise and budget each project and only undertake one project at a time – otherwise risk multiple unfinished projects and/or cost blow outs
- Review and time stock purchases with seasonal price changes. Buy when on sale or pre-purchase at their cheapest and store for next season
- Evaluate your seed traits and if you really need high-cost hybrids. Simple trait varieties that still produce profitable yields may have multiple competing suppliers and better deals
- Research alternative farm management options – talk to feed, fertiliser, seed or herd improvement companies, as well as industry groups or specialists in water, animal, crop, pest and land management (to name a few)
- Research alternative fertiliser options or grazing management to improve efficiencies or production. Optimise nutrient application by analysing yield from a crop's maximum nitrogen or nutrient uptake
- Examine pest and weed management by each product's coverage, application rates and warranties for effectiveness. Generic brands may be just as good as costly 'name brands'. Natural based options may offer additional benefits
- Power and water generation – are there

opportunities to produce your own utilities? Government programs can help with cost of analysing options or purchasing/installing equipment

- Review consumption of everything (home and farm). If you can't reduce price, reduce use and therefore annual cost(s)
- Negotiate or reconsider farm lease rates. Review if they are worth the cost or can you get more value for money elsewhere – either another property or alternative investment(s). Negotiate flexible rent structure based on seasonal income, or consider bartering opportunities
- Work out your hourly rate (worth) and ensure you spend valuable time focusing your specialist skills on farm productivity improvements and outsource [if you can] other tasks at cheaper rates. Remember a little saying we use here at RFCS Gippsland: Do your best and outsource the rest.
- Utilise software for finance and farm data management to enable time efficiencies as well as create a tool to see trends and continue finding efficiencies easier.

There are many options; factors and circumstances to analyse, which may take a little or a lot of time and some alternative thinking. If you or your team just don't have the time – outsource and engage professionals. RFCS Gippsland have a specialist team experienced in analysing farm financial efficiencies. They are a free service dedicated to supporting farmers improve their financial viability. Make the call and start making more money today.

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## Sentinel-Times

### COMMENT

#### State must pay for Wonthaggi's EAO blight

ON SUNDAY this week, the State Opposition Leader John Pesutto came to town and announced that a new Coalition Government would "rip up Labor's Wonthaggi overlay".

It's a decent enough sentiment, and coming as it does with a promise to increase the pressure on the Allan Government over Wonthaggi's planning fiasco, it's a welcome initiative.

But the reality is that the next State Election is more than two years away, on November 28, 2026, and you'd hope the Bass Coast Shire Council would exercise its option well before then to introduce a new amendment to its planning scheme which would remove the likely unwarranted, retrospective stain of an Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO) from the titles of up to 600 privately owned properties, including long-established homes and titled blocks ready for new dwellings.

Frankly, it can't wait that long.

We heard the story of a young mum at the weekend, living in one of the affected houses, who is dealing with a child's brain tumour and doesn't need this aggravation.

Others are getting pressure from their banks.

And there are more in less harrowing, but equally crushing circumstances.

While the State Government, through its statutory planning arm, the Victorian Planning Authority, bears all of the blame for introducing these EAOs without consulting with individual Wonthaggi homeowners and titled block owners, there's no doubt the Bass Coast Shire Council dropped the ball on this, by failing to warn affected ratepayers, engaging generally with the community and ultimately going public with its concerns.

It may simply be a coincidence that a week before the draft amendment was released (on August 22, 2022) detailing how the VPA planned to apply the EAOs over a much wider area of the Wonthaggi PSP, the shire's CEO, Ali Wastie was appointed Chair of the new Alpine Resorts Victoria board by Minister Lily D'Ambrosio on August 10, 2022.

The appointment was ticked off, in another captain's call by the then Mayor Cr Michael Whelan, without the prior knowledge of any of his council colleagues.

It had to be a general distraction, at the very least, and in future, no highly-paid local government CEOs should be appointed to any unrelated boards by government.

So, the Bass Coast Shire Council's sin is it failed to tell anyone what was happening or to grasp its significance ahead of January 18, 2024 or to respond afterwards and they must do all they can now to help – which they appear to be doing.

But the State Government must pay, not the Bass Coast ratepayers, to put this thing right because the overlays cannot be removed now without the (likely low) risk of contamination being addressed.

As part of the C152 process they promised to consult as follows:

"The Victorian Planning Authority in consultation with the Bass Coast Council and affected landowners, should confirm whether site investigations have been undertaken to an equivalent Preliminary Risk Screen Assessment standard for any Precinct Structure Plan Property Parcels within the proposed Environmental Audit Overlay before finalising its application."

They simply didn't do it.

## Vox Pop

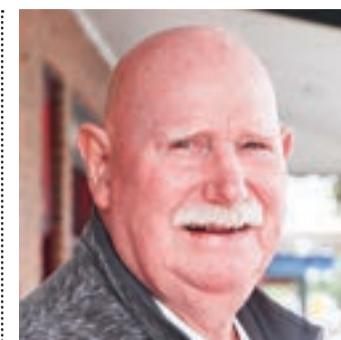
### What are your thoughts on the intended one way street on Surf Parade between Ozone Street and the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club at Goroke Street?



**John Fincher**

Inverloch

"How do people get out of the one way system if they want to come back towards town? Local community unrest is likely."



**Mike Snoxell**

Inverloch

"No way, that's silly. It's got to be two way there. They could lose people going to the beach and visiting the town as it will be too hard, and it should be a thoroughfare."



**Debbie Wells**

Inverloch

"I think it's going to cause a lot of problems but it's probably the better of the options, and it should have been done long ago the way it was originally planned, with a path, parking and two way road."



**Trev Gowland**

Inverloch

"I feel for people who live in there and will have to go the long way around; drivers wanting to head back to town must go up one of the streets to the right, and there is a bad corner opposite the life saving club."

### Wrench's Lane

I live in Korumburra, to help a neighbour I have been taking their children to the Korumburra Primary School that now has a new kindergarten building on the school block on the corner of Princes Street and Wrench's Lane.

Wrench's lane has been a one-way road four hours a day 7.30am to 9.30am and 3pm to 5pm for many years. The kindergarten has its own car park off Wrench's Lane, road laws signs are well placed and very clear for all to see.

I am very concerned at the large number of teachers and parents that ignore the road rules and come down Wrench's Lane the wrong way and yes" full speed plus".

These adults should set an example to children that road laws must be obeyed by everyone for everyone's safety.

Far too many parents don't set an example for kids "not please, thank you, excuse me or beg your pardon", just barge through too bad if you are in their way.

There will be a crash, don't call it an accident, accidents don't happen, they are caused.

**Joy Irwin, I'm a grandmother. Korum-burra**

### What about Sal

I feel privileged to have seen "What About Sal" at the Stadium Cinema this afternoon with a friend. It is a brilliant film that highlights some of the problems faced by those with disabilities and their aging carers but has humour as well as teary moments. Thanks Sentinel Times for bringing it to my attention. The question and answer segment with John Jarrett after the movie was very enlightening and gave the patrons the opportunity to express their gratitude to John who was responsible for making the film and very generous with his time. I would recommend this film to everyone.

**Marg Pope, Inverloch**

### Preserving our country

AS A very proud Australian who has had many brave war service veterans in my family I think it is time for us to stand up proudly.

This year Australians turned out in droves to honour our proud history.

As we are still the majority in our wonderful country I would like to start a movement to preserve our country that so many have fought and sacrificed their lives for.

I respect everyone but believe that if you are not happy living here you have no

right to inflict your views and expect us to change.

I am open to suggestions but would love us all to stand together as a proud nation instead of letting people try to dominate our lives. Let's band together and make our feelings clear. Lest we forget.

**Jeanie Funnell**

### Some facts on the Israel problem

(reply to Heather in Corinella)

In November 1917 Britain was getting belted by the German backed Turkish army in what they called 'the Levant' and which later became referred to as 'the Middle East'.

Lloyd George was concerned at the bad publicity his government was receiving in the media at the appalling loss of life on the Western front, and just about everywhere else, but particularly so in the Levant, so they came up with a plan to gain more support in the region (and to secure more post war property and war trophies) by giving Palestine to the Jews. Arthur Balfour, the Foreign Affairs minister, and his cohorts of Lord Walter Rothschild, Chaim Weizmann, Herbert Samuel, and Sir Mark Sykes (he of the treacherous Sykes Picot Agreement) formulated a letter dated November 2, 1917, addressed to Lord Rothschild offering Palestine to the Jews of the world.

Only thing is, they forgot to tell the people who had been living there for centuries. They had coexisted peacefully with a small population of Christians and Jews up until then, but as migrants came from Warsaw and Berlin and Manchester and New York started to arrive in numbers, things started to get nasty.

The British occupation forces tried to keep the peace up until 1948 but there were often attacks on the resident population, and retaliation, and a formerly peaceful region became the violent one that it is today. That is documented fact.

As an atheist, I shake my head at the violence associated with different religion's opinions on the great myth, the fantasy that all these religions are based on, a deity, a god ruling over us all (most often depicted as a bearded, misogynistic, homophobic, cruel and vindictive white male) and Judaism uses its version of the 'childish legends' (quote from a Jewish guy called Albert Einstein) to vindicate the ethnic cleansing and selective murder that has been going on ever since they invaded Palestine.

Whenever the IDF or Jewry in general is

caught out doing something totally unacceptable and is criticised, the antisemitic mantra appears, and or the Holocaust is disrespected by also being wheeled out to silence critics, but no more. The whole core of Israel's occupation is based on mythology and colonial corruption. Until Israel and Jews can stop seeing themselves as perpetual victims on the one hand and the chosen ones on the other, they can never be reasoned with objectively. They have to take their guns and go back to America and Europe and Australia and be made to pay restitution to the original inhabitants. There is no other solution.

**Tony Kitchen, Wonthaggi.**

### Overtake the retrospective Wonthaggi Environmental Audit Overlay

According to the Bass Coast Planning Scheme Amendment C152basc, prepared by the Minister of Planning, one of the aims of this amendment to the North East Wonthaggi Precinct Structure Plan was to "provide for the fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use of the land". It also stated that it would "create greater housing choice, diversity and affordable places to live". It is clear now that this Precinct Structure plan contained empty falsified statements that have failed this community.

In an announcement made by the Victorian Planning Minister and the Bass Coast CEO Greg Box last week, affected landowners, and all rate payers of the Bass Coast Shire Council, will now be footing the bill for half of the costly and unnecessary assessments required to address this retrospective overlay. A double punishment on this community.

Will the Victorian Labour Party match the promise made to the community of Wonthaggi last Sunday by the Opposition leader John Pescutto, to immediately remove this unjust overlay?

Please all citizens of the Bass Coast and Victoria, sign the Legislative Council petition and demonstrate your support.

**Darren and Trish Martin**

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.

# Clinical trials changing lives at Latrobe Regional Health

PEOPLE travelled from across Gippsland to attend a celebration of innovation, equality and life changing programs recently.

The International Clinical Trials Day event at Latrobe Regional Health showcased the stories of patients involved in clinical trials and the impact the local program has had on them.

"The Research and Clinical Trial Unit at LRH started in 2019 with only two trials, since then we've grown to over 30 clinical trials, all offering new treatment options to people across Gippsland," General Manager of Research and Partnerships, Jhodie Duncan said.

Before the start of the trials program at LRH, Gippsland patients diagnosed with conditions ranging from arthritis to cancers to skin conditions would have to travel to Melbourne to access any new treatments.

"The journeys to Melbourne are time consuming, expensive and stressful for the patient and their family. One of the benefits about having clinical trials available here in Gippsland is that the stress and cost is taken away or at least lessened for the participant," Jhodie said.

Clinical trials are often conducted in partnership with hospitals in Melbourne, such as The Alfred Hospital and are selected by LRH where there is a demonstrated need in the local community.

"We're able to look at the data and see that condition A or disease B is of a higher incidence in Gippsland than we might expect. Once we identify those issues, we can explore what options are



**Jhodie Duncan, General Manager Research and Partnerships, Research Unit, Anita Redmond, Executive Director Education, Research & Governance, Dr Amanda Ormerod, Nick Johnson, Clinical Trial Participant, Mr Don McRae, Chief Executive LRH.**

available with our trial partners, commence recruitment to the trial and then move forward to be able to offer an alternative care option for local residences."

"Trials, such as the ones we are involved in at LRH give regional patients access to the latest treatments well before they are available to the general public. These can, without doubt, be life changing for some people," Jhodie said.

Willow Grove's Nick Johnson has been part of a clinical trial since 2020 after being diagnosed with bowel cancer.

"I signed up to the trial because all current-day treatments have been as a result

of some trial or research over the years and I wanted to contribute to assist future treatments if I was able to.

"I also wanted to give back to the health system in some way as a way of 'thanks for my treatment', Nick said.

Another aspect of Nick's decision was the ability to forge strong and supportive relationships with a local care team.

"Being on this trial meant that I did not have to endure the stresses of having to travel to hospital to receive IV Chemo, along with any side-effects that may have been a result of that treatment. As we

know, IV chemo is not always kind on your body – both mentally and physically.

My condition was able to be closely monitored with regular scans and blood tests, and at a local facility and not having to travel to the city for this. It is often a whole day out of work and life to travel to the city and being done locally was great.

It was good to have a good rapport with the local hospital care team who was and still is there for me. They have my back," Nick said.

More information about the LRH Clinical Trials Program can be found at [lrh.com.au](http://lrh.com.au)

## Professions unite for obstetrics training at GSHS

TWO health professions have come together at Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) to ensure they are ready for any obstetric emergency.

GSHS this week hosted a maternity and obstetric emergency education session for South Gippsland paramedics who had reached out for support.

There were 18 paramedics from Leongatha, Korumburra, Mirboo North, Wonthaggi and Grantville involved in the training that was led by GSHS midwives Carly Boulter and Linda Fiddelaers.

"The focus for the evening was to make it as interactive and practical as possible, with hands on experience at varying skill stations," Ms Boulter said.

Topics and skills practiced included unassisted vaginal birth, postpartum haemorrhage, breech and shoulder dystocia diagnosis, cause and management and when to anticipate neonatal resuscitation.

Participants were able to look at a real placenta and learnt about supporting the third stage of labour and birth.

"There was great discussion around our capability framework here at GSHS and



**18 paramedics from Leongatha, Korumburra, Mirboo North, Wonthaggi and Grantville were involved in emergency obstetrics training led by GSHS midwives Carly Boulter and Linda Fiddelaers.**

everyone involved in the learning session were very enthusiastic to practice their skills and reinforce their knowledge," Ms Boulter said.

Ambulance Victoria Acting Paramedic Educator Thomai Balderanos said the opportunity to share knowledge and resources with other health services within the local

community enables paramedics to provide best care, particularly to our maternity patients.

"In the rural setting, maternity emergencies can present a very unique challenge and by reinforcing our skills and understandings of the capabilities of our local hospital, we are better placed to serve

the community during these events," she said.

"We greatly appreciate Carly and Linda from GSHS sharing their time and expertise with our Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance (MICA) paramedics, so we can utilise these skills in the pre-hospital environment."

## Gippsland PHN work recognised in national report

GIPPSLAND Primary Health Network's work in remote patient monitoring has been recognised in the Australian Government Productivity Commission's latest report - Leveraging digital technology in healthcare.

The report says digital innovations that enable care to be delivered remotely such as telehealth, digital therapeutics and remote patient monitoring accelerated during COVID and are now transforming healthcare.

Gippsland PHN has been supporting services to deliver remote patient monitoring since 2020, an initiative acknowledged by the Commission.

Using a mobile based application called Lifeguard, Gippsland PHN has supported GPs to monitor patients on a regular basis and in turn, the patient has the comfort and security of knowing they are being supported from their own home. The program helps reduce unplanned hospital admissions while improving the quality of life of patients enrolled in the program.

Gippsland PHN Chief Executive Amanda Proposch welcomed the Commission's report and recognition of the organisation's ongoing work in digital health that supports greater access to care, including remote patient monitoring.

"The report confirms digital health models can be highly cost effective, can improve health outcomes and that targeted funding arrangement can ensure high-value patient care," Ms Proposch said. "When used proactively, the use of Patient Reported Outcomes and monitoring can enable identification of early deterioration and reduce hospitalisations."

Gippsland PHN was early to recognise remote patient monitoring, providing start-up funding to general practices to introduce Lifeguard. The program was initially effective in monitoring patients with COVID-19 and has since moved to supporting patients with chronic disease.

Ms Proposch said remote patient monitoring was just one piece of the broader digital technology story which was transforming healthcare. "It is particularly important in regional and rural communities where access to health services is difficult because of a number of reasons. We recognise the opportunities digital technology offers our community and work closely with health professionals and consumers to help overcome any barriers."

The report says that better integrating digital technology into everyday practice could save more than \$5 billion a year and ease pressures on our healthcare system. It also identifies ways in which governments can help realise the substantial gains on offer.

"We are yet to fully realise the benefits that remote care technologies offer," the paper says. The report says that while the uptake of remote patient monitoring is slow, it is growing. In Gippsland, there are currently 12 general practices and 51 healthcare providers using the Lifeguard platform with the most common conditions being monitored including Hypertension, Type 2 Diabetes, Depression and Asthma. Ms Proposch is "excited" about the potential of digital technology and the benefits for health professionals and consumers.

"We know the challenges on the health system in terms of workforce challenges, an ageing population and chronic disease. We must embrace the opportunities in the way we work to meet those challenges. "Gippsland PHN will continue to work with health professionals and our community on initiatives to achieve our vision of a measurably healthier Gippsland."



**Kai Desmond Harley** was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on Wednesday May 8, weighing 4.53kg. Kai is the first child for Troy Harley and Tara Firth of Cape Woolamai.



**Daisy Jean Nichol-Sharpe** was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on Thursday May 9, weighing 4.04kg. She is a daughter for Joel Sharpe and Skye Nichol of Sunderland Bay, and a sister for Billy, aged 2.5.

## • FAITH FACTOR

### What is prayer?

Father Darren Howie, Parish Priest - St. Joseph's Parish, Wonthaggi

PRAYER has been described quite simply as talking to God out loud using words or speaking to God in your heart and mind.

On a humorous note, many non-religious people can relate to praying silently or out loud when they are watching the football, e.g. "please God don't let Collingwood win."

It also seems many people have an innate sense that you don't have to spell everything out in minute detail for God to understand, for example, merely praying, "Collingwood, God no!" God is not merely someone or something we call upon to gain what we desire, or to avoid something we don't want.

Prayer is personal and requires trust. Jesus taught us in the Lord's Prayer to refer to God as Father, and the word Jesus used for father is equivalent to our word daddy.

This means that ideally, we are meant to approach God with a childlike trust in his goodness. Christians interpret the words "you will be done on earth as it is in heaven" in the light of St Paul in Romans 8:28: "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose for them."

Jesus words on the Cross, "My God my God, why have you deserted me", tells us that it is ok if we struggle to understand why God allows bad things to happen to good people.

However, when people cry out to God, and persevere in looking for answers many come to sense what Jesus' Jewish listeners knew what Jesus was doing when he cried out, "My God, my God" and that is, he was quoting the opening words of psalm 22.

In a nutshell, he was telling the people that in midst of tragedy God can turn everything to the good of those who love him. For Christians the greatest example of that is Jesus' resurrection.

## ~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~



### WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

ARE YOU looking to reduce your food bills a bit? Then come along to Mitchell House, 11am to 1pm, on the second Saturday of the month to the Wonthaggi Food Collective where food is bought in bulk, and then distributed at a low mark up to members. Ring Michael Nugent on 0416039933 or email him at [WonthaggiCoop@gmail.com](mailto:WonthaggiCoop@gmail.com) for the stockist and other information. It's coming up on June 8.

This Wednesday (or that is to say, every Wednesday, except for the school holidays) is our Free Community Lunch from 12.30pm (Attending this week? Then book it in today, Tuesday, to get a seat at a table this week.) Booking in is important so we know how many to cater for. It is lovely food cooked up by our wonderful Emma and her team in our kitchen. The lunch is a great way to spend time with friends known and yet to know. A gold coin donation would be much appreciated, if you can manage it, to help offset costs.

It is not always easy to make positive moves in our lives. Sometimes we need help. The AA Support groups meet on Wednesdays 7pm to 8pm and Saturdays 11am to 12.30pm. A good fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other to help solve their common problem and help others achieve sobriety. Call Sean on 0425 707 480 for Wednesdays and Steve on 0431 700 085 for Saturdays.

Al-Anon helps family and friends of alcoholics to recover from the effects of living with a person whose drinking is a problem. Now they meet on Fridays 10.30am to 12noon. Call Karen on 0409 354 038

A Narcotics Anonymous group is also available. Help could come in sharing experiences with narcotic addiction within a supportive group. They meet on Mondays 7pm to 8pm. Call Peter on 0456 000 844 for more information.

On Wednesdays, 3.30 to 4pm, there is Mindfulness with Maree, where she provides an opportunity for participants to learn and practice different mindfulness and breathing techniques that will enhance relaxation and inner peace. You are most welcome to come along and give the class a try to determine if the practices will be of benefit to you.

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



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### BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

BCAL held its Annual General Meeting last Thursday, reappointing the executive office holders and welcoming two new board members.

The event featured a compelling presentation by guest speaker Catherine Watson, who discussed the growing impact of artificial intelligence across various industries. Watson emphasised the challenge of distinguishing AI-generated content from human-created work, highlighting how pervasive this technology has become.

AI is here to stay though, so it's not a matter of whether it's used, but how we manage it and adapt to its impact on our lives and work.

In line with this theme, BCAL's computer students have been actively experimenting with AI, discovering both the ease of use and the profound implications of this technology. Their experiences reflect the broader industry trends and underscore the importance of understanding and integrating AI effectively.

In fact, a rough draft of the paragraphs above was put into an AI service for tidying up. Curiously, it edited out the part which said this content may have been generated by AI!

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

#### ■ WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

No matter how long you've been at it or how much you think you know about gardening and growing your own, there is always more to learn.

Last week's attendees at the garden's first Garden Gems workshop were surprised by trainer Rick Coleman's take on the many varieties of mulch, as well as tips for saving, managing and effective use of rain water to drought-proof your vegie crops.

It's good to get together and share new and tried and tested information that the garden volunteers and others can apply to their own plots and home gardens.

Meanwhile new members got on with planting up their repurposed water tank bed, filling it up with cool season seedlings popped straight into the nicely prepared soil.

For more information about future workshops or ways to get involved at the garden contact [tgordon@westnet.com.au](mailto:tgordon@westnet.com.au) or BCAL on 5672 3115.

#### ■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

A popular project for many of the Woodies at the moment is creating 3D cutting boards. The boards themselves are still flat of course, but feature geometric patterns to give the illusion of three-dimensional shapes.

The patterns are created by gluing together precision-cut pieces in different colours, combining redgum, blackwood, and ash. Alternating the direction of the grain also adds to the pattern.

It's another way woodworking can add beauty to everyday, functional objects.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit [www.wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au](http://www.wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au) or visit workshop.



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### MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

WE ARE well into Term Two now and the classes are underway as are the winter chills. Keep warm and active by getting involved. We have more sessions starting mid-term.

Thursday May 30 -Online Safety and Scam Awareness. Join this important session on tips and tricks to stay safe online safety.

Monday June 3 -We have another Let's Share Lunch! Bring a plate to contribute to a communal meal with good company.

Tuesday June 4 - Beginners Mandarin. Come to a four-week taster of learning Chinese Mandarin

Friday June 28 - Test and Tag accreditation. This session covers the concepts and practices needed for good and safe testing and tagging of electrical goods.

Book for these, and others online via our Milpara website course bookings page - <http://milparacommunityhouse.org.au/bookings-and-activity-page/>

Monday May 27 marks the start of National Reconciliation week. This year's theme is Now More Than Ever, a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will – and must – continue. Milpara supports playing our part in building respectful relationships, connection and change towards reconciliation.

This week gone by was National Volunteer Week. Milpara owes its success to the wonderful community who dedicate their time and skills to maintaining and supporting our Neighbourhood House and the people of Korumburra and surrounds. We thank you.

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Katie Thomas of Wattlebank and Korumburra's Ellie-Jade Kelly look forward to Wonthaggi Theatrical Group's performance of Seussical on Saturday, with Katie's daughter part of the ensemble. A49\_2224



Warrandyte's Peter and Lyn Leon enjoyed the Middle Korumburra Hotel's famous parmas that were recently named the best in Victoria. A03\_2224



Margaret and Eddie Dobbs of Nyora relax at the Middle Korumburra Hotel, being among the few diners at Wednesday lunch to savour other menu items in preference to the pub's award winning parmas. A04\_2224



Steve Liddiard and Bernadette Clark enjoyed the Middle Korumburra Hotel's delightful parmas. A05\_2224



The Paproths are strong supporters of Wonthaggi Theatrical Group and it's been a long time since they've missed one of its performances, considering it an excellent troupe and loving theatre. A50\_2224



Kylene, Taya and Clark Botha of Leongatha are ready for Seussical in which Kylene has friends in the band. A51\_2224



Desiree and Hayley of San Remo are excited to see Seussical, with Hayley having a friend in the production. A52\_2224



Cathy De Jong and Ann Fitts fight to have controversial environmental overlays removed during Sunday's rally in Wonthaggi North. A58\_2224



Mike and Audrey Fittal have a daughter impacted by the Wonthaggi overlay debacle and came to Sunday's rally. A59\_2224

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Wonthaggi Theatrical Group's performance of Seussical, Q and A with John Jarratt at Stadium Cinema Leongatha, Middle Korumburra Hotel, Deery Consulting's Biggest Morning Tea and Wonthaggi Overlay Rally.



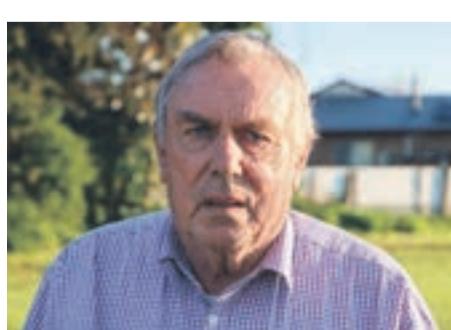
Beverley Waters, Glenda Park and Stuart Mackenzie attend Sunday's fight against Wonthaggi's environmental overlays. A60\_2224



John Jarratt and Allison Martin - who strongly recommends John's new movie 'What about Sal' to everyone which Allison thought was funny but very touching. A13\_2224



Andy, Rafid and Matt of Deery Consulting enjoy Thursday's morning tea event at the Inverloch business, raising funds for the Cancer Council. A14\_2224



Retired real estate agent Robin Bowman is disgusted with the Wonthaggi overlay disaster and came to Sunday's rally to show his support. A61\_2224



Mitch Thomas, Andrew Mitchell and Tessa Watson of Adapt Design Group savour the Biggest Morning Tea delights at Deery Consulting in Inverloch. A16\_2224



Hannah Carney and Jaylee Fitzpatrick of J Design Group enjoy the Biggest Morning Tea at Inverloch's Deery Consulting. A15\_2224



Three performances of Swan Lake by The Victorian State Ballet will be live on stage at Berninneit this June.

### Swan Lake on stage at Berninneit

FOLLOWING sold out seasons, Swan Lake returns to the stage this year and will be coming to our very own Berninneit. Experience the sheer delight and timeless beauty of this superb classical ballet in this timeless romantic story of magic, sacrifice and tragedy. With a cast of internationally recognised artists, in an outstanding display of skill and artistry, this year's Swan Lake will bring the superb ballet technique of Marius Petipa's original choreography plus original choreography blending the re-staged version by Director Michelle Sierra. Don't miss out on seeing the unforgettable White Swan pas de deux, the thrilling 32 fouettés of the Black Swan and the world famous Act II - Four Cygnets' Dance.

Suitable for all ages. Performances will be held on Saturday June 1 at 2pm - 4:50pm, Saturday June 1 at 7:30pm and Sunday June 2 at 2pm. Bookings are required and tickets can be found at: <https://www.basscoastculturalvenues.com/live-at-berninneit-cowes>



Horton, the lovable Lucas White and Miss Gertrude McFuzz, local musician Jess Rigby in the vibrant and fun extravaganza of Seussical. Photos: Trevor Foon



The daredevil, thrill seeking Wickersham trio plotting in Seussical.

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## Seussical engages smiling audiences

A VIBRANT, colourful and fun performance was enjoyed by attendees at Wonthaggi Theatrical Group's (WTG) musical extravaganza 'Seussical' over its opening weekend at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.

Seussical's music is written by Stephen Flaherty, with Lynn Ahrens responsible for its lyrics, the production being based on the pair's book and the works of Dr Seuss.

"We had four fabulous shows," director Louise Adkins said, delighted with the success of her trio of first-time lead performers, the large supporting cast, the expert work of musical director Fiona Moldrich and the band, along with the support of the crew.

Louise believes many attendees were unfamiliar with the story and not sure what to expect but were impressed by the whole vision of the show.

"I couldn't have been happier with the reaction of people; they loved it and were smiling from ear to ear when they left," she said.

The director added that it is nice for people to be able to escape normality

for a couple of hours and use their imagination.

Vin Quach played the mischievous Cat in the Hat, being an assured presence in his first WTG production, having a background in various high school productions.

"He's the most humble and gracious person and just so eager to learn," Louise said, explaining that while Vin did as directed he also brought his own ideas, making valuable suggestions.

The director considers Vin a star in the making, his engaging performance supporting that view.

Newhaven College graduate Lucas White, in his fourth WTG show, this time took on a lead role as Horton the Elephant, with 11-year-old Kayley Lockhart the other principal performer as JoJo, having previously appeared in WTG's School of Rock.

Louise described it as a huge achievement for three people to successfully make their debut as principal performers in community theatre and work so well together.

The director praised Lucas' character acting, saying his consistent and loveable performance as Horton drew the audience

into the show, also noting the skill of young Kayley and her beautiful voice.

"Those two blend together so well," Louise said.

Children made up 25 of the 46 strong cast, with the director's experience in having run a dance school proving valuable, and there was a need to ensure the rehearsal schedule was well coordinated to avoid wasting the time of families whose children are involved.

That entailed letting the little kids have their own rehearsal time, with a crossover period with the adults, allowing those children to then head home while rehearsal continued for the rest of the cast.

For those yet to experience the joy of Seussical, the production runs until June 9.

"People need to come and see it, and I know they'll be blown away; it's a great musical and has a beautiful message," Louise said, adding it can make people feel good, with the emotion also perhaps causing them to shed a tear as they are swept up by the imaginative elements of Seussical.

Visit [wtg.org.au](http://wtg.org.au) to purchase tickets.



Anna Scionti, with driving guitars and honey-soaked, gravel-infused vocals is bringing her blues, roots and rock sounds to San Remo.

### Singer-Songwriter Anna Scioti in San Remo

ANNA Scionti is a singer-songwriter, guitarist and bottleneck slide player who mixes it up on cigar box guitar, resonator, lap steel and six-string guitar.

The music Scionti makes is her own style steeped in blues, roots and rock. While absorbing influences from her favourite inspirational artists, Scionti walks her own creative path. Driving guitars and honey-soaked, gravel-infused vocals draw you deep in to her world of emotionally charged, electrified rhythmic tunes.

Having lost both her parents as a teenager, Scionti turned to music as an outlet. Her original songs tell stories of love, loss, and longing and are uninhibited, raw and unapologetic in their honesty. They are songs from the heart.

Scionti won the Melbourne Blues Appreciation Society's, Blues Performer of the Year 2023 and represented the MBAS at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis USA in January 2024. She followed up with release of her new single 'Faker' on 1 February 2024 and a new album in the making for release later in 2024.

On Sunday June 2 from 5pm at the Westernport Hotel, San Remo.



Todd Woodbridge sits down for dinner at the Radius Restaurant at RACV Inverloch Resort with Chef Rohan McCullagh.

## Todd Woodbridge dines in Inverloch for Postcards

THE POSTCARDS team took a trip out of Melbourne's to explore Inverloch's best new places to dine out, with the show airing on the weekend.

Todd Woodbridge samples Gippsland's wines and

enjoys a cosy coastal retreat in Inverloch (Boonwurrung Country). To begin his day, he grabs a coffee from The Local, then checks into the RACV Inverloch Resort for a tour of the amazing facilities with hotel resort manager Carey

Norton and a meal on-site at the Radius Restaurant. He ends his day with a tasting at Dirty Three Wines.

Take a Trip out of Town with Postcards aired on Sunday May 26 on Channel 9 and can be viewed on 9Now.

## Blues and soul at Meeniyana Town Hall

KAREN Lee Andrews presents powerful blues and soul that is both entertaining and vulnerable – a journey where Karen shares her artistry and her story with her audience.

Karen Lee Andrews is in possession of a strong sense of artistic purpose. Surrounded by music her entire life, Karen's career to date has largely revolved around classic soul and rhythm and blues. The influence of soul, gospel and Karen's Polynesian background continues to inform the music she creates. Karen's new EP 'Edin' takes a more comprehensive journey through soul and blues music, while providing a candid expression of her personal

identity. Karen's songcraft is built on a thorough knowledge of blues, gospel and soul music and driven by an undeniable hunger to connect. Yet the defining ingredient is Karen's unshakeable artistic passion. A massive festival favourite backed by a formidable world class band that provide an exhilarating live performance.

Saturday 1 June 2024. Doors open at 7pm, show starts at 8pm. Meeniyana Town Hall, 97 Whitelaw Street, Meeniyana. Allocated seating. BYO drinks & nibbles. Tickets: \$50, plus booking fee. Book tickets at the website: <https://lyrebirdarts council.com.au/karen-lee-andrews/>



Powerful and entertaining blues and soul from Karen Lee Andrews on stage at the Meeniyana Town Hall.

## Markets on this weekend

WHY NOT try out a new market that you haven't been to before this weekend? Take a leisurely drive through picturesque South Gippsland or go on over to Churchill Island and enjoy what these small villages have on offer at their unique markets.

### Toora Lions Den Market

Browse through this one of a kind market and pick yourself up a unique piece of furniture or two. Each item purchased helps to support community programs. Located at Vi-Plus Factory. Held on the first and third Saturday of each month, from 8am-1pm. Toora Jetty Road, Toora.

### Koonwarra Farmers Market

Set in the contemporary and rural village of Koonwarra, this community event exemplifies the best of local produce, and was founded in November 2000 by a not-for-profit association of the regions growers, producers and specialty food-makers. Dogs are welcome on a lead. Held on the first Saturday every month, from 8am-1pm. Koonwarra Memorial Park, Koonwarra.

### Jumbunna Bush Market

The Jumbunna Bush Market has been running for 40 years with craft, woodwork, treasures and fresh produce available. All proceeds go towards the restoration and running of the hall building. Many stalls at this market offer items that are either homemade or home grown. Enjoy a sausage from the BBQ, or cuppa and delicious cake. On the first Sunday of each month, 9am to 1pm. Jumbunna Community Hall, Jumbunna.

### Kongwak Market

Find yourself something rare from the stalls of Kongwak Market. You'll find collectables, vintage and retro items, second-hand goods and beautiful locally handmade items. Be entertained with some live performers and relax with a coffee and freshly baked treat. Open each Sunday 10am -2pm. Kongwak Market is a plastic bag free event.

### Churchill Island Farmers Market

Stock up on some of the best local and regional produce, wine and cheese, arts and craft, unique gifts, stylish clothing, delicious food and tasty drinks at the Churchill Island Farmers Market. Soak in the atmosphere as you wander around this beautiful locations and take in the amazing views across the bay. On Saturday June 1, 8am - 1pm. Churchill Island.



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## Seven star ratings on all new builds

UPDATED and mandatory energy efficiency standards imposed by the Victorian Government on all new homes built in Victoria, were brought into effect earlier this month, on May 1.

The standards were agreed on in 2022 when the Government decided to increase minimum energy efficiency building standards from six to seven stars under the National Construction Code.

These changes added a new Whole of Home energy use budget that includes fixed appliances such as heating and cooling, hot water and lighting.

This also includes additional planning and design elements to ensure greater energy efficiency typically requiring better orientation for sunlight, more double-glazing, insulation and solar panels or more efficient appliances.

"Building for 7 stars at its very foundation begins with good design and orientation. These two elements are absolutely crucial to reduce the costs in getting a home to seven stars, and beyond," said Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme expert Dave Rochford.

"If you build for the local climate, allowing for shade and solar access as appropriate for tropical, temperate or cool climates, you will only need to

make minimal changes to other building elements such as the width of eaves, and cross ventilation."

Victoria will also remove barriers to installing efficient electric hot water systems under the new code, helping households experience further benefits from investing in solar panels, and supporting Victorians who choose all-electric new homes.

However, these changes could prove costly for new builds and for those undertaking renovations on more than 50% of their homes.

Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows the cost of building a new house in Victoria rose \$16,000 in the 12 months to March as a result of material and trades shortages.

Buyers are now paying more than \$115,000 extra for a typical build compared to the same time in 2020.

The additional energy efficiency requirements could add an additional \$25,000 on a typical build according to Housing Industry Association Victorian executive director Keith Ryan.

The Victorian Government state that bringing in the seven star ratings will make homes more comfortable to live in, cost less to heat and cool, and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**"Building for 7 stars at its very foundation begins with good design and orientation. These two elements are absolutely crucial to reduce the costs in getting a home to seven stars, and beyond,"**



First impressions count, so making your home look great is vital to selling successfully.

## How to sell a property quickly

THE process of selling a property can be streamlined if the price, presentation, promotion, photography, placement and potential are all carefully considered. The tips below from Domain may even help to achieve a higher price.

### Set a realistic price

Compare your property with similar recent local sales to help set a realistic price, so potential buyers can see good value. Prices set too high will sit around for weeks until the price is reduced or a buyer is found. If selling by auction, a 30-day auction campaign can be set to create momentum in a set timeframe, leading to an enthusiastic response on auction day.

### Focus on presentation

First impressions count, so making the home look great is vital to the success of the sale. For an instant facelift, declutter the house and make it sparkling clean. If the walls look tired, give them a quick refresh, a coat of paint can do wonders. The garden

is another key area to focus on to attract buyers. Lastly, look at staging the property by hiring modern furniture and accessories to help create a warm ambience.

### Advertise effectively

Attracting multiple interested buyers should create competition leading to offers in the higher range. Promotion is key to reaching out to these buyers. A strong digital presence and print advertising puts the property in front of potential buyers. Real Estate agents can help with these marketing strategies.

### Use high-quality photography

Real estate photography gives buyers emotional connections to houses they are viewing. It is unwise to scrimp on professional photography as it will be used across the entire marketing campaign, both print and digital. Display the best features of the property including the view, setting, living spaces and unique features. Remember, with online advertising, the house may

be viewed by potential buyers from not just the local area, but even around the world.

### Target specific buyers

Low-maintenance houses could appeal more to an investor, so provide any rental history, strata levies and any other useful information to help progress a sale. If it is a family house, market its strengths to attract these buyers by mentioning a location close to parks, schools, shops and transport. First-home buyers are often motivated by price whereas empty-nesters desire security, level access and proximity to shops and cafes.

### Make smart changes

Renovating can increase the sale price but avoid overcapitalising as the return may not cover the outlay. As a general rule of thumb, it is best to complete any half-finished projects but avoid any polarising decorating choices to leave a blank canvas for the buyer. Agents can advise on possible renovations, and a budget to help achieve the best return.



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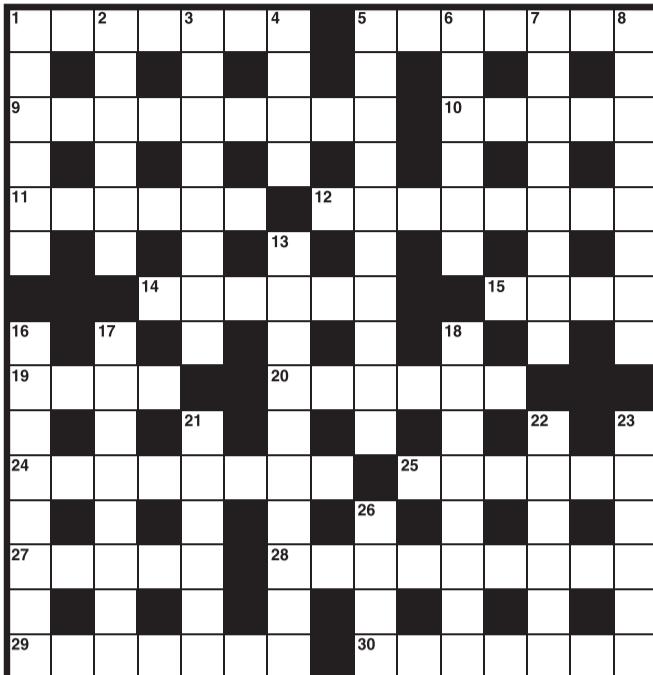
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## 9-LETTER

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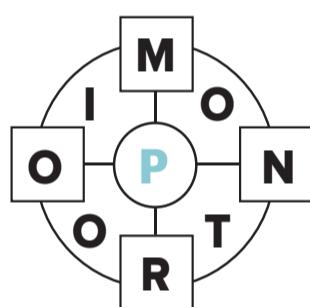
Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".

Today's Aim:

9 words: Good

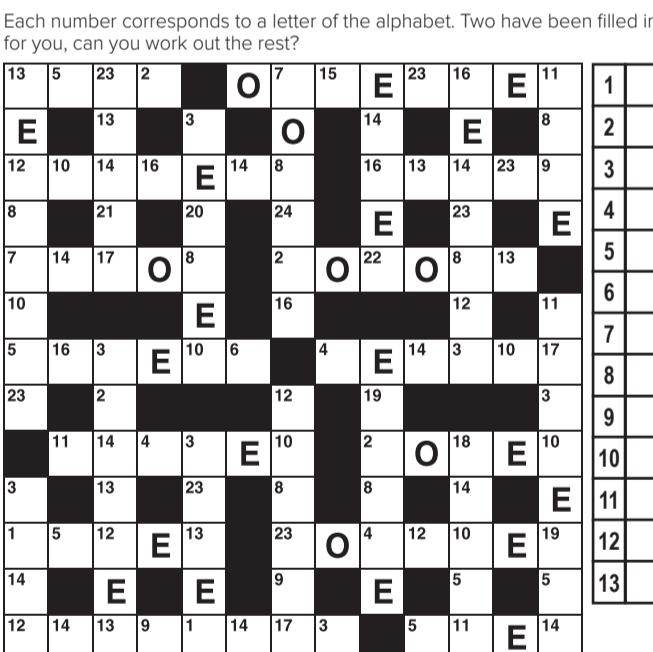
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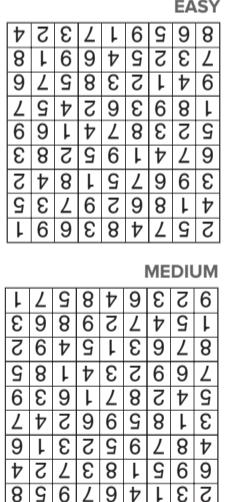
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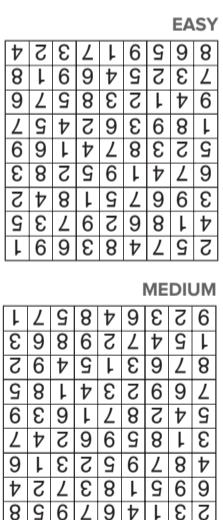
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



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## SOLUTIONS



## QUICK QUIZ

- What is the capital of Hungary?
- In which country is the beer Stella Artois brewed?
- Where in Australia would you find the Nan Tien Temple?
- Hayley Williams (pictured) is the keyboardist and lead vocalist of which American alt-rock group?
- What does IMF stand for?
- How many moons does Mercury have?
- Which singer's real name is James Newell Osterberg Jr?
- What was the name of the first bank to open in Australia?
- Who directed the movie *Fight Club* (1999)?
- What is diegesis?



## WORD SEARCH

No. 139



Alice	Emma	Mia
Annabelle	Eva	Mila
Ariana	Evie	Molly
Aurora	Florence	Olivia
Ayla	Grace	Olivia
Bella	Hallie	Penelope
Bonnie	Harper	Phoebe
Charlie	Isabelle	Remi
Charlotte	Isla	Rosie
Chloe	Ivy	Ruby
Claire	Lara	Savannah
Daisy	Lola	Sienna
Eden	Lucy	Stella
Eliza	Luna	Zoe
Ellie	Maeve	
Eloise	Matilda	

Can you find all the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.

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## MARKET REPORT

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Numbers keep coming

By SGSA

AGENTS yarded just under 5000 head at last Friday's VLE Leongatha in another impressive yarding of cattle with plenty of feedlot weighted steers & heifers on offer in the 400kg – 600kg range. Good numbers of quality livestock brings buyers and once again all of the regular feedlot buyers and orders were in attendance and operating strongly with rates generally similar to the previous sale for the blacks and just a little easier for the coloureds.

The better end of the weaners were around firm with good lines of angus steer calves attracting the most competition from local graziers but eased a little again on the coloured and secondary types with a few orders going into northern NSW.

Once again there was a smaller yarding of Xbred & dairy types with varying results with the odd sale firm to dearer but overall mostly cheaper with many attracting limited competition.

**Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, May 24, 2024**

**Grown Steers**

A & D Friend 14 Hereford	639kg	\$3.02	\$1930
Stevron Investments 11 Hfd	639kg	\$3.02	\$1930
Stevron Investments 15 Angus	609kg	\$3.11	\$1900
Radvenjoy 16 Angus	608kg	\$3.04	\$1850
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Ecclesall Past 17 Angus	568kg	\$3.34	\$1900
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Radvenjoy 14 Angus	556kg	\$3.48	\$1940
Yanakie Past 15 Angus	556kg	\$3.21	\$1790
Yanakie Past 14 Hereford	554kg	\$3.12	\$1730
I Francis 16 Angus	549kg	\$3.57	\$1960
Yanakie Past 14 Angus	545kg	\$3.22	\$1760
Tarwin Meadows 22 Hereford	530kg	\$3.11	\$1650
M Crema 21 Angus	521kg	\$3.53	\$1840
I Francis 13 Angus	518kg	\$3.59	\$1860
DR & JL Osment 12 Angus	518kg	\$3.30	\$1710
LL & HM Wigg 14 Hereford	515kg	\$3.00	\$1550
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Yanakie Past 13 Hereford	511kg	\$3.11	\$1590
Yanakie Past 12 Hereford	511kg	\$3.05	\$1560
H Gerrard 25 Angus	510kg	\$3.41	\$1740
White Past 20 Angus	506kg	\$3.63	\$1840
Tarwin Meadows 21 Hereford	506kg	\$3.06	\$1550
Yanakie Past 11 Hereford X	499kg	\$2.30	\$1150
Yanakie Past 12 Angus	490kg	\$3.48	\$1710
Tarwin Meadows 22 Hereford	470kg	\$3.12	\$1470
A & J Gerrard 16 Angus	446kg	\$3.52	\$1570
Holloway Agri 20 Hereford	439kg	\$3.34	\$1470
Bayview Farm 13 Angus	435kg	\$3.44	\$1500
H Mawhinney 20 Angus	431kg	\$3.66	\$1580
Holloway Agri 20 Hereford	425kg	\$3.05	\$1300
Holloway Agri 10 Hereford	411kg	\$2.67	\$1100

**Weaner Steers**

Est KP Trotman 16 Angus	415kg	\$3.61	\$1500
EST KP Trotman 13 Angus	393kg	\$2.92	\$1150
J & W Gilmore 13 Char	385kg	\$2.88	\$1110
D Hollonds 13 Angus	368kg	\$2.85	\$1050

**Heifers**

R Wight & Sons 18 Angus	463kg	\$3.26	\$1510
A & D Friend 15 Ang/Char x	435kg	\$3.24	\$1410
H Garrard 12 Char	397kg	\$2.77	\$1100
CT Ferguson 18 Angus	385kg	\$2.72	\$1050
Est KP Trotman 19 Angus	377kg	\$2.89	\$1090
L Bianchi 14 Angus	345kg	\$2.62	\$905
Steadfast Cartage 28 Angus	344kg	\$2.67	\$920
CT Ferguson 24 Angus	339kg	\$2.92	\$990
D Hollonds 20 Angus	334kg	\$2.57	\$860

**Xbred & Dairy Steers**

Y Warren 16 Friesian	475kg	\$1.93	\$920
Y Warren 20 Friesian	451kg	\$1.77	\$800
Y Warren 19 Friesian	420kg	\$1.78	\$750

### Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, May 20, 2024

Jersey & Jersey x ..... \$16 to \$35  
 Friesian Bulls ..... \$25 to \$64  
 Friesian Heifers ..... \$25 to \$45  
 Beef Bulls ..... \$30 to \$90  
 Beef Heifers ..... \$22 to \$130

Number of Calves: 321

Number purchased to rear: 33

# Australian dairy farmer confidence stable



**Eliza Redfern, Dairy Australia's Analysis and Insights Manager, said Australia's total milk production for the 2023/24 season is likely to be 2 to 3 per cent higher than last season.**

FARMER confidence in the Australian dairy industry is currently in its most stable period in a decade. Improved weather conditions, a strong milk price, and overall stable input costs have provided grounds for profitability. Dairy Australia's May 2024 Situation and Outlook Report has revealed.

Eliza Redfern, Dairy Australia's Analysis and Insights Manager, said the data collected as part of the 2024 National Dairy Farmer Survey indicated that Australian dairy farmers' confidence remained buoyant.

"Despite increased climate and market volatility over the last four years, the proportion of farming businesses feeling positive about the industry's future over that time has remained relatively steady, at 68 per cent in 2024," Redfern explained.

"The data also shows that 83 per cent of Australian dairy farmers are feeling positive about their own businesses and back-to-back profitable seasons have led to a growing number reporting they are in a "stable and happy" position," added Redfern.

The Situation and Outlook Report also indicated that the Australian dairy industry's milk production is now expected to be higher than previously forecast.

"Australia's total milk production for the 2023/24 season is now likely to exceed Dairy Australia's previous

labour and farm exits limit growth more broadly.

In the retail sector, dairy continues to perform well despite the now entrenched cost-saving shopping behaviours of Australian households. The volume sold of cheese, dairy spreads and yoghurts continues to grow, each increasing between 0.8 to 2 per cent in the 12 months to March 24.

The report also confirms that the flow of overseas dairy products into Australia had reduced.

"Australian dairy markets may still be under pressure from international product both globally and domestically, but Australia's imports of overseas dairy products are slowing," said Redfern.

"Over the season-to-date from July to February 2024, import data shows 7.4 per cent less product has crossed the border compared to the same period last season."

After some initial recovery leading into 2024, global dairy commodity markets are still searching for balance between supply and demand pressures. Lacklustre demand for dairy continues to limit commodity price increases. Therefore, stagnant global supply will likely provide underlying support for dairy export commodity prices in the near term.

For more information and to view the latest Situation and Outlook Report visit [dairyaustralia.com.au/sando](http://dairyaustralia.com.au/sando).

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Glenn Barwick

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## Public tree planting day

THIS winter SGLN are very keen to offer members and subscribers opportunities to get into nature, get their hands dirty and support local landholders to get plants in the ground! With that in mind everyone is invited to the coming event.

On Saturday June 1, starting at 10am SGLN will be helping Declan & Sarah O'Sullivan, at 20 Drakes Rd, Allambee South plant 1000 trees to restore their section of the Upper Tarwin River. This is part of the 'We Love the Tarwin' project and plants have been grown under the Tree Project volunteer-based initiative.

Complimentary tea, coffee and lunch provided.

Register: online or RSVP to Nick Stephens: 0499 271 251 nick.stephens@sgln.net.au

Please bring: Appropriate dress for the weather, sturdy footwear, gloves and a water bottle.

### Save the dates for Winter tree planting days

SGLN partnering with four Landcare groups this winter to provide opportunities for all members, subscribers and their friends to get their hands dirty and plant some trees.

Close to 10,000 trees will be planted across four different sites, giving more opportunities across the network to participate. Choose one or choose them all.

Saturday June 22: Creating Koala Habitat with Corner Inlet Landcare Group

Sunday July 28: National Tree Day. Pedal & Plant event with Arawata Landcare Group

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Every producer should have an on-farm biosecurity plan and know the signs of diseases that could affect their animals.

### CLEARING SALE

**Friday, May 31  
at 10.30am**  
A/c A & A Walker

340 Middle Creek Rd, Yinnar South

#### Items include but not limited to:

New Holland T6020 tractor, FE loader, bucket, 142hp 4x4, 6,000hrs; New Holland TS115 tractor, FE loader, 115hp, 4x4, 7,350hrs; New Holland BR740 Super feed baler, 5x4, 36,000 bales; McHale Orbital silage bale wrapper, 5x4, 5,000 bales, exc cond; Kuhn GA7301 twin rotor hay rake; Honda Big Red 300 quad bike, 1,680hrs, 12,285km, 50lt spray tank; International 584 2wd tractor, approx. 8,000hrs; Goldacre's 600lt spray unit, 8m boom kit & hose reel; 3PRDP Hugh Lennon 3 furrow reversible disc plough; Crump 1ton PTO trailing spreader; Krone Vendor 680 tedder, 7.5m exc cond; Kuhn HRB302 3m power harrows; Duncan T760 till seeder seed drill; Kuhn GMD800 GII 8 disc mower, exc cond; Berends S tyne ripper / cultivator, 12ft; Massey Ferguson tyne ripper; International TD-5 diesel crawler; Howard 2.5m rotary hoe; Connor Shea seed & fert drill, 14run; Port potato digger, single row; Honda CT110 step through Ag bike; Honda CT200 auto ag bike; The Boss leader silage & hay feeder; Maize planter, 3rows; Mobilco swing saw & saw bench; Masport vacuum pump, 3 phase motor, 7.5hp; Baby Giant Connor Shea discs; 20ft single axle hay trailer; 3PL Sunbeam 500kg super spreader; 2 Furrow Mouldboard plough; 3PL David Brown ripper; Hyster D7J bulldozer winch; stick rake; 3PL paddock drag / smudger; Masport garden rotary hoe; hay forks & silage grabs; soft hands; silage elevator / firewood elevator; portable grader blade, 6ft; 1000lt water containers x3; paddock roller & paddock smudger 10ft; 6x4 stock crate; Al pot; cream can; McKay Sunshine gate; DeHavilland FY1260 tinny boat; wire spinner; 2ft 6" grinding stone; New Holland Forage blower; 500 silage bales 4x4 (450 this season, 50 last season); approx 30 round bales 5x4 shedded old hay; ass fencing equipment; ass machinery & sundry items too numerous to mention.

**Outside Vendor:** 700cc Honda Side by Side, GC; MF 4235 85hp 4x4 tractor with Cab & FEL, approx. 3500hrs

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## Detection of avian influenza at Meredith

AGRICULTURE Victoria is investigating a number of poultry deaths at an egg farm near Meredith.

Preliminary tests have confirmed the presence of the avian influenza virus. Samples have been delivered to the Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness at Geelong for further tests which will determine the type and nature of the disease.

The property has been placed into quarantine and Agriculture Victoria staff are on-the-ground to support the business and investigate further.

Avian influenza is a viral disease of birds found globally. Virus strains are described as low pathogenicity (LPAI) or high pathogenicity (HPAI).

While cases among humans in direct contact with animals infected with highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses are possible, the current risk to the public remains low.

Every producer should have an on-farm biosecurity plan and know the

signs of diseases that could affect their animals.

All poultry and bird owners across Victoria are reminded to follow best biosecurity practices such as keeping poultry sheds, yards, aviaries and equipment clean, and restricting contact between your poultry and wild birds.

Bird owners should also ensure their footwear is clean, always wash hands before and after handling birds or eggs and quarantine new birds before integrating with existing ones.

Consumers should not be concerned about eggs and poultry products from the supermarkets, they do not pose a risk and are safe to consume.

Any suspicion of an emergency animal disease (EAD) should be immediately reported to the 24-hour EAD Hotline on 1800 675 888 or to your local vet.

For more information and updates visit: [agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/animal-diseases/poultry-diseases/avian-influenza-bird-flu](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/animal-diseases/poultry-diseases/avian-influenza-bird-flu)

## Protecting agriculture from disease threats

VICTORIA has a thriving \$20 billion agriculture industry and the state's biosecurity practices and preparedness need to be in place to quickly and effectively respond to any emerging animal diseases.

Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence recently released the new State Emergency Animal Disease Response Plan which builds on the first plan published in 2022 and sets out how the Government will respond to any threats.

Australia faces heightened risk of biosecurity incursions due to recent detections of emerging animal diseases in neighbouring countries - which is why Victoria needs the most up-to-date response to protect our agriculture industry.

The emergency animal diseases response plan will help to eradicate a disease outbreak in the shortest time possible while minimising the social, environmental, welfare and economic impacts on the Victorian community.

The updated plan builds on ongoing work to prepare for an emergency animal disease outbreak by setting out how the Government and agencies will respond to an emergency and outlining the action required to protect our agriculture industry.

The plan outlines step-by-step the

mitigation, preparedness, response, relief and recovery arrangements for a large-scale emergency animal disease outbreak.

The updates include improving and streamlining emergency response structures and clarifying roles and responsibilities - to ensure a quick and strong response to any outbreaks.

It also creates a more robust overview of relief and recovery - outlining agency responsibilities across Government and ensuring all agencies have clear emergency responsibilities that can be activated quickly and seamlessly when required.

This plan builds on the existing work to train staff across government, with more than 750 people having completed essential training required to be deployed in an emergency animal disease emergency.

Since 2022, the Victorian government has invested \$43 million to deliver the dedicated emergency animal disease preparedness program - this was reinforced in the Victorian Budget 2024/25 with \$15.8 million invested to better identify and respond to biosecurity emergencies.

To learn more about emergency animal disease preparedness and the new response plan, visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/ead](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/ead).



## Another profitable year ahead despite expected lower farmgate milk prices

AUSTRALIA'S dairy farmers are "in reach" of a fifth consecutive year of overall profitability, despite lower minimum farmgate milk prices forecast for the season ahead, according to a new industry report.

In its recently released Australian Dairy Seasonal Outlook 2024, titled Walking a Tightrope, agribusiness banking specialist Rabobank says, "all signs indicate that, with diligent budgeting and planning, the average Australian dairy farm business will post a fifth consecutive season of profitability in 2024/25".

This is despite a drop in farmgate milk prices expected for farmers in the southern milk pool. Rabobank expects minimum farmgate milk prices across the southern Australian manufacturing pool to range between AUD 8.00 and AUD 8.20/kg MS (milk solids) for the season ahead, down approximately 11 per cent from the current pricing.

Report author, RaboResearch senior dairy analyst Michael Harvey said with the deadline for the new season milk pricing looming (on June 3), Australian dairy companies find themselves "walking a tightrope", needing to send strong price signals to milk suppliers while navigating a backdrop of softer market returns.

"In a market short of milk – and with an ambition to build momentum around the current milk supply recovery in Australia – dairy companies need to present sustainable milk price signals to suppliers in order to remain competitive," Mr Harvey said.

However, Australia's milk supply recovery is ahead of schedule – with some excess volumes being channelled toward bulk ingredients and commodities, which are underperforming in local and export markets – meaning parts of the product mix are loss-making.

Meanwhile, the domestic market is delivering better returns for dairy following a period of hyperinflation



**RaboResearch senior dairy analyst Michael Harvey said the average Australian dairy farm business will post a fifth consecutive season of profitability.**

across the grocery aisle, but consumers choosing to trade down as a result of cost-of-living pressures is negatively impacting the domestic retail channels."

As such, Mr Harvey said, parts of the industry need to brace for a reduction in farmgate milk price in 2024/25.

### Price upside:

From now, Rabobank says, any upside to minimum farmgate milk prices will likely need to come from further global dairy commodity market recovery. "And this is not Rabobank's base expectation for the next 12 months given the sluggish global market fundamentals," Mr Harvey said.

In fact, global market uncertainties warrant a more conservative approach to minimum pricing.

The dairy commodity market (in US dollar terms) has rallied from the 2023 lows that took a toll on farmgate milk prices in export regions outside of Australia. But, while commodity returns are showing positive trends, the recovery in global commodity markets has cooled ahead of Australia's new production season."

### Other profitability drivers:

Mr Harvey said the bank expects major input costs for feed production to "remain rangebound at lower prices" heading into the new dairy production season.

"Local feed markets appear well supplied," he said "which is positive for dairy farmers planning feed budgets heading into the new season. Most purchased feed market indicators are trading below the five-year average, and good subsoil moisture levels on the east coast of Australia bode well for a strong winter crop planting and a neutral feed price outlook."

Other cost-inflation headwinds continue to linger, although are slowly receding, the report says.

"There is sticky cost inflation in other parts of the business, with Australia still fighting to bring inflation back under control. So there are ongoing cost pressures on-farm," Mr Harvey said.

Broadly though, cost inflation across the Australian economy should continue to moderate in the coming season. And this will be welcome news for Australian dairy farm businesses which have been battling high overhead cost inflation."

Current seasonal conditions, and the three-month weather outlook, remain "quite mixed" for Australia's dairy sector, the report says.

"On a positive note, according to the Bureau of Meteorology, El Niño has ended with the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) returning to neutral. And some key dairying regions had received a mild autumn break," Mr Harvey said.

### Milk production bounce:

The report says Australia is enjoying widespread growth in milk production across all regions and states in the current 2023/24 season. However, it noted, this milk supply recovery is off a low base with the sector shedding over

one billion litres of milk for manufacturing since the last major peak in milk supply in 2016/17.

Continuing farm profitability – coupled with ample feed and water availability – should provide a solid foundation for good milk production momentum into the new season, Mr Harvey said.

Rabobank forecasts Australian milk production will finish the 2023/24 season 2.9 per cent higher with momentum expected to continue in 2024/25 to deliver expected growth of 1.5 per cent. This would mark the first two consecutive seasons of milk supply growth since 2014/15.

### Shining light:

The report said Australia's dairy sector had been a consistently strong performer in recent years and "remains a shining light".

"The average Australian dairy farm business has already banked consecutive seasons of above-benchmark profitability," Mr Harvey said. "It hasn't been easy given the challenges associated with labour availability and cost inflation, but the sector has been profitable. And some regions have faced challenges along the way, given the weather disruption witnessed in recent years."

Mr Harvey said the 2023/24 season was drawing to a close with ongoing farm profitability delivering a record-breaking run and with the 2022/23 season as the high watermark for margin performance.

"The tide hasn't turned," he said "but right now, expectations for lower minimum milk price in 2024/25 across parts of manufacturing-exposed sectors will prevent margins from reaching the lofty heights of recent seasons."

"Nonetheless, the outlook for Australian dairy farmer margins for the 2024/25 season remains positive, but it will require diligent budgeting and planning that, hopefully, underpins some longer-term investment."

## Bushfire assessment summaries adopted

AT THE May Council meeting, Bushfire Assessment Summaries and Planning Recommendations for Foster and Mirboo North were adopted.

The Assessments have been prepared to guide land use and development and to ensure bushfire risk is appropriately considered and addressed in structure plans and any future amendments for Foster and Mirboo North.

The Assessments are a report only, and do not reflect a change to the South Gippsland Planning Scheme or overlays. If an amendment to the Planning Scheme was proposed, there would be an opportunity for the community to provide feedback via an engagement process.

The Assessments found that Foster has a moderate bushfire risk and is appropriate for moderate growth. Mirboo North, by contrast, was found to have a high bushfire risk, making it appropriate for limited growth only.

A key recommendation from the report was that town framework plans for each town should be revised, and additional planning controls applied, to address bushfire risk.

The proposed changes to the Mirboo North Framework Plan include directing additional growth to the south-east of town, and urban growth to the south. The Assessment also recommends adding additional controls to the northern part of Mirboo North to ensure new buildings in this area are constructed with more robust materials that consider potential fire risk.

In Foster, the low density and rural living expansion areas are proposed for removal or replacement with urban growth areas. Additionally, it was suggested that for both townships, Bushfire Management Overlay schedules are removed as these are now outdated and do not appropriately consider the forest vegetation that is present in the area.

"The Foster and Mirboo North Bushfire Assessments recognise the various levels of bushfire risks in our regional towns.

The Summaries have been developed as a tool to provide guidance for Council and residents on land use and development in these two communities that are susceptible to fire risk," said Clare Williams, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council.

The Bushfire Assessment Summaries are part of an "Impact of Bushfire on Regional Growth" project, which was funded and delivered by the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA).

The project reflects changes in State Government policy in response to the Royal Commission following the 2019 bushfires. The reports can be viewed online under the respective town names at: <https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/whatplansaffectmyarea>

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We will meet again soon.  
Your ever loving wife, -- Doreen.

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Loving father and best friend.  
Rest in peace now Dad.  
Thank you for the love, memories, and words of wisdom over the years.  
Thank you to the staff at, Armitage House, Wonthaggi, for your care and compassion.  
Your loving son and daughter.  
-- Ian and Marian.

**BARNES, Michael:**  
A true friend and gentleman.  
Time will pass.  
Memories will last.  
Sleep peacefully.  
-- Marie.

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**BRICKLE, Ronald John:**  
09.06.1949 - 22.05.2024.(Thailand).  
First born child and eldest son of Jessie and William (Bill) Brickle (both dec).  
Eldest brother of Ken, Susan, Geoff, Karen, and Ian.  
*May you rest in peace.*

**DAWES (nee Goldie), Agnes Catherine (Nancy):**  
Agnes Catherine (Nancy) of Cowes, formerly of Loch, aged 89 years, passed away peacefully on May 19, 2024.  
Dearly loved wife of Terry, much loved mum of Rosalyn, Ian, Leanne, and Gayle. Cherished granny of Alice, Lucy, Kathryn, and Molly.  
Private Family Funeral.

**DeVOOGD, Barry:**

The angels saw him getting tired and a cure was not to be.  
So, they put their arms around him and whispered, "come with me".  
We will miss our days together, but grateful we had those memories.  
Love you always, your daughter Katrina, son-in-law Leo, and family xx

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**DeVOOGD, Barry:**  
Loved father of Debbie and Paul.  
Grandad to Melissa, Jaclyn, Joshua, Alisha, Jennifer and Madeline and their families.  
*"The long goodbye is over Father Dear".*

**DeVOOGD, Barry:**  
*You had a smile for everyone.*  
*You had a heart of gold.*  
*You left behind the memories that we will always hold.*  
Love you Grandad.  
Vanessa, Shaun, and Harvey.

**DeVOOGD, Barry:**  
A teacher, colleague, friend whose quiet, thoughtful, and dedicated manner, was respected and valued by staff and students at Wonthaggi Technical School.  
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Condolences to Shirley and family.

**FORSTER, Sheila:**

Passed away peacefully on May 26, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.  
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**HANSON, Judith Ann:**  
Passed away peacefully at Koorooman House Aged Care, Leongatha on May 17, 2024.

Beloved wife of Ray.  
Dearly loved mum of Donna and Stuart, Gary and Paula, Kylie and Colin.

Adored nanna to 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. A devoted Salvation Army Soldier for 40 years with the Korumburra, Leongatha Community.

**Will be Sadly Missed.**

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**HUMBERT (nee Greville), Wendy Dorothy:**

13.12.1932 - 25.05.2024.  
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She will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by her 15 grandchildren, 4 foster grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Wendy's generosity and loving kindness was extended to all who crossed her path.

*Now at peace in God's care.*

**DEATHS**

**HART, Jim:**  
19.10.1930 - 24.05.2024.  
Our larger than life Uncle Jim.  
Reunited with his brothers Alan, and Tom.

Much loved uncle of Terry, Gary, Leigh, Lynda, and families.

Rest easy Uncle Jim.

**PRITCHARD, Robert John (Bob):**

Passed away peacefully on 25.05.2024.

Cherished husband of Pam.

Adored father of Jodi, Nick, and Paul, father-in-law of Michael, Michelle, and Simone.

Special Pa to Sam, Polly, Milly, and Charlie.

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**STEENHOLDT (nee Eden), Meryl Jean:**

06.02.1929 - 21.05.2024.

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*She will be greatly missed.*

**STREET, Robert (Bob):**

09.05.1951 - 18.05.2024.

Loved father of Michelle, Jonathan and Connie.

Loved grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle.

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**TOBIAS, Graeme Leslie:**

19.12.1939 - 23.05.2024.

Passed away surrounded by friends, aged 84 years.

Loving father of Raymond, and Trenton.

Father-in-law to Pam and Rachel.

G-daddy and grandad to Tallara, Taylah, and Ashlee.

Great grandfather to Kaitlyn, Alicia, Phoebe, and Serenity.

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**FUNERALS**

**BARNES:**  
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**FORSTER:**

The Funeral Service for Mrs. Sheila Forster will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Monday June 3, 2024, commencing at 11am. A Private Cremation will follow.

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**PRITCHARD:**

The Funeral Service for Mr. Robert John Pritchard will be held at Handley and Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Friday May 31, 2024, commencing at 11am. A Private Cremation will follow.

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**STEENHOLDT, Meryl Jean:**

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A Private Family Burial will precede the Memorial Service.

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**STREET, Robert (Bob):**

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**CRIDGE, Robert (Bob):**  
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Thank you to the staff at, Armitage House, Wonthaggi, for your care and compassion.

Your loving son and daughter.

-- Ian and Marian.

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# PIBC last longboard final

ON SATURDAY May, 25 Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) held their last Longboard comp for the 23/24 season.

Longboard Captain Andy McHenry lead his team for a cracking day first at Shelly's beach, and the finals at Penguins. With the closing of the 23/24 surf season at PIBC, the yoga program will continue through the winter months.

PIBC's 24/25 season will kick off in October, with annual memberships opening from July 1.

## Longboard 5 results:

Open Womens 1st Ebony Maier 2nd Nala Taylor 3rd Lucy Camenzuli

Open Men 1st Andrew Burgen 2nd Ben Gerard Taylor 3rd Luke Johnson

Masters O45 Mixed 1st Andrew Lidsey 2nd Emily Scott 3rd Mark Letts

Juniors U18s Mixed 1st Scarlett Rennie 2nd Savannah Bennett

## Longboard 5 awards:

Best Nose Ride Guy - Luke Johnson, Best Nose Ride Girl - Ebony Maier, Best Wipe Out - Lucy Camenzuli, Most Improved - Timmi Ungar, Master's Most Improved - Emily Scott



**Ebony Maier. Winner Open Women's and Best Nose Ride Girl Award.** Photo: Peter Fogarty @peterfogartyphotography

## Stand Up Paddleboard titles determined

THE 2024 Victorian SUP Titles was all action from start to finish as every division went straight into finals.

Point Impossible served as the perfect stage for the event that decided the state team heading to the Australian SUP titles in Phillip Island later this year.

Among the final results, Ventnor's Koyu Matsunaga was third in the Open Men.

In the 10ft Open Women's SUP it was Emma Web (Jan Juc) who put on a thrilling display and emerged victorious.

Web got the best out of the first set, as she carved a big wrapping turn into the pocket and rode all the way to the shore for a 7.00 point score.

Her dominance continued as she executed a series of versatile manoeuvres on another wave, including an extended nose ride and subsequent turns, earning her an additional 6.17 points and solidifying her lead.

Lucy Bell (Sandringham), another top contender, found herself on one of the biggest waves of the day, flying down the line with remarkable speed.

However, she couldn't fit in a turn, resulting in a minor score. Xanthe Rivett (Rosebud) also made a notable impact, swiveling her way down

the line, briefly pushing her into second place but not scoring enough to challenge Web's commanding lead.

As the final hooter blew, Web had firmly established herself at the top, leaving the rest of the field in a combination situation.

Placing in second was Lucy Bell with Xanthe Rivett coming in third.

"It's good seeing all the girls, we only get to see each other when we get together for competitions so it's really fun surfing with them," said Web.

"It feels great to take out the final, I love surfing any sort of board so I think it's just good to get out there in the waves and get people involved in the ocean," she continued.

"I like to mix it up so I was just trying to get a nose ride off the take off and then put in some big turns as well."

The 2024 Victorian SUP Titles concluded with a spectacular display in the Open Men's division, where the final heat of the day delivered huge excitement and high drama.

The competitors hit the water with increasing anticipation, and as they paddled out, a rogue bomb set came marching through the lineup, further amping up the energy and excitement.

All surfers quickly seized the

early waves to get their heat underway.

Rick Pettifer (Jan Juc) capitalized on a set wave out the back, skillfully belting multiple sections to secure an impressive 8.00 point ride and establish an early lead. Not to be outdone, Koyu Matsunaga (Ventnor) showcased his smooth style with a ride that earned him a solid 6.00 points.

Matsunaga maintained his momentum, swiftly catching another quality wave and scoring a 6.37, propelling him into the lead.

As the heat progressed, the competition intensified. Matt Takle, searching for a standout wave, found a bomb and unleashed a powerful backhand attack.

His performance on this wave was nothing short of spectacular, hitting every critical section to achieve the highest score of the event, a remarkable 9.17 points.

Following this stellar ride, Takle still needed a 3.20 to overtake Matsunaga due to his opponent's consistent scores.

The final five minutes were a whirlwind of action, with all surfers needing mid-range scores or below to make a significant impact.

The pressure could be seen on the surfers faces as they vied for top spot. Troy Ashton

(Mount Duneed) made a valiant late run, finding a left-hand bank off to the side and scoring in the 6s, putting him in contention.

However, with only 30 seconds remaining, Takle seized the moment once more.

He took off on another set wave, executing a series of precise backhand snaps that earned him an 8.33, securing his victory in the final moments.

Matt Takle's exceptional performance in the closing seconds crowned him the champion of the 2024 Victorian SUP Titles Open Men's division.

"I saw a set coming but I didn't know if I was going to get there in time, so I just waited and had a go, luckily for me it came in time," said Takle.

"It feels amazing to take it out and I'm super stoked. I haven't been surfing that much lately so it's nice to get the double win in the 10ft as well," he added.

"The competition has improved so much this year which made it a hard-fought final."

With the recent announcement of the Australian SUP titles being run at Phillip Island later this year both Takle and Web will be amongst the favourites representing Victoria as they challenge the best in the country.



Vicki Thompson who celebrated her 50th volunteer and 400th parkrun.

## Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun event #193

THE MISTY morning did not keep the tourists away for Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun's 193rd event. The lure of the market was too good to resist! Welcome to tourists from right across Gippsland and Melbourne.

Locations included Maribyrnong, Studley, Wilson Botanical Gardens, Phillip Island, Warragul, Churchill and Inverloch. Sorry to any that I've missed. 36 keen runners and walkers powered their way through the mist.

They were followed by tail-walker Vicki Thompson who celebrated her 50th volunteer and 400th parkrun. What a huge effort. There were lots of smiles as the park runners crossed the finish line, eagerly chased by 6-year old Henry, making sure they got their finish tokens.

It was lovely to see how many stayed around afterwards, enjoying a chat.

## Stephen wins Gippstar award for surfing

GIPPSLAND Sports Academy celebrated local sporting champions from earlier in the year recently, with Stephen Noble of Inverloch receiving the March Open Gippstar Award for his achievements in surfing.

The Victorian Open Series is the Premier State Titles for Shortboard Surfing in Victoria. The series for both males and females is comprised three separate events conducted across different surf locations in Victoria.

The overall champion is decided on their aggregate points scores from all three events. The champion will then represent Victoria at the National Surfing Championships held during the middle of the year.

Stephen was crowned State Champion with a 2100 aggregate points from three events with a fifth place (Bells Beach), first place (Cape Woolamai) and a fourth place (Gunnamatta).

Stephen was Semi Finalist at Round 1 2024 Victorian Open Series Bells Beach, Torquay; First Place at Round 2 2024 Victorian Open Series Cape Woolamai, Phillip Island; and Finalist at Round 3 2024 Victorian Open Series Gunnamatta, Mornington Peninsula.

The May and June nominations for Gippstar Awards are now open and will close on July 2, 2024. These nominations will finalise the 2023/24 Gippstar year - so get your nominations in now.

If you would like to recognise the sporting achievements of a Gippsland athlete, nominations can be made online at the Gippsland Sports Academy website: <https://www.sportgippsland.org.au/gippstar/>

Nominations can also be made at any time during the current Gippstar year for the annual award categories of: Team of the Year, Club of the Year, Special Achiever Award and Gippsland Sporting Champion.

## 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 28	WEDNESDAY May 29	THURSDAY May 30	FRIDAY May 31	SATURDAY June 1	SUNDAY June 2	MONDAY June 3
2.37am 1.48m	3.18am 1.48m	4.02am 1.47m	4.49am 1.45m	5.45am 1.43m	12.12am 0.66m	1.09am 0.60m
8.33am 0.35m	9.13am 0.37m	9.54am 0.41m	10.39am 0.48m	11.28am 0.57m	6.54am 1.42m	8.17am 1.44m
3.44pm 1.75m	4.24pm 1.72m	5.05pm 1.67m	5.47pm 1.62m	6.32pm 1.58m	12.22pm 0.68m	1.23pm 0.80m
9.14pm 0.81m	9.53pm 0.78m	10.35pm 0.75m	11.20pm 0.71m		7.21pm 1.53m	8.15pm 1.50m

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## South Gippsland Bridge

MAY 21 at Wonthaggi RSL Club: six tables competing.

Winning master points were:

First: John French and Debbie Anglim with a 62.96 per cent average board score.

Third: John Farr and Bronwyn Sund 60.00.

Fourth: Coral Brown and John Sutton 57.78.

May 24 at Inverloch Angling Club: an excellent turnout of nine tables competing.

North/South winning master points:

First: John Quayle and Matti Shub scoring a 60.88 board average.

Second: John Currier and John Sutton 58.33. Third: Phillip and Nev Chapman 54.17. Fourth: Hannah Martin and Ruth Stevenson 51.62.

East west point winners:

First: Ken McKenzie and Marie Sands on 62.5. Second: Ruth Harvey and Sue Edwards 59.72. Third: Faye Rowlands and Coral Brown 54.4. Fourth: Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson 48.38.

It was lovely to host visitors from Wagga and Victor Harbour who contested over the week.

Card players interested in extending their card experiences in learning the ultimate card game are most welcome to join in the fun and relaxed learning atmosphere offered by the club on Thursday mornings at the Wonthaggi RSL for a 9.30am start. Ring Alan Johnston on 5674 1838 if interested.

## Phillip Island league heats up

THE PHILLIP Island and Districts Darts League witnessed a night of dominance in Round 9, with reigning champions the Riverboys thrashing The Mustangs 7-0. The Vikings continued their winning streak, vanquishing Joes Hornets 6-1, while Storm edged out Jammers 5-2 in a nail-biter.

These victories have ignited a fiery battle for the top spot. The Vikings have soared to the leaderboard's peak, but That's All, Storm, and Riverboys are breathing down their necks. Breakers and Joes Hornets are also in the hunt, making for a thrilling race to the finish line.

Adding to the night's buzz, Steven Ellis walked away with a magnificent San Remo Butchers meat tray, while league President Scott Lethbridge claimed the Crownies in the raffle. The league now sets its sights on the prestigious John Stewart Singles Championship memorial trophy next week. Players are urged to arrive before 7:15 pm to register and vie for darts glory.

## Wonthaggi table tennis

THE Wonthaggi Table Tennis calibre of play has risen a notch with finals and tournaments looming. And perhaps some players making a late charge for the 2024 Olympics.

The citizenry of Paris wouldn't have seen this level of swashbuckling since the musketeers.

In fact, Luke and Jay's brutal game of thrust and parry including all sorts of flicks, swats and hammers could possibly double up for the fencing team. Luke prevailed this time which aided his White team to defeat Yellow. An epee in Jay's hand would not be out of place.

Green team of Charley, Sven and Leigh have melded into a very nice three molecular chemical compound. And just like water, everybody's favourite chemistry compound, they doused the fire of Black.

Brown's David coming off some solid form, ran into a wall that is Justin. Justin wagged the finger to state your time will come but not tonight good man, not tonight. Blue too good for Brown in a tight contest.

Blue d Brown 6 to 5, Green d Black 7 to 4, White d Yellow 6 to 5, Pink Bye.

## Ladder

Blue 20, Pink 20, Yellow 16, White 16, Black 12, Green 12, Brown 8

**Leading players:** Justin 20, Dirk 18, Braden 17, Brad 17, Sven 15, Andy 14.



Wonthaggi Badminton Club wrapped up its latest season on Monday, May 13.

# Give badminton a go

GERMANY was the clear winner of Wonthaggi Badminton's grand final recently.

The team consisting of Georgina, Jesse, Dale and Devlan had a fantastic season, culminating in a seven to three win over Antarctica on Monday (May 13).

After an exciting 10-week season, the Wonthaggi Badminton Club is now looking forward to its winter competition.

The association is seeking more players to join in the fun.

Matches are played at the Bass Coast Leisure Centre at 7.30pm on Monday nights.

The leisure centre has four courts, so generally four games of doubles are played at a time.

The winter competition is

set to begin in mid-June.

Currently, games are played one night a week with the possibility of extending to a second night to meet demand.

Badminton is becoming increasingly popular and is praised for being an accessible sport.

All skill levels are catered for, from beginners to representative level.

Basic coaching is offered to new players.

The Wonthaggi Badminton Club have seen many familiar faces come back to play each season and has welcomed many players who have come to live in Wonthaggi from overseas.

The Bass Coast-based club is the largest in the region.

Badminton is the perfect sport to maintain fitness and has been well utilised by local footballers in the past, as it is a safe sport on the body during the off-season.

It is also one of the few sports where men and women genuinely play together, creating a sense of unity throughout the club.

Club fees are \$10 per session, and first session is free.

For more information, head to the club's website [wonthaggibadminton.com](http://wonthaggibadminton.com) or check out Wonthaggi Badminton Club's Facebook page.

**RIGHT:** Catherine Gementiza enjoys her time out on the badminton court at Bass Coast Leisure Centre.



## Successful swimming season celebrated at Outtrim

South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club wrapped up their successful 2023/24 season with a celebratory picnic at Outtrim on Sunday. There was a lot to celebrate, including gaining the highest team points scores at all championships the club has attended during the season. Other achievements include retaining third spot at both the Long Course and Short Course Country Championships for the second year in a row. The club also celebrated the large number of swimmers who competed at State and National championships, including finalists and medalists at the State Long and Short Course Age and Open Championships, as well as finalists at Nationals. The club finished 15th at the State Short Course Championships, 20th overall at the State Long Course Championships and finally cracking the top 10 with ninth at Victorian State Sprints.

There was also a growth in the numbers of swimmers competing for the club at all levels, including the masters group. In total, 50 club records were broken by swimmers throughout the season, a spectacular effort, given the calibre of swimmers in the club. A number of Gippsland and Country records were also broken by SGB swimmers.

There was also great excitement as all junior swimmers who helped with the Ashley



South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club 2023-2024 Age Champions: (front) Archie Smyth, Gemma Cook, Austin Lynch, Josie Richer, (back) Cormac, Flynn, Zac Sherar, Rahni Matheson, Miah Roberts, Sophie McKenzie, and Cooper Quaife.

Delany trophy for the most points for the under 14 age received a medal to help them celebrate the achievement. This is the fifth year in a row this has been achieved.

Coach Dylan was very pleased with the season. "Thanks to the parents, it's more than just the kids wanting to do well, it's a whole buy in when you commit to racing and I thank you for doing that."

Trophies were awarded to the swimmers with the best results in their age group. The winners were 8 and Under Ruby Pirouet and Austin Lynch, 9-10 years Josie Richer and Tully Chapman, 11-12 years Gemma Cook and Archie Smyth, 13-14 years Miah Roberts and Cormac Flynn.

15-16 years Rahni Matheson and Zac Sherar, 17+ Sophie McKenzie and Cooper Quaife.

Trinity O Keefe and Sophie McKenzie received an award for attending 10 Gippsland Championships. Coaches gave out awards for swimmers who they thought really gave their best. These awards went to Sam: Darby Smith, Caiden: Claudia Croatto, Lorri: Anna Mileto, Sarah: Bayley Nicholas, Dylan: Maddison Pocklington. The club champions for the season with the best results were Archie Smyth and Rahni Matheson.

The swimmers whose times were the most improved was Jarrah Taggell.

President Janelle thanked the parents for their help with the club, "We are so lucky to

have so many parents step up and help out for our events and the other clubs events when needed. We also are lucky to have so many parents who have trained to become marshals and officials so that we can run meets."

Captains Trinity and Cooper spoke of their appreciation of the coaches. "Both of us have been through such hardships at times, but we really learned to cherish the small moments, to make the most of it all and the support we got from the club made it all worthwhile. We think the club is such a supportive club and hope all swimmers can appreciate how lucky they are to have everyone behind them like we feel you have been for us."



Steve Bakker (S), Clair Sheers (L), Colin Scales (2) and Raff Merante (3) were South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's winners.



The runners up for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group were Tony Heppleston (L), David Talbot (3) and Peter Gratton (S).



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's best one game winners were Steve Hickson (S), Cheryl Floyd (L), Gillian Harper (3) and Sue Wright (2) (inset).



Inverloch's Tuesday evening Green 1 winners, with a score of 28 points, were Marty Hannaford and Kevin Jones.



Tuesday evening's Green 2 winners were the all-smiling ladies' team of Marg Griffin and Shirley Turton, who jointly scored 30 points at the Inverloch Bowling Club.



Thursday multi social bowls at Inverloch was won by the team of Keith Cousens (S), Carol Hughes (third) and Carol Thorn (second). Absent: Chris Nevill (Lead).



Saturday's winners were John Migliorisi, Scott Miller and Lyn Tagell at the Wonthaggi Bowls Club.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners were Charlie Wright and Trevor Teer.



Laurie Culph celebrated his 90th birthday at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls.

## INVERLOCH

THE Inverloch Bowling Club wishes to extend thanks to the South Gippsland Sentinel Times and its staff for its invaluable assistance provided to the club to allow gaps in the club's history to be filled.

The assistance provided is very much appreciated.

Now to bowling.

The penultimate round of the most successful Tuesday evening bowls took place on May 21 in conditions that were quite chilly on the fingers and most of the bowlers were rugged up against the chill.

The dew was also most prevalent and caused many handling errors.

Green 1 had only one two-game winner with Marty Hannaford (S) and Kevin Jones (L) taking the points with games of 9/4 and 10/8, scoring 28 points overall.

On Green 2, things were different however, where there were three two-game winners.

Two of the teams finished the evening on 29 points, tying for the runners-up position and they were Jim and Jenny Haydon with wins of 8/4 and 14/5.

The co-runners-up were David Murfin (S) and Jerry Carcourt (L) with wins of 9/4 and 9/5.

Winners on Green 2 were all female team of Shirley Turton (S) and Marg Griffin (L) with wins of 12/2 and 7/6, scoring 30 points.

The final round of the Tuesday evening bowling will be tonight (May 28) and the report will be in the next issue of the Sentinel Times.

Thursday Mufti Social Bowls, played on May 23 saw just short of 32 bowlers brave the variable

weather conditions commencing with light misty rain followed by cloudy and overcast skies.

The sun just poked through late in the second game.

The competition, played on Green 1, comprised two games of 10 ends with lunch in between.

Thanks to both Jenny and Jim Haydon for mixing up a terrific vegetable soup which was available to everyone on the day.

The day produced two two-game winners and there had to be a hard luck story and that fell to the team of Reg Varty (S), Di Selby (third), George Scott (second) and Jill Bateman (L) with wins of 15/6 and 13/5, scoring 33 points overall.

However, the winners on the day with wins of 13/2 and 12/10, and a score of 35 points, were Keith Cousens (S), Carol Hughes (third), Carol Thorn (second) and Chris Nevill (L).

The club is proud to be hosting a "Bowl Over Cancer Day" on Thursday, June 13, so make sure you have this event in your diary.

Other club members are most welcome to come and join in the fun of two games, each of 10 ends, a trading table to die for, a raffle, and afternoon tea, what more could you want.

The matches will be of the usual Thursday Social Bowls format, names in by 9:30am with play starting at 11am sharp.

All proceeds raised from the day will be donated to the Wonthaggi Hospital.

Last Friday evening, May 24, the club had a full house enjoy a chicken roast at the fortnightly dinner evening.

There weren't any birthdays in the week either side of the evening so the Cadbury's chocolate

was held over and in between Reg's Rogue Jokes, prizes were won on the biggest spinning wheel in Inverloch.

Given the popularity of the evening, it is suggested that you make a booking for the next roast (June 7) as early as possible to avoid missing out.

Bookings close at 80 attendees.

Next Friday, May 31, will be the membership draw where the jackpot currently stands at \$180.

The rule being that you must be in the clubhouse at the time of the draw to claim the prize.

Other things happening on the evening include, the wine draw, Jack's lucky envelopes followed by a massive lucky draw. Visitors most welcome.

## MIDWEEK BOWLS

IT was another exciting day for the bowlers at Lang Lang.

The weather was quite cool, but it's to be expected this close to winter.

Forty-one of the family of bowlers turned up to soak in the atmosphere, have a few laughs and fight it out for the title of team of the week.

The bowlers were greeted by John and Pauline who happily entered the names so Peter could once again arrange the teams.

Marianne once again opened the bar for the hard-working bowlers.

Once on the green the fun began with (as always) a lot of laughter and friendly banter to keep the players happy.

Not a lot of wrong bias bowls, but still a few wayward shots were recorded.

The winners on 37 points were Steve Bakker (S), Raff Me-

rante (3), Colin Scales (2) and Clair Sheers (L).

This week's runners up on 35 points were Peter Gratton (S), David Talbot (3) and Tony Heppleston (L).

Best one game winners on 23 were Steve Hickson (S), Gillian Harper (3), Sue Wright (2) and Cheryl Floyd (L).

The group would like to thank all the Lang Lang members who were present for all their hard work cleaning up after the game.

The members will be meeting once again at Corinella next week to once again fight it out for team of the week.

Everyone needs to be at the club by 10am so there is enough time to prepare the teams.

Till then stay safe and have fun.

## WONTHAGGI

IT was another good week at the club with fine mild weather.

Wednesday saw 36 bowlers grace the greens on a perfect day for bowls.

Pairs were the order of the day, with two games of 10 ends, playing shots up.

There was only one team that was a two-game winner and they were Charlie Wright and Trevor Teer with a score of two wins and 17 shots up.

The runners up with a win and a draw were Frank Seaton and Ken Gage.

Saturday saw 36 bowlers turn out on a day of two halves.

Early and into the first game the weather was overcast with very light rain.

The sun managed to break through with the afternoon being a perfect day.

Three bowl triples were the order of the day with two games

over 10 ends.

There was only one team that was a two game winner.

That team was John Migliorisi, Scott Miller and Lyn Tagell with a score of two wins and 33 points.

The runners up with a score of one win and a draw were Frank Cimino, Allan Bolding and Frank Tagell.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

Just a note about one of the sponsors Trevor Eurell.

One of the members had some work done and was very happy with the service he received.

Have a good week and good bowling.

## WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THIS week was a busy time with some good wins on both days, an outing and a birthday celebration.

Tuesday's winners with a plus 25 were Judy Sweetnam, Maggie Scapin, Fred Demenech and Jim Wilson.

Runners up on plus 14 were Rhonda Rattenbury, John Bird and Allan Ireland.

Each team won both their games.

On Friday, all teams played one game each the winners on plus eight were Marg Hender, Betty Huitema, Jeannie Slocum and Jos Kemper.

Runners up on plus six were Glenda Binch, Helen Rook and Wilma Marshall.

After the game, the bowlers had an enjoyable afternoon tea to celebrate the 90th birthday of loved, respected and long time member Laurie Culph.

Congratulations on reaching such an amazing milestone.

## FOSTER

## Ladies

IT was great to see a good roll up for the May Par event.

Par is always a challenge, and there is generally a bit of grief during the day.

However, Kylie Collins handled the challenge well with (16) +3.

B Grade went to Jenny Alexander (36) -1.

NTP on sixth was Josie Parisi, and 17th Barb Britten.

BDTL went to Kaylene Morris (30) -1 and Alayne McKenzie (42) -4 c/b.

The nine-hole winner was Genia Hawking 24 points.

Thank you to Frances McGlead for sponsoring the day.

Next Wednesday June 5, is Medal, stall and the fourth round of the silver spoon.

## KORUMBURRA

## Ladies

THERE was morning dew but then a fine day for the golfers on Wednesday.

Shelley Snooks (18) won A Grade 33 points and Lyn Perks (31) was close behind with 32 points.

Kath Welsh (36) won B Grade with a nice 35 points and Lorraine Knox (39) was runner-up, 29 points.

BDTL went to Deb Wrigley (27), 30 points and Heather Grist (21), 27 points on a c/b.

Barb Walker won the nine-hole competition, with 10 points.

NTPs went to Lyn Perks first, Trudy Olden 10th and Shelley 13th.

Saturday's winner was Lyn Leppin (46) with 31 points and runner-up was Deb Wrigley (27) 30 points.

Judy Webb (23) won a BDTL 28 points.

Congratulations to all the winners in the SGGI Foursomes Championships.

Well done to the club members who did extremely well.

Johanna van den Heiligenberg and Shelley Snooks were runners up, after a c/b, in the A Grade handicap event and Jenny Blackmore and Heather Grist were also runners-up, on a c/b in the B Grade section.

## LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, May 21: Stableford. Tuesday's Stableford round saw 58 members/guests take to the course.

A Grade winner: David Richards (16) with a score of 36 points.

A Grade runner up: Gordon Morrison (12) with a score of 35 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Gary Sharrock (19) with a score of 38 points.

B Grade runner up: Trevor Steer (19) with a score of 36 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Christopher Leaver at 5.00m.

NTP 14th: Anthony Hunt at 4.58m.

NTP 16th: Paul Luck at 3.50m.

Thursday, May 23: Invy Espy Stableford.

Thursday's Stableford round was again generously supported by the Invy Espy Hotel with a good field of 60 members/guests taking to the course.

It was a 9am shotgun start and players chose their preferred coloured tee.

A Grade winner: Malcolm Gin (9) with a score of 36 points.

A Grade runner up: Dave Brownnett (15) with a score of 35 points.



A Grade handicap winners Kylie Collins and Beth Curram, B Grade handicap winners Dot Stubbs and Wendy Brown, Foursomes Championship winners Dot Christie and Andrea Thorson, and Minor Championship winners Anna de Bondt and Janet Monk. The Women's South Gippsland Golf Foursomes Championship was held at the Leongatha Golf Club.

# Thorson and Christie win foursomes championship

LEONGATHA Golf Club hosted the South Gippsland Women's Golf Association Foursomes Championship early last week. Sixteen pairs enjoyed the cool but rain free weather.

The Scratch Foursomes Championship was won by Meeniyan pair, Andrea Thorson and Dot Christie.

They finished the day with a great scratch score of 85.

Interesting to note that this was 10 shots better than the winners last year.

The handicap winners in A

Grade were Beth Curram and Kylie Collins from Foster Golf Club, winning on a count back from Shelly Snooks and Johanna Van den Heiligenberg from Korumburra Golf Club, with a net 77.5.

Leongatha Golf Club took the honours in the Minor Championship.

Anna de Bondt and Janet Monk combined very well to finish with 102 on a count back.

Commiserations to Heather Grist and Jenny Blackmore from Korumburra Golf Club.

The B Grade Handicap was won by a very surprised and excited pair, Dot Stubbs and Wendy Brown, also from Leongatha Golf Club, with 77 net.

Down the line balls went to the following combinations: Shelly Snooks and Johanna Van den Heiligenberg and Heather Grist and Jenny Blackmore from Korumburra Golf Club, Fay Quilford and Colleen Touzel Leongatha Golf Club, and Kay Dumbleton and Rebecca Thomas from Leongatha Golf Club.

Johanna Van den Heiligenberg was closest to the flag on the 14th, Janet Monk on the 16th and Dot Christie on the seventh. All Nearest the Pin winners were given four balls so that they could share with their playing partners.

Thanks to women's captain Rebecca Thomas and the many volunteers who contributed to the day.

Golfers now have a long wait until September for the Singles Championship at Lang Lang Golf Club.

B Grade winner: Andrew Smith (17) with a score of 37.

B Grade runner up: Ian Blencowe (17) with a score of 35 on a countback.

C Grade winner: Michael Street (25) with a score of 37.

C Grade runner up: Sean Munday (30) with a score of 36 on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: Michael Street at 3.20m.

NTP 14th: John French at 2.45m.

NTP 16th: Leo De Bondt at 1.90m.

Saturday, May 25: Stableford. This Stableford round off the black tees had an excellent field of 90 members/guests enjoying solid pre-winter conditions, with some excellent scores registered.

A Grade winner: Winton Knop (9) with a score of 39 points.

A Grade runner up: Paul Deery (11) with a score of 38 points.

B Grade winner: Michael O'Rafferty (17) with the high score of the day with 40 points.

B Grade runner up: Mitchell McKay (15) from the Mirboo North Golf Club with a score of 36 points.

C Grade winner: Martin Fuller (19) with a score of 37 points.

C Grade runner up: Connor Hosking (19) with a score of 35 points.

D Grade winner: Miles Wrigley (28) with a score of 38 points.

D Grade runner up: Craig McKay (22) from the Mirboo North Golf Club with a score of 36 points.

It's so good to have Mirboo

North players at Leongatha Golf Club as they await the return of their course to competition.

The Leongatha club hopes it won't be long before their course is back in action.

NTP fifth second shot: John Belli at 2.50m. NTP 14th: Mark Wilson at 3.20m. NTP 16th: Winton Knop at 4.32m.

## Ladies

FIFTY-TWO players (men and women) competed in the Red Cross Red Tee Challenge Irish Gentsomes event last week. Five hundred and twenty dollars was raised from entry fees and raffle proceeds.

Thanks go to club president Colleen Touzel for providing the raffle.

In keeping with the Red Cross theme, many players wore a touch of red.

A very special combination of players won the day.

Dot Stubbs (life member), her daughter Di Williams, her son Brett Stubbs and her grandson Brenton Williams amassed 102 points to be clear winners.

The second-place getters were almost a family gathering.

Wendy Brown, grandson Ryan Thomas, son in law Michael Thomas and one 'ring in' Trish Owen had 99 points on a count back from Tony and Else Gedye and Viv French and Sue Woods.

Nearest the pin on the 16th was Delia Perry, Michael Thomas on the 14th and second shot on the fifth went to Cheryl Borg.



Winners of the Red Cross Gentsomes event were Brett Stubbs, Dot Stubbs, Di Williams and Brenton Williams at the Leongatha Golf Club.

## WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: May 23, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole. Winner: Joshua Kilgour 36. Runner up: Martin Cox 35

Ball sweep: Stephen Kane 34, Rod McBride 34, Ian McNish 34, Colin Banks 33, Mark Casey 32, Chris Wilkinson 32, Ian McNish 31.

Results: May 23, SR. 36.

Competition: Stableford nine-hole 10 to 18.

Winner: Willy Williams 17.

Ball sweep: Graham Ryan 16, Secondo Tiziani 16 and Ray Hender 15 C/B.

Results: May 25, S.R. 71.

Competition: Stableford.

A Grade: Steven Brann 38.

B Grade: Andrew Hooton-Shandley 41.

C Grade: Steve Terrill 38.

BDL to 33 C/B.

Ball sweep: Andy Hovath 37, Garry Bates 37, Peter Dell 37, Ju-

lian Wintle 36, Shaun Stirton 36, David Riccardo 35, Michael Scott 35, Ian Baker 35, Gary Youlten 33 and Mark Casey 33 C/B.

NTPs: Steven Brann second, Ben White fourth, Peter Dell pro pin eighth, Styco Kresojcic 13th and Ross Lovett money hole 17th.

## Ladies

WEDNESDAY was a round of par with 20 players.

The day was fine but with a very chilly start – finger warmers needed.

The A Grade winner with the best round of the day was Irene Walsh (26)+2, and B Grade winner was Karen Sheerin (37)-1. BDL went to Anne Walker sq. Geraldine Prentice -1, Simone Lindsay -1, Kaylene Hodgetts -3, Layla Robertson -3, and Robyn Wilkinson -3.

The only NTP claimed on the 17th Simone Lindsay.

# Positive Performances from United

By Solomon Nash

Gippsland United Football Club edged closer to the midway point of the 2024 Men's State League One Season, as they hosted Malvern City Soccer Club in match week nine.

Just as the women's teams would a day later, Gippsland's men's teams both donned orange socks on Saturday to show their support for Orange Round, promoting gender equality to eliminate sexual and family violence against women and girls.

Off the back of a great result last weekend against a strong Mornington side, Gippsland's senior men, were shooting for a second consecutive green tick on the form chart. But after 90 minutes of a tightly contested game, Gippsland weren't able to prize open Malvern's rear guard action as they had to settle for a 1-1 draw. United got off to a flying start opening the scoring within 20 minutes of the first half. The breakthrough came from the combination of Mitch Jones and Sammy Gaptan. Jones, having stayed forward after an attacking corner, strode into the box controlling a cleverly placed pass from Nathan Lugton. Jones then tricked his way past a couple defenders before spotting the run of Gaptan who darted toward the front post, finishing with his favoured left foot to give United the lead. This advantage on the scoresheet would only last no longer than 10 minutes for the homeside as Malvern showed an ideal reaction to equalise. After some patient build up play, United were opened up down their left side. Similarly to their goal, Gippsland weren't able to stop Malvern's move as a cross to the back post, a cut back and a tidy finish saw the visitors draw level. It wasn't to be for United on the day, but after another positive performance and another point to add to their



Best on ground for under 18s were Adam Dean, Ethan Biljna and Samson Birech.

total, they move into match week ten with some momentum building. This point helps United maintain their position of eighth on the table with nine points from nine games.

## Reserves

BEFORE the senior game, Gippsland's reserves were on the right end of a high scoring affair that saw them win by a deficit of five goals, the final score reading 8-3. Alex Popp, continuing on from his hattrick the week prior was involved in the early opening goal, assisting Beau Finlayson in the eighth minute of the game.

United then doubled their lead through Brody Demagistris, before being pegged back, as Malvern scored to make it 2-1, ruffling the homeside's feathers. Finlayson then eased his teammates' nerves, scoring his second of the game not long before half time. A great team goal that saw Paul Cooper's pinpoint diagonal ball nodded down by Demagistris, perfectly into Finlayson's path for him to finish with conviction past Malvern's keeper. United then scored with the last kick of the first half to make it 4-1. It was Ben McCartney who got his name on the scoresheet just before the break as he was the

beneficiary of a smart cross field pass from Finlayson and with only the keeper to beat, McCartney made no mistake.

It was a topsy turvy game to say the least as Malvern then got off to the best possible start after play resumed, scoring a quickfire double within 15 minutes of the second half commencing. Their striker got on the end of two great balls as United's backline was caught too high up the pitch. The two goals, virtually identical in their creation and execution, brought the scoreline to 4-3. But Gippsland's reserves went on to quash any hopes Malvern had of completing a comeback, scoring four more unanswered goals. The first of which saw Beau Finlayson score his hat trick. Julian Colantuono then got in on the act, scoring his third of the season. Substitutes Abraham Konyi and Toby Blake combined to score the penultimate goal of the game.

This was Blake's first goal for the club, after getting on the end of a sublime ball from Konyi. To wrap up proceedings, after scoring a hat trick in last week's game, Alexandru Popp was the last player to get his name on the score sheet, slotting home his fifth goal of the season. Another three points secured for Jason Dastey's reserves in their quest for back to

back league titles. This keeps them second on the table, trailing leaders Eltham Redbacks by one point. Gippsland United now travel away to face South Springvale in match week ten.

## Gippsland United U18's v Nunawading City

THE Under 18 lads travelled to Mahoney's reserve Nunawading for a 3pm kick off with a squad of 13 players, from the first whistle it was clear the Gippsland boys had more intensity being first to the ball, with only 19 minutes into the game Samson Birech put one past their keeper, and just three minutes later Dylan Rizzato weaved through the Nunawading defence and into the 18 yard box striking the ball with venom for Gippsland's second goal. The ball moved up and down the pitch with our defence showing their dominance and clearing the ball to our midfield, it was fantastic to see the midfield and forward pressure to win the ball back through Ethan, Samson and Lucas. Half time score GUFC 2 - Nunawading 0.

After the break Nunawading came out and scored with a rare error from the defence when the ball was being switched and Nunawading's striker T Barnes scored, the Gippsland Lads kept on pressing with most of the play in our forward half, the pressure of Ethan and Sam did not ease. Sam was running with the ball when he was checked from behind inside the box awarding a penalty. Monday Cholele stepped up and drilled it past the diving keeper for our third goal at the 75 minute mark.

For the next 15 minutes the Gippsland United defence held strong preventing any form of attack, with the final score GUFC 3 to Nunawading 1. This Sunday we have the bye.

# Gippsland make it 3 on the trot.

A BEAUTIFUL sunny day greeted Malvern City to Latrobe City Stadium for their fifth round encounter with an emerging Under 12s team. Will Calabro was full of run early up and down the pitch, whilst Ryan Lissa started to control things through the middle, the visiting team pressed hard early to test out United, however they were more than up for the challenge. Kingston Vella was rock solid in defence ably assisted by Bailey Robson, but it was left up to Brock Upton to stop a rocketing ball dead in its tracks from a threatening Malvern attack. Relief quickly turned to excitement when Almasi Keary once again found the back of the Net, continuing on her good run of form and putting the home team up 1-nil at the main break. A good second half but not more goals scored by either side.

Result - GUFC 1 defeated Malvern City 0

## GSL Round 6 Results

### - Sunday 26 May

Senior Mens: Korumburra City 4 d Lang Lang United 0, Leongatha Knights 2 d Phillip Island Breakers 0, Trafalgar Victory 5 d Wonthaggi United 2

Senior Womens: Leongatha Knights 6 d Phillip Island Breakers 1, Wonthaggi United 4 d Trafalgar Victory 3, Drouin Dragons Maroon 6 d Mirboo North United 0

Mens Reserves: Phillip Island Breakers 8 d Leongatha Knights 1, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 4 d Inverloch Stars 3

Under 17 Mixed: Leongatha Knights 3 d Phillip Island Penguins 2, Wonthaggi United 7 d Drouin Dragons White 2

Under 14 Mixed: Phillip Island Penguins 5 d Leongatha Knights 3, Drouin Dragons Maroon 5 d Mirboo North United 3, Inverloch Stars 2 d Phillip Island Stingrays 0

Under 13 Girls: Phillip Island Breakers 8 d Leongatha Knights 2, Wonthaggi United 1 drew Korumburra City 1

Under 12a Mixed: Phillip Island Penguins 5 d Leongatha Knights 0, Wonthaggi United 6 d Trafalgar Victory 0, Drouin Dragons Maroon 6 d Korumburra City 0

Under 12b Mixed: Korumburra City 6 d Lang Lang United 0, Phillip Island Sharks 6 d Leongatha Knights 3, Mirboo North United 7 d Drouin Dragons Yellow 1, Inverloch Stars 4 d Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 3

## GSL Round 7 Fixture

### - Sunday 2 June

Senior Mens - 3pm

Phillip Island Breakers V Korumburra City, Drouin Dragons Maroon V Inverloch Stars, Trafalgar Victory V Lang Lang United, Leongatha Knights V Wonthaggi United

Senior Womens - 1pm

Drouin Dragons Maroon V Inverloch Stars, Trafalgar Victory V Lang Lang United, Leongatha Knights V Wonthaggi United

Mens Reserves - 1pm

Phillip Island Breakers V Korumburra City, Drouin Dragons Maroon V Inverloch Stars Under 17 Mixed - 9:30am

Phillip Island Penguins V Phillip Island Stingrays, Leongatha Knights V Wonthaggi United

Under 14 Mixed - 11:20am

Phillip Island Penguins V Korumburra City, Drouin Dragons Maroon V Inverloch Stars, Leongatha Knights V Wonthaggi United, Phillip Island Stingrays V Mirboo North United

Under 13 Girls - 8:30am

Phillip Island Breakers V Korumburra City, Leongatha Knights V Wonthaggi United Under 12a Mixed - 10am

Phillip Island Penguins V Korumburra City, Leongatha Knights V Wonthaggi United Under 12b Mixed - 11:30am

Phillip Island Penguins V Korumburra City, Leongatha Knights V Wonthaggi United, Drouin Dragons Yellow V Inverloch Stars, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Mirboo North United

## MiniRoos - Saturday 1 June

Bass Coast Hub are playing at Phillip Island from 9am

South Gippsland Hub are playing at Leongatha from 9:15am

# Leongatha Knights fire after the fog lifts

## Senior Women Match Report:

WITH the fog finally lifting, the Lady Knights were ready to take on the only other unbeaten team in the Gippsland Soccer League's Senior Women's competition, Phillip Island Breakers in what promised to be an excellent display of women's soccer.

The Island team pressed their attacking advance early but Leongatha Knight's strong backline anchored by centre backs Mandy Bongers and Val Langlet calmly dispatched any threats. Whilst there were a few close calls inside the six yard box, there were no shots on target from the visiting team.

It took Leongatha a little while to find their attacking feet but once they did their pace put significant stress on the Phillip Island backline. The Island's goal keeper was quick to collect any long balls but the knights managed to find the back of the net putting them in the lead heading into half time.

The combined effort of midfielders Jasmine Garry and captain Bernadette Fitzgerald ensured that the Island were unable to find their play makers and create a significant attack. However, it was a beautiful goal from Phillip Island's Jess Tong that found the top corner and put Phillip Island on the score sheet.

The Lady Knights were able to find their momentum with newcomer Pallas Lamers securing herself her first hat trick! Jordan Rintoul scored a magnificent goal from outside the 18 yard box off a corner set up and an indirect free kick play by Garry and Naomi Eaton saw another on the sheet. The Lady Knights ended up taking the victory 6-1.

## Senior Men's Match Report:

With a glaring amount of afternoon sun after a morning of lingering fog, the Senior Men's match got under way as the last fixture of an eventful day of soccer at Mary MacKillop College.

Phillip Island's physicality in midfield immediately saw them create attacking advantages but the superb defensive team of John Stephen, Ed Benedict and goal keeper Charlie Dougherty shut down their attempts at quick counters. In an excellent game of local soccer, the tension was high as Leongatha sought to create space for their own attacks.

It was an incredible free kick off the boot of midfielder Ethan Bath, that got Leongatha on the score sheet and reminded the crowd of his similar success during last year's semi-final against Phillip Island.

After the half time break, the Knights were determined to maintain their lead, employing a tighter press in midfield and looking to create diagonal runs. It was a combination play in the final third in the 84th minute that saw Vice Captain Luke Knights find the back of the net securing Leongatha's win 2-0.



LKFC's Daisy Hockett had an excellent game in the U13s match.

**MID GIPPSLAND****RESULTS****A GRADE**

Thorpdale 15 lt Fish Creek 79  
Stony Creek 33 lt Boolarra 36  
Mirboo North 37 lt Yinnar 58  
Newborough 50 d Tarwin 36  
Toora 36 lt MDU 48

**B GRADE**

Morwell East 47 d Hill End 37  
Thorpdale 13 lt Fish Creek 59  
Stony Creek 49 lt Boolarra 58  
Mirboo North 51 d Yinnar 26  
Newborough 59 d Tarwin 35  
Toora 43 lt MDU 49

**C GRADE**

Morwell East 37 d Hill End 31  
Thorpdale 21 lt Fish Creek 56  
Stony Creek 19 lt Boolarra 25  
Mirboo North 28 lt Yinnar 31  
Newborough 40 d Tarwin 33  
Toora 40 d MDU 31

**D GRADE**

Morwell East 30 d Hill End 26  
Thorpdale 13 lt Fish Creek 82  
Stony Creek 30 d Boolarra 14  
Mirboo North 34 lt Yinnar 36  
Newborough 42 d Tarwin 38  
Toora 21 d MDU 19

**17 & UNDER**

Morwell East 22 lt Hill End 33  
Stony Creek 13 lt Boolarra 58  
Mirboo North 23 lt Yinnar 44  
Newborough 15 lt Fish Creek 48  
Toora 37 d MDU 49

**15 & UNDER**

Morwell East 16 lt Hill End 55  
Stony Creek 16 lt Boolarra 37  
Mirboo North 27 d Yinnar 22  
Newborough 26 d Tarwin 25  
Toora 44 lt MDU 40

**13 & UNDER**

Stony Creek 10 lt Boolarra 32  
Mirboo North 4 lt Yinnar 25  
Newborough 28 d Tarwin 12  
Toora 12 lt MDU 25

**LADDERS**

<b>A GRADE</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>pts</b>
MDU	164.50	28
Yinnar	156.29	24
Fish Creek	160.00	22
Morwell East	122.60	22
Newborough	110.12	16
Foster	97.17	16
Boolarra	96.33	16
Mirboo North	92.22	16
Toora	88.76	16
Stony Creek	88.55	12
Tarwin	73.63	4
Thorpdale	46.10	0

**B GRADE**

<b>Foster</b>	<b>195.59</b>	<b>28</b>
Boolarra	152.08	24
Fish Creek	150.54	24
Morwell East	120.28	20
Stony Creek	129.92	16
MDU	108.24	16
Mirboo North	102.51	16
Toora	103.25	12
Newborough	100.00	12
Hill End	97.41	12
Yinnar	78.47	12
Tarwin	42.54	4
Thorpdale	34.65	0

**C GRADE**

<b>Yinnar</b>	<b>153.13</b>	<b>28</b>
MDU	149.74	24
Morwell East	132.84	24
Newborough	133.18	20
Toora	128.37	20
Tarwin	129.31	16
Boolarra	120.47	16
Mirboo North	127.86	12
Hill End	91.75	12
Foster	72.20	12
Fish Creek	83.80	8
Stony Creek	73.89	4
Thorpdale	16.63	0

**D GRADE**

<b>Fish Creek</b>	<b>193.51</b>	<b>28</b>
Stony Creek	185.71	28
Yinnar	116.85	24
Toora	118.83	18
MDU	146.81	16
Tarwin	108.16	16
Mirboo North	99.17	14
Morwell East	97.06	14
Newborough	127.86	12
Boolarra	108.00	12
Foster	68.48	8
Hill End	72.58	6
Thorpdale	13.66	0

**17 & UNDER**

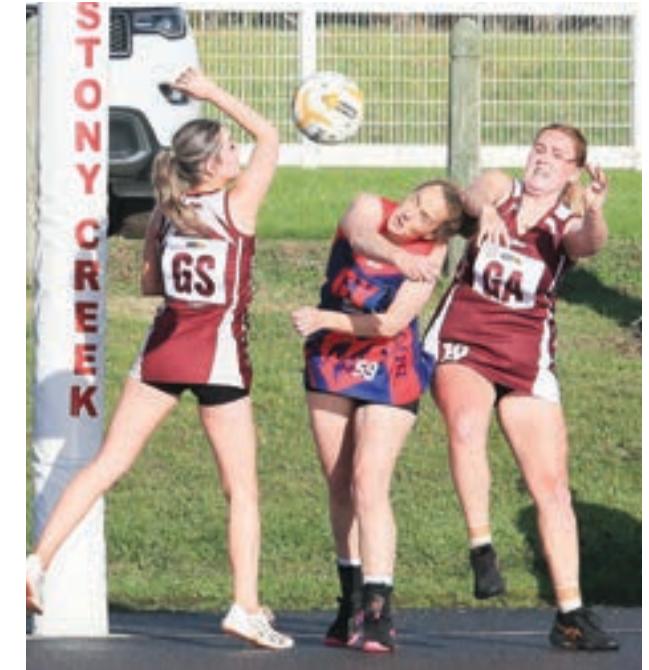
<b>Boolarra</b>	<b>251.25</b>	<b>28</b>
Toora	205.79	28
Yinnar	206.57	24
Fish Creek	166.90	24
MDU	142.57	16
Hill End	72.00	16
Newborough	66.67	12
Stony Creek	50.52	12
Mirboo North	55.00	4
Morwell East	33.01	0

**SPORT | NETBALL**

Mirboo North and Yinnar compete in A Grade. A41\_2224



Centre for Stony Creek pushes the ball into goals. Photo: Gerard Bruning



It's a tussle for the ball in Stony Creek's goals. Photo: Gerard Bruning



The centres compete during A Grade action between Mirboo North and Yinnar. A42\_2224



Inverloch-Kongwak's Kelly Boyd makes good position to grab the incoming pass as Ella Duggan closes in.



Esther Evans (Kilcunda-Bass) takes an intercept over the top of her Garfield opponent in B grade.



Kira Hamilton looks for options to deliver the ball into the Kilcunda-Bass goal circle, with pressure applied from Garfield in B grade.



Jemma Osborne (Kilcunda-Bass) receives the pass for a shot at goal in the A grade match against Garfield.

**WEST GIPPSLAND****RESULTS****A GRADE**

Tooradin-Dal. 56 d Dalyston 52  
Warragul Ind. 36 lt KWR 61  
Phillip I. 29 lt I-Kongwak 80  
Kor-Bena 52 d Bunyip 39  
K-Bass 68 d Garfield 38  
Cora Lynn 41 lt NNG 42

**B GRADE**

Tooradin-Dal. 47 d Dalyston 41  
Warragul Ind. 59 d KWR 34  
Phillip I. 38 lt I-Kongwak 60  
Kor-Bena 45 lt Bunyip 49

**C GRADE**

Tooradin-D. 33 drew Dalyston 33  
Warragul Ind. 30 lt KWR 45  
Phillip I. 12 lt I-Kongwak 59

**D GRADE**

Tooradin-Dal. 40 d Dalyston 2  
Warragul Ind. 20 lt KWR 38  
Phillip I. 7 lt I-Kongwak 56  
Kor-Bena 42 d Bunyip 38

**11 & UNDER**

Tooradin-Dal. 39 d Dalyston 2

**13 & UNDER**

Yinnar 340.48 28

**15 & UNDER**

MDU 168.42 28

**17 & UNDER**

Boolarra 204.41 24

**19 & UNDER**

Hill End 178.38 20

**21 & UNDER**

Newborough 107.06 20

**23 & UNDER**

Fish Creek 50.00 20

**25 & UNDER**

Tarwin 129.03 16

**27 & UNDER**

Mirboo North 144.05 12

**29 & UNDER**

Foster 12.59 12

**31 & UNDER**

Toora 33.61 8

**33 & UNDER**

Stony Creek 29.05 8

**LADDERS****A GRADE**

Inverloch-K 175.65 28  
Nar Nar Goon 115.41 24

**C GRADE**

Cora Lynn 123.17 20  
Kilcunda-Bass 114.04 20

**D GRADE**

Tooradin-Dal. 111.99 18  
Dalyston 118.75 16

**17 & UNDER**

Koo Wee Rup 98.18 14  
Kor-Bena 99.15 12

**19 & UNDER**

Phillip Island 82.85 8  
Garfield 73.67 8

**21 & UNDER**

Bunyip 70.89 0  
Warragul Ind. 63.83 0

**23 & UNDER**

Phillip Island 48.16 0  
Warragul Ind. 21.31 0

**25 & UNDER**

Tooradin-Dal. 159.91 28  
Nar Nar Goon 158.37 24

**27 & UNDER**

Inverloch-K 148.13 24  
Dalyston 109.66 20

**MIRBOO NORTH**

A GRADE: BOC:- Marley Wallace (Mirboo North N Hotel & Jimmy Jambs). Coach's :- Abby Forrester (Foodworks)

B Grade: BOC:- Ash Hilliar (Craig Young butcher). Coach's:- Christina Stoertebecker (Foodworks)

C Grade: BOC :-Chelsea Loh (Craig Young Butcher's). Coach's:- Lexi Andrews (Foodworks)

D Grade: BOC :- Carolyn Movchan (Foodworks). Coach's:- Stacey Harringe (Craig Young's Butchers)

13 & Under: BOC:- Jorge Chilla( MNFNC Canteen). Coach's: Maeve Stoertebecker (MNFNC Canteen)

15 & Under: BOC:- Thangguw Bell (MNFNC Canteen). Coach's:- Kyah Murtagh (MNFC Canteen)

17 & Under: BOC:- Imogen Nash (Foodworks). Coach's:- Marley Wallace (Lamezleighs)

**TOORA**

A GRADE: A tough four quarter tussle for the girls. To the girls credit they didn't give up. Both Carla and Nat worked hard in defence and our mid courters ran hard all game. Tayah and Britt held their ground and moved beautifully in goals. We didn't take home the chocolates this week, but lots to take away from the game. Award: Nat Griffin

B Grade: Some great pressure across the court and there was opportunity to take the game into our hands but it just wasn't in our favour this week.

This week's award went to Charlotte Crawford. Awesome job this week, great attack onto the ball.

C Grade: Congratulations to each player, we went out strong and fought out all four quarters. Each player should be so proud of their efforts, the consistent pressure down the court and the second efforts showed how much growth we have achieved so far as a team. Well done on our win today.

D Grade: A solid four quarters again this week. Each game the girls play they are proving to be more and more competitive. A fierce MDU side today forced the girls to really keep their heads and play our game as we cemented another close win.

Award: Tan Staley

17 & Under: Strong from the start of the game. Managed to keep our composure throughout the game. Every player stepped up and completed their task well.

Awards: Bendigo bank Summer Walsh, Hairdressers Tayah Jenkins , Club merch Ashlyn Matheson

15 & Under: A very slow start to the game but after a quarter time rev up they were back in it. Great pressure over the court and a sensational effort by our defence followed by great finishes in the goal ring.

Awards: Bendigo bank Jamie Boyd , Windmill cafe Maya Garlick, Club merchandise Abbey Best

13 & Under: Great effort by our little netball stars! The improvement so far has been phenomenal! We are loving watching you grow and enjoy netball.

Awards: Bendigo Bank Willow Best, Bonnie's Cafe Ella Bacon, Club Merch Abbey Lees.



Heidi Driscoll looks for her option in the goal circle with Shannon Heylen up top and Tiana Heylen cutting the base line.



Lily Bourke is determined to make a good play.



Georgia Maskell looks ahead for Leongatha early in its C grade victory over Sale.



Leongatha's Elly Egan battles Sale's Ash Arrell for possession during the opening quarter of the C Grade contest.



Wonthaggi's Elli Bates, with Jess Blair in support, looks for passing options during a highly-entertaining A Grade match against Bairnsdale on Saturday. Photo courtesy of the Bairnsdale Advertiser.



Action shot from a cracker of an A Grade game between Wonthaggi and Bairnsdale on Saturday with only a goal separating the teams at the last change, ultimately taken out by the Redlegs 49-44. Photo courtesy of the Bairnsdale Advertiser.



Sienna Cruickshank has the ball for Korumburra during the first quarter of its B Grade clash with Bunyip. A35\_2224



Korumburra Bena and Bunyip battle for possession in the sides' C Grade clash. A32\_2224

**ELLINBANK****RESULTS****A GRADE**

Longwarry 57 d Yarragon 53  
Catani 37 It Buln Buln 45  
N-Darnum 57 d Ellinbank 52  
Lang Lang 23 It Neerim Sth 59

**B GRADE**

L'garry 44 drew Yarragon 44  
Catani 43 d Buln Buln 39  
N-Darnum 30 It Ellinbank 51  
Nyora 37 It Trafalgar 47  
Lang Lang 26 It Neerim Sth 38

**C GRADE**

Longwarry 26 It Yarragon 30  
Catani 40 d Buln Buln 20  
N-Darnum 26 It Ellinbank 41  
Nyora 19 It Trafalgar 43  
Lang Lang 32 d Neerim Sth 24

**LADDERS**

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	186.80	28	Catani	265.47	24
Nilma-Darnum	167.86	20	Trafalgar	193.06	24
Ellinbank	165.92	20	Yarragon	200.56	22
Lang Lang	98.55	16	Poowong	157.89	22
Trafalgar	106.73	8	Nilma-Darnum	181.63	20
Poowong	82.72	8	Longwarry	120.43	20
Buln Buln	82.66	8	Lang Lang	83.55	8
Yarragon	81.70	8	Buln Buln	77.86	8
Longwarry	61.73	8	Ellinbank	66.67	8
Catani	56.23	0	Neerim South	34.82	4
Nyora	0.00	0	Nyora	10.91	0

**B GRADE**

Ellinbank 194.61 28  
Neerim South 142.31 28  
Nilma-Darnum 118.11 24  
Lang Lang 146.35 16  
Buln Buln 118.39 16  
Trafalgar 104.91 16  
Poowong 93.07 12  
Catani 89.62 12  
Nyora 64.79 4  
Yarragon 68.78 2  
Longwarry 53.60 2

**C GRADE**

Ellinbank 217.65 28  
Neerim South 184.10 28  
Lang Lang 177.40 28  
Catani 126.74 16  
Yarragon 109.81 16  
Nilma-Darnum 125.76 12  
Buln Buln 93.61 12  
Trafalgar 89.63 12  
Poowong 88.37 8  
Longwarry 60.59 0  
Nyora 17.05 0

**15 & UNDER**

Buln Buln 1214.81 28  
Lang Lang 353.73 28  
Yarragon 178.72 24  
Poowong 248.53 20  
Ellinbank 125.21 12  
Nilma-Darnum 120.37 12  
Trafalgar 111.67 12  
Neerim South 107.83 12  
Longwarry 73.05 12  
Catani 7.95 0  
Nyora 2.65 0

**GIPPSLAND****RESULTS****A GRADE**

Bairnsdale 49 d Wonthaggi 44  
Morwell 41 It Warragul 72  
Maffra 33 It Moe 82  
Leongatha 58 d Sale 36  
Drouin 49 d Traralgon 42

**B GRADE**

Bairnsdale 42 It Wonthaggi 47  
Morwell 39 It Warragul 50  
Maffra 26 It Moe 50  
Leongatha 55 d Sale 25  
Drouin 49 It Traralgon 56

**C GRADE**

Bairnsdale 37 It Wonthaggi 39  
Morwell 52 d Warragul 24  
Maffra 23 It Moe 26  
Leongatha 33 d Sale 26  
Drouin 47 d Traralgon 32

**LADDERS**

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Moe	190.76	28	Traralgon	223.75	28
Warragul	129.61	24	Leongatha	219.31	24
Drouin	138.81	20	Bairnsdale	165.98	24
Wonthaggi	115.87	16	Drouin	123.33	16
Traralgon	104.12	16	Sale	110.09	16
Leongatha	97.60	12	Wonthaggi	88.76	12
Bairnsdale	88.92	12	Maffra	88.14	12
Morwell	102.81	8	Morwell	60.82	4
Sale	51.88	2	Moe	47.30	4
Maffra	43.12	2	Warragul	29.20	0

**B GRADE**

Leongatha 160.85 26  
Drouin 160.85 24  
Traralgon 126.12 24  
Moe 121.96 18  
Warragul 93.54 12  
Wonthaggi 101.35 10  
Morwell 95.39 10  
Sale 79.34 10  
Maffra 55.81 6  
Bairnsdale 69.87 0

**C GRADE**

Drouin 162.30 26  
Morwell 144.10 26  
Traralgon 100.46 20  
Wonthaggi 120.77 16  
Maffra 101.84 16  
Leongatha 100.46 16  
Moe 95.41 8  
Bairnsdale 81.89 8  
Sale 61.39 4  
Warragul 66.30 0

**15 & UNDER**

Bairnsdale 241.22 28  
Sale 181.82 28  
Traralgon 185.14 20  
Maffra 97.45 16  
Moe 109.52 12  
Wonthaggi 71.58 12  
Drouin 69.44 8  
Morwell 69.23 8  
Leongatha 59.53 8  
Warragul 54.02 0

**13 & UNDER**

Traralgon 218.60 26  
Maffra 227.69 24  
Leongatha 221.48 24  
Bairnsdale 149.67 16  
Moe 142.20 16  
Sale 158.09 14  
Drouin 79.26 8  
Wonthaggi 25.74 8  
Morwell 30.82 4  
Warragul 16.27 0

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## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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## STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

	<b>74</b>		<b>80</b>
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STONY CREEK      BOOLARRA

Stony Creek	2.1	3.2	7.3	11.8 (74)
Boolarra	2.1	4.4	6.7	12.8 (80)

**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Hayden Bull 4, Kael Bergles 3, Tully Bernaldo, Ben Heath, Cade James, Cody Loughridge 1 each

**BEST:** Darcy Atkins, Cameron Stone, Cody Loughridge, Aidan Simmons, Hayden Bull, Dylan Zuidema

**GOALS, Boolarra:** Lachlan Smith 3, Caleb Bell, Ricky Cochrane 2, Patrick Haines, Nicholas Laing, Brendan Mason, Joel Mason, Sam Mazou 1 each

**BEST:** Luke Marriott, Tom Reiske, Joel Mason, Caleb Bell, Lachlan Smith, Nicholas Miller

## RESERVES

Stony Creek	5.2	7.3	12.5	17.9 (111)
Boolarra	2.2	3.3	3.5	3.5 (23)

**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Colby Michael 5, Lucas Byrnes, Lachlan Park 3, Anthony Dyke, Rory Harrington, Ryan McKnight, James Monaghan, Nick Svenson 1 each

**BEST:** Anthony Dyke, Nick Svenson, Colby Michael, Lucas Byrnes, Angus Wright

**GOALS, Boolarra:** Jesse Giardina, Jamie Maggs, Michael Murden 1 each

**BEST:** Neil Kreun, Ben McCormack, Michael Murden, Michael Cleaver, Matthew Windsor, Jamie Maggs

## TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

	<b>53</b>		<b>106</b>
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TOORA      MDU

Toora	1.0	3.2	6.2	8.5 (53)
MDU	2.1	5.5	11.9	16.10 (106)

**GOALS, Toora:** William Goosey, Callan Walker, James Maurilli-Pullin 3, Jonathan Pintus, 1 each

**BEST:** Jonathan Pintus, William Goosey, Reghan Lewis, Sam Frawley, Jordan Knox, Bennett Osborne

**GOALS, MDU:** Lachie Wright 4, Ben Perry 3, Nathan Allen, Hunter Fennell 2, Jake Bromley, Steve Forrester, Timothy Hibberson, Angus Kemper, Wayne Stewart 1 each

**BEST:** Ben Perry, Nathan Allen, Samuel Wilson, Joel Leeden, Angus Kemper, Hunter Fennell

## RESERVES

Toora	0.2	2.3	3.3	4.3 (27)
MDU	1.3	2.7	2.8	3.11 (29)

**GOALS, Toora:** Jordyn Coulthard, Casey Ferguson, Mark Glowrey, Aron Rhodes 1 each

**BEST:** Khyell Morgan, Mark Glowrey, Fergus Cashmore, Adam Vening, Leigh de Boer, Luke Anedda

**GOALS, MDU:** Jack Dunn 2, Blake Moscript 1

**BEST:** Charlie McInnes, Toby Goss, Matt Harris, Max East, Michael Smith, Rylie Checkle

## TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

	<b>78</b>		<b>63</b>
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NEWBOROUGH      TARWIN

Newborough	3.2	5.6	6.9	11.12 (78)
Tarwin	3.1	5.2	8.2	10.3 (63)

**GOALS, Newborough:** Nathan Curtis, Liam Flahavin, Kyle Jennings 2, Patrick Charles, Jack Edebohls, Joshua Hecker, Daniel Risol, Nathan Wheildon 1 each

**BEST:** Liam Flahavin, Alex Skinner, Max Edebohls, Nathan Curtis, Daniel Risol, Jack Hudson

**GOALS, Tarwin:** Matthew Williams 8, Lachie Jones, Jason Kennedy 1 each

**BEST:** Matthew Williams, Travis Krause, Jason Kennedy, Fergus Warren, Robert Houston, Lachie Jones

## RESERVES

Newborough reserves won by forfeit.

## THIRDS

Newborough	1.1	2.3	4.3	8.3 (51)
Fish Crk/Tarwin	2.4	3.5	5.9	6.11 (47)

**GOALS, Newborough:** Oscar Hanson, Brody Young 3, Jacoby Gibbs, Ethan Mounsey 1 each

**BEST:** Cooper Hanson, Brody Young, Harrison Gallagher, Oscar Hanson, William Cuthbertson, Jarrah Mounsey

**GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin:** Jackson Morgan 2, Tommy Bartels, Lucas Buckland, Tom Millton, Joseph Rysko 1 each

**BEST:** Zak Bright, Tom Millton, Tommy Bartels, Max Maverick Woodham, Josh Gale, Billy Boyd



Ben Heath was ready to receive the handball from his teammate. Photos: Gerard Bruning.

## Stony Creek denied by Boolarra's final quarter

By Rob Popplestone

WITH just a fortnight or so before the halfway mark of the MGFNL season, sides are still aggressively jostling for positions towards the top of the table, but to say it is tight at the top would be an understatement, well at least it was prior to the start of round seven.

In many ways this clash loomed as somewhat like a final given the victor would stay in the race for contention at season's end, whilst for the loser, just staying in touch with the top six sides would be a challenge in itself given the quality of teams above them. Both teams had their chances, but it was

Brendan Mason, Boolarra coach, "It is good to be back on the winners list. It was a physical game and both teams had their moments so really glad we were able to come out on top."

The precious premiership points are invaluable to Boolarra, who despite still being two games from the top six, can genuinely see the chance of climbing the ladder in the weeks ahead. For Stony Creek the mountain has just gotten higher, and although not unclimbable it

is becoming very dangerous.

Chris Verboon, Stony Creek coach "Frustrating month for us. With four games we could have won. Boolarra is another game that got away. Our midfield was on top most of the day but our structure around the ground fell away at times. We had our chances but we just can't put teams away late in games."

In more cases than not there is very little difference between what is and what could have been, and unless things change quickly for the Lions this could well be a season of what could have been.



It was a fight to the end between Stony and Boolarra.

## Demons double Magpie's score

By Rob Popplestone

THE visiting Demons arrived at the home of Toora under no illusions as to how dangerous this game could have been for them. An improved Magpies outfit looking for another scalp, ideally that of MDU to add to their couple of early season victories, were keen to make a statement against a genuine finals contender.

Nathan Allen, MDU coach "The weekend was a great contest with Toora in what were perfect conditions. We were able to really implement a few structural things we have been working on, so it was a successful day." Nothing is more pleasing than when the practice is executed as planned under match conditions, the Demons continuing to "fly under the radar" currently sitting in sixth spot but just one win from those teams on top.

The Magpies are improving every week, but there still remain periods in games that provide hope that better times lay ahead. Jack Weston, Toora coach "We learned on the weekend that when you allow sides to play the game on their terms, it will be a struggle. We must respond next week against Boolarra & play with some freedom. It is a courageous coach that allows his team to play with freedom, but more often than not, that instinctiveness and spontaneity can bring a group together and really enjoy their football, and at the end of the day, if you're doing that, it's not much point in playing.

## Sharks tested by Newborough

By Rob Popplestone

AS EACH week passes you get the feeling the pieces of the Newborough puzzle are starting to form a picture that will please coach Craig Skinner. The Bulldogs welcomed an enthusiastic Tarwin side to the kennels, knowing full well the Sharks arrived with a goal to cause a major upset.

Craig Skinner, Newborough coach "We played an undermanned Tarwin side today who played a high risk, high pressure brand of footy and executed it well. It was an even contest all day and could have gone either way. Extremely proud of the twenty one Newborough players that put on the jumper today. Was a great result and a great reward for effort for first gamers Zach Daley and Jack Edibohls. It will be our turn next week to bring that same style when we travel to Meenyan to take another team head on before the bye.

Tarwin proved on the weekend that they can match with the contenders and with some minor adjustments sprinkled with a little luck, their season could change very quickly. The Sharks were well served by the likes of Matt Williams, Travis Krause, Fergus Warren, Rob Houston, Lachie Jones and of course the coach Jason Kennedy himself.

Jason Kennedy Tarwin coach "Coming into the game, we had six out from last week and three late withdrawals due to sickness. It was a huge effort to continue to fight the game out. Having no bench in the last quarter, also gave us that extra challenge to navigate. Forcing us to push on. Although we didn't come away with the four points to win, I'm extremely proud of the boys and the perseverance they showed throughout. It's put us in good stead for the remainder of the year and next week's big away game challenge, against a strong Fish Creek."

Tarwin are still well and truly in the race for finals, currently seventh just one game from sixth and two from the top. with a hell of a lot of footy to play, their destiny still remains in their own hands.



Mirboo North's Harrison Mahoney tries to escape the clutches of the Magpies during Yinnar's win. A44\_2224

## Yinnar trample the Tigers

By Rover

matches so far this season.

This grim statistic compares unfavourably to Yinnar's 85 goals from six matches.

By half-time the Magpies led by 41 points and were well on their way to their fifth win for the year.

Mirboo North played some good footy in patches during the third quarter, with the Sherrin spending reasonable amounts of time inside the Tigers' attacking 50.

However, opportunities were lost when three opportunities to goal brought minor scores, after promising build-ups through the midfield by the Tigers.

Down back, Todd Alexander defended stoutly for the Tigers, taking several strong marks and delivering the ball productively to teammates with trusty left-foot drop punt passes.

Other Tigers taking it right up to the Magpies in the third quarter included Jeremy Salinger — who was returning from a hamstring strain — Woodall, Joe Brooks, playing coach Damien Turner and Leigh Jowett.

However, the last term saw Yinnar really turn up the heat on Mirboo North when the Magpies slammed home seven goals to the Tigers' 1.3, with continual forward 50 fast entries — placing their opponents under enormous amounts of defensive pressure.

It was clear the Magpies were all-in on an all-out attack to run the Tigers off their feet, all the way to the final siren.

On the last line, Alexander, Brooks and Turner bravely turned back several Magpie forays, but the dam wall was 'busted'.



Mirboo North's Joe Brooks and Yinnar's Brendan Chapman compete in the air. A45\_2224

## Fish Creek just nab victory over accurate Blues

By Rob Popplestone

WITH just one game separating top placed Fish Creek from eighth placed Thorpdale, there were always going to be two teams willing to put it all on the line, in what loomed as a season defining clash. The Kangaroos, as reigning premiers, were well aware of the Blue's desire to be a contender in season 2024, but to do that they first had to show that they were worthy against the very best. Worthy they were, win they did not.

against the reigning premier was great to watch. Fish creeks last 20 minutes of football was pure class though as we just ran out of legs. The match, one of the best of the season, was a great learning curve for what might be expected later in the season.

Jarrod Walker Fish Creek coach "A finals like intensity all day, with Thorpdale having all the answers for most of the day. We had to throw the magnets around a bit in the

second half and could finally get some momentum going our way. Some huge efforts across the board, backs mids and forwards standing up in some key moments in the last quarter."

The cream rises to the top under pressure, and no one questions the quality of the Kangaroos, but you also get the feeling the clubs have been and will continue to come for the reigning premiers in the coming months.

### MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	ROUND 7				
					MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS				
RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Yinnar.....	5	1	193.69	24	MDU.....	6	0	275.16	28
Fish Creek.....	5	1	178.95	24	Newborough.....	6	1	371.04	24
Foster.....	5	1	122.56	24	Stony Creek.....	6	1	311.06	24
Morwell East.....	5	2	209.83	20	Yinnar.....	4	2	328.65	20
Newborough.....	5	2	161.45	20	Fish Creek.....	4	2	272.20	20
MDU.....	4	2	135.82	20	Morwell East.....	5	2	200.36	20
Tarwin.....	3	3	100.00	16	Boolarra.....	3	3	72.08	16
Thorpdale.....	4	3	95.00	16	Tarwin.....	2	3	138.68	12
Boolarra.....	2	4	87.15	12	Thorpdale.....	3	4	55.41	12
Stony Creek.....	2	5	109.40	8	Mirboo North.....	2	5	19.77	8
Toora.....	2	5	70.85	8	Toora.....	1	6	48.75	4
Hill End.....	0	6	20.97	4	Foster.....	0	6	17.56	4
Mirboo North.....	0	7	30.26	0	Hill End.....	0	6	13.54	4

### MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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#### MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB



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MIRBOO NORTH

YINNAR

Mirboo North 1.1 1.3 1.6 2.9 (21)  
Yinnar 3.4 7.8 10.11 17.12 (114)

**GOALS, Mirboo Nth:** Ethan Woodall 2

**BEST:** Jeremy Salinger, Ethan Woodall, Joe Brooks, Damien Turner, Todd Alexander, Leigh Jowett

**GOALS, Yinnar:** Luke Cheffers, Kane Grinstead-Jones, Stuart Patten, William Robertson 3, Adam Bailey 2, Callum Hutchison, Dean Linton, Clancy Mills 1 each

**BEST:** Mitch Renwick, Jarrod Henderson, Clancy Mills, Blake Van Der Meer, Josh Bugeja, Luke Cheffers

#### RESERVES

Mirboo North 0.0 0.0 0.1 1.2 (8)  
Yinnar 7.3 11.9 19.9 24.13 (157)

**GOALS, Mirboo Nth:** Isaac Shineberg 1

**BEST:** Robert Devine, Daniel Taylor, Isaac Shineberg, Michael Aveling, Jonathan Conlan, Tom McGrath

**GOALS, Yinnar:** Jarryd Garlick 10, Kyle Elphick, Cameron Le Page, Patrick McGrath 3, Elijah Lappin 2, Lachlan Alexander, Marc Szkwarc, Daniel Webster 1 each

**BEST:** Jarryd Garlick, Daniel Webster, Jack Chessel, Nathan Rowley, Kyle Elphick, Daniel Schneider

#### THIRDS

Mirboo North 1.1 4.1 6.2 8.3 (51)  
Yinnar 1.3 1.7 3.8 6.9 (45)

**GOALS, Mirboo Nth:** Kyra Helms 4, Thomas Heislers 2, Jack Jagusch, Rory King 1 each

**BEST:** Jesse Rawlings, Jack Jagusch, Xavier Spaull, Jonathan Conlan, Billy Jennings, Tom McGrath

**GOALS, Yinnar:** Jay Rogalsky 4, Dylan Hobbs, Noah McCafferty 1 each

**BEST:** Harry Bugeja, Pharoah Gardner, Bailey Beecher, Zachary De Beer, Cody Vivian, Jay Rogalsky

#### FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



88



102

THORPDALE

FISH CREEK

Thorpdale 5.3 8.3 12.4 14.4 (88)  
Fish Creek 1.6 4.9 8.13 14.18 (102)

**GOALS, Thorpdale:** Hayden Britten, Dillon Leys, Anthony Rosato, Harrison Sinclair-Stanley 3, James Holland-Burch, Travis Patten 1 each

**BEST:** Travis Patten, Anthony Rosato, Heath Ferguson, Daniel Holt, Michael McMahon, Joel Monger

**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Darcy Berryman 6, Jack Hayes 3, Jordan Shaw 2, Tom Buckley, Thomas Cameron, Thomas Vuillermin 1 each

**BEST:** Thomas Cameron, Kairon Dorling, Darcy Berryman, Jack Hayes, Roland De Biase, Tom Valenta

#### RESERVES

Thorpdale 0.0 0.0 2.0 3.0 (18)  
Fish Creek 7.2 10.5 15.6 21.11 (137)

**GOALS, Thorpdale:** Haydn Edwards 2, Shaun Kerton 1

**BEST:** Haydn Edwards, Christopher Gardiner, Simon Lawson, Ethan Hall, Jake Asmussen, Conner Westbury

**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Toby Redpath 5, Ethan Farrell 4, Josh Harry, James Kirtland, Colin McPhee, Bradley Perks, Brock Stefani 2, Zack Redpath, Tim Walters 1

**BEST:** Owen Straw, Tim Walters, Brandon Bell, Jonte Arestia, Ethan Farrell, Aaron Farrell

#### THIRDS

Newborough 1.1 2.3 4.3 8.3 (51)  
Fish Crk/Tarwin 2.4 3.5 5.9 6.11 (47)

**GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin:** Jackson Morgan 2, Tommy Bartels, Lucas Buckland, Tom Millton, Joseph Rysko 1 each

**BEST:** Zak Bright, Tom Millton, Tommy Bartels, Max Maverick Woodham, Josh Gale, Billy Boyd

#### IN OTHER GAMES...

##### SENIORS

Morwell East 25.19.169 d Hill End 1.4.10

##### RESERVES

Morwell East 23.11.149 d Hill End 6.5.41



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# Leongatha wins it for Westy against Sale



Sean Westaway shows his usual tenacity during his milestone game, catching Sale's Jarrod Freeman holding the ball. A21\_2224

LEONGATHA did enough to ensure Sean Westaway's club-record 236th game was celebrated with the four points despite Sale getting on top in the midfield late in the game and cutting the final margin to 25 points.

A defensive masterclass up to three quarter time helped the Parrots to a lead of just over seven goals at that point, having contained Sale to only three majors, but the Magpies hit back with four last quarter maximums to one.

While Leongatha coach Trent McMicking acknowledged the final quarter didn't quite go to plan, he made it clear the focus was on winning for Westy, praising the tenacious defender and loyal club servant.

"It's a super day for the footy club; today our theme was sacrifice, loyalty, fearless leader, professional, great to play with and bloody hard to play against, and you're a superstar," McMicking said.

Westy responded that the club is a special place, expressing his appreciation to all those who contribute and provide support.

"I look forward to my brother-in-law finally buying me a beer tonight," Westaway quipped after thanking family for their support.

A third quarter chase and free-kick-winning tackle on Sale's Jarrod Freeman was among the record breaker's highlights in a typically determined performance, with Westaway hav-

ing to shoulder extra responsibility in the absence of intercept marking specialist Cade Maskell.

Westy enjoyed good support in defence, with the Parrots not conceding a goal throughout the second and third terms.

Young Jackson Harry shone on the day with his forward line presence, being named Leongatha's best, while Tom Marriott again excelled in the midfield for most of the contest and Travis Nash was instrumental down back.

Jarrod Stewart played his first Senior game in ages, slotting into the Parrots' side efficiently as a backup ruckman, and forward, with Jenson Garnham Leongatha's top goal kicker with three.

Shannen Lange and Hudson Holmes delivered fine performances in the midfield for Sale.

McMicking gave credit to the Magpies for their ability to eventually get on top in the midfield, thankful the Parrots set up the win with a commanding second term.

"We got our ball movement going and were able to open up the ground on offence, and shut it down defensively," he said of that second stanza in which Leongatha booted three goals to none.

The Parrots aim to further their momentum when they host fifth-placed Bairnsdale but the Redlegs arrive full of confidence after dispatching Wonthaggi.

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#### NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

**NYORA** 43 **TRAFalGAR** 74

NYORA 2.1 5.2 6.7 6.7 (43)

TRAFalGAR 3.2 5.3 8.6 11.8 (74)

**GOALS**, Nyora: Dylan Heylen, Callum McNiff 2,

Jesse Heylen 1 each

**BEST**: Lucas Lee, Trent Wheller, Aaron Coggins, Bradley Obrien, William McGindle, Callum McNiff

**GOALS**, TRAFALGAR: Brayde Bosman, Matthew Swenson 3, Isaac Caroleo, Mathew Devon 2, Darcy Brock 1

**BEST**: Bradley Hoffmann, Jace Butler, Jordyn Baker, Dylan Gauci, Brayde Bosman, MacLean McInnes

#### RESERVES

NYORA 0.0 1.2 1.2 2.2 (14)

TRAFalGAR 4.3 8.6 10.11 16.13 (109)

**GOALS**, Nyora: Bradley Welsh,

Luke Ferguson 1 each

**BEST**: Jye Shaw-Remy, Brayde Welsh, Shaun Lamb, Rob Moxon, Dalton Lowrie, Brayden Smith

**GOALS**, TRAFALGAR: Zack Brown 4, Rhys Holdsworth, Tom Sampson, Jexen Row, Blake Zimora 2, Ryan Dyke, Tyron Stevens, Angus Templeton, Owen Zimora 1 each

**BEST**: Blake Zimora, Zack Brown, Nelson Minichiello, Owen Zimora, Oscar Robinson, Denis Dyke

#### IN OTHER GAMES...

#### SENIORS

Ellinbank 17.10.112 d N-Darnum 11.12.78

Lang Lang 10.6.66 d Neerim Sth 6.6.42

Buln Buln 16.16.112 d Catani 6.4.40

Longwarry 23.11.149 d Yarragon 6.9.45

#### RESERVES

Ellinbank 18.16.124 d N-Darnum 1.1.7

Lang Lang 10.10.70 d Neerim Sth 6.10.46

Buln Buln 19.11.125 d Catani 3.7.25

Longwarry 13.8.86 d Yarragon 1.11.17

#### THIRDS

Ellinbank 18.12.120 d N-Darnum 7.4.46

Neerim Sth 17.19.121 d Lang Lang 1.2.8

Catani 10.15.75 d Buln Buln 0.5.5

Longwarry 15.7.97 d TRAFALGAR 6.6.42

#### FOURTHS

Ellinbank 10.9.69 d N-Darnum 5.2.32

Neerim Sth 15.7.97 d Lang Lang 5.4.34

Buln Buln 7.13.55 d TRAFALGAR 6.6.42

Yarragon 5.14.44 d Longwarry 5.6.36

## Trafalgar steals the win in big second half

NYORA had its closest tussle yet against the Trafalgar Bloods on Saturday.

Playing at Nyora, the Saints kept the Bloods on their toes through to halftime, but the away side managed to get away with a 31-point win in the end.

The first quarter was an even contest with both sides making the most of their opportunities in front of goal.

Trafalgar managed to remain on the front foot, leading by a goal at quarter time.

Nyora stepped it up in the second quarter, leaving fans on the edge of their seats.

Nyora kicked three more goals to Trafalgar's two, winning the quarter and narrowing the margin to just one point.

The goal scoring efforts were led by Dylan Heylen and Callum McNiff, with two goals each.

Overall, four goalkickers contributed to the final score.

Things took a turn for Nyora in the third quarter.

Trafalgar gathered some momentum during the halftime break and came in ready for a fight.

The Bloods put three goals on the scoreboard, and the defense tightened to hold Nyora to just one.

Trafalgar's fitness won out as it dominated the final quarter.

Nyora was left scoreless as Trafalgar piled on another three goals for a clear victory.

Nyora's best players on the day included Lucas Lee, Trent Wheller, Aaron Coggins, Bradley O'Brien, William McGindle and McNiff.

Nyora will travel to Longwarry to take on the Crows this Saturday.

Longwarry is sitting fifth on the ladder and will be another challenge for Nyora.



Sam Dixon makes the handball before being caught.

### ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 8

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Buln Buln	7	0	240.92	28	Ellinbank	7	0	784.40	28	Ellinbank	6	1	224.89	85.7	Neerim South	7	1	411.93	87.5
Lang Lang	7	0	234.32	28	Lang Lang	7	0	432.00	28	Catani	6	1	191.70	85.7	Buln Buln	6	1	417.24	85.7
Neerim South	6	2	211.70	24	Neerim South	7	0	369.67	28	Poowong	4	2	143.53	66.6	Ellinbank	6	1	342.42	85.7
Ellinbank	6	1	195.29	24	Buln Buln	5	2	282.22	20	Longwarry	5	3	158.24	62.5	Poowong	6	1	276.03	85.7
Longwarry	4	4	110.75	16	Nilma-Darnum	4	3	112.09	16	Neerim Sth	5	3	158.15	62.5	Nilma-Darnum	3	4	97.98	42.8
Nilma-Darnum	3	4	96.70	12	Trafalgar	3	4	86.95	12	Trafalgar	3	4	92.45	42.8	Trafalgar	2	5	56.08	28.5
Trafalgar	3	4	81.74	12	Longwarry	3	5	81.47	12	Lang Lang	3	4	55.03	42.8	Lang Lang	1	5	41.01	16.6
Poowong	2	5	95.39	8	Yarragon	2	5	62.20	8	Nilma-Darnum	0	7	40.12	0.0	Yarragon	1	6	16.53	14.2
Yarragon	2	5	60.31	8	Catani	1	6	35.85	4	Buln Buln	0	7	26.55	0.0	Longwarry	0	8	26.49	0.0
Catani	0	7	38.76	0	Nyora	1	7	22.41	4	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0
Nyora	0	8	18.33	0	Poowong	0	7	11.75	0	Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0.0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0

# Missing passes and players costs Wonthaggi Power

BAIRNSDALE has stayed in touch with the leading division in the Gippsland League, posting its fourth win from seven games against the visiting Wonthaggi Power side at Bairnsdale on Saturday.

There was little between the sides in general play throughout the 120 minutes, but the Redlegs were more polished entering the forward 50 and they took better advantage of their opportunities in front of goal.

Wonthaggi was without the Blair brothers, Jarryd and Jack, and Jakeb Thomas was also missing from the team that narrowly defeated Maffra the week before.

The Power welcomed back Ryan Sparkes, and he was in everything, on the ball and around the ground, but it was a very different looking side from the team that made the journey to Bairnsdale in May last year and came home with a 74-point win.

In fact, 11 were missing from that side including Tom Murray, Lachie Jones, Troy Harley, Jordan Staley, Jakeb Thomas, Harry Dawson, Brodie Mabilia, Tom Davey, Kyle Reid, Jarryd Blair and Jack Blair who all played that day.

But you go with what you have and there were still plenty of familiar names and faces leading the way as they started to mount a challenge in the third quarter, after a slow and inaccurate start, with the Power looking some sort of chance of making a go of it in the last quarter.

The team had strung three goals together in the middle stages of the term and were building momentum.

Jaxon Williams was on the end of a determined passage of play, started by Noah Anderson, applying good forward pressure. He combined with Jye Gilmour and Cooper McInnes coming up into the pay before Shannon Bray snapped towards goal only to have Williams mark on the goal line for the easiest of finishes.

Wonthaggi was relying on Huther in the ruck opposed to Ethan East in a tight contest, and with Sparkes, Gilmour and Lindsay up against Will Mitchell (3) one of Bairnsdale's standouts on the day, Tom Blenheim and Cooper Harvey.

And it was Huther, Gilmour and Sparkes who engineered the next centre break which ultimately resulted in a goal to Anderson. With an earlier goal to McInnes, they'd produced three goals to two for



Wonthaggi defender Fergus O'Connor was a winner all day for the Power on Saturday at Bairnsdale. Photo courtesy of the Bairnsdale Advertiser.

the quarter and not long after that, Josh Bates made a long run to get on the end of a handpass from Anderson, after good work by Reeve Moresco and Sparkes, to kick a real team-lifting, captain's goal on the burst.

"Come on!" he called, turning back to the centre and the Power trailed by 23 points still with a quarter and a bit to play.

Isaac Chugg, more off half back than his customary position on the wing, was working hard and everyone was having a red-hot crack as the Power surged forward again.

A great tackle near goal by busy Bairnsdale forward/on-baller Lachie Byrne-Jones, taking down Noah Anderson, resulted in a goal but after a period of see-sawing play, Wonthaggi might have taken back the momentum when Gilmour got the ball across to Kaj Patterson in good posi-

tion, 25 meters out.

It was a goal that simply had to be kicked in the context of the game, but he missed the chance, and instead of being within striking distance of Bairnsdale at the last change, they trailed by almost five goals.

Wonthaggi took up the attack again at the start of the last quarter, but as well as missing easy shots for goal, in perfect conditions at Bairnsdale, they also misfired on their forward entries, making it easier for a more-than-competent Bairnsdale defence, featuring the likes of Toms, Stewart, Jamie Dore and others, to clear it away.

Ultimately, it was Bairnsdale which kicked the sealer about 10 minutes in, finding loose players while moving the ball around the boundary, or typically when switching it out of defence, and it was Jonah Walker who marked and

snapped truly to make the margin unassailable for the visiting Wonthaggi side.

Isaac Chugg was named best for Wonthaggi, but he did the bulk of his work bolstering the defence rather than up high attacking from the wing. Ryan Sparkes was a godsend, in everything in an effort to make the Power competitive. Shannon Bray constantly backed himself coming forward out of defence, and also when making a rare appearance in attack. Jye Gilmour was a goer all day against good opposition on the ball and Josh Bates and Fergus O'Connor were two of the team's defensive winners on the day.

Power lost by 35 points, but it wasn't that clear cut in general play, and they came away with plenty of positives from the new crop of players who made the longest trip in local football.

## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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### LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

 **73**  **48**

**LEONGATHA** **SALE**

Leongatha 4.4 7.8 9.11 10.13 (73)  
Sale 3.1 3.3 3.4 7.6 (48)

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Jenson Garnham 3, Trent McRae 2, Tallin Brill, Sam Forrester, Jack Ginnane, Jacob Lamers, Will Littlejohn 1 each

**BEST:** Jackson Harry, Thomas Marriott, Travis Nash, Jake van der Pligt, Cooper Alger, Sean Westaway

**GOALS, Sale:** Will Leslie, Bohdi Walker 2, Thomas Campbell, Shannen Lange, Jack Leslie 1 each

**BEST:** Shannen Lange, Nathan Whitford, Hudson Holmes, Derek Eggmolesse-Smith, Patrick Tainsh, Kai McDonald

### RESERVES

Leongatha 4.0 11.1 15.2 24.3 (147)  
Sale 1.2 3.2 3.3 4.3 (27)

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Nick Nagel 5, Ben Fort 4, Flynn Matera, Robert Reardon 3, Noah Fixter, Jaxon Hayes, Justin Pellicano 2, Beau Graham Andrews, Ty Hall, Adam Trotto 1 each

**BEST:** Ty Hall, Kyle Brown, Beau Graham Andrews, Noah Fixter, Joel Renden, Adam Trotto

**GOALS, Sale:** Taelan Miller, Zak Russell 1 each

**BEST:** Jamie Sweeney, Zak Russell, Jake Simic, Mike O'Brien, Timothy Beattie

### THIRDS

Leongatha 6.4 10.5 14.7 19.9 (123)  
Sale 0.0 0.4 2.7 2.7 (19)

**BEST, Leongatha:** Hayden Bowler, Julian Callahan, Zavier Lamers, Ben Fort, Max Sheahan, Jude Fixter

**BEST, Sale:** Tyson Dobson, Joel Lamb, Mitchell McMaster, Kyan Horder, Mike O'Brien, Xavier Collins

### FOURTHS

Leongatha 2.1 2.2 2.2 2.4 (16)  
Sale 0.7 3.10 5.16 8.17 (65)

**BEST, Leongatha:** Clayton Quaife, Alby Logan, Eamon Berryman, Bodhi Thomson, Angus Livingstone, Charlie Bickerton

**BEST, Sale:** Archer Gerrard, Xavier Collins, Jake Power, Dean Feltis, Charlie Cantwell, Darcy Vandervoort

### WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

 **83**  **48**

**BAIRNSDALE** **WONTHAGGI**

Bairnsdale 3.4 7.8 11.9 12.11 (83)  
Wonthaggi 1.5 2.10 6.11 6.12 (48)

**GOALS, Bairnsdale:** Brayden McCarrey 4, Lachlan Byrne-Jones, Jamie Dore, Jonah Walker 2, Cooper Harvey, Xavier Richards 1 each

**BEST:** Lachlan Byrne-Jones, Randall Stewart, Will Mitchell, Logan Austin, Ethan East, Brayden McCarrey

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Jaxon Williams 2, Noah Anderson, Joshua Bates, Aiden Lindsay, Cooper McInnes 1 each

**BEST:** Isaac Chugg, Ryan Sparkes, Shannon Bray, Jye Gilmour, Joshua Bates, Fergus O'Connor

### RESERVES

Bairnsdale 4.2 10.4 15.6 17.12 (114)  
Wonthaggi 1.1 2.2 2.3 2.5 (17)

**GOALS, Bairnsdale:** Max East, Matthew Hamilton 3, Rohan Blandford, Oscar Clarke, Logan Dunkley, Brandon Sauer 2, Mat Falls, Jamie Fraser, Damon O'Connor 1 each

**BEST:** Matthew Hamilton, Max Neate, Max East, Charlie Mann, Damon O'Connor, Liam Blyswyk

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Cade Brown, Kyle Yann 1 each

**BEST:** Kyle Yann, Cade Brown, Andrew McNeel, Riley Lindsay, Kurt Brown, Charlie Dawson

### FOURTHS

Bairnsdale 2.2 6.3 8.4 10.8 (68)  
Wonthaggi 2.4 6.8 7.10 9.10 (64)

**BEST, Bairnsdale:** Wil Malady, Harry McGuinn, Jodie Froud, Saxon Buckley, Luca Desio, Xavier Cook

**BEST, Wonthaggi:** Ayden Fawaz, Leevi Lidstone, Connor Macmillan, Jayden Burns, Billy Wyhoon, Jackson Glen

### IN OTHER GAMES...

#### SENIORS

Morwell 9.6.60 d Warragul 8.10.58  
Moe 14.4.88 d Maffra 12.8.80  
Traralgon 18.12.120 d Drouin 9.10.64

#### RESERVES

Morwell 7.11.53 d Warragul 4.7.31  
Maffra 23.16.154 d Moe 3.3.21  
Traralgon 13.18.96 d Drouin 3.1.19

#### THIRDS

Warragul 25.14.164 d Morwell 2.3.15  
Maffra 11.8.74 d Moe 3.3.21  
Traralgon 10.4.64 d Drouin 9.6.60

#### FOURTHS

Warragul 5.17.47 d Morwell 2.1.13  
Moe 8.6.54 d Maffra 6.7.43  
Traralgon 16.15.111 d Drouin 0.2.2

### GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

#### ROUND 7

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	6	1	164.69	24
Moe	5	2	131.79	20
Traralgon	5	2	127.17	20
Morwell	5	2	104.94	20
Bairnsdale	4	3	110.13	16
Sale	4	3	108.88	16
Wonthaggi	2	5	79.87	8
Warragul	2	5	77.08	8
Drouin	2	5	75.35	8
Maffra	0	7	61.67	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	7	0	539.31	28
Maffra	6	1	255.84	24
Bairnsdale	6	1	178.37	24
Traralgon	5	2	280.47	20
Drouin	3	4	81.37	12
Morwell	2	5	67.53	8
Sale	2	5	53.19	8
Wonthaggi	2	5	41.68	8
Warragul	1	6	32.77	4
Drouin	1	6	26.82	4

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Warragul	5	1	274.12	20
Maffra	5	1	167.89	20
Traralgon	5	1	158.50	20
Drouin	5	2	157.28	20
Leongatha	4	2	211.61	16
Bairnsdale	2	4	72.77	8
Moe	2	5	63.70	8
Sale	0	6	38.73	0
Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0

FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Traralgon	6	0	610.43	24
Maffra	5	1	401.57	20
Moe	5	1	297.52	20
Wonthaggi	5	1	171.02	20
Bairnsdale	3	3	77.14	12
Sale	2	4	52.57	8
Leongatha	2	4	51.72	8
Drouin	1	5	65.64	

# Close match sees Breakers just miss out

THE BREAKERS welcomed Mornington in perfect weather for a Friday night clash under lights. The dewy conditions took a bit to get used to with both teams struggling with the slippery ball.

Mornington adjusted better and did most of the attacking in the first quarter. However, a cheeky toe poke by Jen Pompfrey on the goal line got the home side on the board and narrowed the margin going into the first break.

The Breakers won the first clearance with a beautifully read tap. Jenna Russo and Molly Conroy were combining well through the centre to clear the ball out and send it forward.

Carly Heislars' run and pressure on the wing was also having an impact. It was a much more even quarter with both teams defence under pressure but holding strong with the score line remaining unchanged at half time.

In the third quarter the Breakers made the most of Sophie McCracken-Evans continued dominance

in the ruck and drove the ball forward.

With the forwards doing a great job to lock the ball in it created plenty of opportunities. Tess Angarane found herself in a dangerous position at the top of the goal square, putting the home side in front.

Angarane snuck forward again, adding to her tally not long after. Mornington got one back late in the quarter, setting the scene for a close last term. With only a goal in it at the last break both teams took the intensity up a notch in what was a thrilling finish.

It was Mornington who made the most of their opportunities to sneak a couple of goals and take back the lead.

Final score: Mornington 4.4-28 def Breakers 3.4-22

Goals: Tess Angarane 2, Jen Pompfrey. Best: Jenna Russo, Tess Angarane, Molly Conroy. Sophie McCracken-Evans, Carly Heislars. Next week the Breakers face Edithvale-Aspendale at 4.40pm Saturday at Edithvale.



**Sophie McCracken-Evans continued her dominance in the ruck**



**Bruce Pratt has hit 1000 games on the footy field playing and umpiring.**

# 1000 games of football

IF YOUVE been around long enough, you will know, or at least would have seen Bruce Pratt on or around a footy field in Gippsland.

Over the past 55 years Bruce has racked up some pretty impressive statistics in the game, recently marking his 1000th game on the field playing or umpiring.

Between 1969 and 2013 Bruce played 415 games of footy, 97 for Juniors, 106 for Reserves and 212 in Seniors.

He did pretty well too. Winning the Under 16's Premiership in 1973 '74 and '75, the Reserves Premiership in '76, Reserves Best and Fairest in '94 and Seniors Best and Fairest in '78, together with the Seniors League Goal Kicking in '79 and '80 and Seniors Premierships '84 and '88.

In 1976 he played a match with his father Adie and they became the first known father and son duo to play together in the same team.

At the ripe old age of 39 Bruce decided to retire from playing footy, except for donning the boots again for one last special game in 2013.

The game was for his son Michael who needed a kidney transplant, with Bruce donating his own kidney. This would force both players into retirement, and they decided to play a final game together - with both pulling through the match and the surgery pretty well.

Bruce began umpiring before the turn of the Century and this year received an award for 25 years' service for umpiring both on field and goals.

He's umpired 585 games all across Gippsland. He umpired senior grand finals in 2011 and 2016, five reserves finals and seven junior grand finals.

And he's still going.

Football runs in Bruce's blood. His dad and eight uncles all played footy in the 1950s, and with his descendants playing for as long back as the records go, Bruce reckons,

"It was only inevitable that I was going to be playing at such a stage when I was old enough."

Bruce loves the game and it gives him an opportunity to switch off from work and turn his thoughts to something else.

"It's my outlet from the farm, but

also keeping fit and just enjoying being out there umpiring and giving back to the community."

While having good communication, composure and balance when umpiring is key according to Bruce, he also admits that,

"Composure is very hard at times, especially in a heated battle where there's rivalries between two teams, that have had a very long association with bad blood."

He also comments that it's important to enjoy umpiring and it opens up opportunities for others who don't want to or can't be on the ground playing.

"Being an umpire is another way of being up there and enjoying a sport (whatever sport that is) without the physical interaction with body contact, but they can still be up there running around, just like the people that are on the other side of the whistle playing".

Over all the years of playing and umpiring, Bruce's biggest regret was being overseas in America working in 1983 when all three of Ellinbank's footy teams won their grand finals.

"My mother rang up and I was at the top of the silo in America and I thought oh something's happened to Dad and she said, 'We just won all the football', and I thought gee, here I am over the other side of the world and I've missed out on that - the one and only time Ellinbank's ever done a triple."

But the good times have outweighed the bad and Bruce is grateful for the teams he's played with as well as the personal achievements with a memorable stint umpiring in seniors grand finals.

"While umpiring I never got a senior grand final until I was in my 50s. I guess that's a significant achievement, at that age when there's other people out there that are 22, 23, in their prime getting grand finals, so that was nice."

Bruce is still passionate about the game, passionate about contributing to the community and umpiring while he still can.

"I take every day, every match as a grand final because you never know, it could be your last game, because you never know what's going to happen tomorrow."

Congratulations Bruce.



STONY CREEK RACECOURSE & RECREATION RESERVE

# AGM

## Annual General Meeting

### LOCATION:

STONY CREEK FUNCTION ROOM

**TUESDAY  
JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>  
7:30pm**

### Meeting Agenda:

1. To announce current financials.
2. To appoint Committee of Management (Max. 9) for 3 Year Term.
3. General Business.

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# Giants claim a victory

KORUMBURRA-BENA found itself on the winner's list after amassing a 61-point win over Bunyip on Saturday.

The Seniors were in high spirits, taking to the field after the U16s, U18s and Reserves all enjoyed their own victories.

For the U18s, it was also the first win of the season.

The crowd got behind the Giants, with the club hosting its past players' function with more than 250 guests.

Coming off the back of National Volunteer Week, the club expressed its gratitude to all the members who put the time and effort in to make the day a success.

On the field, the match started slow with the Giants taking the first quarter to warm up.

With Bunyip sitting on the bottom of the ladder, the Giants appeared to have an "easy win" mentality, but the opposition was there to prove that wasn't going to be the case.

The score was relatively even in the first quarter, with the Giants taking a slim eight-point lead.

A word from coach Josh Hopkins at quarter time kicked the Giants into gear, and they went on to play the kind of footy they had been working on all season.

The Giants showed consistency for the remaining three quarters – averaging four goals per quarter – and produced an exceptional team performance.

Hopkins led by example and proved to be one of best players on the day, covering most of the ground – including the midfield and down back – and coming forward to ultimately kick four goals for the game.

Nick Besley and Tom Crocker also delivered great performances, contributing three goals each.

Goal scoring was shared between seven goalkickers, indicative of Korumburra-Bena's strong forward line rotation.

The backline – led by Tyler Newton and Zach Walker – was also very strong, limiting Bunyip's opportunities to hit the scoreboard.



Korumburra Bena gets a quick kick away during a competitive opening to its match against Bunyip. A37\_2224

This was Walker's first game for the season after injury, and he proved he is going to be a real asset for the Giants going forward.

By the end of the final quarter, the Giants had gained a 10-goal lead.

Four goals were added to the tally in the last quarter, while Bunyip only managed to add a few extra points.

Korumburra-Bena will be facing Garfield in its next match.

Garfield has performed similarly to Korumburra-Bena this season, so the Giants are hoping to continue their hard work at training and make it two in a row.



Giant Tom Crocker goals from a seemingly impossible position during Korumburra's win over Bunyip, finishing with three majors. A38\_2224

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 7

### KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

**93** **32**

	KORUMBURRA-BENA	BUNYIP
Kor-Bena	3.3	6.4
Bunyip	2.1	3.4
<b>GOALS, Kor-Bena:</b>	Josh Hopkins 4, Nicholas Besley, Tom Crocker 3, Zachary Barrett, Kye Benson, Lachlan Smith, Zach Walker 1 each	
<b>BEST:</b>	Josh Hopkins, Byron Walker, Zach Walker, Tyler Newton, Tom Crocker, Nicholas Besley	
<b>GOALS, Bunyip:</b>	Tahj Murphy 2, Liam Marson, Ben Stewart 1 each	
<b>BEST:</b>	Alex Dijkstra, Lachlan Petch, Reid Jenkin, Liam Marson, Dylan McDougal, Timothy Henschel	

### RESERVES

	KORUMBURRA-BENA	BUNYIP
Kor-Bena	2.2	7.5
Bunyip	0.1	1.1
<b>GOALS, Kor-Bena:</b>	Codie Anderson, Nash Beavis, William Croatto, Jasper Macri 2, Patrick Beadel, Jack Crocker, Jack Donohue, Jed Harris, Jake Kelly 1 each	
<b>BEST:</b>	Codie Anderson, Jack Spencer, Jesse Harris, Nash Beavis, Jasper Macri, Alex Walker	
<b>GOALS, Bunyip:</b>	Zach Gallahar, Mitchell Smith 1 each	
<b>BEST:</b>	Dalton Lawrence, Brendan Vandborg, James Adams, Daniel Lewis, Ben Simpson, Ryan Lewis	

### THIRDS

	KORUMBURRA-BENA	BUNYIP
Kor-Bena	4.5	6.10
Bunyip	1.0	1.1
<b>GOALS, Kor-Bena:</b>	Chase De Grandi, Jake Fowles 2, Jack Crocker, Bailey Fowles, Max Fowles, Raph Jefferis, Lucas Jones, Hayden Simcock 1 each	
<b>BEST:</b>	Caleb Turton, Jake Fowles, Max Fowles, Chase De Grandi, Jack Crocker, Noah Belvedere	
<b>GOALS, Bunyip:</b>	Zach Gallahar 3, Chevy Lacunes 2, Samuel Hughes 1	
<b>BEST:</b>	Ethan Cooke, Rylan Berryman, Cody Welch, Alexander McKenzie, Dalton Lawrence, Ryan Cooke	

### FOURTHS

	KORUMBURRA-BENA	BUNYIP
Kor-Bena	6.3	39
Bunyip	1.3	9

	KORUMBURRA-BENA	BUNYIP
Kor-Bena	4.5	22
Bunyip	1.0	1.1
<b>GOALS, Kor-Bena:</b>	Chase De Grandi, Kaiden DeGrandi, Lucas Jones, Billie Wrigley, Dylan Wyhoun 1 each	
<b>BEST:</b>	Hamish Withall, Max Fowles, Billie Wrigley, Jayden Douglas, Kruz Tucker, Blake Hopwood,	
<b>GOALS, Bunyip:</b>	Lachlan Knight 1	
<b>BEST:</b>	Hayden Cooke, Kade Poole, Lachlan Knight, Dean Schultz, Owen Marson, Heath Mollison	

### DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

**90** **56**

	TOORADIN-DAL	DALYSTON
Tooradin-Dal	3.0	7.6
Dalyston	2.3	2.4
<b>GOALS, Tooradin-Dal:</b>	Piva Wright 4, Charlie Shinners 3, Nicholas Lang 2, Logan Downe, Johnny Duff, Lewis Hill, Panos Papas 1 each	
<b>BEST:</b>	Connor O'Riordan, Matthew Buntine, Piva Wright, Nicholas Lang, Lewis Hill, Luke McKenna	
<b>GOALS, Dalyston:</b>	Stewart Beaumont 2, Koby Brann, Jaxon Foon, Mitch Hallahan, Jack Legione, Brad Monson, Jack Sheerin 1 each	
<b>BEST:</b>	William Clarke, Private player, Fraser West, Brad Monson, Kyle Kirk, Joe Alexander	

### RESERVES

	TOORADIN-DAL	DALYSTON
Tooradin-Dal	11.4	19.7
Dalyston	0.0	0.0
<b>GOALS, Tooradin-Dal:</b>	Jake O'Donnell 5, Julian Suarez 4, Timothy Lenders, Anthony Mirauta 3, Danyon Blew, Brett Coffey, Darcy Wright 2, Joshua Cope, Troy Dolan, Adam Galea, Jack Grist, Jordan Jones, Corey Provan, Alexander Sabbatucci, Joshua Trezise 1 each	
<b>BEST:</b>	Julian Suarez, Jake O'Donnell, Adam Galea, Corey Provan, Jordan Jones, Troy Dolan	
<b>BEST, Dalyston:</b>	Alexander Geyer, Harry West, Chase Krause, Samuel Alexander, Philip Waugh, Ben McRae	

### THIRDS

	TOORADIN-DAL	DALYSTON
Tooradin-Dal	3.6	5.7
Dalyston	0.1	2.2
<b>GOALS, Tooradin-Dal:</b>	Chayse Campbell 5, Jayden Worrall 2, Lachlan Plant, Adam Zoobi 1	
<b>BEST:</b>	Kyan Kerslake, Harrison Hardy, Harry Siniakis, Chayse Campbell, Daniel Ahern, Aaron Knight	

	TOORADIN-DAL	DALYSTON
Tooradin-Dal	3.6	8.8
Dalyston	0.1	4.3
<b>GOALS, Dalyston:</b>	Jesse Dugard 2, Chase Krause, Noah Shepherd, Max Toler 1 each	
<b>BEST:</b>	Max Toler, Mackenzie Cameron, Noah Shepherd, Ryan Cargill, Edward Wines, Harry Howell	

### FOURTHS

	TOORADIN-DAL	DALYSTON
Tooradin-Dal	13.9	87
Dalyston	0.1	1
<b>GOALS, Tooradin-Dal:</b>	Hudson Rogers, Jayden Worrall 4, Jack Gillespie 3, Joel Cochrane, Kasy Deren 1 each	
<b>BEST:</b>	Jayden Worrall, Joel Cochrane, Kasy Deren, Jacob Cameron, Darcy Freeman, Noah Baker	

	TOORADIN-DAL	DALYSTON
Tooradin-Dal	13.9	87
Dalyston	0.1	1
<b>GOALS, Dalyston:</b>	Malachi Ori, Luke Franks, Riley Pearson-rutland, Jack Howell, Tom Humphris, Zack Hughes	
<b>BEST, Dalyston:</b>	Malachi Ori, Luke Franks, Riley Pearson-rutland, Jack Howell, Tom Humphris, Zack Hughes	

## Vast upside for undermanned Magpies

DALYSTON showed their supporters positive signs of progression despite Tooradin-Dalmore landing a 34-point victory on their home deck.

Having made three additional changes, the injury riddled Magpies entered the game with a steely determination and were not at all starstruck by their more feted opponents.

The Seagulls may have believed they were in for an easy day when Papas goaled in the first minute, but Dalyston brought their pressure game with excellent tackling, smothering and harassing stalling their hosts.

Mid-point of the first Duff found open space to add their second before captain-coach

Mitch Hallahan posted the Magpies' first, rewarded for a great tackle.

Lewis Hill, caught high, kept Tooradin ahead with the next, however the ensuing centre clearance that went direct to Jaxon Foon was indicative of the cleaner skill set Dalyston could deliver.

The youngster marked strongly and completed the deal with laser-like precision.

A mere three-point quarter time lead was not enough for the Seagulls liking and they pressed hard early in the second. Goals to Downe and Lang gave them breathing space but Clarke, West and Alexander weren't allowing easy entries to their forward 50.

Imposing big man Piva Wright finally found front position to add the next before a speculative kick by Downe was paid a controversial six points late to create a 32-point buffer at the main break.

Two quick goals at the resumption to Shinners, the first coming coast to coast and the second from a deep forward stoppage, would at other times have seen Dalyston fade out of the contest, but they quickly found a new gear.

The Magpies maintained possession and connected to outside runners and goals to Brad Monson and first-gamer Caleb Kilgour resulted from this composure.

Fifty points down, Dalyston

didn't leave their resolve in the final huddle. The last quarter demonstrated their potential as they kicked four goals to one for the term.

The fearless Jack Legione and recent inclusions Coby Brann and Stewie Beaumont completed some excellent build-ups from their teammates further afield as Dalyston wound in the margin.

The difference in the end, 34 points, which is a ten-goal improvement from the team's corresponding clash in 2023.

Dalyston will hope to continue this revival as they welcome Phillip Island for Community Round when the club will be raising funds to Fight MND.

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## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Warragul Industrials **12.19.91** d Koo Wee Rup **9.7.61**  
Phillip Island **15.6.96** d Inverloch-Kongwak **9.12.66**  
Tooradin-Dalmore **13.12.90** d Dalyston **8.8.56**  
Cora Lynn **13.4.82** d Nar Nar Goon **11.13.79**  
Korumburra-Bena **14.9.93** d Bunyip **4.8.32**  
Kilcunda-Bass **17.11.113** d Garfield **2.7.19**

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High flying Panther Travis Tuck works his opponent under the ball.



Nathan Foote navigates his way through three Garfield players. Photos: Anna Carson

## IN OTHER GAMES...

## SENIORS

Warragul Ind 12.19.91 d Koo Wee Rup 9.7.61  
Cora Lynn 13.4.82 d Nar Nar Goon 11.13.79

## RESERVES

Koo Wee Rup 15.14.104 d Warragul Ind 7.3.45  
Nar Nar Goon 9.4.58 d Cora Lynn 6.5.41

## THIRDS

Warragul Ind 5.7.37 d Koo Wee Rup 5.6.36

## FOURTHS

Warragul Ind 6.5.41 d Koo Wee Rup 3.5.23

## THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

## ELLINBANK

ROUND 9

Lang Lang v Ellinbank  
Neerim South v Poowong  
Buln Buln v Nilma Darnum  
Yarragon v Catani  
Trafalgar v Longwarry  
Nyora - BYE

## GIPPSLAND

ROUND 8

Leongatha v Bairnsdale  
Sale v Morwell  
Traralgon v Maffra  
Warragul v Moe  
Wonthaggi v Drouin

## MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 8

Foster v Stony Creek  
Hill End v Mirboo North  
Boolarra v Toora  
Yinnar v Thorpdale  
MDU v Newborough  
Fish Creek v Tarwin  
Morwell East - BYE

## WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 8

Koo Wee Rup v Cora Lynn  
Inverloch-Kongwak v Tooradin-Dalmore  
Dalyston v Phillip Island  
Nar Nar Goon v Kilcunda-Bass  
Bunyip v Warragul Industrials  
Garfield v Korumburra-Bena

## Panthers pounce on another win



Lochlan Scott takes a mark for Kilcunda-Bass

KILCUNDA-BASS revelled in its 94-point win over Garfield on Saturday.

Historically, Garfield has posed a threat to Kilcunda-Bass, and the Panthers were pleased to come away with a victory.

This week, Kilcunda-Bass hosted its Indigenous Round and Garfield was on board to show its support.

This is an initiative of the Kilcunda-Bass Football Netball Club that continues to grow each year.

The match was played out at the Bass Recreation Reserve in ideal conditions with no wind advantage.

The Panthers made a statement with a strong opening quarter, kicking five goals and leaving Garfield scoreless.

Kilcunda-Bass' defensive pressure continued to work well, orchestrated by Joe West and Steven Scott.

The Panthers continued to overpower Garfield in the second quarter, adding four more goals to the scoreboard.

Young gun Jed Rosenow gave a solid performance after finding himself in the midfield.

Rosenow usually plays on the wing or up forward but was impressive in the midfield and was responsible for two great clearances in the second quarter.

This is Rosenow's first year out of the U18s, and he becomes more and more of an asset in the Senior every week.

By halftime, Garfield remained scoreless while the Panthers were dangerous in the forward line.

Anthony Daraio was hitting his targets and kicked five for the day.

Travis Tuck also made the most of his opportunities and accumulated three goals.

However, Kilcunda-Bass was began to battle in the second half and had no bench from five minutes into the last quarter onwards.

The backline continued to restrict Garfield's opportunities – keeping it to one goal per quarter – but the Panthers were forced to change their game by the final term.

Instead of challenging Garfield to chase, the Panthers reverted to a more straightforward game and worked to conserve energy to push them through to the end and a pleasing outcome.

Kilcunda-Bass will have a challenge on its hands this Saturday as it comes up against the formidable Nar Nar Goon.

Nar Nar Goon is coming off its first loss this weekend and Kilcunda-Bass is quietly confident it is in healthy enough shape to be a contender.



Zac Walker gains control of the ball before booting it. Photo: Carol Ratcliff.

## Phillip Island overwhelms Inverloch in thrilling upset

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The third quarter was an arm wrestle with the defence strengthening on both sides.

Luke Johnson was a force to be reckoned with down the back, with Xavier Hughes also giving a strong performance.

Marcus Toussaint played a solid game in the ruck, giving the Island's Daniel Bourke a run.

Jordan Bertacco came out of the U18s to play another game for the Seniors and held his own on the wing.

Inverloch-Kongwak focused on putting pressure on the stoppages and getting the game back on its terms.

However, things took a turn when Will Hams was stretchered off the ground with an elbow injury.

The game was paused for around 15 minutes, waiting for the arrival of an ambulance.

Sea Eagle supporters feared a break, but it has been reported Hams received a better result and has dislocated his elbow.

The game reconvened for a jam-packed final quarter, as both teams hit the scoreboard, giving it all they had.

Inverloch-Kongwak came within two kicks of the Island, but the Bulldogs doubled down and fought back.

The Sea Eagles missed an opportunity in front of goal, allowing Phillip Island to send the Sherrin back into its forward line for another goal.

As the final siren sounded, Phillip Island celebrated a well-earned 30-point victory, signalling their potential to challenge for the top spots this season.

The final score highlighted not just their offensive capabilities but also their defensive strength.

This win will undoubtedly boost Phillip Island's confidence and position them as a formidable contender in the league.

Phillip Island will challenge Dalyston at Dalyston this Saturday.

Inverloch-Kongwak will contend with Tooradin-Dalmore, which will prove to be an important match.



Inverloch-Kongwak's Nick Baltas is on the move away from this stoppage getting the ball going his team's way under plenty of pressure from Phillip Island in brilliant sunshine at Cowes.



IK onballer Will Hams is taken in a tackle by Phillip Island counterpart Charlie Bruce as the Island gets on top early in the match of the day in West Gippsland.

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

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### KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

**KILCUNDA-BASS** 113 **GARFIELD** 19

**Kilcunda-Bass** 5.2 9.7 14.10 17.11 (113) **Garfield** 0.2 0.1 1.4 2.7 (19)

**GOALS, K-Bass:** Anthony Daraio 5, Travis Tuck 3, Owen Thomas 2, Bradley Aldwell, Benjamin Eddy, Nathan Foote, Timothy Gunn, Dean McRae, Jonathon Rocotas, Jake Weightman 1 each

**BEST:** Travis Tuck, Benjamin Eddy, Jonathon Rocotas, Steven Scott, Anthony Daraio, Joseph West

**GOALS, Garfield:** Angus Emery, Jack Tenace-Greenall 1 each

**BEST:** Callum Tyler, Zac Soutar, Noah Rogers, Joshua Evans, Theo Zaccari, Finn Hower

### RESERVES

**Kilcunda-Bass** 4.3 9.6 11.8 12.12 (84) **Garfield** 0.0 0.2 2.5 3.6 (24)

**GOALS, K-Bass:** Trent Cartmel 3, Jack Rosenow, Cooper Smith 2, Darcy Clay, Angus McGillivray, Scott Pugh, Isaac Sinniah, Phillip Winmar 1 each

**BEST:** Darcy Clay, William Speed, Trent Cartmel, Lleyton Cartmel, Dylan Susic, Cooper Smith

**GOALS, Garfield:** Jack Salan 2, Luke Wilson 1

**BEST:** Nate Vandenbrouck, Oliver Whibley, Elliot Kennedy, Cory Whelan, Jack Salan

### FOURTHS

**Kilcunda-Bass** 1.0 1.0 1.1 2.1 (13) **Garfield** 5.2 9.4 10.9 15.12 (102)

**GOALS, K-Bass:** Riley Eden, Perry McKay 1 each

**BEST:** Blake Eden, Riley Eden, Jasper Saunders, Taye Prasad-Taylor, Perry McKay, Noahh Tuite

**GOALS, Garfield:** Ethan Coote, Joseph Hardiman 4, Chara Wangkaew, Joseph Zaccari 2, Maarten Braaksma, Jedd Clarke, Kai Kelsey 1 each

**BEST:** Joseph Zaccari, Chara Wangkaew, Joseph Hardiman, Joel Turner, Xavier Telford, Maarten Braaksma

### PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

### INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

**PHILLIP ISLAND** 96 **INVERLOCH-K** 66

**Phillip Island** 6.3 8.5 9.5 15.6 (96) **Inverloch-K** 4.3 4.7 4.10 9.12 (66)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Billy Taylor 5, Jack Taylor 4, Jordy Patullo 2, Hayden Bruce, Yianni Caffieri, Finlay Cousins, Bryce Hindhaugh 1 each

**BEST:** Kai Mackenzie, Jack Taylor, Hayden Bruce, Max Walton, Zac Walker, Jordy Patullo

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Dylan Clark, Taite Cumming 2, Will Hams, Jarvis Harvey, Toby Mahoney, Paul Pattison, Oscar Toussaint 1 each

**BEST:** Luke Johnson, Xavier Hughes, Andrew Soumilas, Paul Pattison, Lewis Rankin, Marcus Toussaint

### RESERVES

**Phillip Island** 2.2 2.2 3.2 5.4 (34) **Inverloch-K** 1.3 1.4 2.7 5.9 (39)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Nick Anderson, James Nicolaci, Brady Ross, Ben Taylor, Travis Woodfield 1 each

**BEST:** Jay Ladson, Thomas Macrokanis, Brayden Kleverkamp, Thomas Niven, Travis Woodfield, Max Mattock

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Trent Bacon, Blake Green, Reegan Kemp, Liam O'Neill, Dylan Taylor 1 each

**BEST:** Trent Bacon, Ashton Hewitson, Max Burton, Dale Lawton, Campbell Scott, Sasha Allen

### THIRDS

**Phillip Island** 12.13 (85) **Inverloch-K** 3.2 (20)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Jack Huther 4, Eden Goldsbury, Finn O'Brien 2, Oliver Duggan, Noah Forrest Mabilia, Max Taylor 1 each

**BEST:** Noah Forrest Mabilia, Oliver Duggan, Charles O'Garey, Max Taylor, James Lewis, Bailey Hennessy

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Brayden Bertacco, Zak Box, Rem Dal Pozzo 1 each

**BEST:** Jasper Cousins, Zak Box, Brayden Bertacco, Jack Hosking, Patrick Dwyer, Andrew Nowell

### FOURTHS

**Phillip Island** 3.1 4.6 5.7 9.8 (62) **Inverloch-K** 0.1 2.1 2.3 3.3 (21)

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** No players named.

**BEST:** Jeremy Kelly, Harrison Carlon, Charlie Fischer, Dean Rizzo, Xavier Williams, Parker Trappett

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** No players named.

**BEST:** James Martin, Frederick Soumilas, Harrison Foster, James O'Neill, Harry Ashmore, Harvey Sorensen

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

ROUND 7

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts av
Nar Nar Goon	6	1	345.35	24	Inverloch-K	7	0	382.39	28	Phillip Island	5	0	462.89	4.00	Phillip Island	6	0	1083.3	4.00
Inverloch-K	6	1	246.43	24	Tooradin-Dal	6	1	627.94	24	Garfield	4	1	105.88	3.20	Inverloch-K	5	1	407.14	3.33
Cora Lynn	5	1	236.77	22	Nar Nar Goon	6	1	583.10	24	Warragul Ind	5	2	169.46	2.86	Tooradin-Dal	5	1	343.10	3.33
Phillip Island	5	1	152.16	22	Kilcunda-Bass	5	2	279.43	20	Nar Nar Goon	4	2	238.26	2.67	Warragul Ind	5	2	137.26	2.86
Tooradin-Dal	5	2	204.08	20	Cora Lynn	5	2	188.89	20	Inverloch-K	3	2	161.29	2.40	Nar Nar Goon	4	2	184.09	2.67
Kilcunda-Bass	5	2	156.25	20	Phillip Island	4	3	174.22	16	Dalyston	3	4	113.27	1.71	Garfield	3	3	116.67	2.00
Warragul Ind	3	4	96.33	12	Garfield	3	4	84.98	12	Tooradin-Dal	2	3	99.58	1.60	Kor-Bena	3	3	88.39	2.00
Dalyston	2	5	79.61	8	Koo Wee Rup	2	5	75.18	8	Kor-Bena	1	4	16.84	0.80	Bunyip	2	4	33.68	1.33
Garfield	2	5	36.31	8	Dalyston	2	5	27.15	8	Koo Wee Rup	1	5	62.13	0.67	Koo Wee Rup	1	6	55.95	0.57
Koo Wee Rup	1	6	61.50	4	Kor-Bena	1	6	32.03	4	Bunyip	0	5	19.53	0.00	Kilcunda-Bass	1	6	22.44	0.57
Kor-Bena	1	6	39.16	4	Warragul Ind	1	6	25.59	4	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00	Dalyston	0	7	9.32	0.00
Bunyip	0	7	7.46	0	Bunyip	0	7	3.82	0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

## Phillip Island overwhelms Inverloch in thrilling upset



IN a thrilling and unexpected turn of events, Phillip Island emerged victorious over last year's premiers Inverloch with a decisive 30-point win.

The underdogs came out blazing in the grand final rematch, setting the tone of the match right from the first quarter.

Phillip Island's early dominance was marked by an impressive offensive display, kicking the first five goals of the game to put Inverloch on the back foot.

Inverloch wasn't ready to run such a gauntlet early but adapted to add four of its own goals.

However, Phillip Island continued to outhunt the Sea Eagles and had one more goal left in them before the quarter was out.

Kai McKenzie was instrumental in Phillip Island's success, providing relentless dash and drive from the half-back line.

His ability to intercept and transition the ball quickly turned defence into attack, repeatedly putting Inverloch under pressure and contributing significantly to the early goal spree.

By the end of the first quarter, Phillip Island had established a strong lead, and despite Inverloch's efforts to claw back into the game, it was unable to match the intensity and efficiency of its opponents.

Phillip Island's cohesive team play, and tactical prowess kept it ahead.

After a sluggish game in the previous week, Phillip Island looked a different team with a renewed hunger.

The second quarter was a tight contest, with Inverloch-Kongwak struggling to convert its opportunities.

Phillip Island was smashing the Sea Eagles in the clearances, and Inverloch-Kongwak worked hard to even things up in the middle.

With Aaron Harris down back hitting his strides and young guns Cooper Walton and Zac Walker growing in confidence the Island was looking strong in all facets of their game.

Billy and Jack Taylor combined for nine goals with senior players Hayden Bruce and Jaymie Youle combining well though the middle.

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**LEFT: Max Walton goes up for the mark for Phillip Island.** Photo: Carol Ratcliff.

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