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HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR LOCAL DAIRY FARMERS

Last Thursday, June 1 was World Milk Day. It was also a big day for local dairy farmers with the release of milk prices for the 2023-24 season. See details inside. Berrys Creek dairy farmer, Cor Koedoot, was hoping for a bit more, rating the opening price as "a good start". But there's more to life. A marketing and management consultant in Holland, he moved to South Gippsland 12 years ago to go farming with his wife Grace, and he says they couldn't be happier with the lifestyle it offers his family.

Tourism fears over land tax

VENUS Bay's reliance on the holiday rental market and tourism in general means the recent Victorian Government additional land tax imposition on those with more than one property has triggered serious concern, with the town's Alex Scott & Staff team fielding numerous questions and experiencing heightened anxiety from many clients.

Those who pay land tax will attract what the Victorian Government claims is a temporary additional fixed charge from 1 January 2024, starting at \$500 for landholdings between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

There will be a \$975 fixed charge for landholdings above \$100,000 and the

tax rates will increase by 0.1% for both general and trust taxpayers with holdings above \$300,000 and \$250,000 respectively, with that increase again labelled temporary by the State Government.

The Government estimates these changes will raise \$4.7 billion over four years to repay COVID debt.

Overall, it indicates the additional charges for those paying land tax are expected to apply until 30 June 2033.

"There's a lot of angst," Dan Lawrie, director of Alex Scott & Staff Venus Bay said, explaining the agency is often the first point of contact for those worried about dealing with additional costs.

He stressed that many of those who put their Venus Bay properties on the short-term rental market are hardworking young families who are putting in long hours, often paying off mortgages on their property in the tourist hamlet as well as one in Melbourne.

Many now rent their holiday properties out in peak tourist season helping meet their mortgage repayments, spending valuable family time at those properties during other periods of the year.

Paying off loans is already challenging for many due to rising interest rates and increased costs of living.

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Venus Bay booms

MEDIAN house prices in Venus Bay have skyrocketed in the past five years rising by 133%.

According to a report from PropTrack the places that saw the biggest increases in median house prices in the past five years include Bright, with a 152% increase in median house price in 5 years to \$1,285,000, Venus Bay with a 133% increase in median house price in 5 years from \$392,000 to \$687,000 and Trentham, a 127% increase in median house price in 5 years to \$1,260,000.

Dan Lawrie from Alex Scott and Staff, Venus Bay, commented that house prices in the area were starting to creep up prior to COVID.

"The two or three years prior to COVID in Venus Bay actually was rising up and up anyway which was interesting. People forgot that because COVID kind of overshadowed the whole thing. There was a supercharge in price increase over the COVID period, but prior to that it was actually going up fairly steadily year on year anyway."

However, with lockdowns and office closures during COVID, young families from the south eastern suburbs of Melbourne within about a two hour drive began to flock to the area pushing up prices.

Young families are the typical demographic Dan has seen buying in Venus Bay over the past 20 years and COVID didn't seem to change this.

"The largest percentage of buyers we find are young families and there's not too many retirees that actually buy to come down here, they more set themselves up in Wonthaggi or Leongatha."

"A lot of the people that bought down here in COVID, they kind of had plans anyway to buy in Venus Bay, but their plans were probably two to five years off doing it, but COVID kind of fast tracked that."

"With everyone coming down and having a bit of a fight over properties and wanting to get the properties they were after; the prices went up a bit to this nice sort of median of about \$650,000."

While Alex Scott and Staff still see a decent market for

holiday homes, it is families with children of pre sporting age still dominating, who were able to work from home and enjoy a beach side lifestyle.

"Typically, what was happening was, they'd buy a house down here and they'd live in it down here and they'd rent out their Melbourne house. Some of those people are still down here, some of them, their offices opened back up again so they've ended up going back."

"What they're doing with their houses, they've kind of swapped, so they're living again in their houses in Melbourne and they're renting their houses out in Venus Bay."

Dan has also seen people who live beyond the south eastern suburbs, such as those from Greensborough starting to purchase because it's become quicker and easier to travel to the area.

"It used to just be the south eastern suburbs, Knox, Boronia and Fern Tree Gully and places like that, now it's further out because the Freeways are much better."

There are blocks of land available for purchase in

Venus Bay for the relatively reasonable price of \$250,000.

According to Dan, the sale of blocks has slowed down because of the lack of availability of building materials, tradesmen and the extended timeframes to build due to a back log of applications. This has seen people sticking to purchasing an existing home, even if it's a bit older.

"Prior to COVID there was a heck a lot of blocks being sold. A lot of those blocks are in the council pipeline now."

"Blocks will be quiet, there are one or two, a handful going, but they'll be a little bit quieter for a little while."

Dan says despite the rise in the median price, it's still a good time and a good area to buy in.

"It's still always a great market down here and there's always great buying opportunities. We're still really well priced comparatively to surrounding areas. We're still the only place two hours from Melbourne where you can have the beach and the river and Wilsons Prom just up the road."



POLICE BRIEFS

Unlicenced driver found driving

WONTHAGGI Police intercepted a 53-year-old male driving a white Toyota Landcruiser who didn't have a driver's licence.

The incident occurred on Sunday, June 4 at approximately 9:45pm, in Hicksborough Way, North Wonthaggi.

The vehicle will be impounded for 30 days, at a cost to the man of \$1,290.00.

The man will be required to appear in the Magistrates' Court to explain his actions.

Police get two for one

A 28-YEAR-OLD disqualified driver who claimed to be her sister, was driving an unroadworthy and unregistered BMW in Wonthaggi on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 31.

Police intercepted the vehicle driven by the Mount Waverley woman and quickly worked out her real identity.

The vehicle was subsequently impounded for 30 days, at a cost to the driver of \$1,290.00. The driver will face court.

The matter didn't end there as the passenger, a 42-year-old male from Cape Woolamai, also had some reasons for not wanting to be in an intercepted vehicle, as the passenger was needing to be arrested for unrelated matters, which they were.

Unsafe e-scooter rider

BASS Coast Highway Patrol recently pulled up a 17-year-old male who was riding along Phillip Island Road on an e-scooter without a helmet and using a mobile telephone.

This rider walked home with two infringement notices.

Some of the laws have changed regarding e-scooters and other types of electric vehicles and can be found on the Victoria Police website.

Man allegedly found with amphetamines

POLICE intercepted and searched a vehicle on Main Street Foster, driven by a 47-year-old man who was wanted for possession of drugs.

Just before 7:00pm on Monday, May 29, police were patrolling Main Street in Foster at which time they located a vehicle which was driven by the male.

Drugs were allegedly located in the vehicle and the male has been charged with possession of amphetamines.

The man has been bailed to appear at the Korumburra Magistrates' Court in July.

These reports are sourced from Eyewatch - Bass Coast Police Service Area Facebook page.



Across Korumburra and Leongatha, 212 people may wait for up to two years on the public housing wait lists.

Mr O'Brien said his office has recently received an unprecedented amount of calls querying why social housing properties right across South Gippsland appear to be being left to sit vacant.

"I am calling on the Minister to explain why I keep getting reports and requests from my constituents about empty public housing in Gippsland," Mr O'Brien said.

"In the last six months or more in particular, I have been receiving reports from

people who are concerned that public housing is sitting vacant at a time when we have a significant waiting list for people looking for public housing and there is also pressure on our private housing sector, which of course is putting downward pressure on the public housing market.

"I have reports of vacant homes in Sale, Foster and Korumburra just in the last few months and each time we have followed them up there has been either a reason or an

excuse from the department."

Mr O'Brien said he understood that it was reasonable for houses to be vacant for brief periods of time while there is a changeover in tenants, when there is the death of a tenant, when there are repairs being undertaken or of course when there is construction.

But with the public housing waitlist continuing to balloon he wanted assurances that there were no unnecessary delays in getting a roof over vulnerable Victorian's heads.

"I would like to know what the current number of vacant public housing properties in Gippsland is, what the current time period is that homes are vacant, what the current maintenance backlog is for public housing in Gippsland and indeed what the current waiting list is for the Gippsland region."

The Minister's office was contacted for comment but did not respond in time for this week's deadline.

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6 Day Weather Forecast

SOUTH GIPPSLAND



TUE | June 6

Early shower or two.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

10° 19°



WED | June 7

Showers increasing.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

11° 19°



THUR | June 8

Rain easing
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

11° 16°



FRI | June 9

Showers
Wind AM: NW 20-30km/h
Wind PM: W 15-25km/h

9° 14°



SAT | June 10

Shower or two.
Wind AM: W 20-30km/h
Wind PM: NW 15-20km/h

7° 14°



SUN | June 11

Mostly sunny.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

6° 15°

IN BRIEF

Renters Rights advice

WONTHAGGI Neighbourhood Centre will hold a monthly Renters Rights session from 3.00-4.30pm on Thursday, June 8.

Lawyers from Gippsland Community Legal Service will offer confidential advice for tenants. To book a place, please call 56723731 or reception@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com

Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, 6 Murray St, Wonthaggi

Wonthaggi joins Push Up Challenge

VOLUNTEERS from Wonthaggi CFA are currently taking part in the Push-Up Challenge - push for better.

So far, they have each completed 401 of the 3144 Push-Ups and decided to add to the challenge by completing part of their count with a breathing apparatus set on to add some weight.

If you wish to donate visit - <https://shorturl.at/vBER9>

V/Line boost for Korumburra seniors

USING public transport will be easier for the Korumburra community from this week with The Burra Hardware set to sell V/Line tickets.

The necessary infrastructure will be installed on Wednesday June 7, with tickets to be available once that process is complete.

Owner of The Burra Hardware, Leanne O'Neill received praise from the Korumburra Business Association for her proactive approach to making V/Line tickets available locally following last year's newsagency fire.

"I looked at getting V/Line and Tattersalls in here just to keep them in the town," Leanne said.

While Tattersalls didn't work out to be a practical option for the hardware business, Leanne has taken a committed approach to bringing the V/Line agency to fruition.

She has been in contact with

V/Line since August last year, signing a contract a couple of months ago.

The new V/Line agency is great news for many Korumburra seniors with transport vouchers, now able to have tickets printed in a convenient township location.

The Burra Hardware is located at 87-89 Commercial Street Korumburra.

It opens 8.30am until 5pm Monday to Friday and 9am until 12pm on Saturday.

Supporting local family through tragedy

A GOFUNDME has been launched to raise much needed funds for the family of Rhiannon Drake who was tragically killed in a car accident recently.

According to the fundraiser, Rhiannon, a Ventnor resident, leaves behind her partner Steven and four children as well as stepchildren.

Due to her sudden death, there was no funeral arrangements in place and funds will be used to help cover the costs of a funeral as well as bills and groceries.

There is also a Donations Trolley at Coles in Cowes where people can leave items to help the family.

To make a donation, visit <https://gofund.me/2b995c1f>

Calling all artists

THE SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is calling on all artists with experience in delivering high quality murals to put forward an expression on interest.

The Leongatha railway yards have been falling into disrepair since the railway line closed in 1993.

Now, 30 years later, the Leongatha Railway Precinct is undergoing a major redevelopment to better serve the Leongatha community and visitors to the region.

It is anticipated that the precinct will become a destination for people using the rail trail

and for community groups to hold events such as markets.

The Railway Precinct Mural Project seeks to transform this rear facade from a plain grey surface to one that engages the community and activates the refurbished site.

South Gippsland Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest from artists with experience in both delivering high quality murals and liaising with stakeholders for this upcoming project.

For more information and/or to find out how to apply, please head to council's website.

Demolition of unsafe Leongatha buildings

LEONGATHA'S former kindergarten and the old RSL annex, which occupy RSL land opposite Leongatha Library, are currently being demolished in the interests of safety.

Leongatha RSL secretary Noel Laing said the buildings were deemed beyond repair.

There are not yet any plans for the future use of the site.

Another big day for Wonthaggi Freemasons

IT IS established custom for every Freemasons Lodge at a stated time once a year to elect from its members a skilled craftsman to preside over them as master for the ensuing year.

Accordingly, we installed Graeme Parry as the Worshipful Master of the Woolamai Daylight Lodge on Tuesday, May 16.

After the ceremony members were treated to a terrific banquet, courtesy of Bronwyn, Graeme's wife, and some willing helpers.

Ken Barnes said it is well known that Bass Coast is becoming ever popular with retirees and if any of you are Freemasons who have become detached from their lodge, then you will be most welcome to join us as members.

"We meet on the third Tuesday

of each month at 10am and the Powlett Lodge meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. Both meet in the Masonic centre, Edgar Street as well as Mark and Chapter and several other orders of Masonry."

Contacts are as follows: Woolamai Daylight Lodge, Vern Lockenhoff - 0411 737 447 or Powlett Lodge, David Kent - 0418 384 768

New Baromi Park toilet block a step closer

PLANS for a new toilet block in Baromi Park Mirboo North are advancing, with the project now in the design phase.

Work will be carried out by Landmark Engineering Pty Ltd, trading as Modus Australia.

"They're expecting to sign off on the designs soon and then it goes into manufacturing," a council spokesperson said of the project.

Once components are manufactured, there are expected to be a few weeks of work onsite at Baromi Park.

The new toilet block will likely be completed by Spring.

Nyora youth stole a taxi

CASEY Crime Investigation Unit detectives have charged three people following a car-jacking in Cranbourne East on Tuesday, May 23.

One of them is a 14-year-old male from Nyora, arrested during a planned operation in Narre Warren, Nyora and Cranbourne East.

Investigators allege a taxi driver picked up three male passengers on Barnby Grove just before 5am.

It's alleged the males, armed with a knife, threatened the driver and made him get out of the car.

The offenders then drove away in the stolen taxi, which was later found dumped on Bruin Street in Clyde.

A 14-year-old Clyde male and a 15-year-old Cranbourne East have also been charged.

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Dan Lawrie, director of Alex Scott & Staff Venus Bay, is concerned about the potential ramifications the tourist hamlet may face due to State Government land tax changes.

Tourism fears over land tax

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Liberal Member for Nepean, Sam Groth, has expressed concern that the Victorian Government hasn't ruled out implementing more taxes on the holiday industry.

Imposing a 'tourist tax' or empowering local councils to impose higher commercial rates are measures reportedly being considered.

Such possibilities combined with the land tax grab in the recent State Budget, and other financial pressures on those with Venus Bay holiday properties, has real estate agent Dan worried about the impact on the town.

He noted that little over a decade ago shops and other businesses in the Venus Bay area weren't open seven days a week, and often opened for only part of the day, and that there was no pharmacy or large supermarket such as the IGA now operating in Tarwin Lower.

"These are all products of the holiday rental trade," Dan said of the positive changes.

He added tourism creates services and jobs for permanent residents of Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower.

"Tourism is what keeps us alive, so if that was going to be (adversely) affected then it would be extremely detrimental to the survival of our towns," Dan said.

Many holiday home owners in the region are seniors, with rising property values often jeopardising pensions, potentially putting them under pressure to sell, and the land tax change has added to their stress.

"People are really hurting," Dan said.

Like staff in other customer service businesses, those at Alex Scott & Staff often cop the brunt of increased anxiety.

"We get bucketloads of it," Dan said, adding that as a first point of contact the business' staff often provide a "sounding board".

He made it clear those at Alex Scott & Staff are doing all they can to assist people dealing with added pressures.

"If we can help these people, we're up for the challenge," Dan said.

Staff shortage blamed for Com Bank hiatus

YOU'D think a business which just posted a record \$5.15 billion profit, up nine per cent on the previous year, would have no trouble attracting staff.

Not so the Commonwealth Bank, certainly not in Leongatha anyway.

"Due to staff availability, this branch will be closed on Friday, June 2," said a notice on the door last week.

"We apologise for any inconvenience. The closest locations where we can help you are: Wonthaggi, Foster (until 1pm) and the Leongatha Post Office."

The bank was open again on Monday with a new notice on the door advertising job vacancies.

"What's the deal with the Commonwealth Bank being closed?" asked an inconvenienced customer who called into the Sentinel-Times office.

"It's not the first time I've come here and found the branch closed," she said.



Rotarian Nicky Chung, MC Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead, St Jude's Founder and Director Gemma Sisia, St Jude's earliest alumni Enock, Author of 'The School that Hope Built' Madeleine Kelly, with organiser Anne Burke. Z35_2323

Rotary helps fight poverty through education

THE Wonthaggi Golf Club hosted the Australian Tour of St Jude's Founder and Director Gemma Sisia on Saturday morning to shine recognition on the charitable organisation that provides free education to Tanzanian children living in poverty.

The breakfast was supported by Rotary Club Wonthaggi, who generously donated all proceeds of the day, plus an additional \$1000 to The School of St Jude's.

The event's master of ceremony was Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead who was invited to hear the story of how quality education helps Tanzanian students achieve success.

Rotarians of Wonthaggi and Leongatha Rotary were in attendance, as well as board members of the St Jude's charity.

Anne Burke of 'Anne Burke Consultancy' organised the Australian Tour to include the regional towns of Bass Coast and South Gippsland to raise awareness of the school's 100% reliance on sponsorship and donations.

Gemma Sisia opened the event and shared her inspiring story; telling of when The School of St Jude's began and how communities can help with the operation of opening a world of possibilities for these children living in poverty.

"Currently we have 1800 students across three schools, one primary and two secondary schools. Our primary school has the capacity for 700-day students and our girls' secondary school has capacity for 600 borders. The girls attend until year 10,

before they then move across to another secondary school for co-ed in year 11 and 12, that has the capacity for 1000 borders.

"Over the last 20 years St Jude's has become a pioneering leader in charitable education in Africa. To have a private school that is free of charge is very unusual - whether you're a boy or a girl, it doesn't matter what tribe you are, or what religion you are, as long as you pass the criteria to get a scholarship."

To gain a scholarship at St Jude's, students must come from a government school, pass an entrance exam, and pass a poverty test - where Gemma and the St Jude's staff are visiting the child's home to see if they are living in poverty, e.g., living without running water etc.

Volunteer treasurer for St Jude's charity Dave Collins confirmed that the school benefits from 98 cents of every dollar donated to St Jude's.

In 1998, Gemma was gifted two acres of land to start St Jude's, and in 2000 Rotary volunteers arrived to build the first classroom block, before welcoming the first three students to their first day in 2002.

"There are 19,000 primary schools in Africa, compared to 800 high schools, therefore 93% of people don't have a secondary education and at St Jude's we are providing free private education through scholarship."

Earliest alumni of St Jude's, Enock joined Gemma on her Australian Tour alongside staff member and author of 'The School that Hope

Built' Madeleine Kelly - where they both shared their individual stories.

Enock shared his gratitude for the Australian sponsors who provide the free education to those who would have otherwise been raised living in poverty without the chance to achieve success through university.

When sponsoring a child, there is the opportunity to sponsor their primary, secondary, community service program (a gap year where graduates give back to their community), and tertiary studies.

Enock was sponsored to receive an allowance to complete his tertiary studies in New York after being offered a full four-year scholarship at the University of Rochester. Enock then returned to St Jude's in Tanzania after graduation and was offered a position in their alumni program.

Madeleine works alongside Gemma and Enock helping students achieve success through their opportunities at The School of St Jude's. Joining the school as a writer and part of their marketing program on a two-year contract, Madeleine chose to make Tanzania her home and continue her employment with St Jude's.

Writing a book about her experience, Madeleine hopes to raise awareness of the charity to see many more successors graduate from St Jude's, and help young people fight poverty through education.

For more information on how to donate or sponsor a scholarship visit www.schoolofstjude.org

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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan

On Saturday, Phillip Island's first neighbourhood battery, AusNet's Phillip Island Community Energy Storage System (PICESS), was switched on to provide additional power for 8,000 homes, while stabilising the Island's energy supply during peak periods.

This is a firm step towards cutting Bass Coast's carbon emissions and realising Phillip Island's bold vision to become a fully sustainable tourism hot spot. PICESS will increase our renewable capacity as it will be recharged using solar, allowing more renewable energy to join our electricity network, while delivering year-round energy security.

Council provided the land that houses the system, which was built by energy supply company AusNet as part of the State Government's Neighbourhood Battery Initiative.

As we recognise Earth Day this week, we celebrate this example of the exciting, collaborative work happening in Bass Coast, since Council's Climate Change Action Plan was endorsed two years ago. After declaring a climate emergency in August 2019, this plan set out how we will reach net zero emissions by 2030 – and we are well on our way!

Achievements so far include:

- 100 per cent renewable energy sourced for all Council buildings, facilities and street lighting, reducing our carbon emissions by around 2,000 tonnes. This is thanks to the Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO), a collective of 51 councils sharing costs, representing the largest emissions reduction project ever undertaken by local government in Australia.
- Over 316,000 plants in the ground for our Biolinks Project in the last 12 months, estimated to store 58,634 tonnes of carbon over 25 years.
- More than 8,000 Bass Coast homes and businesses reducing emissions, while enjoying cheaper electricity, thanks to rooftop solar - plus over 10,500 properties using

efficient solar or heat pump hot water heaters.

- \$40,000 in Climate Action Community Grants available each year to fund community-led climate action initiatives. We're proud of our community's progress, but we need to move faster.

The latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was a stark warning cry. Human-made greenhouse gas emissions have surged to record levels, with global temperatures likely to reach 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels by 2030.

As we know only too well here on the Bass Coast, these rising temperatures are driving widespread, rapid global changes – including sea level rise, coastal erosion and extreme weather – resulting in widespread harm to lives, livelihoods and natural systems.

Yet, despite the climate crisis worsening, we can still act to stem the damage.

Council's Urban Forest Strategy is critical. Our goal is no net loss of vegetation on private land, plus to increase our urban canopy cover to 40 per cent by 2040. Council will plant 1500 trees a year, including a large range of natives and smaller group of exotics, while encouraging residents to join us in planting more trees at their properties.

This month Council finishes our Building Asset Management Plan. We will have more to say on this world-leading initiative soon, but we are proud to be one of the first councils worldwide to draw on climate science to inform how we manage and maintain our buildings.

We drew on data from the South-East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCA), who identified how climate change will impact our infrastructure, including buildings, for several temperature rise scenarios.

We know this challenge is big, but thousands of small actions combined make a huge impact.

We can work together to make Bass Coast a shining example worldwide.



Bass Valley Primary School students Miller and Lizzie officially open the Guy Road shared pathway with MP Jordan Crugnale, Mayor Cr Michael Whelan, Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead, and Cr Clare Le Serve. Z02_2323

Plagued pathway finally opens

THE Guy Road Shared Pathway project was officially opened on Friday morning which connects Bass Valley Primary School students to their greater community and benefits the linking neighbourhoods from Pioneer Bay, Corinella, Coronet Bay, and Tenby Point.

part of the adopted Capital Works Program for 2021/22.

The shared pathway is a six-kilometre-long, 2.5-metre-wide shared cycling and walking link between the Corinella Community Centre to the Bass Valley Primary School and Children's Centre, via Tenby Point.

Due to the narrow shoulder at the entrance of Bass Valley Primary School, students were constrained to travelling via bus or car, but nevertheless the safety of active transport was in the works, but years of delay postponed the completion of the project.

Significant Aboriginal artefacts were identified during the works, which caused significant delay in August 2021.

The artefacts found were shell middens (the remains of meals of shellfish once gathered and eaten by Aboriginal people) and two silcrete angular stone fragments, known as low-density artefact distribution.

Following the discovery, a Cultural Heritage Management Plan was undertaken and works recommenced.

The project was jointly funded by Victorian State Government's Growing Suburbs Fund (\$1.4 million) and Council (\$1.4 million) as

ered the speed limit from 80 to 60km/h, and 40km/h during school zone times.

"The new Guy Road pathway now links the school to their community, lessening the dependence on motor vehicles, while enabling students to experience the physical, social, and mental health benefits of independent travel," said Don.

Mayor Cr Michael Whelan officially opened Friday's event by stating council worked hard to get this path in 2009, and acknowledged the councillors in the previous council and current ward councillors who pushed hard for this project.

Bass Valley Primary School STEAM leader Lizzie confidently spoke of what the shared path means to her and her peers.

"We are excited to now have the opportunity to ride to school safely from Coronet Bay travelling along the foreshore track with our friends, linking with fellow students in Corinella. Continuing this new path to link with more friends at Tenby Point before traveling altogether through our beautiful environment to Bass Valley Primary School."

The pathway will link into the existing pathways connecting to the Bass Highway in one direction and Coronet Bay in the other.

Volunteer of 15 years to the Bass Valley Primary School bike education program Don Turner said the Bass Coast Shire Council had previously constructed the other path between the school and the Bass Highway and once a week, students were dropped off 800 metres down the road so they could walk the remaining distance.

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Dire state of social housing for Bass Coast

THE community is being urged to provide feedback on Bass Coast Shire's draft Affordable Housing Strategy as more than 1000 applicants were on the Victorian Housing Register.

With the State Government currently building 36 new properties in Bass Coast, at a cost of \$13.5 million through its Big Build program, the strategy found there was a dire shortfall in social and affordable housing in the region compared to local need.

As of December 31, 2022, the Victorian Housing Register (VHR) had approximately 1186 applicants wanting to live in Bass Coast.

This is up from 693 applications in March 2021.

However, there are only 374 dwellings available throughout Bass Coast.

The breakdown of applications by area in Bass Coast was:

- Cowes 254
- Inverloch 315
- Wonthaggi 617

Of the applications on the VHR in December 2022, approximately 62 per cent were for one-bedroom dwellings.

It was noted that family violence makes a substantial contribution to the risk and prevalence of homelessness for women and their children locally.

As part of the strategy, the shire will leverage the land use



Almost 1200 applicants are currently on the Victorian Housing Register for Bass Coast.

planning system to deliver affordable housing or including affordable housing in new developments, where negotiated with developers and make council-owned land available for affordable housing.

While objectives of the strategy include council 'encouraging' developers to provide affordable housing as part of rezoning proposals and planning permit applications.

The shire will also encourage an affordable housing contribution for rezoning proposals that include residential or mixed-use component, and for multi-lot of multi-dwelling planning permit applications.

While aspects of an 'Action Plan' include developing 'community engagement resources

/ program regarding affordable housing to build community support and understanding', at a cost of \$10K.

As well as 'undertake and/or implement training / mentoring / program for strategic and statutory planning staff to enable them to successfully negotiate affordable housing contributions on relevant planning applications' (\$10K).

Cowes and Wonthaggi, plus potentially Grantville, Inverloch and San Remo, have been recognised as possible locations for more affordable and social housing developments.

To provide feedback, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/housingstrategy before the close of submissions on June 26.

"We welcome the Bass Coast

Shire Council's Social and Affordable Housing Strategy and are preparing our response" said Jessica Harrison from Housing Matters.

"The Shire has made un-used road reserves available, and we hope there will be more opportunities for building public housing.

"There have been too many delays with the Big Housing Build, and it's urgent we get moving. We advocate the tripling of public and community housing dwellings, after years of neglect. Many working people can't afford to rent, which is damaging the local economy.

Housing Matters is planning events during Homelessness Awareness week in August. Watch this space!"

\$6.7 million goes to Wonthaggi Primary

IN THE recent budget announcement from the State Government, Wonthaggi Primary School will receive \$6.7 million for modernisation and to upgrade existing school facilities.

Forty-three schools across Victoria will receive funding for upgrades to improve educational outcomes and to provide high-quality classrooms and facilities for learning and community use.

Wonthaggi Primary School will be required to spend \$153,000 of the \$6.7 million in the 2023-24 financial year and according to Wendy Truett, Principal of Wonthaggi Primary School, this project is in the consultation stage.

"We are of course thrilled that the election promise has been actioned so quickly."

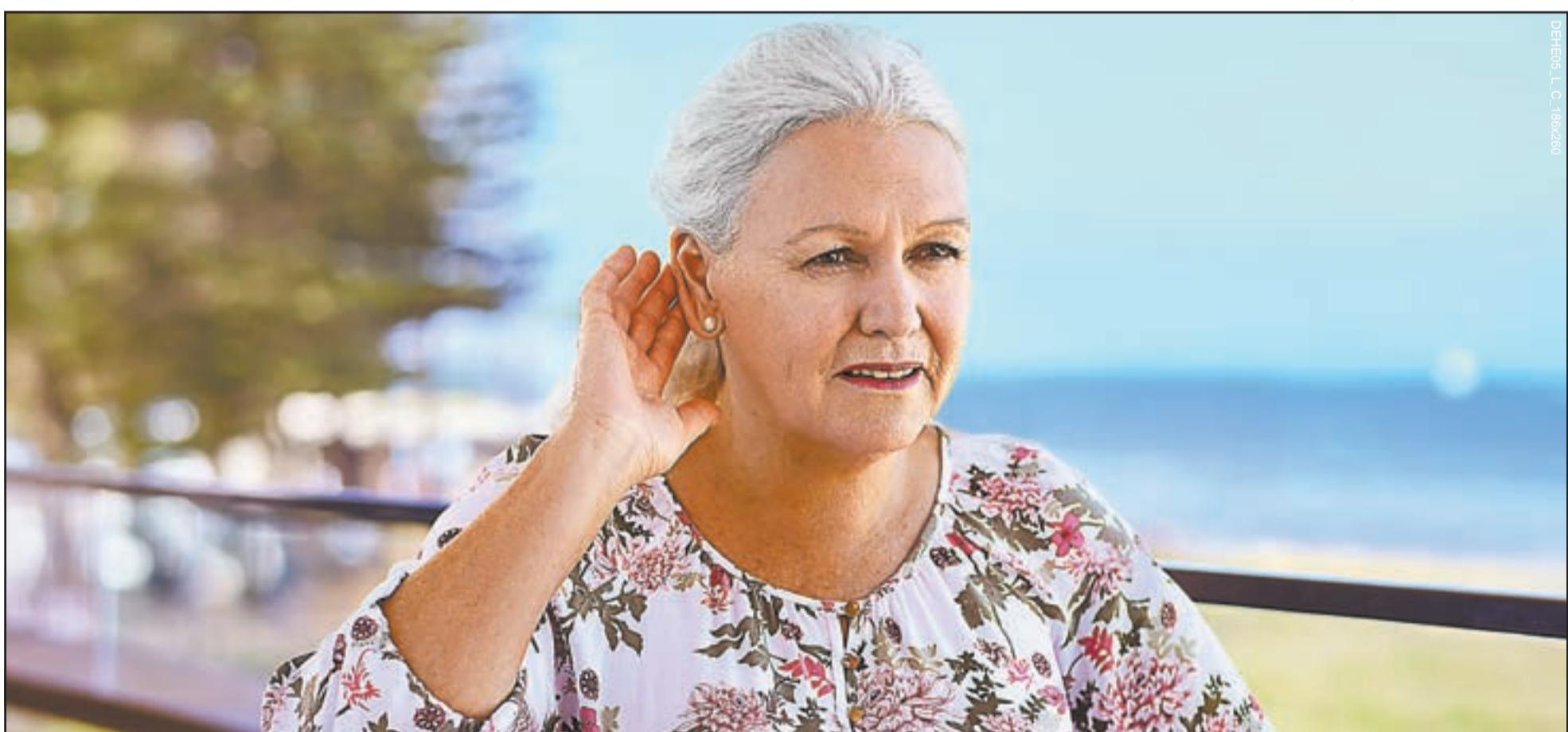
"We are commencing the consultation phase over the coming weeks. The consultation phase will determine the priority."

As for the rest of the money, Wendy said they will also begin discussions to determine what projects will be undertaken at the school.

"We will be commencing working with the Victorian School Building Authority to prepare and plan what the project will look like."

The School Upgrades Delivery Fund, which is planning for upgrading existing school facilities, state wide, is \$20 million and includes Leongatha Secondary College and San Remo Primary School.

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Australian Government

Huge success for networking event

BENDIGO Bank's Community Bank Inverloch & District networking event was a huge success with plans already underway for another one later this year.

The bank hosted businesses, community groups and local leaders at an informal networking event during April, which saw more than 50 attendees including Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale as well as numerous local clubs and groups.

Organisers are hoping to host another one in October at this stage, with a waiting list already building!

The idea was sparked following the community connections that suffered during the pandemic.

The team at the Inverloch branch want to help the community re-establish those connections again.

Bendigo Bank's Community Bank network has 270 branches Australia-wide.

Community Banks are wholly owned by their communities. They employ local people and are assisted by a board of local volunteer directors.

Their purpose is to feed into the prosperity of their customers and communities, not off them.

To date, this national network of branches has returned around \$300 million to strengthen the communities in which they operate.

Around \$580,000 of that has been returned to the Inverloch community through the Community Bank's local grants and sponsorship program.



AusNet CEO Tony Narvaez and the Victorian Energy Minister, the Hon Lily D'Ambrosio, opened the AusNet Phillip Island Community Energy Storage System (PICESS) battery on Saturday morning.

PICESS battery goes live

THE battery at Phillip Island which can power 8000 homes and secure energy supply for the tourist hot spot during peak periods has been switched on.

Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio MP and AusNet Chief Executive Officer Tony Narvaez officially opened the \$10 million Phillip Island Community Energy Storage System (PICESS) on Saturday morning before the community was bused in for a public Q & A.

The battery will replace diesel generators previously used to provide back-up power to the region over summer to support peak demand.

"Replacing generators with the big battery will stabilise electricity

supply on the Island when it's needed most," said Mr Narvaez.

"The population of Phillip Island more than quadruples over summer, which puts a strain on the local electricity network, and at times, leads to power dropping out. This battery, which in time will be powered by renewable energy, will help solve this issue."

The Hitachi 5MW/10MWh lithium-ion phosphate battery energy system has the capacity to power more than 8,000 homes for two hours or 700 homes for a day. It is located within a 38m x 34m fenced high voltage compound and is connected to the electricity grid via underground cables.

The community were invited

to question the project and how it can help residents with power outages in the future.

AusNet operation team confirmed the inverters were designed for prospects including a grid forming system.

The community feedback too questioned the concern for the monitoring of the system to ensure its safe, with the AusNet operation team clarifying that the system will be monitored on a 24/7 basis and was designed in individual cabinet racks with a built-in liquid cooling system - 'so if something was to go wrong, the individual cabinet will respond and avoid further spread of fire etc.'

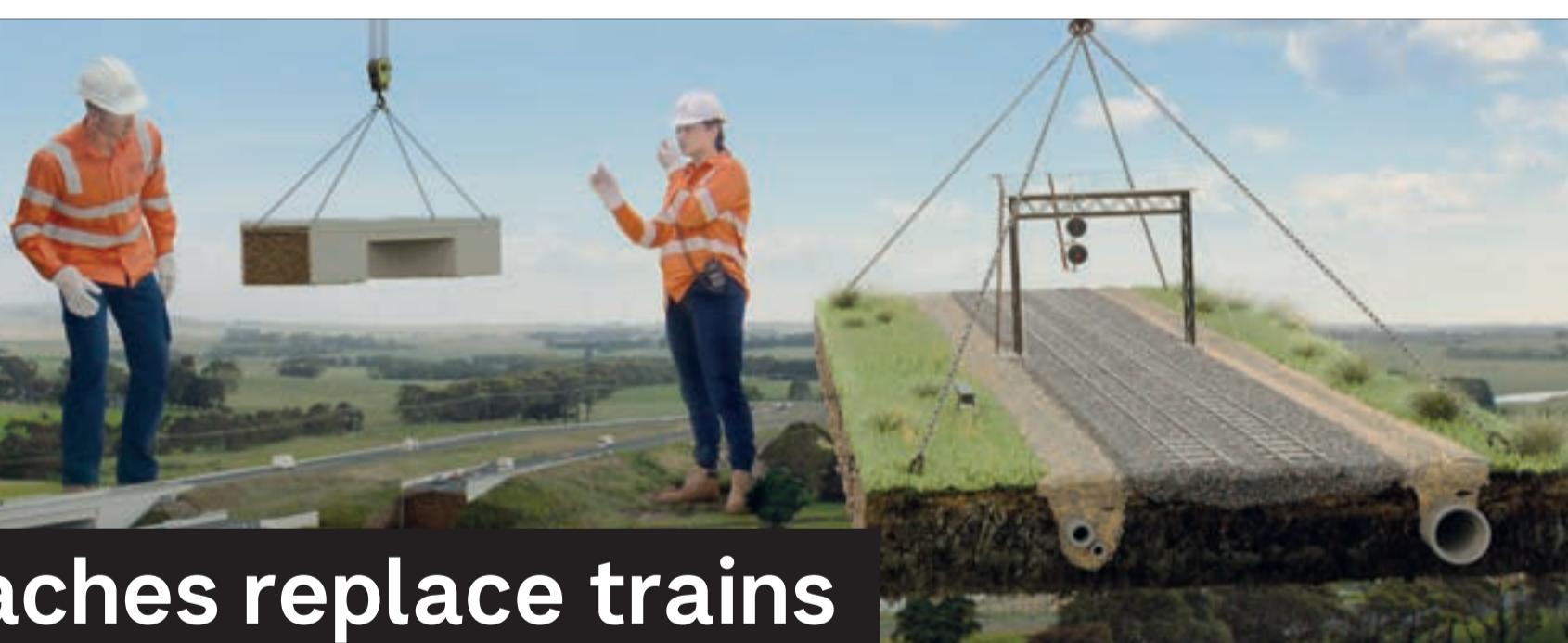
The AusNet operational team described the 'big battery' as a

pool, it will generate to the grid and therefore produce enough to have a sustainable source for the peak periods. However, at this point it isn't enough to solve a power outage issue on Phillip Island.

"Twenty-five local jobs were created in the region during construction, with the project providing Phillip Island residents with new energy job opportunities," said Mr Narvaez.

Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI) and the Energy Innovation Cooperative (EI Coop) have worked closely with AusNet, Mondo, and the Bass Coast Shire Council to deliver the battery.

For more information: www.ausnetservices.com.au/PICESS



Coaches replace trains on the Gippsland Line

As part of Victoria's Big Build, we're upgrading the Gippsland Line to deliver more trains more often. We're also adding two dedicated tracks near East Pakenham to allow V/Line trains to bypass metro trains, making travel more reliable.

Coaches replace trains in both directions

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Catherine Spradbury and the Wonthaggi NAB team

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

General Local Law Review

South Gippsland Shire Council is seeking feedback from the local community to develop a new General Local Law.

Local Laws play a vital role in shaping governance in the daily lives of residents throughout the Shire. The Local Law covers an array of issues from community health and public amenities, through to streets/roads and animals/livestock. These laws are designed to protect communities, and promote the well-being of local residents.

The current Local Law was adopted in 2014, and a new law must be developed, and implemented, before it expires next year (being updated every 10 years).

Prior to drafting the new General Local Law, Council is wanting to hear from you - our community - about any local law issues or concerns you may have with the current document.

To provide feedback, pop-up events are being held throughout the region. The first engagement session was held in Mirboo North on 27 May with others taking place at:

- **Loch Food and Wine:** Sunday 11 June (10.00am to 2.00pm)
- **Korumburra – Southern Lights (Coal Creek):** Sunday 11 June (3.00pm to 6.00pm)
- **Tarwin Lower Market:** Monday 12 June (8.00am to 12.00pm)
- **Leongatha – Memorial Hall Foyer:** Friday 16 June (9.00am to 12.00pm)
- **Welshpool Rural Transaction Centre:** Friday 16 June (1.30pm to 4.30pm)
- **Foster – Prom Country Farmers Markets:** Saturday 17 June (8.00am to 12.00pm)
- **Nyora Hall:** Tuesday 20 June (4.30pm to 6.30pm)

If you are unable to attend any of the pop-up events, please provide your feedback at:

yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Youth Council



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- Lead the development and delivery of projects important to your aged group.
- Meet like-minded people.
- Improve the life of young people in South Gippsland.
- Have fun and be challenged!

To complete an Expression of Interest or for more information, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/youth

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 28 June 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

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

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

FOSTER SHARED PATH

Feedback deadline on the proposed Foster Shared Path has been extended to 8 June.

Provide your feedback at:

[https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

CHILDREN AND FAMILY PLAN

The Children and Family Services Department is developing a new Children and Families Plan

You can be a part of planning for children and families in South Gippsland by:

- Completing the online survey or share your ideas through our ideas board at:
yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/early-years
- Participating in one of our online focus groups – register via email:
shelley.fixter@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

The online survey, the short survey and ideas board will remain open, until midnight Monday 19 June, 2023.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Check out our current vacant positions here: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/vacantpositions

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

RFT/367 – Preparation of a Waste and Resource Recovery Plan

Tenders close 2pm AEST on Tuesday 20 June 2023

RFT/373 - Design Construct Landslips Repairs, Various Locations

Tenders close 2pm AEST on Tuesday 20 June 2023

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

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Festival to embrace all of Coal Creek

COAL Creek's lower park has undergone extensive rejuvenation since being fenced off to the public last year and is ready for people to enjoy during the upcoming Southern Lights Festival.

The initial focus was to make the area safe, with arborists removing fallen and dangerous trees. Coal Creek Community Park and Museum team leader Kim O'Connell said.

Some of those trees were severely damaged by a large storm a couple of years ago.

The last three years have also seen higher than average rainfall, especially over summer months and this has all had an impact on the lower park, with Kim explaining it did damage including covering the old roadway with sludge, something the new works have rectified.

Weed spraying and brush cutting were carried out along the park's 1.6 kilometres of train line, with assessment of the tracks also taking place.

Extensive clearing was carried out in the lower park removing unwanted vegetation such as brambles and bracken, providing accessibility and returning previously obscured views, with a highlight being the renewed prominence of Coal Creek's waterwheel.

Kim said it was a pleasant surprise to discover the wheel still turns and that its bearers are sound.

Its timber structure requires work, with some parts needing replacement, but there is confidence it could be returned to its former glory and be set



Coal Creek team leader Kim O'Connell is delighted the park's waterwheel is once again accessible and will feature during this month's Southern Lights Festival. A01_2323

for long-term operation.

"The fact you can get to the wheel is a great leap forward," Kim said.

As well as reclaiming the lower section of the park from vegetation, extensive work has been undertaken to ensure roadways are functional and support pedestrians and vehicles, important for the ongoing maintenance of such a substantial area.

Safety and remediation works in the lower park were costed and budgeted as part of Coal Creek's operational budget, with the priority being to get the support infrastructure, that is

roads, power, safe parkland in shape first, while also focusing on the buildings and facilities of the park.

Those roadways will also prove crucial during the festival, enabling access for food vendor vehicles, attendees and entertainers, with a stage to be placed in the lower park, Kim said.

The Southern Lights Festival is an initiative from the Korumburra Business Association and takes place on Sunday June 11, during the King's Birthday weekend, kicking off at 3pm and with tickets \$15 for adults and free for those aged under 18.

Share your thoughts on Local Law

AS PREVIOUSLY reported in the Sentinel-Times, South Gippsland Shire Council is commencing a review of the General Local Law, with public feedback opportunities now locked in.

The Local Law covers a wide range of issues, including the number of animals you can keep in a residential area, use of public streets and spaces, camping and roadside trading, and how waste is managed.

It gives Council the ability to respond to local issues, protect private and public property, and ensure the health and safety of the community.

The current Local Law was enacted in 2014 and a new law must be developed and adopted before the existing version expires next year.

To make the feedback process as easy as possible, the 2014 General Local Law has been broken down into categories so that residents can provide feedback on areas of interest.

The feedback that is collected will be applied against the current Local Law to understand if it meets community expectations.

After the consultation period has concluded, a revised Local Law will be drafted and this too will be presented to the community for feedback.

Feedback can be provided at a number of pop-up engagement sessions.

The first was held in Mirboo North on May 27.

Details of upcoming General Local Law engagement sessions:

• **Loch Food & Wine Festival** -

Sunday June 11 (10am until 2pm)

- **Korumburra - Southern Lights (Coal Creek)** - Sunday June 11 (3pm until 6pm)
- **Tarwin Lower Market** - Monday June 12 (8am until 12pm)
- **Leongatha - Front Of Memorial Hall** - Friday June 16 (9am until 12pm)
- **Welshpool - Rural Transaction Centre** - Friday June 16 (1.30pm until 4.30pm)
- **Foster - Prom Country Farmers Market** - Saturday June 17 (8am until 12pm)
- **Nyora Hall** - Tuesday June 20 (4.30pm until 6.30pm)

Alternatively, feedback can be provided online at yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Korumburra Library prepares for Hub move

WHILE Korumburra Library will close to the public on Saturday 10 June in preparation for its move to the Korumburra Community Hub, some library services will be available through Milpara Community House while the Hub building is completed.

Those services will include the early years program, with Story Time and Baby Rhyme Time continuing in their traditional Monday timeslots of 10.30am and 11.30am respectively from Monday 19 June at the Community House.

A click and collect borrowing service will operate there from Wednesday June 21.

Those wanting to use Milpara's public computers are encouraged to call and book.

Furniture and other resources from the current library site will be moved into storage while the Hub is readied.

Milpara manager of marketing and on-

line services Bec Noone encourages people to assist with reducing storage requirements for books and other loan items.

"Members of the community are welcome to come and borrow as many items from the collection as possible to help us with the move," Bec said.

While the library must vacate its current premises by the end of June, no date has yet been announced for it to move into the Hub.

Bec expressed Myli's appreciation of Milpara Community House accommodating library services while the Hub is finished.

Milpara is also awaiting a move to the Hub.

Visit myli.org.au and select 'news and updates' then 'Korumburra Library Service Update' for further information on the library's move and available services during the Hub's completion.



Myli Libraries will continue to provide services in Korumburra while awaiting a move to the Community Hub, despite having to vacate their current premises sooner.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



South Gippsland is a great place to live, work and enjoy. Council is interested to hear your thoughts on how we can improve the Shire and make it an even better place for the future.

Feedback is always welcome through your ward Councillors or through Council's website.

Council often seeks input on specific issues or documents on Your Say South Gippsland which can be accessed here: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

General Local Law Review Engagement

Council is seeking your feedback to help develop a new General Local Law for South Gippsland.

The General Local Law must be updated every 10 years, and this new one must be adopted by next year.

Prior to this term of Council, a review was attempted in 2019, which caused a significant amount of community angst. This demonstrated that a bigger conversation was needed with our residents before we, as a new Council, revised the General Local Law. As a result, we are giving South Gippsland residents the opportunity to come on the journey with us by first helping us understand what is working or not working in the current Local Law, and then by reviewing the changes we suggest based on that feedback.

To provide your feedback, we have face-to-face opportunities as well as an online survey. All the information you need can be found online at <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Rural and Regional Planning Conference

Last week I attended the Municipal Association of Victoria's (MAV) Rural and Regional Planning Conference in Marysville.

Alongside Council staff, the conference was an important forum to hear the opportunities and issues being faced by rural and regional Victoria. These included issues around the use and protection of agricultural land, housing, renewable energy, and touched on the impact of planning reform and policy change.

This was a great opportunity to continue to collaborate with people from all across Victoria and build relationships with our colleagues from other Councils.

Nyora Community Plan Session

Many communities across South Gippsland are currently reviewing their community plans, including Nyora. Residents are invited to come along to join the conversation about the future of their town.

If you live in Nyora, I encourage you to head along to Nyora Hall on Tuesday 20 June at 6.00pm for a sausage sizzle prior to the meeting starting at 6.30pm.

If you can't make it but want to share your thoughts, you can email nyorahall3987@outlook.com.au

You can also come along from 4.30pm to 6.30pm to provide feedback on the General Local Law.

Events on this Long Weekend

The long weekend sees many visitors come to our region to enjoy what we have to offer. It is also a great opportunity for those of us who are lucky enough to call South Gippsland home to explore our own backyard or attend events that are happening across the weekend.

The Loch Food and Wine Festival will be on Sunday 11 June from 10.00am with the Winter Market to take place during the day as well. Once you've had a wander through the Festival, you could even go to Coal Creek in Korumburra for the Southern Lights Festival – gates open at 3.00pm with entertainment kicking off from 4.00pm.

To see what else might be happening in South Gippsland on the long weekend, or to register your event, please visit <https://visitsouthgippsland.com.au>

Volunteering

I would like to add my personal and sincere thanks to all who volunteer in our community.

According to the 2021 ABS figures, volunteering in South Gippsland is higher than the state average. In South Gippsland, 22.3% of our residents' volunteer, compared to 17.3% in regional Victoria, 13.3% in Victoria and 14.1% across Australia.

You know who you are and others know you make a difference. Thank you!



Bec, Kyle, Simon, Jamie and Daniel from the Phillip Island Fire Brigade are taking on The Push-Up Challenge to raise awareness for Mental Health.

Push up for mental health

CREW members from the Phillip Island Fire Brigade will be taking on The Push-Up Challenge to raise awareness for Mental Health.

Starting from Thursday, June 1, each member will have 23 days to complete 3144 push-ups. The figure 3144 represents the number of people who lost their lives to suicide in Australia in 2021.

The crew are doing the challenge to help shine the spotlight on the issue and help reduce the stigma around mental health.

Jamie, a Phillip Island Fire Brigade volunteer, will be putting in the effort to help raise awareness.

"Mental health plays such a big role in everyday life. Everyone struggles in different ways and to varying degrees, so I feel lucky to take part in a challenge that helps continue to raise awareness. I've had people close to me go through tough times mentally, and thankfully they were able to reach out and are now on a better path. If this helps even one person get out of a similar position, then the team will be so glad for

the work they will be putting in."

Jamie will be in good company with his firefighting colleagues pushing up beside him and crew mate Simon is looking forward to bonding while getting to work on his strength and fitness.

"Volunteering as a firefighter requires you to have trust in your peers, so an activity where we can push each other, laugh (and hopefully not cry) is a great chance to bond with the team. Gaining some more upper body strength will also help with the physical aspects of the role," Simon said.

The physical challenge of doing 3114 push ups over 23 days which equates to about 135 push ups per day, seemed a bit too easy for Jamie, who has decided to push the bar on the push up challenge.

Funds raised goes to one of three beneficiaries: Lifeline, Movember, or the Push for Better Foundation.

Check out <https://www.facebook.com/phillipislandcfa> for more information or to support the team through a donation.



Leongatha's Jodi Verboon will soon be winging her way to New York as the guest of Estée Lauder.

Jodi Verboon and the beauty of good communication

Millions noticed.

Jodi's online outreach efforts were a godsend for many people stuck at home, and they were also appreciated by Estée Lauder management who not only posted her work worldwide, but also rewarded her with an Estée Lauder 'Best of the Best' award which will see her travel to New York next week for the ultimate career makeover.

She is one of only three going from Australia, including two beauty advisors and a finance officer, two from Victoria and one from Western Australia.

"It's exciting. I'm absolutely thrilled and we're leaving next week," said Jodi, at her Estée Lauder counter at the entrance to Nagel's Pharmacy.

"We'll be doing a lot of things. There's a full 10-day itinerary but there's also going to be time for

some fun as well.

"The head office of Estée Lauder is right there, around the corner from Times Square, so there's the option of going to a Broadway Show, the art gallery and a tour of the city so it's going to be great."

But they'll also meet with members of Estée Lauder development team about popular and emerging products, the marketing people and also members of the Estée Lauder family.

"It's pretty exciting.

"I know something of the history of course, and its founders Estée and Joseph Lauder but there are still family members involved and I think we will be meeting them too. There are people coming in from all over the world."

Jodi has been with Nagel's for nine years and on the Estée counter for five years.

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Swinging for a worthy cause

THE SMELL of breakfast barbecue filled the air and golf bags and buggies filled the back of the Leongatha South Golf Club as players prepared for tee off.

Thirty-six teams, about 150 people, registered to play in the Elders South Gippsland Annual Charity Golf Day on the morning of Friday, June 2.

"It's a worthy cause and there's never a shortage of families who need help," said Rohan McRae Auctioneer and Branch Manager of Leongatha and Korumburra.

It's the 12th annual golf day that's been held by the real estate business and over that time \$170,000 worth of funds have been raised that go to local families in need, that may be going through a difficult time.

The day attracts multiple sponsors and donations from businesses across South Gippsland and the Bass Coast.

Auction item highlights this year include football memorabilia and accommodation packages.

"It's always a really good day. Everyone loves it," said Tracey Gollop, Sales Support Officer for Elders, who spends a great deal of time organising the event every year.

Approximately \$35,000 was raised this year.

All proceeds from this year's event will go to Darcy Sutton and his family and other South Gippsland families in need.

Eight-year-old Darcy Sutton and his father Adam were in a motor vehicle accident in January this year, which tragically resulted in Adam's death.

Darcy suffered critical injuries and underwent many lifesaving surgeries and spent many months recovering in hospital.

The Sutton family were dealing both with the trauma of the accident and the loss of Adam.



Andrew Turton and Sharon Turton filled the golfers up with a breakfast barbecue before a 9:00 am tee off, with Glen Reid and Rohan McRae from Elders South Gippsland, for their Annual Charity Golf Day. ob17_2323



Golf bags and buggies filled the area and 36 teams that registered for the fundraiser were ready to give it their best swing at the Leongatha South Golf club. ob16_2323

The Delines to play the Meenian Hall

THE Meenian Hall presents a taste of real American music with the return of Portland Oregon's 'The Delines' and the Australian debut of Mississippi's 'Jimbo Mathus' on Saturday, June 16.

Touring Australia for just the second time, on the back of the acclaimed release of their 2022 album 'The Sea Drift', The Delines are the result of the musical collaboration Willy Vlautin and singer Amy Boone.

The group is an opportunity for Willy - who is also an acclaimed novelist, with two of six novels, 'Lean on Peter' and 'The Motel Life' having been made into feature films - to continue writing his mini-narrative songs that he gained notoriety for as the former frontman of the alt-country group Richmond Fontaine.

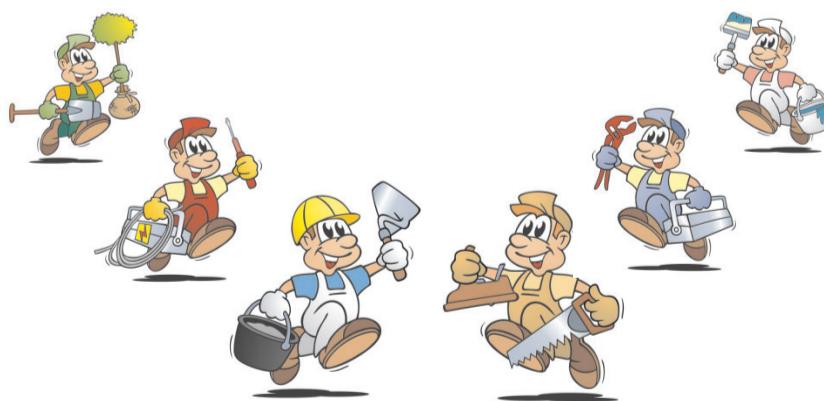
Performing in Australia for the first time (as a solo artist), Jimbo Mathus is an American original who has blazed a singular trail since selling over 3 million records with New Orleans swing outfit Squirrel Nut Zippers in the '90s.

Having most recently collaborated with Andrew Bird on their shared release 'These 13', Jimbo has also played guitar for Buddy Guy (Sweet Tea and Blues Singer) and has become one of 21st Century America's most profound artists, with a body of work that is a testament to his hoodoo craftsmanship and to the sounds, sights and spirits of his inspirations in the Deep South.

It's going to be a night of great, great music on Saturday, June 16 when these two champs of tunes share the stage at the Meenian Hall. Tickets: <https://lyrebirdarts council.com.au/the-delines/>

They'll follow a sold out show featuring the Waifs this Wednesday night.

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Shire offers skills boost for grant applicants

THE OPENING of applications for South Gippsland Shire Council's next round of community grants takes place on July 1, prompting council to run a June 15 Grant Writing Workshop in Leongatha, with the skills being taught valuable for any grant application.

"This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to learn more about grants and how to identify funding opportunities," mayor Nathan Hersey said.

It is designed to ensure members of community groups are able to establish a framework that ensures they can apply for grants efficiently and effectively.

There are many grants available to not-for-profit organisations but the process of applying can be time consuming and resource intensive, explaining the value of a workshop to hone the skills of those responsible for applications.

Workshop topics include:

- Understanding what grants are, and why organisations give them out
- Learning to sell your organisation and project
- Learning how to find

evidence to support your project

- Defining the organisation's stakeholders and partners
- Sustainability - keeping the project going after the funding finishes

Visit southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants to reserve your place for the free Grant Writing

Workshop and to find out more about eligibility requirements for the Community Grants Program.

Funding is available under the following categories:

- Minor Projects and Equipment
- Major Projects and Equipment
- Planning and Development Reports
- Festivals and Events

Minimum and maximum funding levels vary according to the specific category of Community Grant.

The Round 1 Community Grants Program application period runs from July 1 until August 31, with the next round to open at the beginning of 2024.

Round 1 applicants will be advised of the outcome of their applications by the end of November 2023, and the project start date must be after December 1 this year.

Why Poowong's history is history without a grant



Former South Gippsland Shire Councillor, Jim Forbes, is helping research the recent history of Poowong in the hope that the town's history book can be updated in time for its 150th celebrations next April.

NEXT April 20 and 21, the great little town of Poowong will celebrate its 150th birthday.

And townsfolk would like to republish their history book, first published for the 125th birthday, but now out of print, and clearly, 25 years out of date.

Great events like the World Premiere of Kenny the film, in August 2006, have happened since then and quite appropriately, reticulated sewerage arrived about 10 years later, making it possible for the latest residential subdivision of 107 lots at the Oaks to be opened up.

It's all happening at Poowong.

But unless they are successful in getting a grant to reproduce an updated history of the town, with everything before 1999 and everything after it, they'll just have to come out with a 25-year history pamphlet.

"Not ideal," according to former shire councillor, Jim Forbes, who together with the original author of the history book, Heather Gregg, and other contributors, is researching the last 25 years in the hope a grant will be secured.

"We've asked all the community and sporting groups to update their histories and that's happening, but we'd also like to add some early history as well."

The 150th celebrations, on Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21 next year are bound to be big.

There'll be a 150th anniversary footy match, church service, history display, lunch, afternoon tea, maybe a deb ball and a school back-to and hopefully, a book launch.

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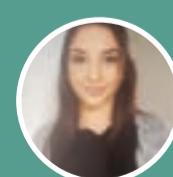
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Roberts-Smith court saga puts spotlight on veteran welfare locally

THIS month's failure of Victoria Cross recipient Ben Roberts-Smith's defamation action against three newspapers and the recent move by Australian Defence Force chief Angus Campbell to recommend stripping awards from some service personnel who held command positions in Afghanistan brings the welfare of veterans and people still serving into sharp focus.

That prompted those in charge at Inverloch RSL Sub Branch to stress that assistance is available for veterans and family who are feeling the brunt of recent negative publicity about some past and present members of the ADF, or are otherwise in need of support.

Inverloch RSL president Ross Gabb and secretary Lindsay Guerin are concerned about the broader impact of allegations against Roberts-Smith and those whose honours for 'distinguished and conspicuous service on warlike operations' are under threat following General Campbell's recommendation.

Ross and Lindsay both stressed that the allegations concerned are unproven.

"It's all hearsay," Ross said.

Lindsay was a wing commander in the Royal Australian Air Force, serving in Afghanistan on three separate trips, initially having a role at joint operations, later conducting a review of the Force structure and lastly being a military assistant to the Director-General of Australian Intelligence.



Inverloch RSL president Ross Gabb and secretary Lindsay Guerin stand at the memorial honouring members of the Australian Defence Force who served in Afghanistan, the Gulf War and Iraq. A05_2323

He is now a member of the RSL Victoria State Executive and Chair of that organisation's Royal Commission Working Group involved in the current Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.

"More veterans have died by suicide than were killed in Afghanistan," Lindsay said, starkly illustrating the importance of ensuring veterans are aware support is available.

Ross said statistics indicate veterans are approximately three times more likely to take their own lives than civilians.

He said that when he was discharged from the Navy in 1984 as an acting petty officer, and having been a leading gunnery

hand and involved in border protection, there was no assistance available.

Veterans were left to tackle the often-rocky transition from the institutionalised and structured environment of military life to civilian society.

Ross said that has only changed in recent years, with lots of support available for those who need it.

An ongoing concern is the vast backlog of veteran claims being processed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, something the Australian Government is striving to address but which will not be resolved in the short term.

General Campbell recently

wrote to a small group of Afghanistan veterans, revealing he has referred the termination of their decorations to Defence Minister Richard Marles for consideration and should he decide that is the appropriate action, the Governor General will then make the final decision.

The recommendation follows the Brereton Report that painted a negative picture of the alleged actions of some ADF personnel serving in Afghanistan, with some of those in charge held accountable.

Lifeline Australia offers free crisis support and suicide prevention services at any time and can be contacted on 13 11 14.

Available veteran support services include:

Open Arms - Mental health support for Army, Navy and Air Force personnel, veterans and their families. Call 1800 011 046.

Open Arms offers suicide prevention workshops.

Self Help Tools are also available to assist with building resilience.

Veteran Central - The place for Victorian veterans to interact with ex-service organisations. Call 1300 645 838.

Other services - Other available services for veterans include Compensation Support, Veterans' Employment Program, and Financial Welfare.

Visit rslvic.com.au/veteran-support or your local RSL for further information.



Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien encourages local students to enter the 2023 Parliament Prize competition.

Parliament Prize competition open

BASS COAST and South Gippsland Shire students can put themselves in the shoes of parliamentarians by participating in the Victoria-wide Parliament Prize competition.

Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien outlined eligibility and what is involved.

Those wishing to do so must submit a video of themselves presenting a Member's Statement that they would make to Parliament.

That statement needs to be concise, limited to just 90 seconds.

The competition is open to Victorian primary and secondary school students from Year 5 through to 12, with categories for Years 5-6, Years 7-9 and Years 10-12.

Students can win \$500 for themselves, as well as \$1,000 for their school.

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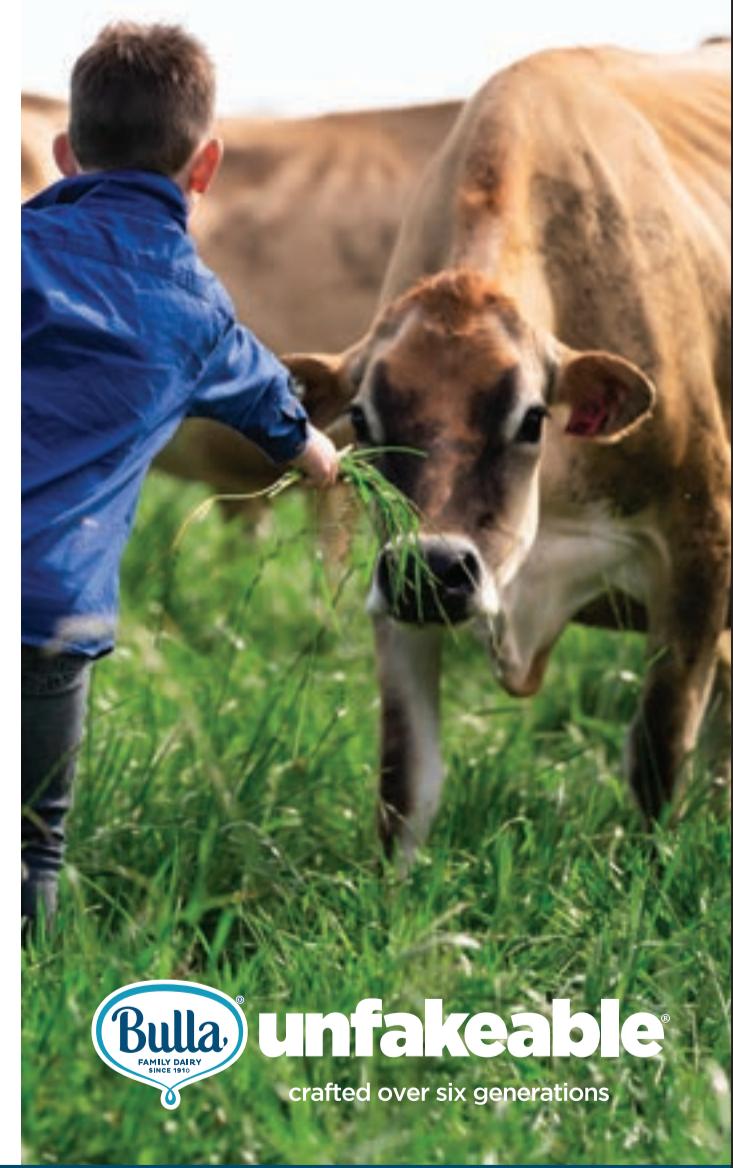
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Children read to Bindi an Australian Shepherd and the Story Dog at Inverloch Library.

Furry helper brings joy to Inverloch library

INVERLOCH library has a fun, furry and fabulous assistant who listens to children read on Thursday afternoons.

Bindi is an Australian Shepherd and a Story Dog who will sit and hear children, typically aged between seven and eight, read a story.

Story Dog is a successful program that has been undertaken Australia wide and is intended to create a safe, fun and supportive environment for children needing assistance with literacy.

The program was initiated by Bindi's owner Robyn who is the Library and Programs Officer together with Jo Bowler, Inverloch Library Branch Manager.

"We both love dogs, and we were talking about how we can get dogs in the library. Then we heard about the Story Dog which originally comes from America," Jo said.

Bindi and Robyn undertook the Story Dog Assessment which was supported and sponsored by RACV Inverloch.

"The whole idea is a judgement free setting where kids can just have fun with reading and the therapeutic benefits of animals are well known, and so the dog is just accepting and sits there and there's no pressure," Jo said.

"Robyn sits with Bindi and the child but Robyn's not teaching, she is just facilitating, and she'll encourage the kids, but it's more just about having a lovely time reading with the dog in the library."

A dedicated reading space is

set up in the library for Robyn, Bindi and the child reading a story to sit, and Bindi isn't fussy about what story she listens to.

"They sit on a little couch, down the end of the library and Bindi's just happy because she's allowed up on the couch and she's allowed to have cuddles and she's getting a lot of attention and having stories read to her, so she's very happy.

She has a little vest that she wears to show that she's working, and she wears very cute little socks because sometimes she can get excited and ask for pats, so she has to wear little socks on her front feet."

"Bindi is so sweet and we've had really wonderful reactions from a lot of kids as well."

Jo recounted a story about a mum and her son, who had had a tricky time and a few challenges in class and had become a reluctant reader.

"When he found out he was coming to the library to read to a dog he was so excited, he was talking about what book he was going to read, and his mum said she hadn't heard him talk about reading with such excitement for a long time."

Jo said that Bindi has proven to be popular not only among the children, but also with adults coming into the library as well.

Parents can make bookings for their children to read a story to Bindi on Thursday afternoons through Eventbrite or through the library.



Berrys Creek dairy farmer Cor Koedoot was looking for an opening price with a number nine in front of it but was cautiously optimistic about the season ahead when producers came out around that mark last Thursday.

Milk optimism despite modest opening

SMALL south-west Victorian processor, Bulla Dairy Foods came out two weeks ago with a price band of \$8.80 to \$9.60 per kilo of milk solids.

But it wasn't until the deadline for opening price announcement last Thursday, June 1 that the heavy hitters in this area; Fonterra, Saputo and Burra Foods announced their opening prices for the 2023-24 season.

• Fonterra announced an opening weighted average milk price for the 2023/24 season of \$8.65/kgMS.

• Saputo Dairy Australia (SDA) came out next with an opening price for the 2023-24 season of \$8.90 to \$9.05 per kilogram milk solids.

• And Burra Foods waited right until the 2pm deadline to come out with an opening price of \$8.50 to \$9.00/kg milk solids, as its "Minimum Farmgate Milk Price Range" for FY24: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

United Dairy farmers Victoria (UDV) President, Mark Billing, rated the first offers from the processors, in most cases above last year's opening prices, as "a good starting point".

Locally, UDV Councillor for South Gippsland Ben Vagg, said it would need to be pushed up towards the \$10 mark.

"I don't think it's very aggressive.

They seem to be a bit gun-shy after last year, playing it safe, with global prices playing up but it will need to go higher."

Mark Billing agrees.

"Look, I'd like to think it's a good starting point. You mentioned \$8.65 but I would hope that they'll build from that point. We've got four weeks before the start of the season but I think it's actually a positive start and we'll see how the competition plays out for the milk pool," Mr Billing said on ABC Country Hour last Friday.

"I think last year, we were seeing what was called record prices but I think on the back of that to where we were seeing record input costs as well, particularly with fertiliser and grain.

"They've come off a bit but I think the overall pressure on farms at the moment, it's still that inflationary pressure. Throw in there some interest rates as well and there is a fair bit of pressure at farm level. But hopefully, we'll see the processors work through what I always call the silly season, which is probably the next four weeks rather than the eight weeks that we've seen in the past."

Asked about the mood within the industry from dairy farmers he acknowledged it was still optimistic here, but with battles ahead across the ditch.

"I think the messaging out there

has been globally at least the prices have been softer, GDT has traded weaker over the last sort of six months. We've got to hope that China comes back into the market strongly because it'll take a lot of pressure off on a number of fronts.

"I think if there's more product out of New Zealand going towards China, then hopefully there's less cheese imports into Australia. That's part of the dynamic

"It's interesting about the pricing in New Zealand I mean it is different. Their pricing mechanism is very different to ours. But listening to dairy farmers in New Zealand, the breakeven for them is \$9 Kiwi, including debt servicing, so they're going to be really challenged over the next 12 months in New Zealand and we might see, I think the plateauing of milk production in New Zealand. But we might even see a decrease with some of the pressures that New Zealand dairy farmers are facing as well with the emissions taxes etc."

But Mr Billing acknowledged a recent survey of Australian dairy farmers which said 84 per cent were optimistic about the outlook.

"I think there's general confidence, but while the processors are talking about being squeezed by their running costs, the same as we are, the outlook for the industry is pretty positive."

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Every man, woman and their dog was at the auction at Forrest Avenue Newhaven last Saturday.

Why coastal real estate is still in demand

REPORTS of the demise of real estate, to paraphrase Mark Twain, have been grossly exaggerated, and that goes for well-located property in regional areas.

In fact, in their latest Home Value Index, released on June 1, CoreLogic says regional Victoria has only fallen back 8% since the onset of the COVID peak in May 2022, including 1% in the past three months.

More sought-after areas along the coast and in popular locations like Bright have recorded pleasing growth.

And we saw examples of that locally at the weekend when a three-bedroom home in Forrest Avenue Newhaven was sold at public auction, well above the expected price, for \$1,705,000.

"As I said before the auction, residential property with foreshore frontage is going to be available less and less and here was a house overlooking Western Port and the marina at Newhaven, with views of the Bass Hills, available for genuine sale," said Alex Scott and Staff auctioneer Greg Price.

There were more than 100 people in attendance at the 2pm auction, on site at 33 Forrest Avenue last Saturday, most of them locals interested in the outcome, but as it turned out, four motivated bidders as well.

"Forrest Avenue is an extremely tightly held area and we had a lot of interest prior, from developers and builders being 733m² on a corner and also from yachters who like the idea of being able to overlook their boat moored in the marina."

As it turned out, it was sold to someone recently moved to the area from Melbourne, who just loved the house and the location.

The auction had something of a false start with a low opening bid of \$700,000 but Mr Price turned the offer around by saying he would open with a 'vendors' bid of \$1.2 million.

The person who ultimately purchased the home, bid \$1.25 million and there it looked certain to stay, until the auctioneer came back from the vendors, who were keen to sell on the day, raising the price to \$1.275M with a vendors' bid.

"The property is now on the market at what is essentially an open negotiation," said Mr Price.

A bid of \$1.285M followed and that offer went right to the final call until a flurry of offers from new bidders took the knockdown price to \$1.705M.

"The reality is they're not making any more foreshore property and with the state government appearing to be determined to take their Distinctive Areas and Landscapes policy right around the coast, there won't be any more land released.

"This was a genuine opportunity to buy a really well-located property, right on the coast and as we saw on Saturday, there's still a lot of interest in this sort of property.

"It's a good result for the vendors and good news for people who own foreshore property in Bass Coast and South Gippsland."



Alex Scott Auctioneer Greg Price congratulates the vendors and purchaser on the success of an auction at 33 Forrest Avenue Newhaven last Saturday where a 733m² corner block on the foreshore was sold for \$1.705M.

Rental affordability hits worst levels

A NEW report showing Australia's rental affordability has hit its worst levels in nearly a decade underscores the need for more social and affordable housing. Every body's Home says.

The ANZ CoreLogic Housing Affordability Report found the median household would need to spend almost a third of its income to service a new rent lease - putting them in housing stress - while lower income families would have to pay more than half their earnings.

The median rental price of houses in the Latrobe-Gippsland Region has risen by 23.5% since March 2020 and by 1.1% in the past three months, with \$451 being the average weekly value.

While units in the Latrobe-Gippsland area have increased by 21.7% since March 2020 and by 1.3% in the past 3 months, with the median weekly value being \$345.

Wonthaggi residential expansion entering crucial stages

PLANS continue to progress for the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) with technical work completed to implement the recommendations of the VPA Standing Advisory Committee (SAC).

The PSP will guide the development of a new growth area in Wonthaggi and plan for the construction of approximately 5000 new homes over the next 30 to 50 years.

It will also identify what infrastructure is needed to support the growing community, such as roads and community facilities, and land for employment and retail.

In August 2022, the VPA SAC released its report into plans for Wonthaggi North East, which recommended updates and additional information regarding drainage and costings.

Since the last update in December 2022, VPA have been working with technical experts to finalise the Wonthaggi North East Revised Drainage Strategy and the Wonthaggi North East Functional Designs and Costings Report in response to the SAC's recommendations. It is expected that these reports will be completed by June 2023.

In the coming months, VPA will be focused on finalising the planning scheme amendment and associated documents to submit to the Minister for Planning for consideration.

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AUSTRALIA'S Best Pie and Pastie Competition, put on by Baking Association of Australia, has just wrapped up in Sydney and Inverloch's Paul The Pieman owners and operators, Paul and Robyn Woods have come away as one of the big winners.

In fact, from the 10 pies they entered in the Australia-wide event, during the BAA's annual Industry Trade Show at Sydney's Wentworth Park, they received 10 awards – one gold, seven silvers and two bronze.

But the big one, the gold, was for one of their newest pies - Smokey Beef, Jalapeño & Cheese.

And just getting a silver for their plain pie, in the blue riband event for bakers, was quite an achievement as well.

"The Smokey Beef, Jalapeño & Cheese has been really popular, especially in the cooler weather for a bit of a warm-up. It's been great," said Inverloch Paul The Pieman manager Lyn McCarthy.

"We've got to give most of the credit to

Doug McDonald and Mitch Woods for their creation but the whole team is responsible for the presentation and that's important as well.

"We're just delighted to get the recognition. Come in and give it a try."

Their awards are as follows:

Gold - Smokey Beef, Jalapeño & Cheese

Silver - Plain Pie

Silver - Garlic Prawn

Silver - Brisket, Mac N Cheese

Silver - Creamy Mushroom

Silver - Korean BBQ Sauce

Silver - Buffalo, Mac N Cheese

Silver - Mediterranean Vegetable

Bronze - Chunky Beef

Bronze - Traditional Pastie

"A big thanks to our production team for their efforts over the last week just getting our entries ready for the trip to Sydney. It's been a big effort, but it's been worth it."

Jojo's Wholesale Bakery at Kernot also picked up some medals for Jojo's Gluten Free Thai Chicken (silver) and Jojo's Gluten Free pie (silver).

LEFT: Ellie Schubel with the 'Smokey Beef, Jalapeño & Cheese' pie which won a gold medal for Inverloch's Paul The Pieman at the Baking Association of Australia annual pie and pastie awards in Sydney this week.

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Promoting inclusion in Bass Coast

BASS Coast Shire's Living Young Plan 2021-2025 states that the shire is dedicated to advocating for equality, understanding and acceptance to create a better Bass Coast for children, youth, and families.

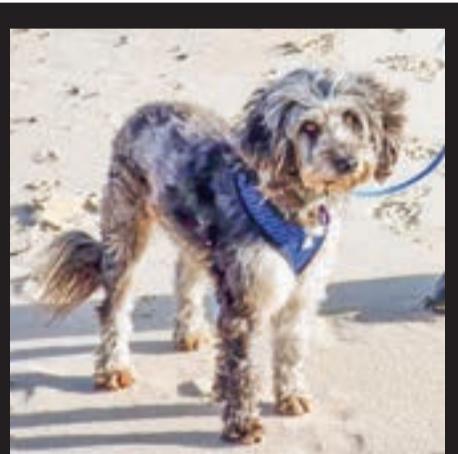
And by helping youth come together to express themselves and celebrate their identities, numerous events will be running for the month of June, including the Pride Gala and AMPLIFY event.

AMPLIFY

AMPLIFY will present pride months exclusive talent show on Tuesday, June 13 at the Wonthaggi Union Community Art Centre – an exhibition for youth aged 12-25 to showcase their talent in a safe and inclusive environment.

Grants open - Healthy Communities Plan 2022-2023

Applications are still open for the Healthy Communities grant until Friday, June 30. Funding of up to \$2,000 is available for not-for-profit community organisations and groups to implement a project or initiative that aligns with the Healthy Communities Plan 2021-2025.



Can you help find Casper?

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With help from the team at Leongatha Mens Shed Ken Reid has dedicated his time over 10 years to make a total of 7883 toy cars which go to underprivileged children as part of the Samaritans Purse Project.

Toy Cars for kids from Ken and Men's Shed

THE LEONGATHA Men's shed celebrated foundation member Ken Reid last week, who started the Toy Car for Samaritans Purse Project 10 years ago.

Since joining the Men's Shed at Leongatha (LMS) as an inaugural member in 2012, Ken has dedicated his time at home and at LMS producing thousands of toys for disadvantaged children.

Ken was a former woodwork teacher at the Leongatha Secondary College, before his retirement in 2000 and he supervises a group of men to assist him in various stages to complete the toys.

With help from the team at LMS Ken has made a total of 7,883 cars which go to children from Cambodia, Fiji, Madagascar, Malawi, Zambia and Africa.

"We were approached first by the Samaritans Purse here in Leongatha and they said they would like a small toy to put inside the Christmas boxes suitable for boys. So, we were asked to design this basic little car that could just be slipped into the box," Ken said.

The Samaritan's Purse Project is a non-profit organisation providing relief from Australia and New Zealand to underprivileged countries world-wide.

They distribute the Christmas Child 'Shoe box' packages which provide children with shoe boxes filled with hygiene items, gifts of school supplies, fun gifts, and of course the toy cars from the Leongatha Men's Shed.

The cars are packaged each year in October and November.

"It's worked out very well because it means that people that come here that can't actively work in the workshop as much, not able to stand, or older, or in a wheelchair, they've got something they've been involved in. So, it's very good for the men that are here, that group of men, and it's very good for the Samaritans Purse that appreciate the toys. We can make them, and they are very pleased."

The car production begins by Ken sourcing timber pallets from local businesses

throughout Leongatha to make the cars.

The pallets are deconstructed, nails removed, and pieces are sorted and organised for the various workstations at the Mens Shed.

Twenty-two members of the Men's Shed learnt about the history of the toy making process last week and got to practically experience each stage of the toy car making process.

There are five stations where the cars are constructed.

At the first, the car wheels are formed and cut with a hole-saw cutter, scalded and deburred, and then sanded and smoothed on the lathe.

At the next the car bodies are shaped by the orbital sanding machine and following that the car roofs are secured to the body using trimmed nails and glue.

Then the car bodies and cabins are sanded to ensure a smooth finish before being attached together.

The cars are then painted blue or red and the team of painted using support jigs.

At this stage car wheels are also painted (with axles attached by glue at one end only) and the other set of wheels are glued at final assembly, when wheels and axles are fitted to cars.

For the axle to be placed, the car body is drilled using a vertical drill and jig, with location marks made for the front and rear axles.

In the final stage of assembly, the wheels and axles are fitted to the car body. The axle is then sanded flush with the wheel and touch up paint is put on where necessary.

The toy cars are then ready to send.

"It's good for our men and it goes to a good cause," Ken said.

The men who attended on the day were treated with coffee and scones prepared by members who attended the May 'Cook & Eat' event, where they were introduced to scone making.

All in all, another successful day at the Leongatha Men's Shed.

New support group for patients

SOUTH GIPPSLAND residents impacted by cancer have a new support network to help them.

A monthly Cancer Support Group has recently started at Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS).

Clinical Nurse Specialist Hannah Deenik said the group understood the challenges and emotions that come with a cancer journey.

"We're here to offer support and encouragement every step of the way," Ms Deenik said.

"Our Cancer Support Group is a warm and inclusive community to support

individuals affected by cancer," she said.

"The aim of the support group is to provide a safe space for sharing, listening and uplifting one another."

Various guest speakers attend each month to discuss topics of interest.

Participants can also gain valuable insights from others who have firsthand experience with various types of cancer, including tips on everything from treatment options to coping strategies.

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Celebrating Refugee Week and our Karen friends

By SGRAR

EVERYONE is invited to join South Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees (SGRAR) in celebrating Refugee Week.

This year they will screen the multi award winning film, 'For Soma' at the Wonthaggi Community Union Arts Centre in Graham Street.

Refugee week is a celebration of refugees, their resilience in overcoming, courageous escape from bombs, torture, unjust imprisonment.

We empathise with their loss of family, friends, the loss of all that they had possessed including, a beloved home and country. It is difficult for us who live in a democracy, to imagine the great trauma and cost to people who are forced to run from their home.

Most importantly we celebrate and acknowledge many achievements and the contributions refugees make in the lands where they make their new home.

In 2023 the theme of Refugee Week is 'freedom'. Some well-known people in Australia who have come from a refugee background are, Ahn Do, author, artist and comedian, Professor Munjed Al Muderis fled Iraq's Saddam Hussain.

After making his home in Australia Munjed's research put Australia at the forefront of orthopaedic surgery.

There are many other famous refugees who made their home in Australia but this year we celebrate our Wonthaggi Karen friends.

The first Karen families came to Wonthaggi seeking peace and freedom in 2008.

The Karen people's villages had been attacked by the Myanmar armies, houses burned, mines laid around villages. The Karen people had to make their way to refugee camps in Thailand as best they could, taking only what they could carry.

Wonthaggi and surrounding families were asked to sponsor a Karen family, in this way each family that arrived was sponsored and welcomed by a Wonthaggi family. These now friends of ours came to a strange land, with strange culture, food and language often leaving parents or relatives behind.

The families initially stayed with their hosts, then after we had opened up bank accounts and connected to Centrelink, we went to hunt for independent dwellings for our families. After an initial time of learning English, the men in the families found jobs, the children went to school and the women became a part of the Wonthaggi community. The Karen women joined Michell house learned to knit with the craft ladies.

We were invited to their homes where we tasted many new delicious dishes. One family wove bags and scarves. The children joined sporting clubs around Wonthaggi.

Each of the families who stayed in Wonthaggi had now purchased their own home and some of the children work in our community.

One lady is close to finishing her nursing studies and has recently married a Karen lad from the USA.

He will be joining us in Wonthaggi and that will enjoy another family of friends.

We now boast some 40 Karen people.

The film to Celebrate Refugee Week and to raise funds for Afghan families in danger in Pakistan will be screened on Sunday June, 25, starting 2.30pm for 3pm start.

The venue is, Wonthaggi Community Union Arts Centre in Graham Street.

To book visit, bit.ly/422EihU
<https://www.wonthaggartscentre.com.au/so/e3OVfDMVa?languageTag=en&cid=ba3b0900-298e-48a2-8f83-18eb7cdc4d37>

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To join the SGRAR email group email Felicia.sgrar07@gmail.com

Fundraising a treat at Bass Coast Specialist School



Chloe (teacher), Sophie and Ruqayah provided some sweet treats at Bass Coast Specialist School's Biggest Morning Tea.

BASS Coast Specialist School's senior students raised an incredible \$800 during its Biggest Morning Tea recently.

The event was held on Thursday, March 25, and resulted in the largest amount raised by the school.

The students registered to be part of the Biggest Morning Tea to help raise awareness and funds for people impacted by cancer.

As part of the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC), the students have already organised a fundraiser this year, so planning and preparing the Biggest Morning Tea was familiar territory for the students.

The students led the charge to write lists of the foods they

wanted to make and the ingredients they needed to buy. They thought about inviting the community and the student president called Rose Lodge to invite the residents to join them on the day.

They also sent emails to local services resulting in LaTrobe Community Support/NDIS and Connecting 2 Australia coming along.

The students were overwhelmed by the support of the parents, friends and the community throughout the two-hour event. The gym was packed and there were queues in front of the coffee machine and the food tables.

It was a memorable event and they can't wait to do it again next year.

Squats to raise money for pancreatic cancer research

JUST 63 squats a day in May has made a world of difference for pancreatic cancer patients Australia wide.

Wonthaggi's Gayle and Chloe Huther participated in the Facebook-based challenge this month, raising more than \$300 toward pancreatic cancer research.

Their contribution was included to the incredible nation-wide total of \$215,000, donated to the PanKind Australian Pancreatic Cancer Foundation.

Gayle and Chloe were sadly affected by pancreatic cancer after the passing of mother and grandmother Sandra Smith in 2019.

When they discovered a way to honour those impacted by the disease and help Australians battling to overcome it, they were thrilled to show their support.

"My niece in Tasmania (Bridie Smith) told me about the fundraiser. It's 63 squats a day in May to honour the 63 Australians who die from pancreatic cancer every week," Gayle said.

"We've received wonderful support from our friends and



Wonthaggi's Gayle (far left) and Chloe (third left) participated in the 63 Squats a Day in May Challenge in support of pancreatic cancer research. Gayle and Chloe took on the challenge in honour of their mother and grandmother Sandra Smith (pictured seated).

family, and it's been lovely to be part of an online fundraiser.

The community in the Facebook group have been active about sharing their stories and sharing videos

of the different ways they are completing the challenge. It's been nice to have that shared experience and some people have really gone above and beyond."

Their target was to raise \$250 and they were thrilled to

exceed their goal.

PanKind Australian Pancreatic Cancer Foundation's mission is to triple the pancreatic cancer survival rate by 2030.

"It's a really worthy cause. If there's anything we can do to help with survival rates, we're happy to do it," Gayle said.

"It's a horrible disease and a cause that's very close to our hearts."

There's still time to donate to Gayle and Chloe.

To donate, search for the 63 Squats a Day in May Fundraiser for PanKind on Facebook or follow the link <https://www.facebook.com/donate/576673987761127>.

Donations to the PanKind Australian Pancreatic Cancer Foundation can be made at any time at <https://pankind.org.au/>.



Wonthaggi North Primary School vice captains Jyah (far left) and Eden (far right) with school captains Clarissa and Lachie (centre).



From left, the Wonthaggi North Primary School house captains for 2023 are Kai (Harmer's Sea Eagles), Kruz (Baxter Seals), Jack and Kieryn (Powlett Penguins), and Lexie (Williamson's Stingrays). Absent: Taylor (Harmer's Sea Eagles), Daniel (Baxter Seals) and Baxter (Williamson's Stingrays).

Wonthaggi North PS congratulate new school leaders

STUDENT leaders were presented with their leadership badges during Wonthaggi North Primary School's (WNPS) assembly last term.

Parents, carers and families were in attendance as the leaders were welcomed into their new roles.

In term one, the school body voted for who they'd like to see in these important roles.

Fellow school captain Clarissa's favourite part of being

When asked how it felt when he was voted as one of this year's school captains, Lachie said he was "surprised".

"I knew I had a big job ahead of me but, with help, I knew I could do it," he said.

His favourite part of being a school leader is "helping out with stuff around the school".

Fellow school captain Clarissa's favourite part of being

a school leader so far is, "I get to speak in front of the whole school. We get to help people and give them tours".

Congratulations to all WNPS school leaders for 2023:

School captains: Lachie and Clarissa.

Vice captains: Jyah and Eden.

Student council: Adelayde and Mia-Laice.

Cultural leaders: Jake and Nate L.

Eco Warriors: Jaxson.

Community leaders: Patrick and Aliysha.

House captains: Jack and Kieryn (Powlett Penguins), Kai and Taylor (Harmer's Sea Eagles), Kruz and Daniel (Baxter Seals), and Lexie and Baxter (Williamson's Stingrays).

Good news for ecosystems as logging stops, says Preserve our Forests

THE Victorian Government has recently announced that native forest logging will end on January 1, 2024.

Preserve our Forests Mirboo North welcomed the move given the increasingly unsustainable nature of native forest logging.

According to Preserve our Forests Mirboo North, forest ecosystems will benefit from

no longer having the unnatural processes involved in logging and the removal of biomass, destroying or forever altering sensitive landscapes.

Victoria is the most deforested state in Australia, this was exacerbated by major bushfires in 2009, and again in 2019/20, severely impacting vast tracts of forest.

Logging vast tracts of native forest over the decades has brought once common species towards a threatened status and threatened species brought closer to extinction.

Marg Thomas, Chair of Preserve our Forests Steering Committee said, the announcement provides an important one-off opportunity to re-deploy skilled workers in forestry to work at core maintenance and enhancement of biodiversity conservation in our forests.

"It also needs to be remembered that native forest logging has been reducing over the years to the extent

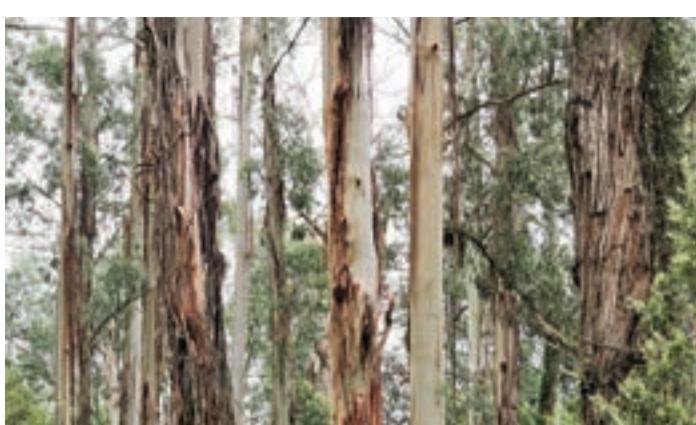
that it is only a small part of the timber industry which is largely plantation based. According to the Department of Jobs Skills Industry & Regions, Victoria has the largest plantation estate in Australia and as a growth industry, will provide increasing employment for timber workers."

"If our native forests are preserved for water supply, carbon sequestration, plus eco-tourism, there will be sustainable job opportunities for growing, managing and enhancing these forests.

"We hope the Victorian Government will include such approaches as part of a Just Transition for the workers impacted by the sudden closure of the industry."

Susan Koci, Coordinator of Preserve our Forests Biodiversity Working Group explains that a forest's biodiversity is interlinked, with each species reliant on the others to exist. The loss of old forests has led to habitat loss for many of our arboreal mammals, birds, reptiles and insects, and in many cases has driven such species to near extinction.

RIGHT: Young paper bark stand behind ferns in Mirboo North State Forest will be preserved under the Government's recent announcement that native forest logging will end on January 1, 2024.



Preserve our Forests Mirboo North, welcome the move given the increasingly unsustainable nature of native forest logging, such as this rare stand of young Mt Ash in the Hallston forest.



Elder abuse is everyone's business

THURSDAY, June 15 marks World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), officially recognised by the United Nations in 2011.

On this day individuals and organisations worldwide highlight the importance of the rights of older people, as prevention against the mistreatment and harm occurring in their communities.

Elder abuse is any act which causes harm to an older person and is carried out by someone they know and trust such as a family member or friend.

The abuse may be physical, social, financial, psychological or sexual and can include mistreatment and neglect.

Rates of elder abuse are under reported, but the Australian Institute of Family Studies estimates up to 14 per cent of older people in Australia are affected.

This year Carinya Lodge Homes Inc. will be hosting a morning tea on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 10.30 am to raise awareness about elder abuse.

Members of the community and family and friends of Carinya are invited to join us and raise awareness for this important day. There are limited seats, RSVPs are required.

The warning signs of elder abuse may include an older person seeming fearful, anxious or isolated. There may be injuries or an absence of personal care.

Unexplained changes to legal documents or finances are also of concern.

Most elder abuse occurs behind closed doors, so it is important for loved ones to watch out for signs, listen and offer help.

Older people can reduce the risk of elder abuse by making sure their financial, medical, legal and other affairs are in order.

They must also be empowered to recognise the signs of elder abuse and encouraged to seek help. If you are experiencing elder abuse, or concerned about an older person, you can get help by calling Seniors Rights Victoria on 1300 368 821 Monday to Friday, from 10 am to 5 pm, or by visiting www.seniorsrights.org.au.

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Disaster ready business course open for registrations

THE free Disaster Ready Phillip Island + Bass Coast Business Community Resilience (BCR) toolkit program was developed to help business owners build resilience and prepare for future disasters and will run from June to September 2023.

The Phillip Island/Bass Coast and Great Ocean Road visitor hotspots have been chosen because of the detrimental impacts the closure of businesses in these areas would have.

CFA Head of Community Preparedness Lucy Saaroni said being disaster ready is important for business owners operating in high-risk tourism regions.

The program is a collaboration between CFA, VICSES, Department of Jobs, Skills, Industries and Regions and social enterprise Resilient Ready, supported locally by Destination Phillip Island.

"Given the last three years and the consistent nature of incidents occurring it is important business takes the time to consider and plan," Kim Storey GM Destination Phillip Island.

"We are very pleased to see this connection with local emergency services and the business community develop during this training."

The program includes input from members of the Victorian Multicultural Commission's Regional Advisory Councils to contribute towards content development, lived experience storytelling, workshop participation, and local community engagement.

The program has been produced with funding provided by the Australian Government in partnership with the States and Territories under the National Partnership Agreement for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Registrations for the program are open now and the program begins in June with short online modules and some in person catch ups in July and September via <https://resilientready.org/projects/ber-toolkit-disaster-ready-phillip-island-and-bass-coast/> or visit destinationphillipisland.org.au

Take kitchen fire safety seriously this winter

AS VICTORIANS rug up for the first day of winter, the state's fire services are reminding the community to pay close attention in the kitchen as cooking is the single largest cause of fire in residential homes.

Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) and CFA responded to around 900 kitchen fires across the state last year, with many the result of people leaving stovetops unattended.

Victorians are reminded to ensure they have working smoke alarms powered by a 10 year-long life battery in all sleeping and living areas of their home and if affordable, interconnected smoke alarms, so when any alarm activates, all smoke alarms will sound throughout the house.

Other tips to cook safely this winter and avoid starting a blaze include:

- Always supervise children in the kitchen and keep them away from the stovetop and the oven.
- Keep pot handles turned in to avoid bumping, spilling, or having an open heat source on the stovetop.
- Keep combustible items such as tea towels and paper towels at least one metre away from cooking and heat sources.
- Make sure kitchen appliances are clean and in good working order.
- Keep a fire extinguisher or fire blanket stored within easy reach but away from the cooking area.

For more home fire safety tips visit the FRV or CFA websites, at www.frv.vic.gov.au or <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au>

Sparks are flying in Korumburra

By Courtney O'Brien

SPARKS fly when Jennifer Belsar is around and instructing women how to weld in her workshop the Hammerhead Gallery, Korumburra.

The Weld Like a Girl classes have been so popular that waitlists are long and people come from Melbourne and further afield to attend.

The workshops were designed after there was a huge demand from the women who took part in the Korumburra Women's Shed program.

"There were people just wanting to do intensive welding workshops, they wanted to learn how to weld, they wanted to learn how to create sculpture, create works of art.

"They were either wanting a little bit more than I was teaching at the shed or they were working women and couldn't come during the week, so they wanted something on the weekend."

"I thought let's give it a really cool name since it's a traditionally male dominated industry, let's call it Weld Like a Girl," Jen said.

Women can go for a weekend and learn in a fun and safe environment, how to create sculpture out of steel and recycled steel.

Originally from Boolarra, Jen spent a few years in Melbourne before moving back to Korumburra and setting herself up in a spot centrally to where her family and friends live.

Jen's long been an artist and has worked with many mediums but hadn't worked with steel (until a few years ago), since she was at school.

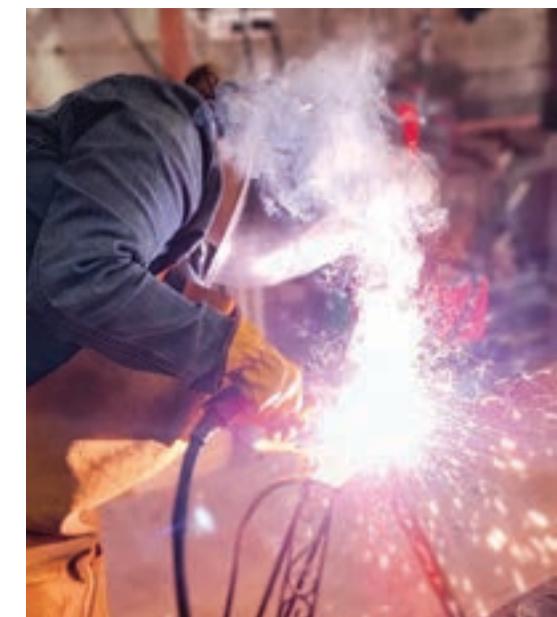
"My favourite subjects were woodwork, metal work, working in the art room creating art and paintings or playing sport.

"I was never one of those kids who was sitting studious at a desk. I just always wanted to be doing something."

Her journey from student to



Jen Belsar teaches Weld Like a Girl Workshops where women can go for a weekend and learn in a fun and safe space how to create sculpture out of steel and recycled steel.



Sparks fly in the Weld like a Girl classes and women can express their creativity in a new way and connect with other women from South Gippsland.

teacher began in 2009, when she met, Laurie Collins in Jindivick.

Laurie is a welder and sculptor, and the two crossed paths while she was working for the Salvation Army.

"I was lucky enough to be working in a bushfire role after the 2009 Black Saturday Bushfires and Jindivick was part of my area that I was responsible for.

"I came across Laurie there on his farm and saw the sculptures and all the steel and was totally enamoured and thought, oh my God I want to learn how to do this."

"Laurie said to me, 'I'll teach you, just come up and I'll teach you how to weld.'

"It wasn't until a couple of years later that I had the time and the opportunity to go back up and do it with him.

"I took one day off a week and used to drive up and weld with Laurie, and I did that for a couple of years."

At the time Jen was living in Kew and a community shed

was starting up in Alphington.

"I thought maybe I could go over there and use the community shed instead of having to drive all the way up to Jindivick, every time I want to weld.

"I was still happy to go up there one day a week and learn with Laurie, but I thought maybe I could spend a day a week in this community shed and use their equipment."

When Jen approached them, the Community Shed saw an opportunity with the knowledge and skills she'd gained and asked if she would like to teach a Women's Shed Program.

"I kind of panicked and went, well I don't know how to teach welding and metal work and woodwork and all that sort of stuff.

"So, I went back to Laurie's and said, Laurie they've asked me to start a Women's Shed, and he said, 'That's all right, I'll show you what to do'."

Laurie was a retired high school teacher and he'd taught for years and was able to offer Jen sound advice and good in-

struction on the art of teaching.

"I call Laurie my fairy God father because he kind of started me on this journey."

While at the Alphington Community Centre, Jen helped to establish a highly successful Women in the Shed Program.

Four programs a week were held, and they won the Fiona Richardson Gender Equity Award 2021 for The Women in the Shed program.

Together with Milpara Community House, Jen held classes two days a week, sharing the Korumburra Mens Shed, and using it on the days the men weren't there.

These classes were highly successful for several reasons and ended up with a full waiting list.

The Weld Like a Girl Workshops are held every month at Hammerhead Gallery, Korumburra and Jen also teaches welding at Richmond Community Learning Centre.

For more details or to book online visit Hammerhead Gallery on Facebook or hammerhead_gallery on Instagram.

Korumburra Women's Shed needs a new home

By Courtney O'Brien

THE KORUMBURRA Women's Shed has more than 500 interested female members from across South Gippsland who are desperately seeking a home.

The Women's Shed originated after Milpara Community House in Korumburra auspiced a program for women during COVID lockdowns for parts of 2020 and 2021 and regularly in 2022.

The group used the Korumburra Men's Shed space for the program for two days every week when the men weren't using the shed.

The program quickly sold out and had a waiting list, and while it started out offering semester style learning, it rapidly became so popular that the women decided to form a Women's Shed with an ongoing form of membership.

In October 2022, however, the women were asked to leave the Goods Shed indefinitely, due to reasons that were undisclosed to the women at the time, and Milpara discontinued the program.

The Goods Shed has come under the governance of VicTrack, who are planning to undertake restoration of the heritage listed building once the men fully vacate.

A timeframe for the comple-

tion of the work hasn't been specified and in any case the women would need to successfully secure the lease for the building against other potential contenders.

The women formed a committee last year in a bid to find a new home.

Lisa Churchward, a member of the committee wrote, "We have been desperately seeking to find an alternative venue during this time but have been unable to find or secure anything to date. We are open to all suggestions and avenues of support."

President of the Committee, Cheryl Byrnes is determined to secure a suitable new place where the women can continue carrying out their activities.

"We're pretty determined and we're a pretty clever bunch of women, so it's pretty amazing what we're going to be doing. I'm here to get us a home."

The Women's Shed is not a new concept, with 56 Women's Sheds across Australia, and nine in Victoria, at the last count in August last year.

According to information from the Australian Women's Shed Community (AWSC), Women's Sheds face enormous difficulty



President of the Women's Shed committee Cheryl Byrnes is determined to find a home for the group, with talented fellow committee member Gayle Revill.

under arts funding.

The AWSC cites that one of the biggest reasons women's sheds fail to get off the ground is the difficulty they face in securing a suitable, safe and permanent venue for their activities.

Cheryl remains optimistic and while the women may not yet have a home, they meet regularly for social activities, to stay connected and to discuss and determine their course of action going forward.

The committee are proactively seeking information and will be meeting with South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor Nathan Hersey on Friday, June 9, to discuss potential available land or properties that may be available and appropriate to house a women's shed.

They will also be meeting with the Federal Member for Monash, Russell Broadbent who will look at grant avenues that may be available for the women.

Cheryl hopes that in the near future the Korumburra Women's Shed will have secured a home and hold the knowledge, skills and know how to help pay it forward, and assist other groups who may face the same challenges they are currently experiencing.

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double cab ute SN: L101017



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SN: L101026



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SN: L101028



2018 Ford Ranger Wildtrak PX MkII
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Berry Street provides services to children, young people and families impacted by abuse, violence and neglect across Victoria.

Since 2010, the Berry Street Positive Memory Bank has helped more than 100 children in the Gippsland region. Funded entirely through generous donations from corporate organisations, local businesses, and individuals, children and young people in Berry Street's care are able to apply for grants to help cover all or part of the costs of something they wish for.

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To support children and young people who have experienced trauma, please visit berrystreet.org.au/donate. Donations are tax deductible.

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Bena Ong Pharmacist

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URINARY tract infections, or UTIs, commonly affect hundreds of thousands of Australians yearly. UTIs are caused by bacteria that infect the bladder, urethra, or kidneys.

Symptoms of a UTI may include an intense urge to urinate, pain or burning during urination, cloudy or strong-smelling urine, and discomfort in the lower belly.

Treating a UTI depends on whether it's bacterial (most common), viral or fungal. This is typically determined by your doctor after a urine sample's test results. Recurrent UTIs, defined as two or more episodes over 6 months, can be challenging, and frequently taking treatments can be frustrating. About 50% of women who experience a UTI will experience another, likely within 12 months.

Many factors can contribute to the development of UTIs, including poor hygiene, a weakened immune system, and a lack of hydration.

Some people are also at higher risk for UTIs, including those who are pregnant, have gone through menopause, or have a history of UTIs in their family.

Hence, some steps to help prevent UTIs are:

- Drinking 6 to 8 glasses of water daily
- Not holding urine in for long periods
- Taking a cranberry supplement: Cranberries contain compounds called proanthocyanidins that are believed to prevent bacteria from adhering to the bladder and urinary tract, which can help reduce the risk of UTIs.

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Greg Thompson joined the PICAL volunteers and committee members for an afternoon tea to celebrate National Volunteers Week. Z10_2123

Greg says farewell to PICAL

THE centre manager and face of Phillip Island Community & Adult Learning Centre (PICAL) Greg Thompson has made the challenging decision to step down as president as of June 30.

After four years operating the day-to-day management of PICAL and overseeing the crisis centre - helping individuals and families overcome dire situations, Greg said he is grateful for his time, and this isn't goodbye but farewell.

Greg started with PICAL four years ago, initially appointed to revive the organisation and on his first week in operation the East Gippsland bushfires hit, and the centre was called upon to assist with families who had evacuated their homes.

It was that period that Greg witnessed the community come together – responding simultaneously to help in a communal effort.

From that day forward PICAL became the central centre for individuals and families in need.

After moving PICAL across to their new two sites, it was Greg's time to announce that this would be his last year.

A lot of the volunteers have been alongside him through the whole journey

and he emphasised the fact that, "bigger than one person, bigger than one committee, it seems to have taken on a life of its own, and whilst people will come and go, the institution will keep going on and on."

Greg has been the day-to-day face for people coming into PICAL for the past four years, but he is confident that with the 103 volunteers that selflessly dedicate their time to the centre, 'the operation of PICAL is in good hands.'

At the last annual general meeting, the committee said goodbye to a few members who have served their term, but welcomed three new committee members who will manage the operation behind the scenes, and Greg's successor will soon be appointed in the coming weeks.

The preparation of the new PICAL site was on the cards from when Greg first started, and despite being separated onto two different sites, Greg said, "we are really pleased with this swish new facility, albeit it's a lot smaller than what we had, so fitting everything in is a constant challenge."

"But we're operating and getting busier and busier and being split into two different campuses means we're still

working on getting the community garden and the training sheds up and running, and that's my only regret of stepping down on June 30 is that I won't be the general manager of PICAL to see that site come to fruition, but I will be signing up as a volunteer for the community garden."

Greg oversaw the operation of PICAL through the bushfires, through the pandemic and today he manages the operation of the site and the crisis centre that is seeing the community battle through the rise in the cost of living, and it is for this reason that Greg will continue to connect with his community – to help them through this crucial time.

"Through the pandemic and for the past four years the community garden at the last site was a part of the food relief supply chain, when supermarket shelves were empty, our garden was a source for the cooking volunteers to provide 200 meals a week for those in need," said Greg.

"Apart from our primary purpose being upskilling people who need that training for employment purposes and helping to get people back on their own two feet so that they're ready to be upskilled – so they're ready

to regain enlightenment. Another strong ethos that's always run through people is environmental sustainability. So, the garden was also very much in accord with the circular economy principles.

"So, what we really also want to do with the garden is bring people in for a social connection purpose, do some training for upskilling purpose, but in the middle of all that, we want to start running Independent Living Programs to either for people who live with a disability so that the garden becomes a home for them or as a place to go to after they finish school."

Greg has worked closely with families during his time at PICAL, making connections and seeing firsthand the programs that can be and need to be developed to help the community and with this exceptional knowledge Greg will continue to lead and create a pathway for those in need.

"This isn't goodbye, but simply farewell."

The volunteers at PICAL gathered last week in celebration of National Volunteers Week to give their thanks to Greg and the new committee members who together have put their best foot forward to assist the community.

Monash medical students try-out GP careers in South Gippsland

SIX fourth-year Monash University medical students recently experienced life as a rural GP, having spent a semester working alongside local GPs in Leongatha, Korumburra and Wonthaggi.

For student Yash Patwardhan, who completed his placement at Korumburra Medical Centre, the opportunity to parallel-consult was a highlight.

Parallel or wave consulting has students seeing patients on their own for the first part of the consultation and are then joined by the supervising GP for the conclusion.

"Whilst I was initially filled with doubt around the prospect of doing this, through the patience and mentorship of my supervising doctors, eventually these became my most treasured parts of the day," explained Yash.

"My time at KMC (Korumburra Medical Centre) has been truly phenomenal. I've loved working alongside all the staff, interacting with patients and contributing towards their care."

The students are placed at Korumburra Medical Centre, Leongatha Healthcare,



Fourth-year Monash University medical students, Jonathan Nguyen, Cameron Mekken, Joshua Peker, Yash Patwardhan, Anusha Maheshwari and Sienna Beaves got a taste of the rural life working alongside GPs throughout South Gippsland.

Wonthaggi Medical Group, South Gippsland Family Medicine and Foster Medical Centre.

Academic coordinator Jennie Casey said support from these practices is vital in training the next generation of doctors in the region.

"The support our students receive from both the GP clinics and the local hospitals is second to none, and their

commitment and enthusiasm plays a major role in encouraging students to consider working in a rural area after graduation."

For Yash, his time in South Gippsland has left a lasting impression.

"The kindness, hospitality and compassion the region has shown towards me has left a lasting impression, full

of memories I will cherish for a lifetime.. I've made a commitment of sorts with myself, to certainly revisit and 'give-back' to the South Gippsland community through my future work, in whatever specialty that may be. I can't wait!"

Another seven Monash medical students will begin their general practice placements in the region in mid June.

SHOP LOCAL in Korumburra



Top quality and expert advice

ALLAWAY Tiles Slate and Stone offers a wide range of good quality stock at competitive prices, with owner David Allan attributing those customer benefits to a decision to buy from independent wholesalers not attached to franchise groups.

"We're not paying franchise fees and because we have a series of independent wholesalers they want our business," he said when outlining his ability to compete with large operators in terms of retail prices.

David stressed that not being locked into sourcing products from a single wholesaler creates freedom to tailor the store's range to local demand.

"We can determine what we want in our displays," he said.

The business has a long history, possibly being the first specialised tile shop in regional Victoria when it started in the 1970s, with other such businesses then located in Melbourne and a limited range of tiles available at regional hardware stores.

David worked in joinery, finding his way into the world of tiles through that trade.

That transition started with a coffee table he was making for his new home, searching for tiles for its top and discovering just the



Allaway Tiles Slate and Stone owner David Allan displays a selection of the store's range of subway tiles. A04_2323

thing at a Dandenong tile business.

Building kitchens for clients, it wasn't long before David found himself returning to Dandenong searching for the right tiles for their needs.

He said mosaic tiles on kitchen benchtops proved ideal, being able to happily accommodate hot pots and resisting scratches.

Soon it made sense to branch into tiles, incorporating that into the joinery operation, originally sourcing from Dandy Tiles, before launching into an independent approach.

David moved out of joinery long ago.

The tile business stocks products from several countries, including Italy and Spain.

An excellent selection of smaller subway tiles provides scope for creativity.

"They are popular for feature work and for kitchen splashbacks," David said.

Visit Allaway Tiles Slate and Stone at 4 Sanders Street Korumburra to explore the range while enjoying a friendly welcome and expert assistance.

Friends beautify botanic park

THE FRIENDS of Korumburra Botanic Park (FKBP) are rehabilitating, beautifying, promoting the park. The group formed a few years ago, but efforts to meet were hampered by COVID. However, they weren't deterred, and the group became incorporated about a year ago. FKBP have collaborated with Council, DEECA and South Gippsland Land Care to initiate, undertake and manage a range of projects. The idea of the group is to help manage Korumburra botanic parklands and make them beautiful, sustainable and natural areas for the community to enjoy. The projects include rehabilitating areas of the park through removal of noxious weeds and vines and by planting native species of trees, such as Strzelecki gums. Ben Ellis, Secretary of the Friends said that members have a vested interest in the local area and enjoy contributing to the community and the environment. "They get the satisfaction of restoring a beautiful asset and the joy of putting native plants in." Recent projects include the removal of weeds and black berries along Olsens' walk at Coalition Creek; the group received a community grant from the council to fix up a drain that was overrun with weeds, blackberries and vines and planted it out with native species; another was rehabilitating the drain that runs close to the rotunda." The group promotes the park by holding events and tours. A weekend event was held for National Eucalyptus Day and a successful NAIDOC event was held in the park last July. Tours have been run with cub groups and the Australian Plant Society. FKBP have joined forces with South Gippsland Land Care and share members, resources and knowledge on different projects. They also offer to help people plant memorial trees, usually of the native gum variety and provide people with tools and tree shields. There are currently 27 members of the group and they are always happy to welcome new members. The Facebook page, Friends of Korumburra Botanic Park has more information and a downloadable form for new or renewing members.

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Time to stop umpire abuse

YOU can't have helped notice the terrible TV footage of a soccer umpire being unmercifully bashed by an amateur boxer in Sydney's south-west a couple of months ago.

They played it that many times it became positively traumatic.

But honestly, such extremes are more a symptom of what goes on in Sydney's south-west, and what's allowed to happen in soccer, especially internationally, than what happens at Aussie rules football matches down here in Gippsland.

Why soccer authorities, especially those in South America and parts of Europe, allow players to get right up into the face of their referees, to dispute even minor decisions, is unfathomable.

And it does trickle down.

But what that shocking incident in Sydney did do, however, is shine the spotlight on fan behaviour towards umpires generally and the fact that we were already struggling for numbers in the umpiring ranks.

In reality, the feedback coming from the sidelines at local footy, is no worse, in fact, it's probably a lot more restrained than it used to be, but the fact is, these are changed times.

And we all need to acknowledge that and change our behaviour.

Match officials don't want to, nor do they have to put up with abuse and criticism of any sort from the sidelines, especially from club officials; they're just doing their job, after all, to the best of their ability.

And more young women and kids are taking on these roles now, for fitness and a bit of extra pocket money, and shouldn't be subjected to the sort of aggressive fan behaviour we've tolerated in the past.

Call it woke, call it over-the-top, call it whatever you like but it's time for a change.

Largest ever research program

I write in response to the letter 'Wind farm not using best marine tech' (Tuesday 23 May).

As the most advanced offshore wind project in Australia, we've been studying the marine environment for almost three years.

During this time, we've completed one of the largest ever research programs in Bass Strait to understand local marine life and habitats, working over 13,000 hours and recording at least 50,000 observations.

This program was designed and peer reviewed by scientists to ensure the right survey methods are used to capture the most robust data.

We're fortunate to work with leading scientists and researchers from Deakin, Monash and Curtin Universities, and the CSIRO, as well as a range of global specialists.

There are many methods for data collection, and we'll continue to be guided by science and seek advice on the most fit-for-purpose methods for the location and species we are studying.

In this case Bass Strait is vast, requiring a comprehensive and wide-ranging approach, demonstrated by the 10 survey methods used in our marine ecology survey program.

We look forward to sharing the results and outcomes of these efforts as the environmental assessments are completed to enhance broader scientific understanding of Bass Strait's unique marine environment.

Erin Coldham, Chief Development Officer, Star of the South

Vox Pop

Are you big milk drinkers in your household?



Cooper

"Yes, we all are, and we drink full cream milk because it tastes the best. I especially use a lot of milk to make milkshakes."



Zayne

"Yes, full cream milk is my favourite and Dad and I mostly use it for coffee, milkshakes, and cereal."



Mia

"My sister is a big milk drinker, and I like full cream milk too for cereal and hot chocolates."



Addison

"Yes, my family goes through a lot of full cream milk each week. We mostly use it for coffee and milos."

Putting the cart before the horse

In regard to the "Voice to Parliament" Referendum, I could not vote YES to a proposition which acknowledges that the details regarding the "composition, function, powers and procedures" of the proposal have not already been revealed by those who would be negotiating with the Australian Government.

This is not a bargaining exercise between a union and an employer or a business owner and a supplier.

This is asking every Australian Voter to sign a blank cheque to give the transitory Federal Parliamentary Members power to decide details of an issue which should be decided by a fully informed Society.

We are expected to have sufficient confidence in the performance of the Federal Parliament of the day to negotiate an acceptable structure to the "Voice" after a YES vote is delivered.

However, our politicians are only elected for three years, so it is ironic that they could inadvertently be responsible for electing Members to a Constitutionally enshrined "Voice" whose members may be embedded for perpetuity.

Australian Voters deserve prior knowledge of what the vision and accountability of such a Body is in the same way that our democratically elected Leaders declare their commitment before their election.

Also of concern is that, while Professor Megan Davis has declared that (due to Aboriginal etiquette) she couldn't consult with Aboriginals as to what they want until they already have a "seat at the table", it is doubly concerning that she has also stated that once they have the "Voice", 'no one will be able to shut us up'.

Consequently, the so-called Advisory Body would also be a Constitutionally enshrined Complaints Body.

While prominent Aboriginal Spokespersons are currently unable to outline the "composition, function, policy and procedures" of the "Voice", they do guarantee to be working towards a Treaty and Truth Telling.

If their priorities are not health, housing and education, a YES vote for this Referendum could be bogged down by political activists who would prioritise their own agenda based on the assumption that colonisation was not inevitable, and that 1788 tribal life and hierarchy would have been sustainable in the 20th century and beyond.

If the "Voice" was presented to Parliament, its ability to formulate programs to close the Gap could be assessed and implemented as well as judged in terms of outcome without embarking on a significant change to the Australian Constitution.

Rosemary Hutchinson, Inverloch

No acknowledgment

At its meeting this month (May) Bass Coast Shire Council provided yet more reason for people to conclude that it's aversion to public questioning might well become the stuff of legend.

Responding to a very simple and straightforward question about design option 2 for the Inverloch shared pathway, Council entirely evaded any acknowledgement of design option 2.

The question ... "Will council now confirm whether or not it will vigorously pursue the community's overwhelmingly preferred design option 2, the same as is between Veronica and Ozone, for the final stage between Ozone and Goroke?"

Council's response ... "Council is liaising with DEECA on options for the next stage of the Surf Parade shared path and will engage with the Inverloch community on a design response in the coming months."

No acknowledgement whatsoever of option 2.

Now that's how to NOT answer a question while claiming that you are answering the question!

It seems that Council wishes to prohibit any further mention of design option 2.

Sir Humphrey Appleby would be delighted with Council's tactic, I'm sure.

Council has previously acknowledged that there is overwhelming community support for Option 2 and that this option will provide the best overall outcome for the community.

Along with most community members I agree that, for reasons of safety and amenity, option 2 is the most suitable and most supported design for the final stage to the clubhouse.

I really would like to get a straight answer from Council, so I've now a lodged complaint with them. Wish me luck.

Kevin Griffin

RSL there to support

The recent news that Chief of the Defence Force Gen A. Campbell has recommended the withdrawal of wartime distinguished service awards to Special Operations Commanders and the recent ruling in the Ben Roberts-Smith defamation case are significant decisions in the life of current and ex-serving veterans.

The Inverloch RSL Sub Branch expresses concern at the decisions and recognises that it may cause distress to some veterans and/or their families. Inverloch RSL wishes to remind anyone so affected that they are able to seek help from Open Arms at 1800 011 046.

Ross Gabb, President, Inverloch RSL Sub Branch

Speed kills

Two dead wombats - a male and a female with a pouched baby - by the side of one of my narrow local Woolamai roads is of great concern.

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

If it wasn't the regular 6.00am speeding truck which traverses the hamlet and proceeds up the hill towards Wonthaggi that killed those animals, then it was likely one of the many others that make use of this 100kph zone every day.

This is a road which has a children's school bus stop, goes through the residential area where families walk, bike ride, walk dogs and push babies in prams.

The nearby rail-trail is often their target which crosses two other local roads also with a 100kph speed limit.

Residents are asking for a safer environment, for what's left of the native wildlife, but most importantly for their children.

Do we have to wait for a fatal accident to occur before trucks are directed to use the highways and for the speed limit to be appropriate for a residential area?

Sue Packham, Woolamai

Help out renters

Most people would agree with me when I say we are in a rental crisis for our younger Australians and that this crisis will be with us for at least the next two years.

But at the same time, we have a number of holiday homes sitting vacant for much of the year.

I respectfully ask such owners to 'take one for the team' and holiday abroad for the next two years and to make their holiday homes available for rent during this period.

Even a discounted rent would easily pay for an all expenses paid holiday in parts of Italy or Thailand for a few months, and you can make this choice secure in the knowledge that you are doing your bit to help your fellow Australians.

(There would be negligible capital gains tax implications. Talk to your accountant.)

Kevin Walsh RFD, Retired CPA, Cape Paterson

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.



The Community Voices Panel included Paul Patten, Patrice Mahoney OAM, Uncle Richard Weston and Uncle Rueben Berg.

Strong turn-out for moving forum

RESIDENTS throughout Bass Coast celebrated National Reconciliation Week by attending a Community Forum at Inverloch with two special interactive discussion panels raising awareness on how to become a champion for reconciliation.

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

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

The first panel discussion was focused on Community Voices, which included Uncle Rueben Berg a proud Gunditjmara man and an elected Member of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria, Patrice Mahoney OAM who is a self-employed professional

artist and provides a range of community engagement and consultation services and Uncle Richard Weston CEO of Maari Ma Health based in Broken Hill in far west NSW aka the Murdi Paaki Region.

Paul Patten led the discussion. While the second panel discussed Reconciliation Action Plans.

National Reconciliation Week

is celebrated annually from May 27 to June 3, and marks two significant milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey: the 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. The week provided an opportunity for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how we can work together to achieve reconciliation.

Newhaven College participates in Reconciliation Week

THIS year's National Reconciliation Week was held nationally from May 27 to June 3.

These dates are chosen as they commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey: the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Newhaven College has a proud history of supporting Reconciliation Week and our region's indigenous history with an acknowledgment of the Boonwurrung/Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of Country. The acknowledgment is read by staff, teachers or students before all gatherings at Newhaven College.

This is the second year the Newhaven College community has used their feet to show their respect and support for Reconciliation Week.

It involves the whole school community walking around the oval to raise awareness and support the reconciliation process. Year 7 student River Hume, a Boonwurrung of the Yallock-Bullock clan, welcomed everyone to Country before they set off.

After the Long Walk, Junior and Middle School students participated in class activities while learning more about reconciliation and what it means to us all.

Reconciliation Week is one of the most important weeks in the Newhaven College calendar.



Boonwurrung of the Yallock-Bullock clan Newhaven College student River Hume presented the Welcome to Country before the Long Walk. Pictured is Nicoh Jobe, Mrs Mel Flower, River Hume, Mrs Melissa McMillan and Koa Humphris.

Voice to Parliament community information evening

VOICES for Monash is thrilled to be hosting a Community Information Evening regarding the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, taking place on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club from 7pm to 8.30pm.

Voices for Monash has found that many people in the community do not understand what the proposed Voice referendum is about and would like to learn more.

There has been conflicting information in the media and a

wide range of opinions shared online.

This evening is aimed at giving members of the community the opportunity to hear firsthand from a panel of experts what the Voice is about, and what the referendum means for indigenous people and Australians in general.

The event will feature the following distinguished panel members:

Amy Rust: Proud Kokatha woman, experienced strategic leader with a history of working

in state and federal government.

Sarah Maddison: Professor in Politics at the University of Melbourne, where she is also Director of the Australian Centre.

Rueben Berg: Proud Gunditjmara man, recently re-elected to the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria for the Metropolitan region, which includes Bass Coast.

With former Independent Federal Candidate, Deb Leonard as MC, the panel will give a short overview of the main aspects of the Voice, which will be followed by a Q & A

session with the audience.

This free event is open to all community members, and attendees are encouraged to register their attendance via voicesformonash.org/news-events.

Voices for Monash is not affiliated with any political party or other organisation but has been inspired by the work in other electorates which promotes citizen democracy in the community.

New members are always welcome and can join via the website voicesformonash.org.

Walking Together - listening with heart

THE Uluru Statement From the Heart's generous call to the people of Australia to 'walk with them in a movement of the Australian people for a better future has been taken up by the Australian Labyrinth Network Inc., a registrable national body through ASIC.

Lorraine Rodda, a co-founder of ALN, said she was delighted to announce the organisation's Inaugural participation in Reconciliation Week.

She said, "This decision not only demonstrates a willingness to listen with our hearts but to utilise this ancient sacred pattern, inspired by nature, to experience a sense of presence and as a portal to consider the bigger picture; for First Nations People, the oldest living culture on Earth, to thrive as they live and walk in two worlds.

"There are 217 Labyrinths across Australia, with 73 in Victoria. Find a Labyrinth to Walk <https://aln.org.au>

Emily Simpson, the founder of the Centennial Park Labyrinth in Sydney, recently inspired the formation of a National Facebook Group, "Walking Together - Listening with Heart, to engage with people nationwide to hold the space for an inclusive and mutually expansive way forward with First Nations people.

Read more at https://www.facebook.com/EmilyUrsula/about_details

The San Remo Labyrinth, maintained by council, is always open to walk.

A Candlelight Walk will be held on the eve of the Referendum. For information about facilitated Reconciliation and Referendum Walks

Contact Lorraine and Geoff Rodda. Email lgroddda@gmail.com

Labyrinth Location: Drive along Back Beach Road San Remo, then along the unmade road past Lions Children's Park and Picnic Ground.

Island Voice launches survey

ISLAND Voice has been overwhelmed with people contacting them expressing their disappointment regarding the process that Bass Coast Shire followed so far regarding the naming process for the Cowes Cultural Centre.

According to Island Voice, they believe that the community should have been asked if they wanted an indigenous name to be considered for the centre before Council approached the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC), to identify a name for the building.

"It would be very unfortunate if instead of promoting reconciliation, Council by its actions triggers the reverse effect," Island Voice stated.

Island Voice would like to understand what name the Phillip Island community prefer and provide independent feedback to Council on your preferences.

They're asking residents to complete their own survey of possible names for this pivotal piece of community infrastructure.

The survey will close on June 9, 2023 and can be found at shorturl.at/mFSV9

Learning to save lives in Coronet Bay

ON SATURDAY, May 27, a free defibrillator information and first aid session was held at the Fred Gration Hall Coronet Bay.

The Coronet Bay Ratepayers and Residents Committee responded to members' interest and funded the day by lifesaving first aid at no cost to the public.

Committee members organised the day to ensure as many people as possible would know how to use the community defibrillators.

The CBRRA have worked to ensure the defibrillators are in good working order and they are now located outside the Fred Gration Hall, and one is located in the Coronet Bay General Store.

The presenter was very engaging and was able to relate firsthand "lifesaving experiences".

The evaluation forms revealed a 100 per cent support of the Event.

Topics such as snake bites, emergency action in the case of drownings and CPR was given and how to use a defibrillator.

Please contact secretary@coronetbayrra.org.au if you are a resident of Coronet Bay and have suggestions for further topics.

• FAITH FACTOR

A link in the chain

Captain Amanda Hart, Corp Officer South Coast Gippsland Salvos

THERE'S a well-known story in the bible about a miracle Jesus performed when he fed over 5000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish.

We often hear this story in relation to Jesus teaching the disciples, and us, to have faith.

However, lately I've taken notice of something else in the story a small detail that is only recorded in one of the four Gospel accounts of this miracle. In the Gospel of John, we read that this food came from a small boy, and I think there's a lot to be learned from him.

There is no mention of the dialogue between the disciple Andrew and the boy, but we would assume that Andrew didn't just walk past him, notice his lunch, and take it. There had to be an offering by the boy.

Whether the boy spoke up first or if Andrew asked, he had to be willing to hand over his lunch for Jesus to put it to use. Can you imagine what he might have been thinking?

"Hmmm, they're looking for food. Well, I've got my little lunch here, but that's not going to be helpful. It's so small, it would barely feed two people."

Just imagine if, at this point, the boy had said, "Nah, there's no point in me giving my lunch away". The story may have ended a little differently – Jesus preached, the people got hungry and went home? But that's not what happened.

The boy didn't have much – 5 small loaves and 2 small fish – but he offered what he did have into the hands of Jesus and great things happened. Jesus fed 5,000+ people!

We're probably all guilty of thinking that we don't have much to give, so what's the point? But if we allow God to use us and speak through us, we can be a link in a long chain of events and conversations that lead to a transformed life.

We can be a link in a chain that leads someone into the Kingdom of God. We just need to be open to and aware of the needs of others. It is not about how much you give or the percentage.

It is about whether you are moved with compassion for the needs that are present. Will you be a link in the chain?

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

THE Harvest Centre, beyond the Goods Shed out the back of the Big W carpark, has a couple of groups: The Garden Group which meet on Wednesday mornings, 9.30am to 12noon. A great place to get involved with gardening and share ideas. Then there is the Seed & Veggie/ Produce Swap which is on Saturday, June 10, 10 to 11am. Bring along your excess produce from your garden, fresh or processed, all is good. Following this is the Wonthaggi Food Collective where food bought in bulk and then distributed at a low mark up to members. Ring Michael Nugent on 0416 039 933 or email him at WonthaggiCoop@gmail.com for the stock list and other information.

Where there is a Swap Meeting at the Harvest Centre on one weekend, there is sure to follow a Fixit Café on the next weekend. This joint initiative is between the WNC and the Wonthaggi Men's Shed. It's a great place to bring some of your valued broken items to be fixed. We have fixers with various skills. Some do electrical, some do sewing, there's a clock mender and the Men's shed volunteers have their amazing skills to tackle all sorts of stuff. Now, for all those fixers to be successful, your item has to be booked in beforehand, so we can match a fixer for the job. Bring replacement parts with you if needed and a gold coin donation on the day. This helps with the running costs of the café. After all there's coffee and tea ... and there may be cake! And who runs this Fixit Café? Well, last month especially, it was volunteers who stepped in as COVID had hit and they came up trumps. A special thank you to Wendy, Alison and Maryanne for keeping it all on an even keel. This month it's on Sunday week, June 18, 11am to 1pm. We only have 2 hours of 30 minute slots, so it's one item that you can carry, per person and no unbooked walk-ins on the day. Ring us on 5672 3731 or visit us at Mitchell House, 6 Murray St. Wonthaggi to book it in.

Everyone should have a home without stress or hassle. This can be difficult to achieve when one rents. Renting is a tight market and the rates are high. Has your rent increased without notice? Are your repairs not being done? Mould is a high priority repair which must be fixed immediately. Are there delays getting your bond returned?

If you answer yes to any of these questions then perhaps you need help in asserting your Renters' Rights.

Find out your rights as a tenant from qualified lawyers from Gippsland Community Legal Service Free, confidential advice. Sessions are held every second Thursday of the month from 3.00-4.30pm at the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, 6 Murray St, Wonthaggi. To reserve a place, please call 56723731 or email reception@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com.

A reminder that the Committee of Management is currently seeking your thoughts and feedback through a survey. Thank you to those who have already completed the survey. If you have yet to do so we encourage your response - your feedback and ideas are important to us.

The survey can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHHY337> or through a link on the WNC website: <https://www.wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com/> or by scanning the QR code.



6 Murray St, Wonthaggi
PH: (03) 5672 3731 www.wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com



BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

WE'RE more than half way through Term 2 but there's still plenty coming up at BCAL.

The next Responsible service of Alcohol course is coming up this Wednesday. This is the essential course for anyone wishing to work in a licensed premises from pubs and clubs, to restaurants and bottle shops.

First Aid is coming up again next week, including levels from the annual CPR Update to Level 2, which is the workplace standard. A participant in the previous course was called upon to employ his new skills the very next day, so you never know when you may need it.

Don't worry about coming out in the cold. Working on chest compressions will soon warm you up.

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

■ WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

Weeds can be helpful in the community garden – they bring willing volunteers together.

So it was last Thursday morning, when three helpers assumed a kneeling down position and tackled a weedy trouble spot around the compost bays.

Working together, chatting about this and that, they soon cleared the area and had plenty of green waste to contribute to the compost. Some of the tougher weeds went into the weed tea barrel to marinate.

Volunteers are now using the garden's weed tea, as well as donated worm liquid, to condition the soil and boost plant growth.

Willing hands are always welcome at the garden. You can join in on a Thursday morning between 10 and noon, or contact tgordon@westnet.com.au to learn more.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

At the recent general meeting Syd Gordon explained and demonstrated his new CNC laser engraving and cutting machine – the Ortur LM2 Pro S2 Laser engraver/cutter.

Syd was able to display how the software worked on the large TV and set up his machine with camera so that it could also be seen in operation as he programmed and engraved a small logo.

Some of the things he has already produced were also displayed and explained. Another member has also purchased one of these machines, and there seemed to be interest from others at the meeting.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au or pop into the workshop.



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

MILPARA Community House is passionate about supporting individuals across our community to connect, grow and participate. As several local groups and organisations prepare for the opening of the Korumburra Community House, Milpara will provide a temporary home for number of extra programs and services.

Among these, we look forward to welcoming some Myli Library services and to hosting the next Welcome Tea this Friday 9 June at 2.00pm.

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

Are you looking for a cosy craft activity as the cool weather sets in? Get creative and check out Milpara's single session or regular craft groups. Come along to Sewing for Charity, Korumburra Craft Group, The Art of Storytelling and Experimentation or even Sunshine Spreaders.

Community houses bring people together to connect, learn and contribute through social, educational, recreational and support activities. Milpara is one of 400 neighbourhood houses across Victoria. Volunteers are essential to the everyday operations, sustainability and vibrancy of community houses. We would love to hear from you if you have a skill to share, are interested in flexing or gaining governance skills with our management committee (Committee of Governance), or assisting in a practical way with our emergency food relief program. Call Jenni, Belinda or Sarah to chat.

And a call out to you if you're a young person, or know someone 12-20 years old... Milpara, along with a bunch of other local groups, are looking to find ways to fight boredom and increase spaces, opportunities and access for younger people in Korumburra. There are stacks of grants and opportunities around, but we need the young people who live and work here to lead and inform these!

As always, please share your ideas about programs, events, activities and things you'd like to see in Korumburra and surrounds with us. We are planning our next Term's program and there is still space available!



21 Shellcot Rd, Korumburra
PH: (03) 5655 2524 www.milparacommunityhouse.org.au

Bare roots in stock for winter

IT IS winter and for the people in the nursery trade that means bare root.

Over the next few weeks nurseries will receive their bare root fruit trees, ornamental trees, roses, berries, grapes and asparagus.

You can buy most of this throughout the year, but the advantage of bare root is, there is a much bigger variety, stock is often larger, it is easier to transport as there are not big pots and it is often cheaper.

The season is short and stock is only available when dormant over the winter months.

Trees and shrubs are dug from the ground by the wholesaler and delivered to nurseries without pots and soil.

Fruit trees are very popular, but it is important to note that many fruit trees need another variety to cross pollinate to enable them to fruit.

Apples, pears and most plums especially European plums like green gage need cross pollination.

It is also important to note that a Japanese plum will not pollinate a European plum.

If space is a premium, it is possible to plant two or three trees in the planting hole with 150mm between the trunks at ground level.

I find this a better option than double or triple grafted trees because unless you know a lot about pruning the more robust variety will take over.

Most peaches, nectarines and many cherries will fruit without cross pollination. Because back yards are shrinking there is a huge variety of dwarf fruit trees.

This year the cherries and pears are back in stock along with apples, apricots, peaches and plums.

Another space saving idea is to espalier fruit trees.

Espaliering means training a tree or shrub to grow against a flat surface. It is a technique which has been used in France for centuries, particularly with pear and apple trees.

Practically any fruit tree can be espaliered but cherries and plums are a little more difficult. Citrus and olives do very well espalier.

Espaliers need some work, especially over the growing season.

But if you're the kind of gardener who likes to get out with the secateurs, to prune and shape plants, then they are probably right up your alley.

They are not only good space-savers but a really good espalier makes a fine feature in the garden and they produce a lot of fruit.

The first step to growing an espalier is choosing the site.

Select a sunny spot - a north facing wall is ideal.

Once you have selected the site then it is necessary to build a frame on which to train the espalier. Trellis can be used or wire and posts.

Whatever is used needs to be strong enough to support the tree when it is fully laden with fruit.

Next step is to decide the shape of the espalier. There are a few basic designs that are used:

- T-shaped, where there is a strong horizontal branching pattern resulting in a tree with a single trunk and several cross arms
- A Cordon espalier which looks like a multi candle candlestick.
- A Fan espalier is similar to a Cordon, but less formal.
- Or the easier is a simple informal pattern, where the branches are not forced into any particular pattern and the tree is simply kept pruned to two dimensions.

By Karen Haw,
Mirboo North Garden Centre

Whichever style you prefer, you still need to prune regularly to achieve a flat, two-dimensional effect which is characteristic of all espaliers.

Remove branches which cannot be fitted into the pattern. As branches meet the wire or support they are to be trained along, tie them gently but firmly.

Ties are needed about every 20cm (8"), and they will have to be loosened and adjusted as the plant grows.

Over the next few months, it is important to spray stone fruit with copper or lime sulphur to help prevent curly leaf which appears in spring as distorted new growth on the leaves and weakens the trees. Several sprays are needed to try and prevent this problem.

In the vegetable patch the seedling range is limited but broccoli, cabbage, cauliflowers, leeks, coriander, broad beans are just a few that can be planted at this time of year plus asparagus and strawberries are available as bare root stock.

Some gardeners prefer to forget about the seedling for now or use part of the veggie garden to put in a green manure crop. Grow it now from seed and dig it in at flower fall. Green manure crops provide outstanding benefits for the soil by increasing organic matter, earthworm and beneficial micro-organisms. They increase the soil's available nitrogen and moisture retention and smother weeds.

It is also Hellebore season.

Thanks to Post Office Farm and other breeders there is a huge variety available including many stunning double flowering shrubs.

Hellebores are easy to grow and they thrive under deciduous trees so they get shade over the summer months and light in the winter months.

Hellebores are tolerant of most soil types and soil pH does not seem to be an issue for them though they do require good drainage and do not like waterlogged conditions.

Mid to late autumn into early winter is the start of the annual growth period for most Hellebores and this is the best time to do most of the annual maintenance jobs on your Hellebores: feeding and cleaning up old foliage, moving and dividing if necessary.

By this time of year of the old foliage will be looking a bit tatty and new growth can be seen pushing up from the base of the plant, once you see that new growth on Hellebore cross hybrids you can safely cut back old foliage right to the ground, before the plant flowers.

This is not essential but does clean up the plant and show off the flowers better.

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

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

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

They have stunning blooms from late spring and are available in a gorgeous palette from white through pink to red and mauve and in ruffled, single and double forms. These fragrant flowers are easy to grow. Herbaceous peonies can be bought as bare root rhizomes during winter whereas tree peonies and itoh peonies are purchased in pots and are better bought when in flower and planted in autumn.



Julie Cooper and Andrea Gunia (and Lucy) with the huge weeping cherries that would create an instant garden.



Now is the time to feed and add lime to peonies. Photo by Daiga Ellaby on Unsplash



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Smith Family's Winter Appeal

WONTHAGGI VIEW Club is urging the local community to give generously to The Smith Family's Winter Appeal this year, to support thousands of children and young people with their education.

The education charity is aiming to raise \$6.2 million nationally to give over 14,000 children across Australia access to its proven learning and mentoring programs.

"It's been a particularly challenging time for the students and families we support, with the cost-of-living crisis affecting the price of housing, food and power."

"Families are having to make impossible decisions about where they spend their limited funds.

This could mean paying for school essentials like digital devices or paying for a meal on the table."

By donating to the Winter Appeal, Australians can help young people most in need by giving them access to extra learning tools, so they can get the most out of their education and create better futures for themselves."

For those who are interested to find out more about VIEW or who would like to join, visit view.org.au or call President Carmel on 0418 781 544.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at The Wonthaggi Club, McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi, 6pm for 6.30pm start.

The Smith Family: The Smith Family is a children's education charity that helps young Australians experiencing disadvantage to create better futures for themselves through harnessing the power of education.

Visit www.thesmithfamily.com.au

'The Producers' is coming to the stage



The Producers" skewers Broadway traditions and takes no prisoners!

PROUDLY presented by Leongatha Lyric Theatre and directed by the wonderful Dan Lawrie, this hilarious musical is sure to be a crowd favourite!

A down-on-his-luck Broadway producer, Max Bialystock, and his mild-mannered accountant, Leo Bloom, come up with a scheme to produce the most notorious flop in history, thereby bilking their backers (who are all "little old ladies") out of millions of dollars.

The antics of Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom as they manoeuvre their way fecklessly through finding a show (the gloriously offensive "Springtime for Hitler"), hiring a terrible director, raising the money and finally putting on their awful musical is a lesson in broad comic construction.

At the core of the insanely funny adventure is a poignant emotional journey of two very different men who become friends.

With a truly hysterical book co-written by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan (Annie) and music and lyrics by Mr. Brooks, "The Producers" skewers Broadway traditions and takes no prisoners as it proudly proclaims itself an "equal opportunity offender!"

Book your tickets now with the link <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1052921>

Please note there are two sections for seating: Stalls (ground floor) and Dress Circle (balcony, upstairs)

For more information, www.facebook.com/LyricLeongatha

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- [\$100] How much is 0°C in F? A. 0°. B. 32°. C. 34°. D. 96°.
- [\$200] What does a barometer measure? A. Atmospheric pressure. B. Rainfall. C. Temperature. D. High tide.
- [\$300] What is the highest category tropical cyclone? A. 1. B. 3. C. 5. D. 7.
- [\$500] On a weather chart, if the isobars are close together, what sort of weather can be expected? A. Rainy. B. Windy. C. Sunny. D. Calm.
- [\$1000] An anemometer is used to measure what? A. Wind speed. B. Wind direction. C. Rain. D. Tides.
- [\$2000] In what year did Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin? A. 1964. B. 1969. C. 1974. D. 1979.
- [\$4000] What is Virga? A. A waterspout. B. Rain that doesn't reach ground. C. Rain and sleet. D. A weather front.
- [\$8000] What is the word for rain in Spanish? A. La Lluvia. B. La Nieve. C. Las Aguaniieve. D. El Viento.
- [\$16,000] What temperature is the same on both Celsius and Fahrenheit scales? A. 0°C/0°F. B. -40°C/-40°F. C. 40°C/40°F. D. 100°C/100°F.
- [\$32,000] What is a dry wind over mountains called? A. Mistral. B. Sirocco. C. Chinook. D. Foehn.
- [\$64,000] Which actor played paleoclimatologist Jack Hall in the movie 'The day after tomorrow'? A. Jake Gyllenhaal. B. Dennis Quaid. C. Austin Nichols. D. Harrison Ford.
- [\$125,000] In what year was Japan's Tohoku earthquake and tsunami which caused the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster? A. 2005. B. 2008. C. 2011. D. 2014.
- [\$250,000] Approximately 1300 people were killed in the deadliest tornado in world history, the Daulatpur-Saturia tornado, which hit which country? A. USA. B. Thailand. C. Bangladesh. D. Indonesia.
- [\$500,000] What country is home to Oymyakon, the coldest place in the northern hemisphere? A. Canada. B. Russia. C. USA. D. Mongolia.
- [\$1,000,000] What is the fear of rain called? A. Ancraophobia. B. Ombrophobia. C. Chionophobia. D. Thermophobia.

CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC CLUES

Looking for some 'down time'? Here's the puzzle for you!

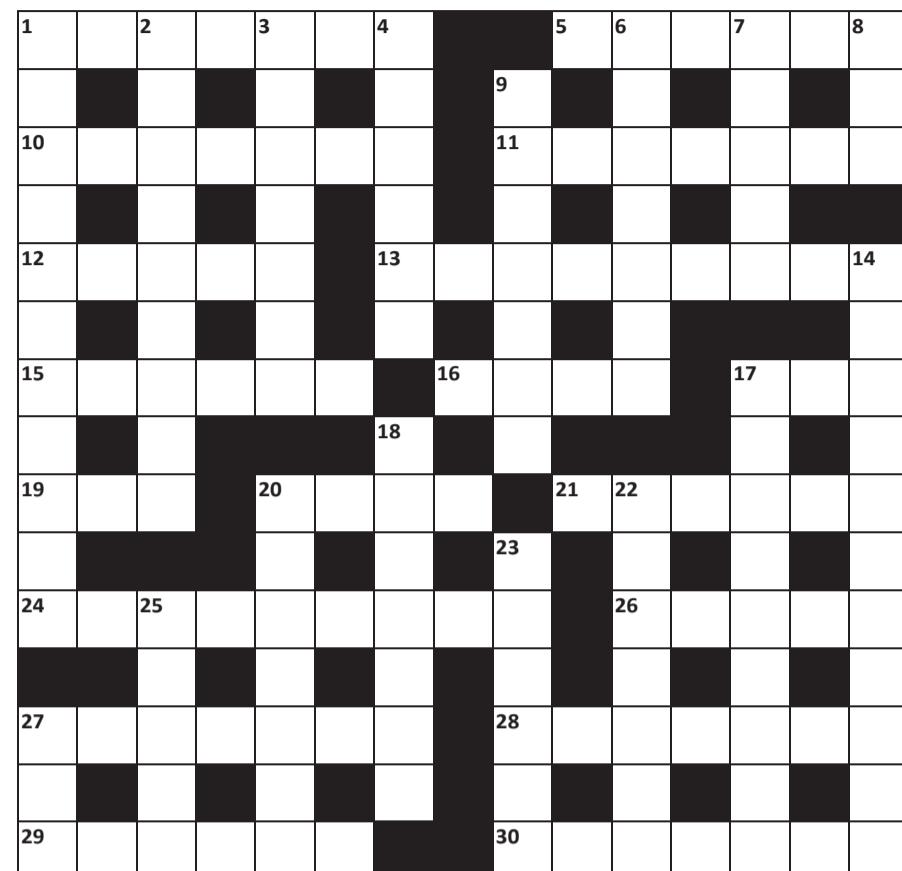
ACROSS

- Hubs in DPRK kept open and, at last, ready for operation (7)
- Good man, in terrible toil, went berserk (4,2)
- Attackers suddenly thrown 'Dear Sir... (7)
- ...and Madame! Ends with shout, to, 'Back off!' (7)
- Row in northern French river (5)
- Zephaniah's 'trouble and distress' also was perfect, unadorned blessing? (9)
- Home: in heart? Head? Heart! (6)
- Taken by mouth; twice more in, right away (4)
- Not-over-heavy weight! (3)
- He's upset by that woman... (3)
- ...initially, that man. Fancy! (4)
- 'Ice Treat Angel', at ice treat line (6)
- Tiger seen wild in *African* national park! (9)
- Sharp, even tangy, I'll bet! (5)
- Sounds like quiet cows mingle? (8)
- Row over in church: That's it; Pablo's a Calvinist' (7)
- Most precious metal, on assay (6)
- Endless outside times, away (7)

DOWN

- Dad, say he sits (time out interval) (11)
- Do away with a time line arbitrarily (9)
- Grant, it's time now... (7)
- ...Sid's prepared to cast off (6)
- Regular local time emails, coming from 'porridge' (7)
- The half-time point (5)
- Reckon there's nothing in double time (3)
- Obliteration time is over, definitely (7)
- Silly time to be in the middle of Arsenal territory, jumping on Arsenal jacket (11)
- Spreading dirt on it: a time-honoured practice (9)
- Hit 'red time', versing strong, weak, strong, weak (7)
- One's out of white onions? Time instead for dumplings! (7)
- Object, for *three* 'last times'? Enough! (7)
- First Base, better at last, arrives in time for pitch (6)
- Pay back time: Revenge, first and foremost (5)
- A short time to semi dry (3)

Number 45 - by 'Johnno2' of Cape Paterson



Answers in next edition of *The Sentinel Times*

STRAIGHT CLUES

ACROSS

- Ready for surgery, operation (7)
- Went berserk, colloquially (4,2)
- Sudden attackers, plunderers (7)
- Back off, withdraw (7)
- Row, unwanted sound (5)
- Biblical Zephaniah's 'trouble and distress' (9)
- Home, fireplace (6)
- Taken by mouth (4)
- An empirical weight (3)
- That woman (3)
- Fancy, sudden idea (4)
- Ice treat, confection (6)
- African national park (9)
- Sharp, nimble (5)
- Mingle, network (8)
- Calvinist, often (7)
- Most precious, adorable (6)
- Endless, for all time (7)

DOWN

- Interval, in writing (11)
- Do away with, remove (9)
- Grant; also, time now (7)
- Cast off, deny (6)
- Porridge (7)
- Point, motif (5)
- Reckon, add (3)
- Obliteration, rubbing out (7)
- Silly, romantic (11)
- A time-honoured practice (9)
- Strong, weak, strong, weak beat in verse (7)
- Asian dumplings (7)
- Object, as in for teaching a lesson (7)
- Pitch, as of a voice (6)
- Pay, by transfer (5)
- A short time; also, semi dry (3)

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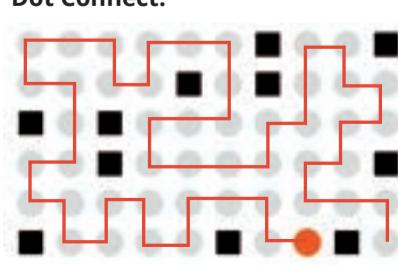
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Quiz answers: 1. B. 32°. 2. A. Atmospheric pressure. 3. C. 5. 4. B. Windy. 5. A. Wind speed. 6. C. 1974. 7. B. Rain that doesn't reach ground. 8. A. La Lluvia. 9. B. 40°C/40°F. 10. D. Fog. 11. B. Dennis Quaid. 12. C. 2011. 13. C. Bangladesh. 14. B. Russia. 15. B. Deneb. 16. A. 1964. 17. B. 2008. 18. C. 2011. 19. D. 2014. 20. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 21. B. Dennis Quaid. 22. C. Austin Nichols. 23. D. Harrison Ford. 24. A. 1964. 25. B. 2008. 26. C. 2011. 27. D. 2014. 28. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 29. B. Dennis Quaid. 30. C. Austin Nichols. 31. D. Harrison Ford. 32. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 33. B. Dennis Quaid. 34. C. Austin Nichols. 35. D. Harrison Ford. 36. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 37. B. Dennis Quaid. 38. C. Austin Nichols. 39. D. Harrison Ford. 40. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 41. B. Dennis Quaid. 42. C. Austin Nichols. 43. D. Harrison Ford. 44. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 45. B. Dennis Quaid. 46. C. Austin Nichols. 47. D. Harrison Ford. 48. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 49. B. Dennis Quaid. 50. C. Austin Nichols. 51. D. Harrison Ford. 52. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 53. B. Dennis Quaid. 54. C. Austin Nichols. 55. D. Harrison Ford. 56. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 57. B. Dennis Quaid. 58. C. Austin Nichols. 59. D. Harrison Ford. 60. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 61. B. Dennis Quaid. 62. C. Austin Nichols. 63. D. Harrison Ford. 64. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 65. B. Dennis Quaid. 66. C. Austin Nichols. 67. D. Harrison Ford. 68. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 69. B. Dennis Quaid. 70. C. Austin Nichols. 71. D. Harrison Ford. 72. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 73. B. Dennis Quaid. 74. C. Austin Nichols. 75. D. Harrison Ford. 76. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 77. B. Dennis Quaid. 78. C. Austin Nichols. 79. D. Harrison Ford. 80. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 81. B. Dennis Quaid. 82. C. Austin Nichols. 83. D. Harrison Ford. 84. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 85. B. Dennis Quaid. 86. C. Austin Nichols. 87. D. Harrison Ford. 88. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 89. B. Dennis Quaid. 90. C. Austin Nichols. 91. D. Harrison Ford. 92. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 93. B. Dennis Quaid. 94. C. Austin Nichols. 95. D. Harrison Ford. 96. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 97. B. Dennis Quaid. 98. C. Austin Nichols. 99. D. Harrison Ford. 100. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 101. B. Dennis Quaid. 102. C. Austin Nichols. 103. D. Harrison Ford. 104. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 105. B. Dennis Quaid. 106. C. Austin Nichols. 107. D. Harrison Ford. 108. A. Jake Gyllenhaal. 109. B. Dennis Quaid. 110. C. Austin Nichols. 111. D. Harrison Ford. 1



Michael Stevens, Ethan Park with Mario Arrestia from SEJ Livestock and Real Estate were happy to be getting out for a swing on a Friday. ob11_2323



Jack Taylor, Chris Ross and Jack Keating were keen to play a few good holes and attempt to score under par. ob12_2323



Bruce Foote, Matt Walker, Mick Graham and Steve Bromby were looking forward to showing off their smooth swings out on the course. ob13_2323



Bill Howson and Josh de Groot, warming up and practicing their winning tee offs before playing their best game on the day. ob15_2323



Gill Distefano and Mick Whelan were proud to be part of a National Reconciliation Week forum held in Inverloch last Friday.



Kate Adams and Rosanna Martino of Phillip Island Nature Parks proudly supported the reconciliation forum in Inverloch.



Gippsland region paramedics Ellie Dean and Isaac Gardiner loved being part of the National Reconciliation Week forum.



David and Robyn Cook enjoyed watching the Smoking Ceremony at Inverloch.



Bass Valley Primary School Student Voice Leader Miller, with volunteer Don Turner and STEAM Leader Lizzie officially opening the Guy Road shared pathway. Z09_2323

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Elders South Gippsland Annual Charity Golf Day, National Reconciliation Week forum, Guy Road shared path official opening in Corinella, The School of St Jude's Australian Tour at Wonthaggi Golf Club and Big Battery Community Tour on Phillip Island



Donna Brosnan, Sharon Williams, Jenny McRae and Karen Davis, one of the few lovely ladies' teams playing on the day for Elders South Gippsland Annual Charity Golf Day. ob10_2323



Mary, Helen and Pearl of the Rotary Club of Leongatha attended the tour down under breakfast to hear from The School of St Jude's founder and director, Gemma Sisia. Z11_2323



Nicki Chung, Anne Burke and Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead collectively hosted the breakfast in support of The School of St Jude at the Wonthaggi Golf Club. Z12_2323



Chrissy and Geoff Robertson have been sponsoring the education of a child at The School of St Jude for the past 13 years and joined the breakfast to reunite with Gemma Sisia. Z13_2323



Volunteer treasurer for St Jude's charity Dave Collins with alumni Enock and Chairman of Australian entity Mark Cubit at the Wonthaggi Golf Club breakfast. Z14_2323



Cathy McLeod with Cr Clare Le Serve and David Laing of the Corinella Residents and Ratepayers Association were invited to the official opening of the Guy Road shared pathway. Z10_2323



Paul Beckham and Ken Ballingham caught the bus to the PICESS big battery on Saturday morning to tour the new energy source for Phillip Island. Z15_2323



Ian Cairns rode down to Ramada Resort on Saturday morning to catch the coach to the big battery in Wimbleton Heights for the community tour. Z16_2323



Rural charm and modern comfort on 31 acres

DISCOVER the enchantment of this 31-acre property nestled in South Gippsland's captivating countryside.

With its gently undulating land, this expansive property offers endless possibilities for equine pursuits, cattle, sheep, and other hobby farm activities. The well-built three-bedroom, two-bathroom brick house adds to its appeal, complemented by sheds and cattle yards for agricultural needs.

The property is further enhanced by a serene creek running through it, creating a remarkable and tranquil setting.

Step into the home and be captivated by its comfort and sophistication. The three bedrooms, including a master room with a newly renovated ensuite, offer ample storage with built-in robes. The well-appointed kitchen captures stunning views of the property's landscape and features stone benchtops, electric cooking, and generous storage space.

The spacious open plan living area and a second lounge ensure there's plenty of room for the entire family. A central bathroom has also been recently upgraded, adding to the modern charm. The home provides heating and cooling options with underfloor heating, a split system reverse cycle, and a free-standing solid fuel wood heater.

Outside, an inviting outdoor entertaining area allows for sun-soaked relaxation. The double garage provides direct entry to the home, and there are additional sheds for hay and machinery. A lovely garden with established fruit trees surrounds the home, completing the picturesque scene.

The 31-acre land is divided into four large paddocks with cattle yards for stock handling. Water supply is secured through rainwater tanks and three dams. The idyllic 'Coal Creek' that meanders through the property, offering a peaceful and calming environment. This creek not only enhances the beauty of the property but also presents an ideal camping site and a serene haven for residents. With stunning views of the surrounding countryside, this property is a nature lover's dream come true. There is also an additional unused government road lease of approximately 4 acres, providing further opportunities.

Located between Korumburra and Leongatha townships, and just 1.5 hours from Melbourne, this property offers easy access to shops, schools, and amenities. Beyond the confines of a small hobby farm, this 31-acre property presents a unique and desirable rural lifestyle.

Don't miss the chance to own a piece of this beautiful rural real estate in a prime location. Contact Don Olden on 0417 805 312 or Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083 for more information or to arrange a viewing. Property being sold in conjunction with Auddino's First National.



3 | 2 | 4 31 acres

8835 South Gippsland Hwy,
Korumburra
For Sale \$1,390,000
Agent Elders
Don Olden 0417 805 312
Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083



Real Estate

NEW LISTINGS

KERNOT

- Well sheltered grazing country
- Excellent fencing and water
- 3 bedroom home

Price \$2.2 Million

Elders Web ID: 300P110513

TWO ADJOINING PROPERTIES

LOCH

- Dual road access
- Excellent home site with views

Price \$1.5 Million

Elders Web ID: 300P110515

LOCH

- Bass River frontage
- Excellent water

Price \$1.25 Million

Elders Web ID: 300P110514

*Approx.

PRIME BLOCK WITH PLANNING PERMIT KARDELLA SOUTH 9.9AC



9.9 acre vacant block with planning permit
Picturesque rural location, undulating landscape
Ample space for building your dream home
Excellent stockyards for handling cattle
Close proximity to Korumburra and Leongatha
Opportunity to invest in a growing area

Price \$700,000 - \$720,000

Elders Web ID: 300P109316

'TWIN OAKS' GRAZING/LIFESTYLE RETREAT WILD DOG VALLEY 40 AC



40 acres with creeks running through the property
Two dams, views from hilltop, some rocky outcrops
Established oak trees (c1880), willows and native trees
Stockyards and loading race for stock handling
Grazing suitable for cattle or sheep
Excellent access tracks including solid bridge

Price \$410,000

Elders Web ID: 300P110793

GORGEOUS LIFESTYLE PROPERTY NYORA 80.72 AC



- 80 acres of undulating land with panoramic views
- Renovated 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home
- Kitchen features stone benchtops, electric cook top & oven
- Beautiful high ceilings in the living area
- Horse facilities include stables and a round yard
- Well fenced and dams to five main paddocks

Price \$2.05 Million

Elders Web ID: 300P107208

Elders Korumburra - 11 Commercial St - Ph 5658 1894

Don Olden 0417 805 312

Sharon Turton (Property Manager)

0439 383 091

Elders Leongatha - 37 Bair St - Ph 5662 3523

Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083



Great opportunity with this solid home!

NESTLED in the quiet Murray Street with excellent neighbours and farmland surrounds, a short stroll to the shops, and all that our picturesque community of Mirboo North has to offer is this solid three-bedroom home, set on a generous 851m² (approx.) allotment.

This brick veneer home is slightly elevated, allowing you to enjoy the rear side deck that's both private and peaceful with views across the yard and neighbouring treetops. Ideally positioned to capture both winter sunshine and summer shade, a perfect place to enjoy a cuppa or wine on the deck. Features include:

- Spacious front of house living room with wood heater
- Kitchen with gas cooking and dining that opens out to the rear deck
- Three good sized bedrooms, all with built in robes
- Central bathroom with shower, bath, and vanity
- Good sized two car shed or ideal for one with room for workshop/storage
- The established garden is neat with minimal maintenance

This family home has been well kept and is ready to move on in and enjoy as is, whilst also offering scope for you to put your special touch on it to make it your home.

Situated in the beautiful Strzelecki ranges, Mirboo North is 155 km southeast of Melbourne, 30 minutes to the Latrobe Valley and 15 minutes to Leongatha.

Our thriving community offers you excellent schools, childcare, public transport, a variety of shops, cafes, supermarket, pubs, and sporting facilities and the famous Grand Ridge Rail Trail.

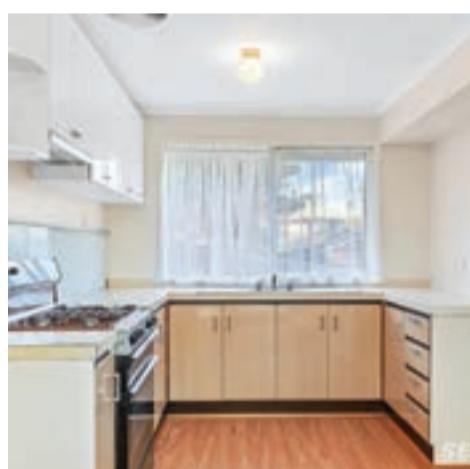
3 | 1 | 2 851m²

26 Murray Street, **Mirboo Nth**

For Sale \$475,000

Agent SEJ Real Estate

Irene Walker 0429 045 632



YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE & LIVESTOCK SPECIALISTS

MIRBOO NORTH



- Lovingly presented home
- On a grand 1387m² flat block
- Two street frontages
- 3 bed, 1 bath, 2 car/shed
- Spacious yard, large deck
- Walk to shops & schools

\$695,000

OUTTRIM



- Family home on 11 acres
- 4 bed, 2 bath plus study
- Open plan & north facing
- Shedding, perfect for a tradie
- A mix of bush & pasture
- Central location

\$1,250,000

MARDAN



- 'Ardroy' – Rural Holding
- 4 bed, 2 bath Homestead
- 465 acres / 188 ha grazing
- Secure water 'Toomeys Creek'
- Exc. Fencing with 30 paddocks
- Family owned for 145 years

\$3,650,000

WOOREEN



- 'Tarwin View' – 167 acres grazing
- Ideal breeder & fattening cattle
- Fantastic views/house sites stca
- Good sheds and stock yards
- Secure water & 12 paddocks
- 12 km to Leongatha

\$1,670,000





Designer home on 70 acres with guest house



4 2 8 70 acres

1255 Loch Kernot Road, **Kernot**
For Sale Contact Agent
Agent Ray White Wonthaggi
 Adam Mabilia 0427 787 238

RAY White Wonthaggi are excited to offer this impressive 70-acre property situated at 1255 Loch Kernot Road, Kernot in the highly sought and beautiful South Gippsland rural location, just over an hour's drive from the south eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

A great opportunity to embrace country living at its best, with the flexibility to continue to commute to work and the many benefits for your friends, family and grandkids to visit.

This property alongside the architecturally designed four bedroom home also presents a new, fully fenced and floodlit tennis court, large dam stocked with fish and its own jetty and decking, large cattle yards with holding yard and cattle crush, blue gum/rich soil- cattle grazing country, ample supply of water with a new prime jet pump, plenty of shedding for stock and machinery, standalone/ separate multipurpose room fully lined with split system heating/cooling and toilet plus a separate studio with ensuite for extra visitors.

From the exterior to the interior you will be totally impressed with this masterfully constructed residence which has been specifically designed to embrace natural light and showcases raw materials such as rammed earth walls, burnished concrete floors, Blackbutt timber floors and high-end fixtures and fittings.

The magnificent open plan living area is spacious and sun filled featuring large, double glazed floor to ceiling windows and doors capturing all the natural sunlight.

The house is kept comfortable throughout the four seasons by ducted heating and cooling and hydronic heating in the slab.

The chef's kitchen, not only showcases stylish cabinetry and stunning Italian marble benchtops but features many built-in quality appliances; two wall ovens, steamer, gas cooktop, conventional oven, coffee machine, two dishwashers, intergraded refrigerator and quality fittings and fixtures.

Ideal for family living all the bedrooms and bathrooms are located together.

The main bedroom is fit for a king and queen with spacious walk-in robes and a stylish ensuite with marble vanity benchtop and quality fittings.

The other three bedrooms all generous in size with ample of built in robes are serviced by the chic main bathroom which features not only a toilet but a urinal as well.

There is too much to love about 1225 Loch-Kernot Road, Kernot to fit into words - be sure to contact us for more information.

For further details and to arrange a private inspection please contact Adam Mabilia on 0427 787 238.

RayWhite



NOW SELLING - STAGE 4 NORTHERN VIEWS ESTATE, WONTHAGGI

Northern Views Estate has proven itself to be one of the newest and most popular residential Estates within the township of Wonthaggi.

Consisting of 36 allotments, Stage 4 Northern Views is competitively priced and now selling.

- Blocks range in size from 497 sqm - 747 sqm
- All works are completed with titles expected July 2023
- Convenient location to schools, recreation facilities & general store/cafe
- All services available including natural gas, NBN, electricity, water and sewerage
- Situated opposite large parkland/reserve
- North facing rural aspect

Ray White Wonthaggi | raywhitewonthaggi.com.au

SELLING NOW

5672 1833

INVERLOCH

OPEN SAT. JUNE 10 AT 2PM



61 Ripple Drive

- 4 bedroom, 2 bath, double garage
- Close to surf beach on 527sqm
- Striking contemporary design

\$2,150,000

Contact: Inverloch Office

INVERLOCH

OPEN SUN. JUNE 11 AT 2PM



10 Shellback Lane

- 4 bedroom, 2 bath, double garage
- Brand new, multi-living
- Contemporary design on 660sqm

\$985,000

Contact: Inverloch Office

INVERLOCH

OPEN SAT. JUNE 10 AT 2PM



31 Florida Avenue

- 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car
- Light and airy open plan living
- Lovely garden setting on 689sqm

\$1,280,000

Contact: Inverloch Office

INVERLOCH

OPEN SAT. JUNE 10 AT 12 NOON



6 Woodland Heath Drive

- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car
- Alfresco living, sunroom
- Brick home on 596sqm

\$975,000

Contact: Inverloch Office

INVERLOCH

OPEN SAT. JUNE 10 AT 1PM



INVERLOCH

OPEN SAT. JUNE 10 AT 12 NOON



117 Tamara Crescent

- 3 bedroom, 1 bath, single garage
- 1.5KW Solar and electronic external blinds
- Close to town & beaches on 544sqm

\$795,000

Contact: Inverloch Office

INVERLOCH

OPEN SAT. JUNE 10 AT 1PM



23 Karkalla Drive

- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car
- Prestigious Broadbeach Estate
- Modern living on 214sqm

\$825,000

Contact: Inverloch Office

MOYARRA

OPEN SAT. JUNE 10 AT 3PM



134 Hairs Road

- 4 bedroom, 2 bath, separate studio
- Excellent shedding, water and fencing
- Stunning rural property on 25 acres approx

\$1,595,000

Contact: Inverloch Office

CAPE PATERSON

OPEN SUN. JUNE 11 AT 11AM



INVERLOCH

OPEN SUN. JUNE 11 AT 11AM



111 Toorak Road

- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car
- Studio/Bungalow
- Close to beach on 578sqm

\$735,000

Contact: Inverloch Office

INVERLOCH

OPEN SUN. JUNE 11 AT 12 NOON



32 Freda Street

- 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car
- Very desirable area
- Open plan living on 950sqm

\$1,095,000

Contact: Inverloch Office

INVERLOCH

OPEN SUN. JUNE 11 AT 12 NOON



30 Toorak Road

- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, single carport
- Backing on Ayr Creek Reserve
- Brick home on 834sqm

\$895,000

Contact: Inverloch Office

INVERLOCH

OPEN MON. JUNE 12 AT 1PM



INVERLOCH

OPEN SUN. JUNE 11 AT 1PM



2/34 Toorak Road

- 4 bedroom, 2 bath
- Low maintenance home
- Close to town & beaches on 521sqm

\$850,000

Contact: Inverloch Office

INVERLOCH

OPEN MON. JUNE 12 AT 12NOON



20 Hobson Place

- 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car
- Indoor/Outdoor living
- Desirable area on 668sqm

\$1,070,000

Contact: Inverloch Office

INVERLOCH

OPEN SAT. JUNE 10 AT 11AM



8 Abbott Street

- 1920's Beach Cottage
- 3 bedroom, 1 bath
- 100m approx from beach on 408sqm

\$925,000

Contact: Inverloch Office

INVERLOCH 7 A'Beckett Street **5674 1111**

Marni Redmond 0403 525 413 | Estelle Twomey 0418 298 822 | invysales@alexscott.com.au



Why build when this is waiting for you

IF YOU'RE thinking of building a new home but the time and hassle is just too daunting, then please consider this.

Only a short walk to the popular Silverleaves north facing beach, golf and bowls clubs.

This new property with all facilities at its doorstep and landscaped gardens, is the one you have been waiting for.

Quality four bedroom home with a 6.0-star energy rated brick home with double garage located on a corner, with a reserve next door.

As you walk into this home you will instantly feel the abundance of space and be inundated by natural light throughout the kitchen, dining and main living areas. The master bedroom/parents retreat is spacious with

a full walk-in wardrobe and private ensuite with double shower.

The additional three large bedrooms gives you plenty of room for your family and guests.

One living space adjoins the large hostess kitchen with stone bench tops and boasting quality 900mm stainless appliances which opens to a large alfresco and an amazing rear yard, with rural and Rhyll wetlands views.

The second living space provides a separate zone which can be used as a living/rumpus/ entertainment room, or a work from home office.

The side courtyard fronting the kitchen area is ideal for that morning coffee and catching up on the daily news with an unobstructed view of the reserve running along the side of the property.

Also provides you with the benefits of a second driveway, with ample room to store your boat/caravan or trailer behind securely closed gates and a 5-kw solar power system to give you the peace of mind on low energy costs.

Please call Alex Scott & Staff today on 5952 2633 to arrange your private inspection. You will not be disappointed.

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25 Hope Way, Cowes

For Sale \$950,000 - \$960,000

Agent Alex Scott & Staff

Cowes Office 5952 2633



Five-bedroom family delight

BUYERS be quick to inspect this large family home!

This home of five bedrooms gives you plenty of options; either a room each for the children or use it as a four bedroom and convert one room into a study.

This two storey home features three bedrooms downstairs and two bedrooms upstairs. Two living areas, one downstairs and one up, gives you plenty of room to spread out too.

As you arrive inside you enter the spacious living room which adjoins the dining area and kitchen.

The timber kitchen has plenty of large and small storage cupboards, gas stove and oven, dishwasher and ample bench space for meal preparation.

Enter the hallway where you will find a central bathroom complete with shower, vanity and bath with an adjacent separate toilet. The separate laundry is located just off the kitchen.

This bathroom services the three downstairs bedrooms; the first is spacious with a four-door robe, and space under the stairs. The

second also has large robe space and the third bedroom two cupboards plus room for a student desk if required.

Polished timber stairs lead upstairs which opens into the second living zone; great for a parent's retreat or even a children's play area.

The two sizeable bedrooms upstairs are cleverly serviced by the central bathroom which has direct access either side of each bedroom; featuring shower, vanity and toilet.

The front bedroom has great views and northerly sun streaming in.

Outside the property has one carport space with room for a second car adjacent. The garden is low maintenance with ample opportunity to add your own creation and includes a medium sized garden shed.

Be quick; properties of this size are rare to find at this price point.

Inspections are by appointment only, please contact the sales team to secure a time to view the property; Andrew Newton 0402 940 320, or Tony Giles 0407 528 192.



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40 Shingler Street, Leongatha

For Sale \$595,000

Agent Alex Scott & Staff

Andrew Newton 0402 940 320

Tony Giles 0407 528 192



LEONGATHA



40 Shingler Street

- 5 bedroom home
- 2 bathrooms, 2 living
- Great family home

\$595,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KORUMBURRA



17 Goad Court

- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 3 vehicle carport
- Lock-up workshop
- Vacant possession

\$445,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

BASS



16 Withers Lane

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car
- Massive 1 acre block
- As new house

\$990,000 - \$1,060,000

Contact: Grantville Office

DALYSTON



55 Powlett Street

- Beautifully presented family home
- 2 Spacious living zones, 3 bedrooms
- Quiet position, great shedding

\$549,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA



KONGWAK



TENBY POINT



WONTHAGGI



Unit 2/2 Vista Court

- 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 1 car
- HUGE back yard (room for Van +)
- Close level walk to CBD

\$445,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

1095 Korumburra-Wonthaggi Rd

- 7 acres, outstanding views
- 4 bedroom, 1 bathroom
- Various shedding

\$995,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

22 Bayview Avenue

- 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 4 car
- 1,320m² block
- Rural and Bay views

\$595,000

Contact: Grantville Office

8 Dickson Street

- Tastefully renovated brick residence
- Sunny corner position in South Wonthaggi
- 2 living rooms, 3 BR, 2 garages

\$580,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

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KORUMBURRA



GRANTVILLE



WONTHAGGI



22 Church Street

- Stunning home close to CBD
- 2 levels with elevator, 3 living rooms
- 2 bdr (room for 3rd), study, 2 bath + pwc rm

\$1,250,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

4 Miles Court

- Resort Style Presentation
- Quiet court location
- 1.08ha (2.6 acres)

\$1,195,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

10 Monk Lane

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car
- Floating timber floors
- Perfect low maintenance home

\$645,000

Contact: Grantville Office

20 Henry Street East

- As new 3 bedroom cottage on large block
- Bright open plan living area, 2 WCs
- Amazing car/caravan accom

\$580,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA



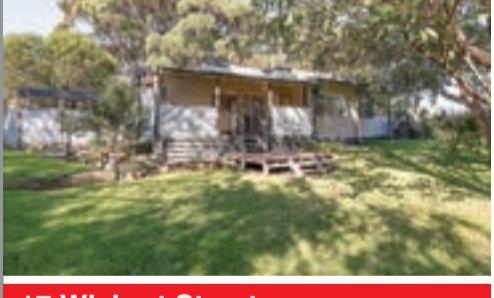
KORUMBURRA



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WONTHAGGI



9 Noel Court

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, double garage
- Beautiful home close to schools
- Great access in quiet court

\$650,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

2/11 Lower Gordon Street

- 2 bedroom unit, great condition, R/C air con
- Walk through bathroom to master
- Single LU garage, deck with awning

\$395,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

220 Garry Road

- 201 acres
- Pristine beef farm
- Candowie Reservoir views

\$11-\$12k per acre

Contact: Grantville Office

17 Wishart Street

- Astounding renovation, flexible floorplan
- Home based working space or inlaw accom
- 1250 sqm block suitable to subdivide

\$749,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

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Nathan Cleeland 0497 114 568

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Mick Chambers 0418 349 783
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Farmers back technology to improve dairy production

TECHNOLOGY has evolved the dairy industry, and local dairy farmers are embracing the opportunities on offer.

Glen Alvie dairy farmers Peter and Chris Kershaw are into their third year of using cattle collars, which has proved to be a timesaving practice.

"The technology has certainly come a long way since the farmer with the pitchfork. (The collars) tell me when the cows are on heat and when they are sick," Peter said.

"They have become a vital part of our operation here."

Peter and Chris are third generation farmers with 300 head of cattle on 600 acres.

The introduction of the cattle collars has saved on time and additional labour.

"Basically, the collars do the work of two people," Peter said.

"Beforehand, we used to put Kamars (heat detectors) on. We'd have to find the cows on heat and then draft them ourselves. Now, we go out into the yard after milking and they're there."

Along with the collars, the Kershaws purchased a drafting gate, which identifies the cows that are on heat.

The collars are becoming a common practice within the dairy industry. The method was recommended to Peter by his neighbour.

"I've always sort of known they were out there, but I always thought they were too expensive. \$100,000

is a lot to layout, but once you've got it, you won't go back," Peter said.

"I think they are becoming more popular. There's ear tag technology out there as well."

The collar batteries have a life expectancy of five to eight years. Ear tag technology is also an available option.

The technology functions based on the activity of the cattle.

"We have a computer system in the dairy and a big antenna, which picks up the signals from all the collars. There's a little computer box the information goes into, and from there it is transferred to the main computer, where I can check which cows are doing what," Peter said.

"If a cow doesn't walk or isn't making many movements, it'll come up on the computer that I need to check on it because it might be unwell. We can tell when the cow is on heat, because the cow will be more active."

"The antenna's range is around a couple of hundred metres from the dairy, but the collars keep all the information. When they come back in range, the computer will pick up the signal again. I think they can be out of range for around 14 days before the collars stop collecting information."

Peter said the system is easy to operate.

"Once it's set up, they practically do the job themselves. It's just a matter of monitoring them," he said.



Glen Alvie dairy farmer Peter Kershaw said the use of cattle collars has improved efficiency on his property.

Case IH dealer TTMI continues on expansion trajectory

A NEW Case IH dealer is now covering Tasmania's north west, with TTMI expanding its presence in the state.

TTMI, with locations in southern Victoria and central and southern Tasmania, has now taken on the north west of Tasmania, with a new Case IH site based in Latrobe, Tasmania.

The dealership opened on June 1.

It will become the seventh Case IH location for TTMI, with other dealerships in Trafalgar, Maffra, Leongatha, Warrnambool, and Colac in Victoria, and in Longford and now Latrobe, in Tasmania.

TTMI dealer principal Jason Henry said it was another significant chapter in TTMI's history and they were looking forward to working with existing Case IH customers.

"The synergies of the TTMI regions help support the range of machinery we specialise in in all of our seven locations across the most beautiful and agriculturally-productive areas of Australia," Jason said.

"Customers in north west Tasmania can expect we will bring the levels of service and support TTMI has become known for to ensure all of their requirements are met – whether that be for new machinery or ongoing service and maintenance – and we hope to expand the presence of Case IH, and the other seeding and tillage brands we represent, in the Latrobe region."

Jason thanked outgoing dealer for the region, TR & KR Shipton, for 40 years of service, and said existing customers in the area could be assured of a seamless transition period.

"For our TTMI customers in other areas, this most recent expansion is a new opportunity for our network to increase its buying power and build our parts and service departments, which is to the benefit of all our customers, right across all of our locations," he said.

Funds for flood planning

MINISTER for Water Harriet Shing and Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny announced an investment of \$22.2 million to fast-track more flood studies.

This funding will help accelerate flood mapping data studies which will be used to update planning council schemes so they can identify suitable locations for new development and avoid high flood-risk areas. Local councils are responsible for updating flood mapping and controls in their planning schemes to ensure they identify areas subject to potential flooding. Councils are best placed to make these decisions, in consultation with the relevant water authority or catchment management authority.

The package includes \$10 million over the next five years to complete an estimated 32 flood studies in regional Victoria.

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Floods grants on offer

LOCAL community groups and not-for-profits in rural Victorian communities impacted by 2022-23 floods are encouraged to apply for grants up to \$20,000 for projects that will support their community's recovery.

In partnership with Suncorp and AAMI, FRRR is offering \$300,000 for initiatives that build resilience and support medium to long-term recovery of communities affected by the flooding and storms that occurred in specified LGA's between October 6, 2022, and January 13, 2023.

Funded through the Rebuilding Futures program, these responsive grants are available for proactive initiatives that are community-led.

A Grantseeker Workshop, including a Q&A, on the Rebuilding Future's grant program will be held online from 12 – 1pm AEST Wednesday, June 7, 2023. Applications close July 6, 2023.

For more information about which regions are eligible, the type of projects that can be funded, and to register for the Grantseeker Workshop, visit www.frrr.org.au/Rebuilding-Futures

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TREEPROJECT gets urban and rural communities working together to put trees back on the land. Their network of trained volunteers grows indigenous seedlings for rural landholders and Landcare groups who need help with revegetation.

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Book now for 2023 BestWool/BestLamb conference

AGRICULTURE Victoria invites sheep producers and the broader sheep industry to join us at the 2023 BestWool/BestLamb conference and pre-conference dinner in Bendigo on Monday evening and Tuesday, 19-20 June.

The pre-conference dinner will take place on the Monday evening at the All Seasons Resort Hotel in Bendigo to celebrate 25 years of the BestWool/BestLamb program.

For the conference program and registration go to bit.ly/bwbl23

For more information, please contact Lyndon Kubeil on 0418 532 085 or lyndon.kubeil@agriculture.vic.gov.au

Burra Foods keeps \$250 million local in 2023-24

BURRA Foods has come out with a competitive opening price of \$8.50 to \$9.00/kg milk solids, as its "Minimum Farmgate Milk Price Range for FY24" July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

But in a point of difference that local communities will appreciate, Burra Foods will put around \$250 million back into local communities "through milk price, wages and employment, preferential engagement of local contractors and transport providers, and donations to various clubs and organisations".

It's a distinction that Burra Foods hopes will make all the difference when local suppliers are weighing up their supply decisions this year.

In a letter to suppliers, CEO Stewart Carson has been up front, however about the price being down on last year's milk returns.

"As per our long-term practice, we are quoting a range in which more than 90% of our milk supply partners will sit, rather than a weighted average price which is often difficult for many to achieve," said Stewart Carson Chief Executive Officer.



While welcoming Burra Foods competitive opening price, Nyora dairy farmers Dan and Brodie McDonald say they appreciate the partnership between Burra and the local community.

"We acknowledge that this minimum price is a reduction on current year. Whilst we are disappointed this is the case; we have considered the decreased value in global markets over the last 12 months and the growing un-competitiveness of Australian exports versus other countries.

"Australia is the only country in the world that must set a minimum milk price for the next 13 months, yet trade in volatile markets.

"With the recently communicated restructure, Burra Foods is continuing to focus on improving productivity, reducing costs and

optimising our product mix with an increasing domestic focus to maximise returns.

"Our successful launch into cream cheese this year has been further endorsed by the board supporting a capacity upgrade to the facility as we continue to focus on new premium markets and products.

"We are very proud of our contribution to Gippsland and are heavily invested in our local dairy communities.

"In this financial year, we will provide around \$250 million back into our communities through milk price, wages and employment, preferential engagement of local contractors and transport providers, and donations to various clubs and organisations.

"We don't often publicise these initiatives, but we do enjoy knowing that we are directly supporting the region in which we exist and ultimately you, our milk supply partners.

"For over 30 years, Burra Foods has been partnering to bring the best of Australian dairy to the world and we want to continue this for years to come. Our Milk Supply Partnerships are the foundation of our business, and we thank you for your supply."

Winter firewood warning targets illegal collectors

ILLEGAL firewood operators are being put on notice, as the Conservation Regulator and Parks Victoria urge Victorians to source their winter firewood from reputable sellers and report dodgy dealers.

Firewood theft from public land is a significant issue across Victoria which heavily impacts critical wildlife habitat and cultural heritage.

Firewood sellers can only sell timber sourced legally from a wholesale supplier, commercial wood lot or from private land with the permission of the landowner and in accordance with the Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation.

It can be difficult for customers

to recognise reputable firewood sellers, so buyers are encouraged to ask the following questions:

- Where does your wood come from? Firewood sellers should be able to provide the details of where the wood for sale is sourced from.
- Can I get a receipt? Firewood sellers should provide a tax receipt with a business name and ABN listed.
- Why is the wood so cheap? If the firewood seems cheaper than similar sales nearby, ask the supplier why. Buyers should report details about suspicious sellers or firewood theft from public land by calling 136 186.
- This year the Conservation Regulator is targeting firewood

theft with Forest Fire Management Victoria and Parks Victoria through Operation Hollows. Authorised Officers are patrolling forests, parks and reserves, and use concealed cameras and other methods to detect offences.

Anyone caught cutting or taking timber illegally from public land can face on-the-spot fines of \$740 under the Forests Act 1958 or a maximum penalty of \$9,246 and/or 1 year jail if the matter is taken to court. Chainsaws, trailers and vehicles can also be seized if they're detected as being used for the offending.

For people looking to collect firewood, the autumn firewood collection season from public land is open until 30 June in designated areas. People can

collect a maximum of two cubic metres of firewood per person per day and a maximum of 16 cubic metres of firewood per household per financial year. Only fallen timber without hollows can be collected.

Details of where firewood can be collected, can be found at: <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/firewood-collection-in-your-region>.

For more information about buying firewood responsibly in Victoria visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/buying-firewood>.

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Agriculture Victoria Manager Livestock Traceability Ben Fahy said PICs provided horse owners an extra level of protection during emergencies.

All Victorian properties with livestock, including horses, are required by law to have a PIC, an eight-character code essential for contact and traceability purposes.

"PICs are required whether you keep a horse for recreational, agricultural or competitive purposes – even for your brood mare in the paddock," Mr Fahy said.

"When horses are on agistment away from home, it's essential that those properties have PICs, which can be applied for by the horse owner or service provider."

Livestock owners should regularly review their PIC details and update any changes that have occurred such as change in property address, species of livestock or changes to personal details.

When livestock are offered for sale, given away or bartered via online or print media, the PIC of the property at which the livestock are kept must be included in the advertisement.

Register for a Property Identification Code today at agriculture.vic.gov.au/horsepic or call 1800 678 779.

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7 Belcher N & G Woodside	660.7	328.0	2,167
4 Mowat T Stradbroke	615.0	327.6	2,014
3 Country Investments Pty Ltd			
Mirboo North	581.7	310.0	1,803
1 Robertson Bruce Kilmany	575.0	310.0	1,782

Steers

1 White RJ & ME Inverloch	395.0	427.6	1,689
1 Olsen RL Poowong East	420.0	391.6	1,644
5 Collins T & C Mirboo North	370.0	385.0	1,424
1 Harris RJ Korumburra Sth	385.0	356.6	1,372
4 Boag P & B Fish Creek	401.3	350.0	1,404
5 Mowat T Stradbroke	462.0	329.6	1,522

Heifers

1 Olsen RL Poowong East	380.0	437.6	1,662
1 Eden PC & KM Glen Forbes	400.0	420.0	1,680
1 White RJ & ME Inverloch	355.0	401.6	1,425
1 Cantwell BS LSTK Toora	380.0	379.6	1,442
1 Boag P & B Fish Creek	395.0	350.0	1,382
1 Kosta P Binginwarri	440.0	345.6	1,520

Cows

1 Campkin Smith M	480.0	240.0	1,152
Leongatha South	485.0	230.0	1,115
1 Cantwell L Unknown District	705.0	218.0	1,536
4 Belcher N & G Woodside			
1 Beaumont B & J Alberton West	580.0	215.0	1,247
2 Rayner B & L Hiamdale	690.0	214.0	1,476
2 Braemar G & J Trida	680.0	214.0	1,455

Bulls

1 Malmo J Boisdale Farm	560.0	1,230	6,888
Boisdale			
1 Beaumont B & J Alberton West	875.0	291.6	2,551
1 Reynolds MW & DE Yinnar	805.0	270.0	2,173
1 Whelan K & F Outtrim	755.0	270.0	2,038
1 Walker R & D Budgeree	815.0	267.6	2,180
1 Hall DR Budgeree	835.0	261.6	2,184

Vealer Bulls

1 Whelan K & F Outtrim	445.0	198.6	883
1 Cantwell L Unknown District	345.0	190.0	655
1 Bell A & C Traralgon	325.0	164.6	534

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, May 29, 2023

Jersey & Jersey x \$20 to \$60
 Friesian Bulls \$30 to \$150
 Friesian Heifers \$80 to \$140
 Beef Bulls \$45 to \$280
 Beef Heifers \$40 to \$250
 Number of Calves: 230
 Number purchased to rear: 83

Farmers well placed ahead of growing competition



Dairy Australia's industry analyst, Eliza Redfern.

MOST Australian farming businesses (86 per cent) expect to be profitable this season, after being offered historically high farmgate milk prices according to the May 2023 Situation and Outlook Report from Dairy Australia.

The report also revealed that 84 per cent of dairy farmers are feeling positive about their own businesses.

With past downturns and variable seasonal conditions, many farmers are taking a conservative approach to operating their businesses and prioritising stability over expansion as a worker shortage and weather challenge business growth.

Climate is a concern for 40 percent of Australian farm businesses - partly driven by the unpredictability experienced over recent seasons. However, previous wet seasons have helped prepare the dairy industry for the drier conditions of an El Nino event likely to form later this year. With plenty of irrigation water around and some improvements in feed availability, this will help take the edge off high input prices and market challenges.

In the May 2023 Situation and Outlook Report, Dairy Australia is projecting the milk pool will stabilise in the 2023/24 season. While workforce challenges and farmers exiting the dairy sector continue to weigh on production, there is some modest potential for growth.

"Competition to secure milk will continue to be strong in 2023/24 and farmgate milk prices likely to remain above average," said Dairy Australia's industry analyst, Eliza Redfern.

"Falling export commodity prices are impacting dairy processor returns and incentivising imports, but a tight milk pool ensures the need for supply is strong."

Consumer purchasing power has tightened and high-priced plant-based products are taking a hit. There are now less households purchasing plant-based beverages, with more households exclusively buying milk at 58.7 per cent and the majority of households purchasing dairy overall," said Ms Redfern.

Competition has become an increasingly important driver for the Australian dairy indus-

try. While firm Australian export commodities are potentially opening the door to reduced export market share, the domestic market has provided an avenue for robust returns for processors.

Considering largescale changes to shopper behaviours, dairy continues to generate significant value through the retail sector, proving more sustainable compared to its plant-based competitors.

The dairy supply chain remains intact despite macroeconomic disruptions, and processors' thirst for milk is likely to support firm farmgate milk prices next season, as Australia's milk production finds its way back to stability.

For more information and to view the latest Situation and Outlook Report visit dairyaustralia.com.au/sando

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 21 Angus steers, 20 mths
 A/c A Mermigas, Flinders (NUTRIEN)
 12 Angus steers, 2 yo
 A/c I & A Harndorff, Bega (NUTRIEN)
 18 Angus steers, 15 mths, very quiet
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 A/c D & M Taylor, Allambee (NUTRIEN)
 40 Angus mix sexes, 10-12 mths, Leewood blood
 A/c Merlewood Angus, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)
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 A/c J & L Fiddelaers, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
 35 Angus mixed sex, 10 mths, Battersby blood, VQ
 A/c E & S Gloster, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
 30 Angus heifers, 14 mths
 A/c NP & JA Chandler, Hedley (PHC)
 30 Angus steers, 10 mths, Yancowinna & Langi Kal Kal blood, weaned
 A/c E & J Bennett, Mardan (ALEX SCOTT)
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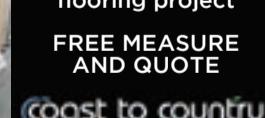
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DEATHS

BAILEY, Robert Gregory 'Rob':
Passed away peacefully.
Loved husband of Sue, loving dad and father-in-law of Carolyn, Chloe, and Aiden.
Forever in our Hearts.

DAVIDSON, Donald:
06.06.1938 -30.05.2023.
Passed away peacefully at home.
Loved and loving husband of Nola.
Loving father of Kerrie, Barry and Helen.
Father-In-Law of Brett.
Loved pop of Emma, William, Jack, Nathan, Luke & Brooke.
Great Grandfather of Winter.
"Resting Peacefully".
A Private Funeral will be held.

DOWSON (nee Asquith), Edith Catherine:
24.11.1929 -01.06.2023.
Late of Wonthaggi.
Loving wife of Ivan (dec.).
Devoted and caring mother and mother-in-law of Marjorie and Chris, Trevor and Heather, Lynette and Toby and Cheryl.
Admired Nana of her 9 grandchildren and Great Nana to 15.5 great grandchildren.
Now at rest, reunited with Dad.

DEATHS

DOWSON (nee Asquith), Edith Catherine:
June 1, 2023.
With much sadness and love the Asquith family mark the passing of Auntie Edith.
Loved and loving sister and sister-in-law of Ernest and Patricia (both dec.).
Auntie of Rosemary, Jimmy (dec.), and Wayne, Joan, Bill, and Brenda.
Great Aunt of Narelle, Adrian, David and Kris, their partners, and families.
A life well lived into her nineties....

DOWSON, Edith:
Wonthaggi Evening View Club is sad to say goodbye to our valued and dedicated member of 27 years.
Condolences to all the family.
Rest in peace Edith.

HULLEY, John Gammon:
(Former Mayor of Bass Coast Shire Council)
02.09.1938 -30.05.2023.
Passed away peacefully.
Loved Husband of Frances (dec.).
Loving Dad of Carena and Tim, Susan (dec.)
John and Elizabeth, Deakin (dec.)
Leeton and Amanda and Carraline.
Adored Grandad to Jack, Laura, Guy, Nick, Alec, Kate and Charlie.
"Loving Memories".

DEATHS

HUMPHREYS, Joanne:
24.03.1955 - 31.05.2023.
Passed away suddenly after a long illness.
Loved wife of Ian.
Special mother of Amanda and Melissa and wonderful grandmother to Emily, Amy, Olivia, and Charlotte.
Her beautiful smile will live on forever with all that knew her.

A wonderful legacy to leave us.
Gone but not forgotten.

HUMPHREYS, Joanne:
Beloved Mum and JoJo.
Love of Dad's life.
Treasured friend to so many.

Always putting others first, with humour and kindness.

Many thanks to the staff at Hillside and Alchera House for their special care.
We all love you and miss you so very much.
-- Amanda, Mel, Anthony, Emily, Amy, Charlotte and Olivia x.

JEREMIAH, Geoffrey Keith:
10.08.1933 - 29.05.2023
Beloved husband of Estelle.
Loving dad to Trevor and Therese, Geraldine and Tom, Neil and Brenda.
Loving pop to 8 grandchildren and their partners and 10 great grandchildren.
Rest in Peace.

DEATHS

McNAUGHTON, Daryl John:
79 years.
Loved brother of Don and Deaney.
Much loved uncle of Phil and Nicole, Chris and Belinda, Stu and Jo, and their families.
I thank you for telling me to back off my work and buy a new caravan.

We both enjoyed Lois and your company on our trips away, especially going down to Ken's Pump Shed with your beautiful family.

Missing your dirty ditties on my phone already.

Special thanks to Jed for his whip cracking display.

We sent you on your last droving journey.
Rest in Peace Mate.

O'LOUGHLIN, Barry Michael:

Passed away peacefully at Korumburra Hospital on May 28, 2023.

Loved partner of Cheryl.

Loving father and father-in-law of Shirleen and Mal, Barry (Butch) and Debbie.

Adored Pop to Kassie, Ben, Dean, Shae and Lachlan. Big Pop to Mia, Billy, Hudson and Finn.

Never Forgotten.

Barry's service was held on Monday, June 5.

FUNERALS

BAILEY:

The Funeral Service for Mr. Robert 'Rob' Bailey will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Thursday, June 8, 2023, commencing at 10am.
A Private Cremation will follow.

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A Private Cremation will follow.

FUNERALS

DOWSON:

The Funeral Service for Mrs Edith Catherine Dowson will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Thursday, June 8, 2023, commencing at 1:30pm.

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IN MEMORIAM

STERLAND, Anthony (Sterls):
19.09.1968 - 05.06.1987.

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WRENCH, Lachlan Scott:

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- to vote for State Branch Officers – State Vice-President and State Executive Member.
Only Life and Service Members can vote.

N. Laing, Secretary

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Footy pictures worth 1000 words

WANT to know what makes a traditional country football club tick?

Get along to the Meeniyian Art Gallery this week to see a superb photographic exhibition by professional photographer Ken Spence.

Embedded in the Stony Creek Football Netball Club for all of last season, and part of this, he's come away with a collection of well-produced images that capture the heart, the soul, the agony, the ecstasy and in the end, the essence of a footy club – the community.

"I loved doing it, loved it," said Ken this week.

"I loved seeing what's behind it, the power of it, and the community.

"I've been wanting to do something like this for a while so I reached out to Mark Le Page (club president) and asked if I could do a series on the club and he



PUBLIC NOTICES

PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE A
TELSTRA MOBILE PHONE BASE
STATION WITH 4G/5G AT: 1601
KORUMBURRA - WONTAGGI ROAD
KONGWAK VIC 3951

1. The proposal on the existing monopole consists of:

- The Re-Use of (6) existing panel antennas to install new 4G/5G Technologies
- Ancillary works including the replacement of (6) tower mast amplifiers and internal works in existing equipment shelter

2. Telstra regards the proposed installation as Low-impact Facilities under the *Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018* ("The Determination") based on the description above.

3. In accordance with Section 7 of C564.2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or comments should be directed to: Emily Wardlaw on behalf of Telstra, 0422 685 472, consultation@acquirecomm.com.au by **Thursday 22nd June 2023**. Further information can also be obtained from <https://www.rfnsa.com.au/3951002>

Telstra Limited A.C.N 086 174 781
Acquirecomm Pty Ltd A.C.N: 603 876 240
UGL Limited A.B.N 85 009 180 287

PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE MOBILE
PHONE BASE STATION
LOCATED AT CAPE PATERSON

Telstra plans to upgrade an existing telecommunications facility located at Lot 1 on Plan TP880930, Cape Paterson, VIC 3995

www.rfnsa.com.au/3995003

1. Telstra Limited (A.C.N 051 775 556) are currently upgrading existing mobile network facilities to allow for the introduction of 5G to Telstra's network. As part of this network upgrade, Telstra proposes the installation of NR850(5G), LTE2100(4G), DSS26 (4G/5G), and NR3500(5G) technologies at Cape Paterson locality and surrounds.

2. The proposed works at the above site include the removal of four (4) Omni antennae, the installation of six (6) panel antennas (each no more than 2.8m long) and the installation of associated ancillary equipment. All internal equipment will be housed within the existing equipment shelter located at the base of the facility.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of works



Relocation of the Korumburra turntable for reuse by the Yarra Valley Railway
Week beginning 5 June

VicTrack and South Gippsland Shire Council are working together to revitalise the Korumburra Station precinct. As part of these works, the turntable that is currently in the station precinct will be relocated this week. It is currently fenced off for safety reasons.

The turntable is being moved to the Yarra Valley Railway, where it will be put into operational use.

More information:

Call VicTrack on 03 9619 8889
customer.services@victrack.com.au
visit victrack.com.au

HERITAGE ACT 2017

Registered Heritage Place No H0974,
Permit Number P38238

WONTAGGI COURT HOUSE
75 WATT STREET WONTAGGI,
BASS COAST SHIRE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT an application under Section 93 of the Heritage Act 2017 for a permit for removal of significant Deputy Clerk's bench to onsite storage room, demolition of original stepped platform, and installation of larger scale replica bench has been lodged with the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria.

A copy of the application is available for inspection at www.heritage.vic.gov.au or at the offices of Heritage Victoria between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm, by appointment only. Telephone (03) 7022 6373 to make an appointment.

Any person may lodge a submission in respect of the application within 14 days of publication of this notice. Submissions must be in writing and addressed to Heritage Victoria PO Box 500 Melbourne 8002. Please note that any written submission received will be treated as a public document.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HERITAGE VICTORIA**

JA21603



Don't put the boat away just yet, there are some great size Southern Calamari about in Westernport Bay at the moment and some great Gummy Sharks as well. Plenty of KG Whiting about too. Photos: fishing_nanna

Around the Bay

DON'T put the shorts and thongs away just yet and there won't be a lot of need for your raincoat either if the predictions from the weather bureau are anything to go by. I think we will all agree that its hard to take anything that comes from the BOM too seriously.

Regardless of wet or dry there are still plenty of opportunities to head out for a fish and the opportunity for some quality fish as well.

I continually say you will not find the same quantity through the winter but you will find quality fish and well worth the effort to get out the house for a few hours, especially for your mental health.

When you head out for a run in the boat during the winter why not make it a fact-finding mission for the season ahead.

Grab the family, lunch and a thermos of coffee and do all the things you don't have time for in the season. I obviously get to speak with lots of people and often have conversations about their boats. I could tell you some of the stories, but you wouldn't believe me. The amount of people who have bought a new boat with all the bells and whistles and have no idea how to use that \$5000 sounder, other than to check the depth. The trim button on the engine controls is just foreign language to many and trim tabs.

Play with the tilt on the engine, understand what it can do for you, play with the trim tabs to see the difference they can make, in a time where fuel isn't cheap its amazing how much you can actually save just by getting those two things correct.

Use your ears and listen to the engine as you adjust these two things you will soon find the sweet spot. Practice your anchor skills, work out how to bridle your boat, use a second anchor and drift anchors aren't just for hanging out the back you can actually steer a boat along a contour line or a certain direction you want to go by moving where you tie it to your boat.

Offshore get you trawling skills up to speed with how to set a spread

By Jim's Bait and Tackle

that doesn't tangle and allows you to turn.

If you have a down rigger or outriggers now when you are testing is the best time to practice them. Then it goes without saying learn how to use your electronics when it doesn't matter. Play with the buttons, get a clear idea of the settings you need in different depths to get an accurate indication of the type of bottom you are fishing on then while you are traveling around look for new ground, structure that might have been uncovered during the last storm.

A question I get asked over and over again is how come that person is so successful and always finding the fish, the answer is easy, they do all of the above without thinking about it and have more time to concentrate on fishing.

I had some old-fashioned reports from the surf beaches at Cape Woolamai and Kilcunda lately of very good-sized salmon and plenty of them.

One customer told me it was like the old days where you stood on the beach in the pouring rain, wind howling and watched the rods at either end, once they went off you knew the fish would soon swim by your baits.

Calamari have been inconsistent all year, land or boats but every now and again someone walks in and has a story of catching a bag full. Just head to the usual spots try the usual jigs and if you are lucky enough you will find a few. The reports I am getting are from everywhere you would expect but it seems like I am getting only one report from each spot. There have been other very good reports of whiting, good quality but light on for numbers and again very random where the reports are coming from, some from the land and some from boats or kayaks.

Nothing in the way of snapper or pinkies and several reports of draughtboard sharks from those in the deeper spots.

A change to shop hours this week where I will be open Tuesday and Wednesday but closed Thursday and Friday then back open Saturday.



Local surfer Georgia Lewis enjoys an early morning surf at Eagles Nest during the week, oblivious of recent White Pointer shark sightings in the area.

'White Pointer' sighting rare but not surprising, they say

WONTHAGGI surfer Dave Dockery has seen the common Bronze Whaler Shark out in the water while surfing and even a Tiger Shark on one occasion, but it was a fearful first for him and some friends out at Eagles Nest near Inverloch recently, when he saw the unmistakable sight of a Great White Shark's fin break the water.

Dave caught up with ABC Gippsland Saturday Breakfast host, Melissa Fistic at the weekend, to tell his story.

And the discussion brought forward some little-known information about shark activity in this area.

"Look I'm fine, Melissa. It's one of those things that we sort of understand happens in the surfing world, sharks are part of the ocean. So, yes, it was a little bit scary but it's something that we sort of understand I guess."

Take us back to that moment, David. Take us back to that moment in the water on Sunday. How did it all play out?

"Look, the surf's been very good lately. You know, Eagle's Nest is quite a popular spot at the moment. There was already lot of people ready to go in at a certain time and I've jumped off the rocks out on the point with a friend. You know, just sort of hovered around waiting for a wave and we sit in an area that's quite bumpy and I've duck-dived quite a big set wave that came up and the same wave, a shark came out of, you know, he's sort of appeared out of the

water about 20-30 feet away.

"And look, I've actually taken quite a bit of an interest in sharks and White Pointers and unmistakably, this was a White Pointer fin, quite, big. And it's that moment of 'am I seeing what I think I'm seeing' and then, you know, it started to turn in my direction and that was enough for me, I'm out of there."

"And I started to turn and paddle and a friend that I didn't see was right behind me, pretty much with a white face, and he's just yelled, 'that's a big shark' and we've all sort of, you know, voiced that we've seen the shark."

"I paddled straight towards the white water and into the shallow reef and hugged a belly-board wave all the way to the beach."

How big do you think the shark was David?

"Look, probably over 12 foot, just by the size of the fin. I did say at first it was about 15 foot but you know, it's hard to get an idea about the size. But certainly, by the size of the fin, a man-eater, quite a big fella."

The rest of the surfers cleared the water too, although one opted to stay out in the excellent conditions and later, more started to join him.

Senior Marine Biologist at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Russell Bradford, was also interviewed, confirming the presence of Great Whites in local waters and the fact that the last attack in Victorian

waters was a long time ago.

He did, however, reveal information about sharks in these waters that many may not know.

"White sharks are known in that area. The Gippsland region is actually a white shark nursery, so we do find white sharks showing up there over the summer and then they migrate back up the east coast to Sydney and up into the tropics actually."

"You tend to get them showing up around December through to March in that area. Corner Inlet is a super productive area so it's a really good spot for a whole range of predators and a lot of sharks go that way."

"But at this time of year, they're pretty much clearing out of the area," Mr Bradford said.

Although he did say, the larger females (up to 6m in size) and male sharks (up to 4.5m to 5m), aren't as affected by the drop in water temperature because of their mass, and do tend to stay in their territories locally.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times this week, Dave Dockery said he'd also heard reports of a big shark at Walkerville in recent weeks, one bumping into a surfer on his board.

But, undeterred there were dozens of surfers out at Eagles Nest on the weekend with no sign of sharks... or whales.

May to October is the time when our coastal waters play host to Humpback Whale and Southern Right Whales, some of the ocean's most majestic creatures.

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, Stoney Point +40

TUESDAY	June 6
▲ 12.34am	1.45m
▼ 6.34am	0.32m
▲ 1.58pm	1.79m
▼ 7.24pm	0.89m

WEDNESDAY	June 7
▲ 1.26am	1.49m
▼ 7.23am	0.28m
▲ 2.44pm	1.81m
▼ 8.08pm	0.84m

THURSDAY	June 8
▲ 2.15am	1.52m
▼ 8.13am	0.28m
▲ 3.30pm	1.80m
▼ 8.54pm	0.79m

FRIDAY	June 9
▲ 3.03am	1.53m
▼ 9.01am	0.31m
▲ 4.15pm	1.77m
▼ 9.41pm	0.74m

SATURDAY	June 10
▲ 3.53am	1.52m
▼ 9.51am	0.37m
▲ 5.00pm	1.72m
▼ 10.30pm	0.69m

SUNDAY	June 11
▲ 4.45am	1.50m
▼ 10.41am	0.46m
▲ 5.45pm	1.67m
▼ 11.21pm	0.65m

MONDAY	June 12
▲ 5.46am	1.46m
▼ 11.31am	0.57m
▲ 6.31pm	1.61m
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Email us your fishing photos
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Leongatha Golf Club winners Fay Quilford and Karen de Groot.



Anne Grist, Elly Berryman and Sherrill Winkler were Woorayl Golf Club's winning team.



Wonthaggi Golf Club daily winners Catherine Bolding and Simone Lindsay.

FOSTER

Ladies

FOSTER ladies played two ball Ambrose draw for partners on Wednesday.

They were lucky with good weather and course playing well.

The winners were Beth Curram and Rachael Brown. (10.5) 71.75.

BDTL: Dianne Walker and Barb Warren. (9.25) 75.75.

NTP: sixth and 17th Barb Britten.

Viv Reid won the nine holes on a count back.

Beth Curram was the raffle winner.

Thanks to sponsor Anne Heywood.

Next week, June 14, is Par.

(19), 83 net and Barb Twite (23), 85 net.

Saturday's comp was won by Aliesha Wrigley (22) with 27 points.

LEONGATHA

TWO Person Ambrose Event - Tuesday, May 30.

Forty-four golfers played in this Two Person Ambrose Round on Tuesday.

Winners: Michael O'Rafferty and Alan Starkey with a score of 63.5 net.

Runners up: Ken Smirk and Philip Edwards with a score of 65 net.

NTP: 14th Ian Miller at 1.20m.

NTP: 16th Ian Barlow at 1.34m.

Stableford Event - Thursday, June 1.

Sixty members/guests hitting off on a shotgun start at 9am, played in this Stableford event on Thursday.

A Grade winner: Chris Leaver with a score of 33 points.

A Grade runner up: Steve Foster with a score of 31 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Mark Steadman with a score of 36 points.

B Grade runner up: Trevor Steer with a score of 35 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Frank Gill with a score of 33 points.

C Grade runner up: Alan Black with a score of 32 points.

NTP hole 14th: Michael O'Rafferty at 1.10m.

NTP hole 16th: Wayne Keen at 1.59m.

South Gippsland Homes Monthly Medal Stroke Event - Saturday, June 3.

Seventy-seven golfers took to the course for this SG Homes Monthly Medal Stroke event on Saturday. Thanks again to South Gippsland Homes for their excellent sponsorship of this event.

Overall winner: David Forbes with a net score of 67.

A Grade winner: Christopher Leaver with a net score of 73.

A Grade runner up: Chad Clasby with a net score of 75 on a countback.

B Grade winner: David Forbes with a net score of 67.

B Grade runner up: Jason Dennerley with a net score of 70.

C Grade winner: Michael O'Rafferty with a net score of 69 on a countback.

C Grade runner up: Timothy

McCarthy with a net score of 69. NTP 14th: Jason Dennerley at 1.07m.

Next week: Medal Day - Stroke and Putting.

Ladies

THE annual Royal Women's Hospital 4BBB qualifying round was held last week.

Winning scores of competitors, in all Victoria clubs, are submitted to Golf Australia and the overall winners are notified later in the year.

The extra competition fee raised \$240 for the Royal Women's Hospital.

Well ahead of the field were Fay Quilford and Karen de Groot coming in with 44 points - a great score in quite windy conditions.

Runners up were Neryl Hopcraft and Else Gedye with 40 points.

Neryl sank an amazing putt on the par three 14th to score five points.

Down the line balls were awarded to Nan Meagher and new member Jenny Teasdale on 39 points, Bronwyn Debenham and Jenny Fraser and Bec Thomas and Ev Indian 39, Wendy Brown and Dot Stubbs 38, Bev Reinhard and Ashleigh Hutton 38, and Libby Seebeck and Helen Mackenzie 37 points.

Not only did Neryl Hopcraft earn five Stableford points on the 14th, but she was also closest to the flag.

Kay Dumbleton was nearest to the pin on the 16th hole.

Jill Steer won the nine hole competition with 16 points and new member Cath Secull won a ball down the line with 14 points.

The R. and M. Hodges 4BBB Mixed Board event held last Sunday was won by Kate and Michael Rowe with 47 points.

It was a great score in difficult conditions.

Marea and Geoff Maher were runners up with 42 points.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

AGGREGATE Stableford draw for partners after play was the event of the day in dry conditions on Wednesday.

The sponsor this week was Jenny Cope.

The winners were Sue Hoskin (26) 34 points and Jenny Cope (36) 29 points = 63 points.

Runners up were Irene Holm (17) 28 points and Faye LePage (23) 29 points = 57 points.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, June 1: Stableford.

Day winner: R. Pentland (17) 33 points c/b.

DTL: J. McFarlane 33 and T. Whitelaw 32 c/b.

NTP: T. Whitelaw fourth and sixth.

Birdies: 13th M. Payne.

Saturday, June 3: Stroke.

A Grade: T. Whitelaw, (8) 72.

B Grade: N. Bracecamp (19) 69.

DTL: S. McKenzie 71, C. McKay, P. Draper 73, and P. Woodall 74 c/b.

NTP: T. Whitelaw fourth, 13th and 16th, and G. Renwick sixth.

Birdies: fourth B. Bradshaw and sixth R. Scurlock.

Captain's Trophy play off: M. Snell w/o; J. Smeriglio defeated S. Woodall 19th; P. Draper defeated M. Payne 3/2; N. Baker defeated J. Robbins 3/2.

Next week: M. Snell v J. Smeriglio, and P. Draper v N. Baker.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: Saturday, June 1, SR. 71.

Competition type: Stableford 18-hole

Winner: Philip McCrimmon 35.

Runner up: Graeme Crawford 34.

BDTL to 32.

Ball sweep: Graeme Campbell 34, Peter Young 32, Keith Ridout 32 and Colin Banks 32.

Results: Saturday, June 1, SR. 34.5.

Competition type: Stableford front nine hole.

Winner: Paul Cornelis 20.

BDTL to 15.

Ball sweep: Ian Murrells 16, Kevin Bayley 15, Secondo Tiziani 15.

Results: Saturday, June 3, S.R. 72. Competition type: Stroke Monthly Medal and putting.

A Grade: Eric Van Agtmaal 66.

B Grade: Ross Yann 67.

C Grade: Benjamin White 64 (Monthly Medal).

BDTL to 72.

Ball sweep: Sam Horvath 66, Warwick Judkins 69, Sam Dennis 70, Kevin Jamieson 70, Gary Youlten 71, Glenn Moresco 71, Messy Chand 71, Daniel Crellin

It was lovely to see Jean Hayes and Linda Forrester.

71, Keith Ridout 72, Peter Hanley 72.

Eagle: Eric Van Agtmaal 11.

NTPs: Jonathon Clayton second, Eric Van Agtmaal fourth, Peter Dell propin eighth, Ross Yann 13th, and Jonathon Clayton money hole 17th.

Putting: Brad Pinell 23 puts.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY saw 18 stalwart players endure the gusty but dry day for their fix of golf in a game of Stableford.

Two grades were made, and the A Grade winner was Catherine Bolding (18) 32 points.

B Grade winner with the rounds of the day was Simone Lindsay (39) 35 points.

No NTP were claimed.

BBL went to Yvonne Everitt 31, Anne Poulton 31, Fawn Judkins 30 and Wendy Cross 28.

Nine holes event with seven entries was won by Talia Abraham with 14 points.

Also played was the final of the singles knockout Matchplay between Carole Sartori and Merryn Dear.

Congratulations to Carole, who emerged the winner 2/1 after an epic contest.

WOORAYL

Ladies

IT may be still autumn, but the wind came with a vengeance, making for some challenging golf.

After several attempts over the last couple of years, Jo Fenell was finally able to sponsor her green card event.

It was a fun day with teams comprising of an A, B and C Grade player.

It was a Stableford event with a bonus shared green score card with holes at random allocated to the three team players.

The team of Elly Berryman, Anne Grist and Sherrill Winkler combined well in the difficult conditions to come in with 32 points.

BDL went to Ann Poole, Linda Forrester and Sherrill Winkler with 30 points and the other team of Pauline Lancaster, Kath Davis and Inge Giliam 30 points.

NTPS were eighth Elly Berryman, 11th Heather Sullivan and 17th Elly Berryman.

It was lovely to see Jean Hayes and Linda Forrester.



The Korumburra Secondary College boys volleyball team members and staff enjoyed the school's participation in the recent State Finals. Back row: Will Roberts, Jacob Churchill, Lachlan Wilson, Liam Thomas, Ace Yasna, Ash Saunders. Front row: Lisa Kordus, Brock Churchill, Tom Nicholas.

'Burra students perform well

KORUMBURRA Secondary College (KSC) was represented by its senior boys volleyball team at the recent State Finals, delivering a competitive display in its three matches and ensuring opponents now know about Korumburra and where it is.

Facing recognised sports schools from Maribyrnong, Kew and Bendigo, the Burra Boys weren't quite able to claim a set during their three matches, but almost earned a set point against the Maribyrnong outfit.

"While the team was a little nervous at the start of the day, they grew in confidence with each set and were swinging freely by the end," teacher Brock Churchill said.

Ace Yasna, Ash Saunders, Lachlan Wilson, Liam Thomas, Tom Nicholas, Will Roberts and Jacob Churchill gave their all on court for Korumburra, lighting a fire in their bellies for next year.

Everyone in KSC's PE department played a part in getting the boys ready for the tournament, with teacher Ray Boulter taking lunchtime training sessions and teacher and sports coordinator Lisa Kordus supporting the team on the day.

The KSC squad earned the right to be part of the state championship finals action, having finished in the top eight after two previous rounds of competition.



The winners of Sale Croquet Club's tournament (from left) section two runners-up Stephen Beitz and Sue Priller, Leongatha, winners Joanne and Michael Butterfield, Leongatha, section one winners Alan Drayton and Marj Prendergast, Lakes Entrance, and runners-up Bob Quayle and Kelvin Marriott, Drouin

'Gatha croquet players on point

LEONGATHA Croquet Club players performed well at Sale Croquet Club's annual handicap doubles golf-croquet tournament at the weekend with both winners and runners-up in section two.

Winners Michael and Joanne Butterfield and runners-up Sue Priller and Stephen Beitz both finished on six wins but on a net hoops countback the Butterfields

won easily +20 to +7.

Section one ended in a three-way tie with the pairs all finishing on five wins each.

Victory went to Lakes Entrance's Marj Prendergast and Alan Drayton with +8 hoops, from Bob Quayle and Kelvin Marriott, Drouin, +7, with Julie Drummond, Lakes Entrance, and Mary Derley, Sale, third with +5.

Phillip Island Bridge Results

RESULTS for May 29 and May 31.

Monday's North/South winners were Anne Gibson on 61.01%. Second place went to Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman on 56.55%. Marnie Myall and Graham McKergow came third on 55.65%.

Ann Hodgson and Caroline Shaw took line honours for East/West with 69.64%.

Moya Crowley and Mike Doolley were next in line with 53.27% and tied with Bron Sund and John Farr. Diane Coleman and Marion Wellwood finished fourth on 48.31%.

On Wednesday, M and M (Marnie Myall and Marion Wellwood) from Kilcunda came first with 67.26%. Bron Sund and Shirley Weaver were

second on 56.55% and third place was claimed by Molly Downing and Leng Haggith on 55.36%.

Thursdays with Beryl, or supervised play was reborn last week after a long COVID rest.

The purpose of the day is to practice and share skills and experience and support new players and those wanting to refresh their game. Topics of interest are discussed at the beginning of the day.

The club is currently having a membership drive and a warm welcome is extended to Janice Thompson-Eycken and Judy O'Connell.

Finally congratulations to Marnie Myall and Marion Wellwood for placing in the top 20 nationwide last week.



Bill Selby (skip), Judy Cook, Doug Archer and Harry Dunn were Inverloch Bowling Club's Thursday Social Bowls winners. Absent: Chris O'Donnell.



The best one game winners were Ken Barnes (S), Ruth Waring (L), Edith Johnson (2) and Phil Wright (3) at the Lang Lang Bowls Club



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Saturday winners were Rob Aitken, Heather Blanch, Hans Bischofberger and John Duscher.



Barb Culph, Betty Huitema, Sue Rose and Jan Clark won the Wonthaggi Indoor Bowls competition on Friday.

INVERLOCH

THE Annual Bowl Over Cancer Day has been rescheduled to June 8.

This is a normal Social Bowls Day with some extra surprises.

There are some boxes under the bench in the clubroom for donations for the trading table or raffle.

All proceeds on the day supports the Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary.

Names need to be registered by 9.30 on the day with play starting at 11am.

One game will be played before lunch and another after.

The winners on the day will have their names engraved on the trophy specifically made for the day.

Players can bring their own lunch or partake in soup and bread (cost is \$2).

Players are asked to bring a plate for afternoon tea.

A trading table will be in place so please also bring something to place on it.

There will also be a raffle and an auction.

A silent auction item is located near the main door to the clubhouse.

If you are interested in placing a bid, please write your name, phone number and bid on the paper provided then place it in a sealed envelope provided.

Please bring along silver or gold coins if you wish some of the fun activities.

Members interested in playing midweek or Saturday Pennant should register their names on sheets provided in the clubhouse.

Roast beef, vegetables and a sticky date pudding were on the menu on Friday night.

It was a feast on a cool night. Many thanks to all those involved in these nights.

Next Friday night meals is June 16. Please get your name in early.

Don't forget the next members night on Friday.

Thursday Social Bowls was well attended by 34 bowlers.

Two games of 10 ends were played with a break for soup and bread lunch.

Two teams won two games each.

They both ended up with 31 points and had to be separated by shots up.

Runners up on 10 shots up was the team of Terry Seaward (skip), Diane Selby, Jeff Cur-

wood and Di Hallas.

The eventual winner on 19 shots up was the team of Bill Selby (skip), Doug Archer, Judy Parker, Chris O'Donnell and Harry Dunn

Some important rules for play have been announced.

Members should make themselves aware of these.

Construction work for the lighting of the greens continues.

Members need to read their emails and club website to keep up with progress.

MIDWEEK

IT was another great autumn day of bowls with 33 of the family of bowlers turning up to Lang Lang to fight it out in Thursday's challenge.

There were a few new bowlers playing – it was great to see them and the club hopes they can continue to play each week.

There was lots of friendly laughter and banter across the green, but didn't see a lot of wrong bias bowls.

The green was in excellent condition, which allowed for some excellent quality bowls for the day.

Lots of thanks to Marianne behind the bar.

Also thanks to Kevin, Bev, Vern and Ken for cleaning up after the game.

The winners on 36 points were Tony Heppleston (S), Luke Monckton (3), Pauline McWilliams (2) and Michael Saunders (L).

Runners up on 35 points were Michael Dady (S), Gillian Harper (3) and Chris Brooks (L).

Best one game on 22 points were Ken Barnes (S), Phil Wright (3), Enid Johnson (2) and Ruth Waring (L).

Many thanks again to Peter, Pauline and John – the bowlers wouldn't know what to do without their weekly input.

Next week, the bowlers look forward to meeting at Corinella and ask if everyone can try to be on site by 10am for a 10:30am start.

Meanwhile, have a great week and hope to see everyone next Thursday.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THE results from this week's bowling once again produced some close finishes.

Thursday's winners, on a plus 13 after winning both their games, were Judy Sweetnam, Linda Newman, Betty Huitema, and Fred Demenech.

Coming second, winning one game only on plus 11, were Sylvia Mattock, Thelma Kavanagh and Ken Peterson.

Friday saw a total of 23 players competing.

The winners on plus 12, winning two games, were Barb Culph, Betty Huitema, Sue Rose and Jan Clark.

Runners up on plus 10, winning one game only, were Thelma Kavanagh, Jeannie Slocombe and Laurie Culph.

Exciting upgrades for Korumburra Golf

KORUMBURRA Golf Club welcomed Dylan McMeekin as its new superintendent early this year and he implemented a regime of equipment maintenance and renewal, highlighted by the recent ordering of a new greens mower.

The Toro Greensmaster 3250 will provide better cutting technology, enabling precision in the preparation of the greens and the ability to make fine adjustments.

"It's one of your most utilised areas, the greens, and that's what you're judged on as a golf course," Dylan said of the importance of achieving the desired appearance and functionality of the putting surfaces.

Such precision doesn't come cheaply, with the new mower valued at \$71,000, and fundraising efforts are already underway.

One lucky golfer stands to win a \$1,200 Motocaddy through a raffle, potentially paying as little as 10 cents for the opportunity, with tickets ranging up to \$20.

It all comes down to a lucky dip, with the entry cost depending on which ball you draw from a container.

Other fundraising initiatives will be organised, an auction being likely.

With misty rain falling on



Korumburra Golf Club professional John Payne, with superintendent Dylan McMeekin and third-year apprentice Mitch McGrath who are committed to a program of equipment maintenance and renewal. A02_2323

Tuesday before and during the Sentinel-Times visit, Dylan and third-year apprentice Mitch McGrath focused on machinery maintenance.

"The big thing is having a fleet of machinery that's reliable, so we tried to enhance the maintenance side of things," Dylan said.

That includes using a team app to ensure a systematic approach is taken to maintenance, and having a focus on training volunteers in the use

of equipment.

Dylan brings 23 years' experience at Leongatha Golf Club, having a break on the Sunshine Coast before his move to the Korumburra course.

The greens mower currently in operation will continue to serve when its replacement arrives, being used on other parts of the course.

While everything is being done to ensure excellent playing conditions, winter

days and early sunsets mean there is also demand for indoor golfing action, with Korumburra Golf Club hosting competition through its Full Swing Golf Simulator.

Two-person matchplay takes place on Wednesday and Thursday nights between 4-8pm, with a social vibe and plenty of banter.

While the current season is underway, people are encouraged to call the club on 5655 1886 to join a future league.



Billie Wrigley plays a tee shot during last year's Victorian Country Junior Regions Championship.

Korumburra's Billie to tee off in Tocumwal

PROMISING young Korumburra golfer Billie Wrigley is preparing for his biggest event yet, the Victorian Junior Amateur tournament at Tocumwal running from June 27 to 30, continuing to hone his game through the Gippsland Sports Academy.

The Tocumwal event will be the first four-day tournament he has participated in, having not previously competed over more than two days.

Billie looks forward to the challenge of maintaining his focus over a longer period and expects to be a little sore after the 72 holes.

The 14-year-old is a Saturday regular at Korumburra Golf Club, with his Sundays devoted to representing Korumburra Bena in footy.

Billie is an allround sports enthusiast, also playing basketball and cricket and having represented Victoria at the pool table.

With his dad Mat having played golf locally since childhood, it's no surprise Billie began to swing clubs at age five, progressing to competition by the time he was about nine.

He aims to whittle his current handicap of 9 down to 5 by the time he is 15 years old, intending to increase his practice regime to accomplish that.

Billie was invited to join the Gippsland Sports Academy, beginning his involvement in January this year.

He takes part in Academy practice sessions run by golf professionals in various places throughout Gippsland, also undertaking strength and fitness sessions and receiving nutritional advice, ensuring a comprehensive approach that combines sports science with improving golf skills.

His most recent event was a school competition in Gisborne, with Billie placing in the middle of the field.

He will head to Tocumwal with his grandmother and sister, saying he has a lot of family support.

"We're organised most of the time," he said of his ability to juggle school commitments with his diverse sporting interests, with family clearly playing a key role in making that possible.

As for his local course, Billie summed it up succinctly.

"It's very hilly and if it's wet, it's wet," he said of the Korumburra layout.

The Gippsland Sports Academy strives to provide opportunities for talented Gippsland athletes to reach their full potential in their chosen sport and their personal lives.

Executive officer for the Academy, Anita Pistrin, said Billie was nominated for the program by those in charge of golf in the South Gippsland region.

She said funding for the program comes from that region along with West Gippsland and East Gippsland regions, as well as from the Victorian Golf Foundation, Golf Victoria and Golf Australia.

A high-performance day in April involved all the regional academy kids, with the Gippsland Sports Academy being one of six such organisations throughout Victoria.

Koyu takes third place in the Victorian SUP Titles



Koyu Matsunaga, a resident of Rhyll, took out third place at the 2023 Victorian Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) Titles.

upset the 10-time winner. "The guy who won the comp (last weekend), he won for the tenth time in a row, so yes, I want to stop him. "I was lucky to get in third position. I really enjoyed it." Koyu began surfing as a boy in the warm waters on Japan's coastline, where wet suits weren't necessary, and it was a popular pastime for locals.

He has lived in Phillip Island for about five years and continues surfing, calling himself a hobby surfer. "I ride almost all boards, short boards, mid length and long boards and I

enjoy almost everything. Usually for short board I surf Smith and Flyns, and long or mid lengths I go to Shelly or Left point, and if I want to ride a really big one, I go to Bombie." As SUPing gained popularity, Koyu was interested in exploring the water experiences the craft could offer.

"I started SUPing about six years ago when it became kind of popular and still enjoying SUP surfing. I think I wanted to cruise lakes or rivers. I like surfing but I also like canoe or those kind

of calm, enjoyment, just relaxing activities as well, so that's why I started.

"We didn't think we could surf with it. I started SUP on the ocean and as they say, the rest is history. Koyu rides one of his boards almost daily, especially when the swell and the weather is good and usually before he starts work.

The sport gives Koyu a sense of peace and stillness and provides a welcome lull from the demands of everyday life.

"I enjoy thinking nothing, it's weird to say, kind of Zen. In real life I do computer support and programming and pretty much everything, and quite busy life, studying to catch up with new technologies and stuff, but in the water you can forget everything, you can be Zen in the ocean."

The cold waters of the Bass Strait aren't a deterrent for the wave chasing Koyu as it helps him merge into the experience.

Victorian Surf Rowers hall of fame

AT a recent function, Life Member of the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club (WBSLSC), Trevor Clausen was elevated to the Victorian Surf Rowers League "Hall of Fame".

The function was held at the R.S.L. Belmont Geelong.

Trevor has been an active member of WBSLSC for over 60 years and has been involved in Surf Boat Competition for over 50 years. As well as his Life Membership of WBSLSC, Trevor is a Life Member of the Victorian Surf

Rowers League.

Trevor has been a Sweep (steers the boat) for all this time, and numerous crews both male and female of which he was a member have won two Australian Championships and 10 Victorian Championships plus numerous placings.

RIGHT: Trevor being presented with his Victorian Surf Rowers League Hall of Fame award at the event in Geelong.



Swim event already a sell out

A HUGE demand for racing has led to the South Gippsland Bass swim closing entries early, with the meet selling out two weeks early.

The event is the first one of the Short Course season to be held in Gippsland and is a boost for the clubs swimmers to be able not have to travel so far to compete.

Held on the Sunday of the long weekend at Leongatha Splash, it has become popular among Melbourne swimmers with 70 swimmers from six Melbourne clubs coming down to be part of the 200 swimmers on the day, with many making the most of the long weekend and staying down for the weekend, which is a great boost for tourism.

The club is hosting two meets over the winter and two over summer and hopes to see the same success from the other meets.

The club is continuing to grow and is looking for sponsors for the day to help the club with its fundraising.

Please contact the club if you are interested.

The club has also had swimmers attending meets in other regions over the past few weeks with several swimmers competing in Bendigo and Melbourne over the past two weeks, successfully achieving times for Country Championships and State Age Championships.

Phillip Island & Districts Dart League results

WE ARE thrilled to announce a fantastic addition to our growing family of sponsors!

Great news for the League as we proudly welcome aboard the esteemed La Porchetta Phillip Island.

La Porchetta Phillip Island's commitment to supporting our growing darts league is truly appreciated. With their dedication to community involvement and passion for fostering local sports, their sponsorship embodies the spirit of camaraderie and competition that lies at the heart of our league. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to La Porchetta Phillip Island for their belief in our league and their investment in its future.

Ladder update after round 10.

A fantastic turnout of players and competitive darts this week saw The Vikings retain top spot and the Clangers move into second place on the ladder. Joe's Hornets scored an exciting 4/3 win over Storm and the Newbies had the bye.

New players are always welcome, so if you are interested in being involved and enjoy a friendly environment with young and old alike, male and female.

Please contact Scott Leathbridge 0407543154 OR scott@glpc.com.au



Under 12 Boys: Lewis Abbisogni, Peter Brandeggen-Taylor, Caleb Brown, Lachlann Christensen, Marley Grant, Max Lyons, William Martin, Eli McLean-Watling, Marley Nooy, Toby Osbourne, Teerawhat Panyo, Cyra Satchithanandam, Tyler Sharp, Thomas Stevanage. Coach: Dan Brown, Assistant Coach: Giles Satchithanandam, Team Manager: Sam Nooy.



Under 14 Boys: Franklyn Abbisogni, Tony Bals, Jenson Bremner, Quincy Hay, Isaac Joske, Taolin McNeil, James Midgley, Lincoln Newton, Ryder Nouwens, Declan Ormerod, Peeraphan Panyo, Sam Scott, Lochlan Shapardon, Devin Smith, Chris Zavros-Orr. Coach: Brad Handley, Team Manager: Pete Midgley.

Local players set for country championships

THE CLFA Country Championships are being held in Ballarat over the King's Birthday weekend.

The Gippsland Soccer League is sending four representative teams to compete against regional teams from across the state.

They will play multiple games over the three days of

competition.

We wish our teams the best as they represent our league.

Players have been selected from our GSL clubs. We have players from Drouin Dragons, Inverloch Stars, Korumburra City, Lang Lang United, Leongatha Knights, Phillip Island, and Wonthaggi United.



Under 16 Boys: Joshua Clark, Rowan Clark, Angus Dempsey, Jad Ellaz, Xavier Godena, Lachy Kain, Thomas Lilford, Austin McLean-Watling, William Midgley, Harvey Mylius, Balian Prendergast, Marcel Urbach. Coach: Daren Dempsey, Team Manager: Stephen Clark.



Under 18 Boys: Bradley Buttigieg, Harry Clark, Adam Dean, Lincoln Hamilton, James Heneghan, Fim Hindam, Jack Middleton, Oscar Murdoch, Hugo Norton, Liam Richards, Julien Rosse, River Thomas. Coach: Beth Milkins, Assistant Coach: Lorcan Heneghan, Team Manager: Andrew Dean.

Parrots have their stories told

LEONGATHA Football Netball Club is reliving its impressive history with Dr Dan Eddy.

The Leongatha based author launched the Talking Parrots podcast in March this year, which has since become a talking point around the grounds.

"I did a few (podcasts) for Essendon for their 150th year, and because I was undertaking that project on a bigger scale, I thought it would be a cool idea to try to do it with the Leongatha Football Netball Club," Dan said.

"I didn't think anyone would be doing something like this with a country football club around Australia, so I thought it would be a good opportunity to tell the stories of the locals and the club's history through their voices and see if it's met with enthusiasm by the community."

"The intention is to interview people from all different generations across footy and netball, covering different decades and eras. Hopefully, it'll provide a great oral history of a community sporting club and showcase to the young generations the people who went before them and the work that was done to

create the club there is today."

Dan said the support from all levels of the club has made the experience worthwhile.

"People who wouldn't normally stop in the street and say hello are suddenly quite enthusiastic about hearing their friend on the podcast, or an old schoolteacher, or a teammate. They've already started to learn things about different subjects that they didn't already know. I've found it to be a significant way to explore the club's history and build bridges between the generations," he said.

Dan chose the Leongatha Football Netball Club as his subject in part due to his family's involvement with the club, and has had the support of president Mal Mackie since the podcast's inception.

So far, Dan has produced five diverse episodes, including interviews with mother and daughter team Brooke and Taylah Brown, former president Frank Welsford, dual premiership captain Tom Marriott, 1997 premiership captain-coach Angus Hume and former coach Colin Boyd.

"They've all been well re-

ceived. It's good getting the instant feedback from everyone – particularly from the younger people at the club, which has been a nice surprise because it is hard to get younger people interested in history. They've embraced it from junior levels up," Dan said.

"I think I'm already seeing that it's been worthwhile because of the way people have responded to it."

With the podcast now gaining traffic online, the next step will be to film the interviews, giving supporters audio and video access to the club's history.

"The plans are big and ongoing. I intend to speak to players, coaches, long time supporters and administrators to cover every angle of the club," Dan said.

"The potential for it is endless, and if I had businesses sponsoring me to do it, I'd be able to promote local businesses and get them involved as well."

As part of this project, Dan is building a pictorial catalogue of the club's old photos and is seeking help from the community.

"If anyone has scrapbooks or photos in their private collec-



Mother and daughter team Brooke and Taylah Brown were recently interviewed for the Talking Parrots podcast, discussing their journeys with the Leongatha Football Netball Club.

tions that they think might help me with my research, please get in touch with me," he said.

Dan can be contacted at daneddy523@gmail.com.

To tune into the podcast, head to www.buzzsprout.com/2162575.

Busy weekend for the Gippsland Soccer League

UNDER 12a - Drouin Dragons Maroon V Inverloch Red

A CRISP morning and deep mud saw Drouin Dragons Maroon and Inverloch Red Under 12a take to the pitch.

Drouin Dragons came out switched setting up plays through the midfield and attacking as a unit keeping Inverloch's stand-in keeper, Moore, on his toes performing acrobatic dives and fingertip saves. Inverloch defenders Thornhill (#2), Moore (#8) and Bellaires (#17) formed a formidable barrier, but a fast turn and snap shot saw Drouin hit the net. Inverloch quickly responded with a long run up the field from striker Panyo (#29) ending in a well-placed goal. Tireless Panyo scored again. Accurate passing and well set up passages of play ended in success for Drouin with another goal. Now it was Inverloch's turn to attack as a unit. Sharp, J. Koster J (#22) and L. Koster (#11) weaving through Drouin's defence allowing L. Koster to shoot and score. Finishing the first half 3 - 2 to Inverloch.

Drouin came out firing in the second half scoring an equaliser in the first ten minutes. Both teams slipped and slid in the mud as the game was driven back and forth in what was turning into a real nail biter. Bellaires was everywhere, driving play forward from the centre back. His efforts were shut down by a solid Drouin defence until his persistence eventually paid off with a powerful shot from outside the box to score in the top corner. With Inverloch in the lead and time running



Levi Colantuono (U18) in action for Gippsland FC.

low both teams kept attacking hard. Drouin pressed and were rewarded in the last five minutes when their striker snuck though a well-placed equaliser. Finishing the game with a well-earned draw for both teams.

Under 17 - Drouin Dragons White v Phillip Island Breakers

The Phillip Island Under 17's took the journey to Drouin for a 9:30AM kick off. Last time Phillip Island played Drouin at home it was a victory to Drouin with a 3-2 win, the Phillip Island Breakers were keen to get the 3 points back.

Josh Vojkovic was named Captain and played at centre back. Josh stood strong throughout the game and was winning the ball from any attack and feeding it quickly to the midfielders. It was around the 12 minute mark when Dean Rizzo made a break through the midfield and slotted a nice goal past the Drouin Keeper. Phillip Island's Jad Ellaz's

was next to join the scorer's sheet. Phillip Island Breakers up 2-0. To Drouin's credit they continued to pressure our defenders and were awarded a penalty in the 32nd minute and scored. In the second half, the Phillip Island Breakers were pushing into the wind, but through great passing, managed to get the ball to Jad Ellaz's feet for him to score his second goal. Drouin kept challenging however they couldn't match the skill of the midfield and defence. Special mention to Cadel Tsoulakis and captain Josh Vojkovic for being solid in defence, and Dean Rizzo for his outstanding efforts in the midfield.

Final Score - Phillip Island Breakers 3 d Drouin Dragons 1

Mens Reserves - Phillip Island Breakers v Leongatha Knights

After playing Leongatha previously and having a strong win, coach Callum Golightly warned the team

to not be overconfident, to be first to the ball and switch the play if needed. From the first whistle it was evident the Phillip Island Breakers were playing better football, passing the ball around to feet and switching play back through defence to keep control of the ball. Angus Reed showed great pace upfront and snagged one past the keeper, it was only minutes after Angus scored his first and he headed another in from a beautiful corner from Geoff Russell. The Phillip Island Breakers continued to control the ball up until the half time whistle. The coach made a few changes at half time, and it wasn't long into the second half when captain Nathaniel Cassells struck the ball beautifully from outside the 18 yard box burying it into the back of the net. To Leongatha Knights' credit they kept challenging and made a few runs with through balls only to be denied with the fast solid running of Adam Zanella. Keeper Frank Licciardi had a clean sheet and the only thing he had to worry about on the day was defender Andrew Dean when they both collided. Running solid up the right wing in the second half was Twoknee Santana, and he was awarded with a goal from his efforts. Gareth Ellison was instructed to move from the midfield and go upfront, and for the first time in seven rounds he was delivered a through ball and he went from a walk to a slow jog and put the ball in the back of the net. Angus Reed scored the final goal getting his hat trick.

Final scores Phillip Island 6 d Leongatha Knights 0.

Gather a team for the Go Girls Cup

LOCAL girls are encouraged to give soccer a go on June 24.

The Wonthaggi United Soccer Club is excited to be hosting the 2023 Inaugural Go Girls Cup.

The five-on-five competition is open to three age groups - U12, U15 and Open.

No goalkeepers will be included, so the action is expected to be a thrilling pace.

The introduction of the competition comes as a response to the recent International Women's Soccer Week and the highly anticipated FIFA Women's World Cup being held in Australia.

Wonthaggi United Soccer Club secretary Alycia Marotta said it's also a fun way to encourage interest and healthy competition in the local women's and youth girls league.

"We think it's important

to continuing developing the local women's side, and we hope this competition will spark more interest in the game," she said.

"We are very supportive of the Youth Girls and were extremely proud when our girls were champions last year. We'd like to see more girls taking up the opportunity to play."

Players do not need to be registered and do not have to represent a club. In fact, no experience is necessary to get involved and enjoy the day.

Games will kick off at 2pm.

Entries are open, so now is the time to rally a team together.

The cost of entry is \$5 per player.

Head to 'go football' and search Wonthaggi in the Go Girls section, or <https://www.gofootball.com.au/.../Wonthaggi-Soccer-Club>.



Wonthaggi United Soccer Club is set to host the inaugural Go Girls Cup on June 24.

GSL Round 7 Results

Sunday, June 4

Leongatha Knights Blue 5 d Leongatha Knights White 1, Phillip Island 7 d Mirboo North United 1, Inverloch Stars 3 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 2, Drouin Dragons White 6 d Wonthaggi United 0

Under 12a Mixed: Phillip Island 6 d Mirboo North United 0, Drouin Dragons Maroon 4 drew Inverloch Stars 4, Leongatha Knights 6 d Lang Lang United 0

Under 12b Mixed: Trafalgar Victory 3 d Korumburra City 0, Drouin Dragons Maroon/Yellow 5 d Inverloch Stars 4

No matches are being played in the Gippsland Soccer League season over the King's Birthday weekend. Round 8 is on Sunday 18 June.

Wonthaggi United report

INVERLOCH hosted us all this week in perfect conditions. The emus had Blake L as our superb fill in. We all got to kick for goals and slotted 3 through. Thanks to Miller for being a fierce goalie and River stepping up again. This game was fun and so encouraging to see you kick out to space and run the side lines.

Special mention to Blake M for being the best defender today.

The Lizards were absolutely on fire this Saturday!

The competition was fierce, and these kids came out victorious with a 3-2 win against Inverloch #1.

This exciting game had a bit of everything: fluid transitions from offence to defence, awesome passing, extreme saves, dramatic kicks, and players taking some serious

blows along the way! The Lizards kept coming back stronger and more determined to walk away with a win. An incredible whole team effort and thrill to watch - everyone gave it their all.

We saw some amazing individual performances and truly exciting moments when the Snakes played Inverloch #2.

A few glorious breakaways by Hannah and Lucas - so many near goals, Lucas nailed one! Our goalies Freddy and Aayush laid it all on the line, and River's speed and tenacity was unstoppable.

Every player pushed themselves and showed improvement. It may have been an 8-2 defeat in the end, but the way things are going, we predict some victories in this team's future.

Gippsland United FC results

JBNPL U18s GUF vs Kingston City

The Gippsland boys took to the park away from home last weekend against Kingston City, who sat second on the table coming into the contest. It was the home side who took control early, coming forward with a few early attempts and testing the Gippsland goalkeeper and defence, before a defensive deflection took the ball past the goalkeeper and into the net, giving the home side the advantage. Shortly after, it was Kingston who doubled their lead with a very clean finish at the back post.

Heading into the second half, Gippsland

were able to show their strength and defend brilliantly, with some great defensive efforts, the Gippsland boys held Kingston to their two goal lead for 40 minutes of the second half. However, Kingston were able to find a third and fourth goal late on, taking the game with a four nil victory. Although the loss, Levi Colantuono was able to take control in the midfield, as well as seeing defensive efforts from Ben McCartney and Lucas Vick, combined with good shot-stopping from goalkeeper Jared Goodwin, which held Kingston to only a four goal win.

MID GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Mirboo North 40 It Tarwin 57
Fish Creek 37 It Boolarra 56
Hill End 49 It Foster 40
MDU 31 It Morwell East 60
N'borough 58 d Stony Crk 35

B GRADE

Thorpdale 14 It Toora 74
Mirboo North 66 d Tarwin 46
Fish Creek 65 d Boolarra 43
Hill End 40 It Foster 46
MDU 38 It Morwell East 59
N'borough 41 It Stony Crk 56

C GRADE

Thorpdale 10 It Toora 51
Mirboo North 23 It Tarwin 46
Fish Creek 32 d Boolarra 43
Hill End 44 d Foster 20
MDU 32 d Morwell East 19
N'borough 34 d Stony Crk 24

D GRADE

Thorpdale 16 It Toora 34
Mirboo North 38 d Tarwin 30
Fish Creek 52 d Boolarra 19
Hill End 50 d Foster 7
MDU 26 It Morwell East 34
N'borough 43 d Stony Crk 12

17 & UNDER

Mirboo North 18 Tarwin 26
Fish Creek 53 d Boolarra 19
MDU 52 d Morwell East 15
N'borough 32 d Stony Crk 28

15 & UNDER

Mirboo North 63 d Tarwin 5
Fish Creek 21 It Boolarra 74
Hill End 39 d Foster 10
MDU 54 d Morwell East 14
N'borough 19 It Stony Crk 21

13 & UNDER

Mirboo North 31 d Tarwin 7
Fish Creek 4 It Boolarra 41
Hill End 17 d Foster 7

LADDERS

A GRADE

	%	pts
Morwell East	215.29	30
Yinnar	163.31	28
Toora	157.14	26
Boolarra	165.73	24
Fish Creek	125.35	20
Tarwin	111.72	20
Mirboo North	110.22	16
Newborough	90.43	12
Hill End	60.80	8
Stony Creek	58.63	8
MDU	68.86	4
Foster	44.58	4

B GRADE

	%	pts
Yinnar	222.67	28
Morwell East	196.00	28
Fish Creek	191.74	28
Toora	183.24	28
Mirboo North	170.54	24
Boolarra	165.55	20
Stony Creek	88.45	12
MDU	96.25	8
Tarwin	67.48	8
Foster	51.73	8
Newborough	73.47	4
Hill End	71.62	4
Thorpdale	10.05	0

C GRADE

	%	pts
Hill End	170.86	28
Yinnar	257.81	24
MDU	146.39	24
Toora	142.11	24
Morwell East	166.22	20
Tarwin	162.96	20
Boolarra	136.78	16
Fish Creek	132.58	12
Newborough	97.29	12
Mirboo North	95.63	12
Stony Creek	61.90	4
Foster	16.95	4
Thorpdale	20.46	0

D GRADE

	%	pts
Fish Creek	284.92	28
Yinnar	276.70	28
Morwell East	203.17	28
Mirboo North	300.00	24
Hill End	131.74	16
Newborough	126.19	16
Tarwin	120.11	16
Toora	71.88	16
Boolarra	74.24	12
Stony Creek	44.96	8
MDU	70.94	4
Foster	17.72	4
Thorpdale	23.61	0

17 & UNDER

	%	pts
Toora	355.32	28
MDU	268.69	28
Fish Creek	233.33	24
Yinnar	146.23	24

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Brooke Newton defends ready for a rebound shot against Morwell. Z20_2323



Kilcunda-Bass' Madison McAskell lines up a shot at goal in the C Grade match.



Hilli Dedlefs holds strong defence against Morwell in the fourth quarter. Z19_2323



Tess Papas attempts an intercept as Korumburra-Bena's Amy White takes possession in the C Grade match.



Clare Grigg and Ashlee Van Rooy play strong in the final quarter against Morwell. Z21_2323



Korumburra-Bena's Chelsea Fox makes a pass in the A Grade match against Kilcunda-Bass.



Kilcunda-Bass' Tamika DeNardis and Korumburra Bena's Gemma Dixon battle for possession in the A Grade match.

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

17 & UNDER

15 & UNDER

13 & UNDER

11 & UNDER

D GRADE

C GRADE

B GRADE

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	%	pts
Toora	355.32	28
MDU	268.69	28
Fish Creek	233.33	24
Yinnar	146.23	24
Morwell East	72.73	24
Boolarra	53.18	16
Stony Creek	70.20	12
Newborough	64.57	12
Tarwin	50.00	12
Mirboo North	25.88	8
15 & UNDER		
Mirboo North	568.00	28
Boolarra	393.98	28
Hill End	193.46	24
Yinnar	223.23	20
MDU	188.48	20
Fish Creek	113.45	20
Toora	101.14	20
Morwell East	79.29	20
Stony Creek	42.31	8
Foster	21.48	8
Tarwin	10.40	4
Newborough	28.89	0
13 & UNDER		
Mirboo North	412.90	28
Boolarra	397.67	28
Yinnar	235.19	24
Toora	80.39	24
Hill End	100.00	20
MDU	63.44	16
Newborough	61.54	12
Foster	48.41	12
Fish Creek	35.00	12
Tarwin	37.76	8
11 & UNDER		

LEONGATHA

UNDER 13: A great game by all. Our defenders were strong under the ring and the goalers consistent with their goaling accuracy. Super effort girls under wet conditions, coming home with a 1 goal win. Score: Leongatha 24 def Maffra 23.

Under 15: The girls played well in the given conditions and were able to adjust to the wet. We got heaps of turnovers all throughout the game and never gave up. Let's regroup for next week! Score: Leongatha 19 def by Maffra 30.

Under 17: Awesome game by the girls. Our whole team played very well, but also have some things to work on. Very proud of their efforts today! Bring on next week. Score: Leongatha 34 def Maffra 22.

C Grade: As a team we took a lot from the game. Really well fought to come away with such a close finish. Lots to work on at training but overall, everyone should be stoked with a well fought out game. Score: Leongatha 37 def by Maffra 33.

B Grade: Strong four quarters of netball girls. Accurate goaling, great running in the centre and tight defence resulted in a high scoring game. Great effort Parrots, well done! Score: Leongatha 67 def Maffra 27.

A Grade: Good solid game today girls, different combinations all work well and we continued to build each quarter. Let's take this momentum into next week's game! Score: Leongatha 52 def Maffra 34.



Mia Plenkovich is on the move in the Wonthaggi defensive third looking to pass the ball to Cassidy Bowman in a thrilling contest at Traralgon on Saturday, ultimately won by one goal by the Power.



Courtney Young comes forward to take the pass as Traralgon presses hard during to take the lead in the third quarter.



After trailing 24-16 at half time Traralgon really turned it on against the visiting Wonthaggi A Grade side, with 17 goals to 7 during the third quarter.



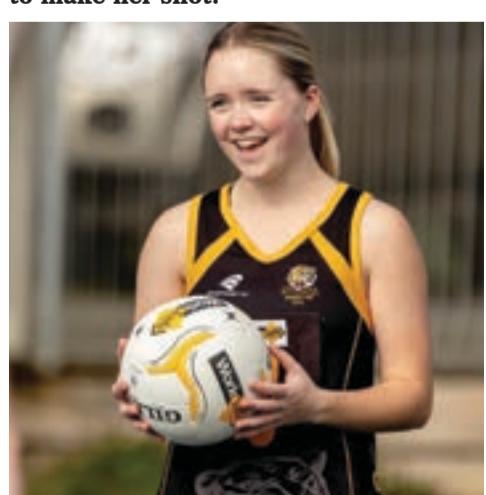
Bella Anderson finds some rare space out wide as Traralgon threatened to turn the game around during the third quarter.



Nyora's Tiana Heylen (A Grade) looks to make her shot.



Tylah Wilkins celebrated 50 senior netball games for Mirboo North on the weekend. What a huge achievement!



The Tigers' Sophie McGrath (C Grade) shares a smile. Photo: Annie Holland



Poowong's A Grade Team celebrating Mia Blackwood's 100 games. Photo: Jeff Tull

ELLINBANK**RESULTS****A GRADE**

Lang Lang 27 It Ellinbank 44
Catani 69 d Nyora 24
Yarragon 23 It Neerim Sth 84
Trafalgar 55 d Longwarry 42
N-Darnum 74 d Poowong 22

B GRADE

Lang Lang 13 It Ellinbank 59
Catani 63 d Nyora 23
Yarragon 34 It Neerim Sth 65
Trafalgar 69 d Longwarry 37
N-Darnum 67 d Poowong 22

C GRADE

Lang Lang 16 It Ellinbank 52
Catani 63 d Nyora 7
Yarragon 17 It Neerim Sth 52
Trafalgar 30 It Longwarry 35
N-Darnum 38 d Poowong 19

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	353.71	32	Catani	175.32	24
Nilma Darnum	160.29	32	Longwarry	1137.57	24
Ellinbank	160.29	28	Trafalgar	196.20	20
Trafalgar	130.22	24	Ellinbank	150.29	20
Buln Buln	99.39	16	Poowong	193.53	16
Catani	115.21	14	Buln Buln	126.74	16
Lang Lang	81.32	14	Nilma Darnum	83.08	8
Longwarry	76.13	14	Lang Lang	50.00	8
Yarragon	61.61	4	Yarragon	34.47	4
Nyora	54.09	4	Neerim South	34.47	0
Poowong	46.09	4	Nyora	0.00	0

B GRADE

Trafalgar 171.34 32
Ellinbank 238.10 28
Buln Buln 159.56 28
Neerim South 133.14 20
Nilma Darnum 125.8420
Catani 107.81 20
Yarragon 80.52 12
Lang Lang 75.94 8
Longwarry 73.57 8
Poowong 49.31 4
Nyora 34.43 0

C GRADE

Ellinbank 216.67 28
Neerim South 197.70 26

Nilma Darnum 168.82 24

Catani 155.83 24

Buln Buln 118.30 24

Longwarry 132.40 18

Trafalgar 105.82 12

Yarragon 84.16 12

Poowong 69.28 8

Lang Lang 63.50 4

Nyora 9.49 0

17 & UNDER

Lang Lang 14 It Ellinbank 40
Yarragon 21 d Neerim Sth 10
Trafalgar 36 It Longwarry 38
N-Darnum 17 It Poowong 31

15 & UNDER

Lang Lang 22 d Ellinbank 18
Catani 33 d Nyora 1
Yarragon 52 d Neerim Sth 11
Trafalgar 21 It Longwarry 28
N-Darnum 20 It Poowong 24

13 & UNDER

Lang Lang 8 It Ellinbank 12
Catani 24 d Nyora 16
Yarragon 10 It Neerim Sth 17
Trafalgar 11 It Longwarry 17
N-Darnum 10 It Poowong 25

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A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	353.71	32	Catani	175.32	24
Nilma Darnum	160.29	32	Longwarry	1137.57	24
Ellinbank	160.29	28	Trafalgar	196.20	20
Trafalgar	130.22	24	Ellinbank	150.29	20
Buln Buln	99.39	16	Poowong	193.53	16
Catani	115.21	14	Buln Buln	126.74	16
Lang Lang	81.32	14	Nilma Darnum	83.08	8
Longwarry	76.13	14	Lang Lang	50.00	8
Yarragon	61.61	4	Yarragon	34.47	4
Nyora	54.09	4	Neerim South	34.47	0
Poowong	46.09	4	Nyora	0.00	0

15 & UNDER

Buln Buln 244.12 32
Poowong 171.13 32
Yarragon 231.25 24
Longwarry 194.03 20
Trafalgar 124.77 20
Nilma Darnum 111.52 16
Catani 105.30 12

13 & UNDER

Buln Buln 257.95 32
Poowong 280.33 30
Catani 251.28 28
Longwarry 147.06 22
Neerim South 104.90 16
Moe 52 13

15 & UNDER

Morwell 15 It Bairnsdale 50
Warragul 12 It Sale 68
Traralgon 47 d Wonthaggi 17
Maffra 30 d Leongatha 19
Drouin 19 It Moe 26

13 & UNDER

Morwell 4 It Bairnsdale 39
Warragul 3 53 Sale 44
Traralgon 53 d Wonthaggi 3
Maffra 23 It Leongatha 24
Drouin 28 It Moe 37

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Morwell	141.78	30	Leongatha	195.98	32
Moe	137.28	28	Sale	197.40	28
Leongatha	129.77	24	Traralgon	165.73	28
Drouin	111.59	20	Maffra	118.06	20
Warragul	98.80	18	Wonthaggi	165.74	16
Wonthaggi	84.14	12	Morwell	95.72	12
Sale	82.69	12	Drouin	83.78	10
Traralgon	92.49	8	Bairnsdale	83.64	10
Bairnsdale	74.88	8	Warragul	37.95	4
Maffra	69.31	0	Moe	20.33	0

B GRADE

Traralgon 125.68 28
Leongatha 146.91 20
Drouin 112.90 20
Moe 109.81 16
Morwell 100.61 16
Wonthaggi 91.93 8
Maffra 91.93 8
Warragul 78.92 8
Sale 71.14 4
Bairnsdale 0.00 0

C GRADE

Maffra 141.18 28
Drouin 130.64 28
Leongatha 168.28 24
Morwell 115.92 24
Bairnsdale 110.43 20
Moe 91.45 12
Traralgon 87.15 12
Warragul 77.33 4
Wonthaggi 64.13 4
Sale 60.15 4

13 & UNDER

Traralgon 351.43 28
Sale 321.10 28
Moe 168.28 24
Leongatha 137.97 20
Maffra 130.39 20
Bairnsdale 125.47 20
Drouin 67.97 12
Warragul 29.94 4
Wonthaggi 20.77 4
Morwell 15.79 0

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Bass Coast College into finals

ON TUESDAY May 30, a depleted Bass Coast College Senior Boys football team boarded the bus and headed off to a wind-swept Moe to compete in School Sport Victoria's Gippsland Division.

We had two tough looking games coming up, the first was against Lavalla Catholic College (Traralgon).

After losing the toss, we would be kicking into the wind, however the boys stood up to the challenge and were able to match Lavalla's 2 goals 1 heading into half time on level pegging.

With the wind at their backs the midfield really stood up and gave our forwards every opportunity, quickly piling on a couple of goals to Lavalla's 1.

Final score Bass Coast College 4.3.27 def Lavalla 3.1.19.

The boys were up and about with a win under their belt but a quick look over the team that Marist Sion College had brought along quickly brought them back down to earth.

Again, we had no luck on the toss but surprisingly Marist Sion decided to kick into the wind in the first half.

The pressure they applied all over the ground was incredible, and capitalising on their opportunities we kicked three goals to 1.

Final score Bass Coast College 4.7.31 def Marist Sion 4.4.28.

A massive effort and we looked forward to representing Gippsland at the State Finals.

A huge thank you to our trainer, Mike Jesse, for giving up his time and expertise to ensure the boys are strapped and looked after.

Wonthaggi hosts 'Orange Round'

THE Alinta Energy Gippsland League has been successful in attracting funding for a range of theme rounds this year, and Wonthaggi will be taking leadership on one of those themes: violence against women.

As well as LYB Mental Health Round matches at Traralgon and Warragul in Round 12, and Change our Game initiatives in Round 16, Wonthaggi will host Maffra on Saturday, June 17 for the feature event of Orange Round.

'Orange Round' highlights the stand against family violence and men's violence against women and children while showcasing gender equality in sport.

Wonthaggi ready to rock at championships

WONTHAGGI Table Tennis teams are set to go for one of the biggest events on the Australian Table Tennis calendar.

The Victorian Country Table Tennis Championships are being held this year for the first time at the spacious and well-equipped Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium at Churchill.

This will be the venue for the following seven years, bringing a great deal of business in to the South Gippsland region.

Wonthaggi teams are as follows:

1. Justin Lici, Bruce Harmer, Braden Andrighto
2. Andrew, Mark and Paul Donohue
3. Jack Duff, David Kimmens, Sean Michael
4. Brad Andrew, Michael Steenbergen, Leanne Costello
5. Andy Chetcuti, Charley Donohue, Jack Donohue.
6. Callum Martin, Poppy Duff, Leigh Allamby



Ella Cargill celebrated her 100th match.

Breakers show no sign of slowing down



Sophie Bolding gets a hand pass out under pressure.

THE Breakers welcomed Karingal to Dalyston for a twilight match.

Recent good form from the Breakers didn't worry the visitors who were first to hit the scoreboard, with a goal in the first two minutes.

The Breakers welcomed back Tayla Stahl who didn't take long to get involved - hitting up Immy Bradford to give the Breakers their first goal.

The first quarter was a tight contest.

Tackle pressure from the Breakers was great with Carly Heislers and Georgia Sharp doing a good job to shut the ball down on the wings and slow down Karingal's run.

The Breakers had a better start to the second quarter with Stahl kicking her first goal in the opening minutes while Kate Thompson was busy through the middle and hard to beat around the stoppages.

The home side kept attacking throughout the quarter and while Karingal were able to rush a few of their attempts, Sophie Bolding kicked a nice goal on the run to give the Breakers a handy half time buffer.

Half time: Breakers 3.3.21 to

Karingal 1.1.7.

Getting on top in the third quarter the Breakers created a number of scoring opportunities through great forward movement with Stahl adding 2 goals to her tally.

The backline held strong with Stacey Poke and Jac Van Rooy cutting off any advances at half back.

Karingal came out firing in the last quarter and found an open player in the goal square to give them their second goal and a bit of hope. However, the Breakers tightened up, slowed the ball down and played with more control.

Poppy Marshall provided some spark in the forward line along with Immy Bradford whose hard running was rewarded with her second goal.

Final score: Breakers 6.9.45 def Karingal 2.3.15

Best: K. Thompson, I. Bradford, T. Angarane, K. O'Neill, T. Stahl, J. Van Rooy

Goals: T. Stahl 3, I. Bradford 2, S. Bolding

The Breakers will enjoy a week off before hosting Mornington on Sunday, June 18, 11am with the Dalyston youth girls match to follow.

Wet conditions at the Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun



A WET and sloppy Saturday morning didn't deter parkrunners and parkwalkers at Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun Mirboo North.

Of course, as every weekend, plenty of babies about and also four legged friends which is always great to see.

The early morning start wouldn't be the same here at Grand Ridge without at least one late participant playing catch up.

A lot of the very standard beanies and puffer jackets were out in strong numbers also. Very important part of the Uniform at Grand Ridge in the winter. All of our volunteers were already looking forward to the post run coffee.

Ziggy Holland (little legend) has become a regular volunteer and he sported his Mirboo North Tigers beanie and his or-

ange finishers flag - incredible!

Congratulations to Bill Barry coming over the line 1st with 20.42. PB of the week of 22.34 for our first female home Bryanna Mifsud!

Local RD Mark Lynch was very excited in the meantime with his new 22.24 PB and was very keen to let me know about also. Outstanding effort. We were also very impressed with Jenny Erickson who clocked up parkrun #469! Incredible performance!

Mark your diaries for event #150 on June 17.

If you haven't been up to Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun yet, come along on June 17.

LEFT: Ziggy Holland celebrating finishers.

Magnificent seven from Power's McInnes

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Other pleasing aspects of the Power's play were their attack on the ball, their tackling, their kicking to position and their shots on goal; finishing the first half with 7.0 to Traralgon's 2.5 and going on to kick 16.10.106 to the Maroon's 27 points.

It was both Wonthaggi's biggest winning margin ever against Traralgon and the Maroons' lowest score against Wonthaggi. McInnes' seven goals was also a record by a Power player against Traralgon.

Traralgon weren't hopeless before half time, both teams having seven scoring shots.

Tye Hourigan was dominant in the air with 20 marks, the big ruckman Max Jacobsen was competitive and onballers Luis D'Angelo and Mark Collison were handy.

But the further the game went, the more they fell behind Wonthaggi, at the contest, getting numbers to the ball, providing options forward of the ball and in their willingness to put their bodies on the line.

They were forced wide in attack and the shots Eddy did have were often from the boundary line.

Their lowest point came early in the third quarter when an attempted switch across the goal face was marked by Noah Anderson, who calmly popped it through. The Maroons kicked only one goal in the second half.



Tom Murray takes a fine mark on his way to an impressive game for the Power.

Gown fits for Parrots in win over Eagles

AN INJECTION of VFL talent boosted Leongatha as it looked to bounce back from last week's defeat, with Sandringham's Noah Gown helping ensure the Parrots started brightly, seizing a 25-point quarter time lead and going on to win comfortably despite Maffra's strong start to the second term.

Gown was a menacing presence from the outset, testing Maffra's backline.

He soon had the Parrot's first major of the game after marking close to goal.

Gown booted a couple more majors for the term, also setting up opportunities for teammates with pinpoint passing, albeit they failed to capitalise on his unselfishness, missing gettable shots.

While a goal from Maffra skipper Daniel Bedgood put the Eagles ahead at the seven-minute mark, it proved to be their only major for the term.

When Maffra's Alex Carr

booted a set shot goal from about 40 metres out 13 minutes into the second quarter, the Eagles had the term's first three majors, slashing the Parrots' lead to just eight points.

Leongatha then sprang into action, taking charge to such an extent it denied Maffra any further goals for the remainder of the match, while booting nine of its own.

The Parrots raced to a 28-point half time lead and ensured it was all about percentage thereafter.

A crucial moment came 15 minutes into the second term, with Maffra's Kade Renooy sent off for an incident involving Leongatha's Jack Ginnane and conceding a 50 metre penalty to Kim Drew, enabling him to boot a major from the goal line and getting the Parrots going after their slow start to the quarter.

The incident incurred a yellow card, leaving Maffra with 17 against 18 on the field, a

disadvantage the Eagles could ill afford against the powerful Leongatha outfit, albeit that numerical disadvantage ended at the start of the third term with Ginnane sent off.

Ultimately, Leongatha bounced back onto the winners list, triumphing by 11 goals.

Several Parrots were in the running for the winner's best, with coach Trent McMicking outlining why that honour went to Cade Maskell.

"Maskell was superb across half back, marking and kicking everything well," McMicking said.

Jack Hume was another excellent performer for Leongatha, equally at home winning the hard ball or taking on the opposition with a run of bounces and often propelling the Parrots into attack.

Tom Marriott was a decisive onball presence as usual, with Kim Drew unfortunate not to be named among the winning

side's best, showing his characteristic blend of tenacity and skill.

While Gown added just one goal to his tally after quarter time, finishing with four, he continued to work hard and create opportunities for teammates, always willing to pass the footy if a teammate was in better position.

Ginnane and Tallin Brill were the other multiple goal scorers for Leongatha, booting a couple of majors each, with Maffra finding just four single goal-kickers.

Maffra's Alex Carr lived up to the number 1 on his back, being the beaten team's best contributor around the ground, equally adept whether tidying up in the backline or driving the Eagles into attack.

With Leongatha welcoming the winless Drouin to the Parrots' nest in Round 9, the afternoon is likely to be a tough one for the visiting Hawks.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	% pts	RESERVES	W	L	% pts	THIRDS	W	L	% pts	FOURTHS	W	L	% pts				
Leongatha	7	1	212.50	28	Leongatha	7	1	333.50	28	Traralgon	7	0	341.54	28	Traralgon	8	0	340.00	32
Moe	7	1	171.74	28	Maffra	6	2	190.85	24	Maffra	6	1	142.81	24	Maffra	7	1	216.25	28
Wonthaggi	6	2	185.41	24	Traralgon	6	2	176.04	24	Leongatha	5	2	130.70	20	Bairnsdale	6	2	179.80	24
Traralgon	6	2	127.66	24	Moe	6	2	155.99	24	Warragul	4	3	151.99	16	Moe	6	2	179.39	24
Sale	4	4	101.77	16	Wonthaggi	5	3	174.57	20	Bairnsdale	3	3	117.50	14	Leongatha	4	4	141.53	16
Morwell	3	5	85.60	12	Sale	3	5	102.52	12	Moe	3	4	52.44	12	Drouin	4	4	95.33	16
Maffra	2	5	70.63	10	Bairnsdale	3	5	89.47	12	Sale	1	5	81.18	6	Warragul	2	6	77.65	8
Bairnsdale	2	5	62.45	10	Morwell	3	5	80.71	12	Morwell	1	7	52.57	4	Sale	2	6	48.63	8
Warragul	2	6	40.49	8	Drouin	1	7	19.76	4	Drouin	1	6	46.76	4	Warragul	1	7	34.57	4
Drouin	0	8	72.83	0	Drouin	0	8	18.77	0	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Wonthaggi	0	8	22.81	0

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WONTHAGGI

Traralgon 0.3 2.5 3.7 3.9 (27)
Wonthaggi 3.0 7.0 11.6 16.10 (106)

GOALS, Traralgon: Brett Eddy, Sammy Hallyburton, Kade Ruyters 1 each

BEST: Tye Hourigan, Luis D'Angelo, Jackson McMahon, Mark Collison, Tom Hamilton, Max Jacobsen

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Cooper McInnes 7, Troy Harley 3, Noah Anderson, Tom Davey, Brodie Mabilia 2

BEST: Cooper McInnes, Ryan Sparkes, Thomas Murray, Jordan Staley, Kyle Reid, Jack Blair

RESERVES

Traralgon 2.4 6.8 6.9 8.11 (59)
Wonthaggi 1.1 2.3 3.6 4.6 (30)

GOALS, Traralgon: Hayden Britten 3, Baxter Kennedy, Bradley Kimberley, Beau Locando, Lachlan McDonald, Jacob Van Iwaarden 1 each

BEST: Bradley Kimberley, Danny Campbell, Ben Cheetham, Lachlan McDonald, Hayden Britten, Mitch Memrey

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Adam Busana, Nathan Jones, Andrew Murray, Jaxon Williams 1 each

BEST: Lachie Jones, Jaxon Williams, Kane McCarthy, Jarvis Brown, Nathan Jones

FOURTHS

Traralgon 6.5 10.10 16.15 20.18 (138)
Wonthaggi 1.0 1.0 1.1 1.1 (7)

BEST, Traralgon: Marlon Neocleous, Ben Burrows, Tyler Lapenta, Kalan Huggins, Zachary Bastin, Jake Zappulla

BEST, Wonthaggi: Connor MacMillan, Thomas MacMillan, Jorin Joske, Oliver Feather, Harvey Smith, Seth McBean

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

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MAFFRA

LEONGATHA

Maffra 1.2 4.3 4.5 4.7 (31)
Leongatha 3.1 8.6 12.11 14.13 (97)

GOALS, Maffra: Daniel Bedgood, Alex Carr, Winston Gieschen, Tom Thatcher 1 each

BEST: Alex Carr, Ben Brunt, Kade Renooy, Kieran Jones, Ed Carr, Brayden Monk

GOALS, Leongatha: Noah Gown 4, Tallin Brill, Jack Ginnane 2, Kim Drew, Jenson Garnham, Aaron Heppell, Jack Hume, Jacob Lamers, Lachie Wright 1 each

BEST: Cade Maskell, Jack Hume, Thomas Marriott, Noah Gown, Aaron Turton, Jake van der Pligt

RESERVES

Maffra 0.1 0.2 0.3 2.3 (15)
Leongatha 6.2 8.3 11.4 12.6 (78)

GOALS, Maffra: Andrew McKenzie 2

BEST: William Pleming, Mitchell Wilson, Jordan Stubbe, Sebastian Pendergast, Andrew McKenzie, Ashton Wright

GOALS, Leongatha: Flynn Materia 5, Adam Trotto 2, Noah Fixter, Levi Hickey, Darcy Hume, Reegan Kemp, Oakley Kerr 1 each

BEST: Levi Hickey, Darcy Hume, Flynn Materia, Oakley Kerr, Adam Trotto, Kyle Brown

THIRDS

Maffra 1.4 3.5 6.10 7.13 (55)
Leongatha 0.1 1.2 2.3 2.3 (15)

GOALS, Maffra: Seth Smith 4, Harry Burgiel, Jos Dimarco, Elliot Stables 1 each

BEST: Thomas Scott, Elliot Stables, Thomas Little, Jack Kelly, Seth Smith, Ashton Wright

GOALS, Leongatha: Will Brown, Clayton McGrath 1 each

BEST: Beau Graham Andrews, Will Brown, Jett Clark, Jude Fixter, Jett Garnham, Bodhi Abernethy

FOURTHS

Maffra 4.1 6.2 6.3 7.4 (46)
Leongatha 0.1 1.5 2.8 4.9 (33)

GOALS, Maffra: Lachlan Harrington, Matt Kevin Rondon, Jack McQuillen, Leo Stephenson, Jahvis Fitt, Darcy Scott

BEST, Leongatha: Jhett Brown, Hayden Bowler, Finn Donohue, Aydan Williams, Timothy Hibberson, Archie Casey

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Sale 19.11.125 d Warragul 3.4.22
Morwell 11.6.72 d Bairnsdale 8.10.58
Moe 20.9.129 d Drouin 10.8.68

RESERVES

Sale 18.18.126 d Warragul 0.2.2
Morwell 10.7.67 d Bairnsdale 10.4.64
Moe 12.18.90 d Drouin 3.0.18

THIRDS

Warragul 11.13.79 d Sale 6.6.42
Bairnsdale 19.9.123 d Morwell 1.2.8

Moe

7.7.49 d Drouin 5.6.36

FOURTHS

Warragul 5.4.34 d Sale 4.8.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 9

POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB



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POOWONG

NILMA DARNUM

Nilma Darnum 1.3 4.8 6.9 8.11 (59)

Poowong 6.3 10.41 14.10 17.12 (114)

GOALS, Nilma Darnum:

Sage Tapner 4, Billyjack Smith 2, Oxley Huson, Malcolm Hunter 1 each

BEST:

Sage Tapner, Nathan Campbell, Oxley Huson, Nick Carrigy, Jeremy Jarred, Billyjack Smith

GOALS, Poowong:

Mitch De Kleuver 4, Mitch Molloy 3, Micah Williams, Steven McInnes, William Robertson 2, Thomas Robertson, Jack Hazendonk, Alex Henshall, Jarvis Brown 1 each

BEST:

Mitch De Kleuver, Mitchell van't Hof, Thomas Robertson, Micah Williams, Mitch Molloy, Luke Close

RESERVES

Nilma Darnum 2.5 5.5 6.13 8.14 (62)

Poowong 1.1 2.3 3.3 5.5 (35)

GOALS, Nilma Darnum:

Lachie Shaw 2, Harrison Moore, Munashe Munjoma, Corey Wright, Robert Campbell, Benjamin Egan 1 each

BEST:

Josh Price, Brady Einsiedel, Harrison Moore, Justin Dessent, Korey Garrison, Luke McKenzie

GOALS, Poowong:

Tyran Lord, Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton, Mitchal Whiting, Lachlan De Kleuver, Fiachra Stauton 1 each

BEST:

Tyran Lord, Fiachra Stauton, Mathew Burr, Daniel McDonald, Rhys Schulz

FOURTHS

Nilma Darnum 0.0 2.6 4.7 5.8 (38)

Poowong 2.2 2.2 2.3 4.8 (32)

GOALS, Nilma Darnum:

Kade Rossborough 2, Darcy Britt, Oscar Menzies, Patrick Brown 1 each.

BEST:

Jackson Brown, Jaxon Cook, Patrick Brown, Kade Rossborough, James Demicoli, Darcy Britt

GOALS, Poowong:

Jett Blackwood 2, Aaron Damon, Henri Bott 1 each

BEST:

Rory Nettle, Zachary Sherar, Johnathan Wilson, Gavin Monson, Jett Blackwood, Jordon Foote

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB



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NYORA

CATANI

Catani 2.3 7.8 11.9 13.14 (92)

Nyora 3.1 3.1 5.3 9.4 (58)

GOALS, Catani:

Wade Haysom, Lauchlan Gregson 2, James Williams, Cody Banbury, Michael Ralph, Matt Souter-Smith, Adam Splatt 1 each

BEST:

Thomas Robinson, Callum May, Cody Fleming, Tyson Robinson, Thomas Kelly

GOALS, Nyora:

Dylan Heylen 3, Scott Pugh, Rhys Grange-Lylak, Jack Rosenow, Trent Breen, Travis Stewart, Brandon Lloyd 1 each

BEST:

Dylan Heylen, Travis Stewart, Jack Rosenow, Finlay Cousins, Angus McGillivray, Samuel Dixon

RESERVES

Catani 3.2 7.6 11.8 14.8 (92)

Nyora 0.1 0.3 1.5 1.6 (12)

GOALS, Catani:

Josh Miller 4, Nathaniel Rodda 3, Maverick Kent, Jack Hobson, Cody Podd, Daniel Kelly, Adam Jacobs, Mitch Hovenbitzer, Caleb Allport 1 each

BEST:

Kyle Van Dord, Jack Hobson, Josh Miller, Ryan Orridge, Nathaniel Rodda, Noah Young

GOALS, Nyora:

Matt Layton 1

BEST:

Brad Drews, Shaun Lamb, Mitchell Fallaw, Brayde Welsh, Jake Prosser

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Lang Lang 5.9.39 d Ellinbank 4.7.31

Trafalgar 10.12.72 d Longwarry 8.9.57

Neerim Stn 12.7.79 A Yarragon 2.3.15

RESERVES

Lang Lang 7.7.49 d Ellinbank 5.5.35

Trafalgar 12.10.82 d Longwarry 0.3.3

Neerim Stn 12.17.89 d Yarragon 0.4.4

THIRDS

Ellinbank 13.10.88 d Lang Lang 7.6.48

Trafalgar 9.4.58 d Longwarry 5.9.39

Neerim Stn 16.6.102 d Yarragon 7.6.48

FOURTHS

Ellinbank 9.14.68 d Lang Lang 5.2.32

Trafalgar 11.8.74 d Longwarry 4.6.30

Neerim Stn 20.19.139 d Yarragon 1.1.7

Three in a row for Poowong

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG travelled to Nilma Darnum on Saturday with overcast skies and the ground soft from previous rain which had no effect on the football with great atmosphere between both clubs.

It was a danger game for Poowong especially after Nilma's match against Nyora last round, the players were determined to win their third game in a row and retain fifth spot on the ladder. Poowong were without Connor Cunningham for this game but welcomed back Steve McInnes from injury.

Poowong kicked to the Warragul end and were soon off the mark with a goal to Micah Williams. After a couple of points Alex Henshall grabbed the ball and goaled on the run, Nilma's determination resulted in their first goal after a mark at CHF.

Poowong came back with two good goals to Mitch De Kleuver followed by Tom Robertson goaling from a long kick and when Jarvis Brown marked at CHF and kicked his first goal for the club it opened up a thirty-point lead at quarter time.

The second quarter started with Will Robertson goaling from the boundary, Jack Hazendonks long kick was rushed through, Nilma had a purple patch and added three goals four including a poster opening up the game.

Poowong came back with goals to Mitch Molloy and two goals to Mitch De Kleuver taking his tally to four.

Nilma had a couple of more chances but minor scores resulted.

Poowong's defence were playing well but occasionally they let themselves down with their passing, in most football this can lead to a goal, something you cannot afford in games.

Poowong were one down with Joel Norton out with a shoulder.

The third quarter opened with Poowong kicking two goals early Steven McInnes from the HFF and Micah Williams picking up a loose ball for a goal, Nilma came back with two goals, one from a 50-metre penalty and the other from general play.

The fourth quarter started with Nilma working hard for two goals, one bounced through, the second from a mark in the square. Poowong lifted and managed three goals, the first to Jack Hazendonk followed by Will Robertson and finished off by Mitch Molloy kicking his third.

Poowong with their third win in a row have moved two games and percentage clear in fifth position nearing the half way point of the season.

Saturday is a big day at home with a players' reunion for teams with premierships in years finishing in 3 and 8 together with an important game of football against Catani, who won against Nyora on Saturday.



Poowong's Zac Gray looks for a pass. Photo: Jeff Tull

Catani snaps Nyora's winning streak

By Nyora Football Club

AFTER three wins in a row we expected to go to Catani and make it four but unfortunately we didn't have it all our way.

Welcome back for his first game this year to Trent Breen but we knew we would sadly miss five or six key players including Kal Rigby, Jack Keating, Nick Ando, Josh Ryan and Trent Wheller.

A great start with Scotty kicking the first goal in just 30 seconds and both Heylen brothers playing great footy to take the lead into the first break.

But from then on it all went downhill.

Catani took over in the second and third quarters getting a big lead going into the last and though we won the last quarter, it was all too late.

A great effort by Dylan,

Welcome back for his first game this year to Trent Breen but we knew we would sadly miss five or six key players including Kal Rigby, Jack Keating, Nick Ando, Josh Ryan and Trent Wheller.

Catani came out firing and found us without any answers.

When Lincoln Brock got sent off in the third quarter, we lost a lot of momentum even though Nugget tried his best and came up with our only goal.

Keep firing boys and better luck this week.

RIGHT: Connor Thompson boots it out of the pack.



ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 9

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Buln Buln	8	0	206.52	32	Neerim South	8	0	691.89	32	Neerim South	7	1	252.82	87.5	Neerim South	7	0	359.68	93.7
Ellinbank	6	2	192.19	24	Ellinbank	6	2	275.77	24	Ellinbank	7	1	300.49	85.7	Ellinbank	7	1	302.15	87.5
Trafalgar	6	3	104.54	24	Lang Lang	6	2	250.60	24	Buln Buln	6	1	223.41	85.7	Trafalgar	6	2	195.09	72.2
Neerim South	5	2	286.94	20	Buln Buln	5	3	157.85	20	Yarragon	3	4	86.72	42.8	Lang Lang	4	4	157.54	50.0
Poowong	5	3	94.43	20	Catani	5	3	135.95	20	Trafalgar	3	5	54.63	37.5	Buln Buln	4	4	76.60	50.0
Yarragon	3	4	90.47	12	Trafalgar	4	5	172.41	16	Longwarry	2	5	59.02	28.6	Longwarry	4	4	75.45	50.0
Nyora	3	6	74.79	12	Yarragon	3	5	71.17	12	Poowong	2	5	40.68	28.6	Yarragon	1	5	35.58	21.4
Lang Lang	3	5	71.29	12	Longwarry	3	5	69.59	12	Lang Lang	0	7	34.31	0.0	Nilma Darnum	1	7	31.60	12.5
Longwarry	3	5	64.10	12	Nyora	3	6	48.28	12	Catani	0	0	0.00	0	Poowong	0	7	34.59	6.2
Catani	3	6	72.89	8	Nilma Darnum	2	6	35.04	8	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0
Nilma Darnum	0	8	52.92	0	Poowong	0	8	12.28	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0

Kangaroos get the upset

By Rob Popplestone

IT WAS fourth versus 11th on the MGFNL ladder, but it was always thought to be a much closer clash than what the ladder suggested.

The Demons had been on the wrong side of too many matches that could have gone either way, and were desperate to turn their season around against the home ground Kangaroos.

What unfolded however, was Boolarra's biggest loss of the season and perhaps Fish Creek's most impressive win.

"A really positive performance from the team. A solid four quarter effort with everyone playing their role. We now have a big game against what looks like the dominant team for the year and then a well-earned bye," Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach.

As Fish Creek have impressed, slowly building a formidable team that looks likely to be able to match any in the competition, the "mojo" just hasn't been there for the Demons in 2023.

The closeness of the competition means that Boolarra are far from being out of the picture, but in reality, they will need to find winning form sooner rather than later, and in the week ahead they meet a side in much the same position, Mirboo North.



Fish Creek's Roland DeBias got plenty of the ball in his sides big win against Boolarra.

Blues have more than 100 reasons to celebrate

By Rob Popplestone

THORPDALE have momentum, they have confidence and they also showed they have no mercy for opposition sides.

The Blues delivered their most convincing win of the season and in doing so secured sixth place on the MGFNL ladder.

"Solid effort after quarter time against an undermanned Toora. Undisciplined play cost us a few goals early which was disappointing. Our tall players are all over the ground lead the way with some solid contested marking and spoiling," Jason Winderlich, Thorpdale coach said.

As good as Thorpdale were, Toora were a little off their best and with personal circumstances meaning that Magpie's coach, Jack Weston couldn't be a part of the action, it was always going to be a tough task.

"Unfortunately, I wasn't there so I really can't offer anything from the game, but hopefully we can give something to cheer about next week."

The Toora reserves side continues to display some terrific form and there is no question some of their personnel will be considered for senior selection in the weeks and months ahead, while at Thorpdale, winning form is making it difficult for several strong contributors to find their way to the next level.



Toora's Ben East looks to take the mark as Thorpdale closes in. Photo: Tarley Maurilli-Pullin

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 7

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

103 **20**

FISH CREEK

BOOLARRA

Fish Creek 4.2 8.7 13.10 15.13 (103)
Boolarra 1.1 2.2 2.5 2.8 (20)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Matthew McGannon, Sam McGannon 3, Adam Bright, Thomas Cameron, Levi Cocksedge, Stewart McCooke 2, Ayden Wilson 1

BEST: Pat Pekin, Thomas Cameron, Jake Anderson, Sam McGannon, Roland De Biase, Jordan Shaw

GOALS, Boolarra: Aidyn Sheers, Daniel Wilson 1 each

BEST: Simon Noy, Luke Marriott, Brendan Mason, Sam Mazou, Shaun Falla, Lachlan Smith

RESERVES

5.3 **12.5** **17.11** **20.14** (134)
0.0 **0.0** **0.0** **1.2** (8)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Ryan Williams 9, Bradley Perks, Toby Redpath 2, Patrick Holian, Clinton Jones, James Kirtland, Jarrod Livingstone, Colin McPhee, Rhys Staley, Owen Straw 1 each

BEST: Ryan Williams, Josh Segar, Colin McPhee, Owen Straw, Tim Walters, Jake Staley

GOALS, Boolarra: Glen Richards 1

BEST: Thomas Holley, Eddy Stanton, Thomas Beamish, Aaron Burness, Neil Kreun, Glen Richards

THIRDS

3.5 **6.9** **7.10** **8.11** (59)
1.3 **2.4** **3.4** **5.6** (36)

GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Joseph Rysko 2, Lane Bowman, Oscar Bright, Alby Edgelow 1 each

BEST: Tom Piasente, Wilkie Edgelow, Shea Griffin, Rory Standfield, Harrison Watt, Billy Boyd

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

129 **26**

THORPDALE

TOORA

Thorpdale 2.5 7.8 9.11 19.15 (129)
Toora 2.0 4.0 4.2 4.2 (26)

GOALS, Thorpdale: Matthew Powell 7, Mitchell Chopping 4, Mitchell Gorman, Travis Patten 2, Corey Celima, Dylan de Hommel, Shannon Pickering, Harrison Sinclair-Stanley 1 each

BEST: Mitchell Chopping, James Holland-Burch, Travis Patten, Matthew Powell, Michael Burke, Matt Richardson

GOALS, Toora: Ben East, Harley Hoppner, Nathan Nicholls, Josh Toner 1 each

BEST: Josh Toner, Peter Grant, James Symons, Lachie Lewis, Matthew Hoppner, Mason O'Sullivan

RESERVES

0.1 **0.2** **0.2** **1.2** (8)
4.1 **4.3** **6.8** **8.8** (56)

GOALS, Thorpdale: Timothy Mitchell 1

BEST: Chris Chopping, Timothy Mitchell, Michael Chapman, Benjamin Hotchkin, Thomas Mackenzie, Wade Allan

GOALS, Toora: Jake Mabilia 4, Ashley Hewson 2, Casey Ferguson, Lukas Jenkins 1 each

BEST: Riley Hewson, Jake Mabilia, Leigh de Boer, Ashley Hewson, Jarrod Vening, Wellesley Jenkins

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

ELLINBANK

ROUND 10

Longwarry v Lang Lang
Ellinbank v Yarragon

Neerim South v Nilma Darnum
Poowong v Catani
Nyora v Buln Buln
Trafalgar - BYE

GIPPSLAND

ROUND 9

Bairnsdale v Warragul
Wonthaggi v Morwell
Sale v Traralgon
Leongatha v Drouin
Moe v Maffra

MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 8

Yinnar v Fish Creek
Stony Creek v Thorpdale
Boolarra v Mirboo North
Toora v MDU
Tarwin v Hill End
Morwell East v Foster - Played on April 15
Newborough - BYE

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 7

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

	61		41
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MDU MORWELL EAST

MDU 0.3 4.6 5.10 8.13 (61)

Morwell East 2.1 3.6 4.8 5.11 (41)

GOALS, MDU: Darren Sheen 4, Shaye Walsh 2,

Jess Hickey, Brendan Tomada 1 each

BEST: Thomas Corry, Nathan Allen,

Samual Wilson, Michael Smith,

Wayne Stewart, Shaye Walsh

GOALS, Morwell East: Jay Francis 2, Michael

Diaz, Jackson Mackenzie, Lucas Towns 1 each

BEST: Matthew Cunningham, Lucas Towns,

Brandon Francis, Jarryd Pickett, Dylan Field,

Kye Farley

RESERVES

MDU 3.2 5.5 8.9 15.10 (100)

Morwell East 2.2 3.5 3.5 3.7 (25)

GOALS, MDU: Ben Cantwell, Toby Goss,

Benjamin Maxwell 3, Brandon Allen 2,

Jake Brydon, Timothy Harris, Neil Mathieson,

Blake Moscript 1 each

BEST: Matt Harris, Ben Cantwell, Brenton Arnup,

Timothy Harris, Erik O'Loughlin, Toby Goss

GOALS, Morwell East: Brad Gibson,

Callum Lane, Paul Repnicks 1 each

BEST: Norman Harrison, Jarrod Lont,

Lachlan Day, Brodie Murdoch, Mark Williams,

Bradley Semmler

THIRDS

MDU 0.0 0.0 0.1 2.3 (15)

Yinnar 2.3 5.11 13.15 18.20 (128)

GOALS, MDU: Brody Smedley,

Lochlan Webb 1 each

BEST: Jarvis Lacy, Angus McInnes, Jordan

Cleator, Kyra Helms, Finn Dunn, Brody Smedley

GOALS, Yinnar: Luke Cheffers 5, Harvey

McKay 4, Noah McCafferty, Clancy Mills,

Mack Rieniets 2, Dylan Hobbs, Flynn Schill,

Keegan Zielecki 1 each

BEST: Luke Cheffers, Flynn Schill, Harvey McKay,

Oliver McColl, Clancy Mills, Noah McCafferty

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

	30		117
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HILL END FOSTER

Hill End 3.0 4.3 4.5 4.6 (30)

Foster 4.5 10.6 16.11 17.15 (117)

GOALS, Hill End: Trent Burgess, Seth Calway,

Jeremy Hunter, Harry Moore 1 each

BEST: Liam Fitzpatrick, Aaron Fawcett,

Ambu Uliando, Seth Calway, Harry Moore,

Lachlan Answer

GOALS, Foster: Michael Cooke 8,

Tom Bartholomew, Matthew Clark,

Mitchell Green 2, Oliver Callcott, Michael Green,

Brendan Neville 1 each

BEST: Michael Cooke, Troy Van Dyke,

Matthew Clark, Tim Wigney, Jonathan Segat,

Tom Bartholomew

RESERVES

Hill End 3.2 4.8 7.12 11.14 (80)

Foster 1.0 3.0 4.1 8.2 (50)

GOALS, Hill End: Bradley Gorman 5,

Jake Schiavello 2, Rikki Caldwell, Ryley Cumiskey,

Nic James, Patrick Mastertoun 1 each

BEST: Patrick Mastertoun, Jake Schiavello,

Bradley Gorman, Daniel Gorman, Ryley Cumiskey,

Seamus Murphy

GOALS, Foster: Will Roffey 3, Ben Tillack 2,

Jacob Albrecht, Ollie Cox, Reghan Lewis 1 each

BEST: Ollie Cox, Ben Tillack, Reghan Lewis,

Jason Smith, Will McDonald, Mikey House

THIRDS

Newborough 0.0 0.2 1.4 3.5 (23)

Foster 2.2 5.3 7.6 10.10 (70)

GOALS, Foster: Nathan Gundrill 5, Jedd Davy,

Darby Hoskins, Reghan Lewis, Zayne Lewis,

Jake Matheson 1 each

BEST: Nathan Gundrill, Reghan Lewis,

Leevi Lidstone, Aaron Judd, Jake Matheson,

Darby Hoskins

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Hard fought win for MDU

By Rob Popplestone

THIS clash might not have been season defining but it certainly had the possibility of being season altering.

It was fifth (MDU) at home to third (Morwell East)... both teams aware of the importance of a win with the Hawks also desperate to stop a potential three game losing streak whilst also putting some distance between themselves and the Demons.

The result means the pressure continues to build on Morwell East after the Hawks fell short to an impressive victory.

"Today (Saturday) was a really hard fought win. Morwell came at us all day, but we were able to put four quarters together and come away with the four points," Nathan Allen, MDU coach said.

They say you only really lose, if you walk away from the contest having not learnt, and for Morwell East, they certainly feel as though the loss has them well placed to be better in the weeks ahead.

"We travelled to MDU knowing we had to bring our best if we were going to come away with a win," Paul Henry, Morwell East said.

"We had a really strong side in and had made a few structural changes. I really thought we played our best game.

"It was a great game to watch, both sides moved the ball really well. We kicked a goal late to bring the scores even but MDU had the answers when they kicked the next three. It was a loss, but there were some really good signs shown compared to the last couple of weeks. We now have a bye this week, then Tarwin at home."

Each week, every team seems to be learning more about themselves and opposition teams, the league itself almost certainly promising an exciting second half of the home and away season.

Tigers finding their groove

By Rob Popplestone

AS MUCH as we focus on the winners each week, credit should also be given to those clubs and those players that roll up their sleeves on a week to week basis, do all the hard work but do not walk away with a win.

The Rovers came with good intentions but failed to really threaten in any way after quarter time.

"Happy enough with the result on the weekend on a pretty heavy deck - after quarter time we really defended well as a group and only allowed one goal through which was a massive effort, that included none in the second half," said Sam Davies, Foster coach.

"The last two weeks has seen us get into our groove a little bit more - to Hill Ends credit they fought the game out, Mike still has them playing for him.

"We fortunately have a bye next weekend; we are probably a game or two behind where we wanted to be but we've made some adjustments which will hopefully benefit us in the second half of our year."

There is no question the Rovers will find an upset win or two, before the seasons end, but against whom is hard to pick at this stage, for coach Mike Santo, you can be certain he's hoping it's sooner rather than later.



Aaron Dodd and Jacob Whiteside go in for a ball-up in the first quarter. Z26_2323



Fraser Kelly takes possession with Patrick Quinn behind for a tackle. Z25_2323

Sharks pick apart Tigers

By Rover

TARWIN'S first visit to Tigerland on Saturday as a Mid Gippsland club, saw it overpower Mirboo North by 50 points and record the Sharks' third victory for 2023.

After crashing out of last year's finals with back-to-back losses, Tarwin has squared its ledger from six matches this season, following defeats against Foster, Yinnar and Fish Creek.

Mirboo North also has three wins, but has dropped to ninth on the ladder, one spot below Tarwin, as injuries to several key players take a heavy toll on the Tigers' formulated and strategic capabilities under pressure.

Missing from Mirboo North's line-up against Tarwin were proven performers Julian Blackford, Hayden Brock, Joe Brooks, Beau Peters and Jake Nash.

Tarwin players and coaching staff wore black armbands following the death during the week of past club secretary, Mike 'Bulldog' Richards.

The mighty Tigers opened well with two majors from Josh Taylor and another by Ben Campbell to lead by a goal at quarter-time, as the Sharks adjusted to the nuances of Mirboo North's sloping oval.

Rhys Kratzat and Joel Lambourn were combining well in defence for Mirboo North, as the Sharks began to find their feet with some strong build ups through the midfield and into their forward 50.

Other productive Tigers were Jesse Chila, Harry Mahoney, Darcy Brock, Damien Turner, Beau Melbourne, Justin Pellicano and Patrick Lewis.

When Max Woodall's left foot snap off the pack in the 10-metre square for Mirboo North sailed through the big white sticks, it was four goals straight for each team, eight minutes into the second term.

However, with Taylor succumbing to a hamstring injury and Pellicano being yellow carded for rough play, the Sharks edged nine points

clear when Ryan Waddell marked and scored shortly before the main break.

From there on, it was shut the gate with the Sharks taking control in the air and around the packs in a 5.1 to 2.3 third quarter, that gave the visitors a handy 25-point advantage at the last change.

As Mirboo North's resistance fell away, Tarwin's persistence delivered the ball to its forwards with purity and precision, that left no provision for indecision.

Matthew Williams, Tom Vanderkolk and Nathan McRae's domination came to the fore for Tarwin and Mirboo North was powerless to stop the Sharks' repeated advances into their forward half.

Unfortunately for the Tigers, their intentional conveyances of the Sherrin resulted in too many unintentional consequences.

The Sharks' momentum was strengthened by players running in twos and threes that created lots of dare and plenty of flair, where confidence played a huge part in their play almost everywhere.

It was much the same in the final quarter, as Tarwin piled on another six goals to Mirboo North's 2.2, with the last 12 minutes played under Tigerland's powerful and new light banks, sitting 30 metres above the playing surface on sturdy shiny galvanised steel earthquake-proof towers.

Waddell finished the afternoon with five goals for the visitors, followed by teammate, Kaj Patterson, who kicked three majors.

It had been a tough day against stronger opponents for Mirboo North, which frequently suffered from the frailties of its ineffective disposals.

This Saturday, Mirboo North travels to Boolarra to confront the Demons, with both teams in desperate need of a win to keep their hopes of appearing in finals alive.



The Tigers' Josh Taylor pushes on to secure the ball.
Photo: Annie Holland



Tarwin's Matthew Williams outruns his opponents in the third term. Z32_2323



Tigers Nicholas Cummaudo kicks the ball downfield in a high pressure third quarter. Z29_2323

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND
7

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

MIRBOO NORTH **57** **TARWIN** **107**

Mirboo North 3.0 4.4 6.7 8.9 (57)
Tarwin 2.0 6.1 11.2 17.5 (107)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Max Woodall 3, Josh Taylor 2, Ben Campbell, Justin Pellicano, Damien Turner 1 each

BEST: Jesse Chila, Rhys Kratzat, Joel Lambourn, Max Woodall, Ben Campbell, Harrison Mahoney
GOALS, Tarwin: Ryan Waddell 5, Kaj Patterson 3, Corey Green 2, Jamie Cann, Kyle Cooper, Tom Crocker, Daniel Houston, Todd Lomax, Nathan McRae, Matthew Williams 1 each

BEST: Matthew Williams, Tom Vanderkolk, Nathan McRae, Tom Crocker, Ryan Waddell, Kyle Cooper

RESERVES

Mirboo North **1.0** **1.1** **2.2** **3.2 (20)**
Tarwin **3.6** **9.11** **13.16** **17.20 (122)**

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Hayden Barnes, Robert Devine, Campbell Pinkerton 1 each

BEST: Leigh Jowett, Jedd Felmingham, Simon Busuttil, Michael Aveling, Lachlan Dight, Robert Devine

GOALS, Tarwin: Timothy Gedye 5, William Blundy, Joshua Carmody, Reagan Jones 2, Gabriel Brennan, Hayden Browne, Daniel Hales, Stuart Kilsby, Cooper Scott, Nick Tucker 1 each

BEST: Nick Tucker, Travis Cameron, William Blundy, Gabriel Brennan, Sam Burns, Ethan Senior

THIRDS

Mirboo North **3.5** **6.9** **7.10** **8.11 (59)**
Fish Crk/Tarwin **1.3** **2.4** **3.4** **5.6 (36)**

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Beau Melbourne 2, Noah Bradley, Sam Bradley, Oliver Budd, Zac Jones, Ollie Mahoney, Daniel Masters 1 each

BEST: Oliver Budd, Cody Vivian, Sam Bradley, Noah Bradley, Hayden Barnes, Tom McGrath

GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Joseph Rysko 2, Lane Bowman, Oscar Bright, Alby Edgeland 1 each

BEST: Tom Piasente, Wilkie Edgeland, Shea Griffin, Rory Standfield, Harrison Watt, Billy Boyd

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

125 **101**

NEWBOROUGH

STONY CREEK

Newborough 5.1 9.4 15.4 20.5 (125)
Stony Creek 5.2 6.4 13.7 15.11 (101)

GOALS, Newborough: Jack Robinson 4, Josh Pearce 3, Peter Ainsworth, Wade Anderson, Patrick Charles, Matt Rowlings 2, Jake Bowden, Liam Flahavin, Joshua Hecker, Joel Mitchell, Wade Smith 1 each

BEST: Jake Bowden, Patrick Charles, Liam Charles, Jack Robinson, Wade Anderson, Matt Rowlings

GOALS, Stony Creek: Jacob Byrnes 4, Jack Stuart 2, Tully Bernaldo, Sam Bright, Hayden Bull, Hayden Funnell, Rory Harrington, Cody Loughridge, Chris Verboon, Ash Zuidema, Dylan Zuidema 1 each

BEST: Matt Brown, Jack Stuart, Hayden Funnell, Jacob Byrnes, Cody Loughridge, Dylan Zuidema

RESERVES

Newborough **4.2** **11.2** **13.9** **20.14 (134)**

Stony Creek **0.1** **3.2** **4.2** **4.3 (27)**

GOALS, Newborough: Brodie Burgess 5, Joel Jacovou 4, Joshua Bland 3, Joel Simpson, Daniel Smith 2, Andrew Bertoli, William Collings, Lachlan Gilroy, Jordan McMahon 1 each

BEST: Cameron Graham, Joshua Bland, Brodie Burgess, Joel Jacovou, Jack Edebohls, Andrew Bertoli

GOALS, Stony Creek: Jarrad Byrnes, Ryan McKnight, John Phillips, Zac Van Delft 1 each

BEST: Nick Svenson, Oscar Bowler, Zac Van Delft, John Phillips, Jarrad Byrnes, Dale Gilliatte

THIRDS

Newborough **0.0** **0.2** **1.4** **3.5 (23)**

Foster **2.2** **5.3** **7.6** **10.10 (70)**

GOALS, Newborough: William Cuthbertson, Anthony Daley, Oscar Hanson 1 each

BEST: Brody Young, Harrison Gallagher, Oscar Hanson, Cooper Coulthard, Logan Ouchireko, Tom Wolf



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Newborough's ferocity too much for Stony Creek

By Rob Popplestone

THE Newborough train continues to roll along, picking up wins, learning about their opposition and improving their form along the way.

The Bulldogs are good, are likely to be better and that in itself is sure to be daunting for any opposition.

Make no mistake, they were tested on the weekend, but as good sides do, they found a

way to win.

Frustrations with umpires to both sides' credit were tempered, but you sometimes wonder whether feedback in the right manner would actually be a positive step forward for all parties, nevertheless, both sides flourished in the high scoring clash.

"It was a high scoring game from the start. We had a really good chance to win the game and managed to get in front in the last quarter," Chris Verboon, Stony Creek coach said.

"Newborough were able to score quickly when they went forward and it was hard to delay that run. I couldn't be happier with how we moved

the footy.

"To see the way, we train come out in a game was really rewarding for the whole group and gives them belief that we can play a really good brand of footy."

If the Lions can continue the type of football they displayed on the weekend, they are sure to upset a few teams in the second half of the year.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 7

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Newborough	7	0	206.10	28
Yinnar	5	1	137.75	20
Fish Creek	5	2	103.02	20
MDU	4	3	154.64	16
Foster	4	3	153.12	16
Thorpdale	4	3	136.05	16
Morwell East	4	3	111.34	16
Tarwin	3	3	97.51	12
Mirboo North	3	4	83.54	12
Stony Creek	2	4	84.55	8
Boolarra	1	5	69.20	4
Toora	1	5	41.32	4
Hill End	0	7	44.35	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
MDU	6	1	468.61	24
Newborough	6	1	259.57	24
Tarwin	5	1	344.64	20
Toora	5	1	217.20	20
Yinnar	4	2	177.16	16
Fish Creek	4	3	144.55	16
Thorpdale	4	3	99.39	16
Morwell East	3	4	81.28	12
Stony Creek	2	4	60.29	8
Hill End	2	5	50.71	8
Mirboo North	1	6	41.70	4
Boolarra	1	5	21.15	4
Foster	0	7	28.90	0

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
MDU	5	2	107.26	20
Fish Creek/Tarwin	4	3	178.33	16
Mirboo North	4	3	177.65	16
Yinnar	4	3	157.79	16
Foster	4	3	101.67	16
Newborough	0	7	12.89	0
Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0
Hill End	0	0	0.00	0
Toora	0	0	0.00	0
Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0
Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0
Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0

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RND 8

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

DALYSTON 46 PHILLIP ISLAND 116

DALYSTON

PHILLIP ISLAND

Dalyston 0.3 1.4 3.7 6.10 (46)

Phillip Island 5.4 10.7 13.11 17.14 (116)

GOALS, DALYSTON: Blake Carew, Mitch Hallahan, Brad Monson, Mason Storr, Hayden Wallis, Lachie Wright 1 each**BEST:** Hayden Wallis, William Clarke, Mitch Hallahan, Brayden Duve, Curtis Murfett, Jaxon Foon**GOALS, PHILLIP ISLAND:** Jack Taylor 4, Bryce Hindhaugh, Cameron Pedersen 3, Max Blake, Daniel Bourke, Tully Dickie 2, Hayden Bruce 1 each**BEST:** Hayden Bruce, Mark Griffin, Alex Duyker, Billy Taylor, Eli Richards, Jesse Patullo**RESERVES**

Dalyston 1.2 3.2 4.2 5.2 (32)

Phillip Island 4.2 6.7 11.10 12.13 (85)

GOALS, DALYSTON: Stewart Beaumont 2, Tyson Andriguetto, Darren Gardiner, Jake Gheller 1 each**BEST:** Benjamin Robinson, Mitch Hewitson, Zachary Storry, Stewart Beaumont, Tyson Andriguetto, Jesse Orchard-Moore**GOALS, PHILLIP ISLAND:** Jack Papas 5, Harry Anderson, Tyce Kleverkamp 2, Orlando Kane Gillard, Benjamin Strong, Ben Taylor 1 each**BEST:** Jack Papas, Orlando Kane Gillard, Will Macrokanis, Coby Olarenshaw, Noah Bee-Hickman, Tyce Kleverkamp**THIRDS**

Dalyston 0.0 0.2 0.3 1.3 (9)

Phillip Island 5.3 8.6 11.9 15.13 (103)

GOALS, DALYSTON: Charlie Slater 1**BEST:** Matrix Chisholm, Ryan Cargill, Levi Jones, Chase Krause, Ryda Kay-Darts, Angus Chisholm**GOALS, PHILLIP ISLAND:** Jack Johnston 6, James Lewis, Noah Muller 2, Alexander Barbat, Kohen Beaumont, Blake Olarenshaw, Jye Sutherland 1 each**BEST:** Daniel Caffieri, Jack Johnston, Finn Cashman, James Lewis, Eden Goldsbury, Beau Davies**FOURTHS**

Dalyston 1.0 1.0 1.1 1.2 (8)

Phillip Island 4.1 9.2 11.3 11.4 (70)

GOALS, DALYSTON: No names supplied.**BEST:** Lincoln Harris, Noah Forrest Mabilia, Riley Brinkman, Bailey Anderson, Cooper Shepherd, Mackenzie Cameron**GOALS, PHILLIP ISLAND:** No names supplied.**BEST:** Charlie O'Garey, Finn O'Brien, Jeremy Kelly, Joel Robinson, Xavier Williams, Isaac Savona**IN OTHER GAMES...****SENIORS**

Nar Nar Goon 25.12.162 d Bunyip 5.2.32

Cora Lynn 13.11.89 d Warragul Ind 6.11.47

Tooradin-Dal 20.17.137 d Garfield 6.3.39

RESERVES

Nar Nar Goon 21.20.146 d Bunyip 0.0.0

Warragul Ind 8.8.56 d Cora Lynn 6.5.41

Tooradin-Dal 15.12.102 d Garfield 2.5.17

THIRDS

Warragul Ind 18.9.117 d Cora Lynn 4.1.25

Garfield 10.3.63 d Tooradin-Dal 7.8.50

FOURTHS

Nar Nar Goon 112 d Bunyip 15

Tooradin-Dal 8.14.62 d Garfield 1.2.8

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 9

Dalyston v Tooradin-Dalmore

Inverloch-Kongwak v Bunyip

Korumburra-Bena v Koo Wee Rup

Nar Nar Goon v Kilcunda-Bass

Phillip Island v Cora Lynn

Warragul Industrials v Garfield

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Nar Nar Goon 25.12.162 d Bunyip 5.2.32

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Phillip Island 17.14.116 d Dalyston 6.10.46

Tooradin-Dal 20.17.137 d Garfield 6.3.39

Kilcunda-Bass 23.21.159 d Korumburra-Bena 4.8.32

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The Bulldogs' Brendan Kimber hand balls as Daniel Pearce assists. Photos: Carol Ratcliff

Magpies wings clipped by Bulldogs victory at the Daly

WITH Tully Dickie and Jesse Patullo back in the seniors, the pre-game highlights included recruiting Tully's father Warren into the timekeeping role for the seniors.

The Magpies came out sporting a special heritage jumper which was celebrating the 100-year anniversary of their first football premiership team, including listing all players from that momentous occasion.

Suitably primed for the occasion, the locals continued something of a repeating pattern, jumping the Bulldogs.

Unfortunately, they were unable to hit the target and were leading 3-0 when the Bulldogs finally woke up. But then wake up the Bulldogs did, taking over completely all over the ground.

Alex Duyker continued his excellent form from last week in defence, combining perfectly with Mark Griffin in the middle. Billy Taylor and Eli Richards took over in the mid-field.

The Bulldogs headed into quarter time with a 34-3 lead.

The second quarter continued the trend, with the Magpies continuing thrusting forward to be turned back by superb Bulldog defence.

Unable to penetrate the defence, the Magpies resorted to playing that bit harder, with the Bulldogs lifting.

Goals were coming from Jack Taylor, Bryce Hindhaugh and Max Blake, whilst the mid-field led by Daniel Bourke giving coach Pedersen a cop-out also leading the way.

A half-time lead of 67-10 was welcome in amongst some heavy competition from the Magpies.

The second half saw the game tighten up considerably.

The Magpies put the Bulldogs under more pressure all over the ground. Mitch Hallahan fresh from the Gold Coast Suns via Sorrento was proving a headache, captain Brayden Duve (in disguise in Number 2) provided plenty of aggression, and Jaxon Foon stepped up for the locals.

Matched by senior Bulldogs and junior Bulldogs alike – the Patullo brothers leading the senior brigade, whilst Tully Dickie and Tom Niven led the junior brigade – the third saw the Bulldogs slightly better, moving out to an 89-25 lead at three quarter time.

The final continued the close contest.

With 4 goals to 3 – including coach Pedersen and a beautiful handoff from Trav Woodfield to big Bourke the highlights – the Bulldogs were able to move out to a strong 70-point win with a 116-46 final score line.



Jack Taylor gets the mark just as Cooper Smith crashes in for a spectacular tackle.

Panthers huge first term helps down Giants

KILCUNDA BASS, following a road loss to rivals Phillip Island, were desperate to get back on the winner's list when they hosted Korumburra Bena at the Bass Recreation Reserve on Saturday.

The Giants won the first clearance and looked dangerous inside 50, but the early momentum was stolen swiftly by Kye Benson who moved the ball rapidly through the middle and into the hands of spearhead Taylor Gibson.

Gibson kicked truly to open the game's scoring with his first major, sparking a Panthers onslaught as they poured on six unanswered goals with ease.

Nathan Foote and the Killy Bass midfielders were having an absolute field day, getting silver service from star ruckman Dale Gawley who was getting plenty of the ball himself, supplying their forwards with perfect entry passes and moving the ball with speed and focus.

To the Giants credit though, despite what was really a near perfect first quarter performance from their opponents, they kept fighting hard and eventually saw their first goal of the afternoon pass through the big sticks off the boot of Zach Walker.

In the second quarter, things only got uglier for the young Giants line up, as the Panthers through the dominance of Gawley and Foote, continued to tear them apart through the middle of the ground, supplying almost indefensible entries to their dangerous forwards.

The Panther small forwards

got themselves into the game after Gibson and McRae's dominance in the opening term, crumbing and finishing with flair to see their side increase their lead with a second consecutive nine-goal-to-one quarter.

Byron Walker was able to get Korumburra Bena on the board again with their second major of the afternoon after some inaccuracy, rewarding the hard work of Jay Walker who was once again giving his side tones of grunt and run in the middle of the ground.

Thanks to their 18 first half goals, the home side took a 95-point lead into the main break.

The giant heart of the Korumburra Bena side shone through once again as they pulled off a miraculous turnaround, halting the Panthers, who ran rampant in the opening half, to just one solitary goal in the third term, while booting two of the own to win the quarter.

Kilcunda Bass, after moving the ball with the ultimate precision in the first half, began to just bomb it away inside 50, playing right into the hands of Lachlan Smith and Christian Sewell of Korumburra Bena.

The 'Giant' fightback did change the game but was unable to really impact the result or the lead, which stood at 93-points at the final change.

The hosts were able to hold possession inside their attacking half for much of the final term and kick away thanks to the class of Benson and some late game form, to cap off a huge 127-point win.



Kilcunda-Bass' Dale Gawley and Korumburra-Bena's Evan Allaway go head to head in a ruck contest.

Nick and the Sea Eagles 'Balt' to eight straight

INVERLOCH KONGWAK travelled up the highway to the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve to face the Demons who were desperate for another victory.

The visitors booted the first of the afternoon through Jamieson Soumilas and the Dees' missed a chance to reply straight after, allowing Nicholas Baltas to finish down the other end for IK's second.

The pacey Baltas then began to assert himself on the contest, kicking his second at the 18 minute mark after crumbing the pack in the goal square, followed by a snap two minutes later for his third.

The hosts then opened their account with a terrific opportunistic goal from livewire small

forward Jason Wells, before Clint McCaughan converted a set shot from 45 metres out.

IK were dominant in first quarter with strong performances from Ethan Park and Lewis Rankin, seeing them take a 30-point lead into the first break.

The second quarter started with Koo Wee Rup turning the game into a stoppage fest before Baltas rode two bumps and snapped truly to open the scoring nine minutes in.

This led to a free kick and gave Baltas his fifth before a great intercept and dribbling effort from Wells gave the Demons their next and Seth Ohehir kicked another after a 50m penalty.

A double 50 after a reversed

free kick gave Joe Soumilas the easiest of kicks for his second as a spicy, ill-disciplined quarter came to an end with IK still 30-points ahead.

IK dominated possession early in the third term with Joe Soumilas kicking another great running goal, followed by a goal to Will Hams after a terrific mark.

Wells kicked his third soon after but Hams, now playing deep forward, earned a holding free kick to answer straight back.

Fletcher McMillian then earned a holding the ball free kick directly in front to keep the hosts in touch before a great roving effort saw Hams kick his third for the quarter.

Looking to put some shaky

previous performances in Demonland behind them, the Sea Eagles were well on their way to clinching their eight straight win.

IK started the quarter with a coast-to-coast major through Toby Mahoney and Oscar Toussaint then finished a great build up from Baltas and Thomas Wyatt.

Club champion Lewis Rankin moved forward late to kick a terrific goal to finish the proceedings as his side ran away in the last quarter to win by 69-points.

The Sea Eagles now sit a win clear atop the league table and ride an impressive eight game winning streak, they remain the only undefeated side in 2023.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

ROUND 8

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Inverloch-K	8	0	334.94	32
Tooradin-Dal	7	1	169.23	28
Phillip Island	6	1	203.82	26
Cora Lynn	6	2	158.75	24
Dalyston	5	3	107.08	20
Nar Nar Goon	4	3	149.58	18
Kilcunda-Bass	4	4	92.64	16
Warragul Ind	3	5	102.64	12
Garfield	2	6	58.65	8
Koo Wee Rup	1	7	67.60	4
Kor-Bena	1	7	38.46	4
Bunyip	0	8	27.21	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Inverloch-K	8	0	512.74	32
Tooradin-Dal	7	0	631.03	30
Nar Nar Goon	6	1	374.59	26
Cora Lynn	5	3	212.74	20
Phillip Island	5	3	152.03	20
Garfield	4	4	64.80	16
Koo Wee Rup	3	5	91.20	12
Warragul Ind	3	5	87.29	12
Kilcunda-Bass	3	5	41.14	12
Dalyston	2	6	82.63	8
Bunyip	1	7	11.40	4
Kor-Bena	0	8	15.34	0

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av
Inverloch-K	8	0	398.77	4.00
Garfield	6	1	301.69	3.43
Phillip Island	6	1	254.68	3.43
Warragul Ind	5	2	204.31	2.86
Tooradin-Dal	5	3	196.73	2.50
Cora Lynn	3	4	115.77	1.71
Kilcunda-Bass	3	4	102.12	1.71
Nar Nar Goon	2	5	48.74	1.14
Dalyston	1	6	16.94	0.57
Koo Wee Rup	1	7	42.20	0.50
Kor-Bena	0	7	14.81	0.00
Bunyip	0	0	0.00	0.00

FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts av
Phillip Island	7	0	643.37	4.00
Warragul Ind	6	1	887.95	3.43
Nar Nar Goon	5	2	87.30	2.86
Dalyston	4	2	193.13	2.67
Tooradin-Dal	3	4	111.42	1.71
Cora Lynn	2	4	65.11	1.33
Kilcunda-Bass	2	4	50.83	1.33
Kor-Bena	2	4	43.99	1.33
Garfield	1	5	21.75	0.67
Bunyip	0	6	12.62	0.00
Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00
Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 8

KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

159 **32**

KILCUNDA-BASS **KORUMBURRA-BENA**

Kilcunda-Bass 9.4 18.5 19.10 23.21 (159)

Kor-Bena 1.3 2.6 4.7 4.8 (32)

GOALS, K-Bass: Taylor Gibson 5, Anthony Daraio 4, Dean Mcrae, Daniel Starling 3, Lleyton Cartmel, Nathan Foote, Cam McKenzie 2, Dale Gawley, Jake Weightman 1 each

BEST: Nathan Foote, Benjamin Eddy, William Speed, Dale Gawley, John Mentiplay, Sam Watson

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Codie Anderson, Joel Cuman, Byron Walker, Zach Walker 1 each

BEST: Codie Anderson, Tyson Findlay, Nicholas Besley, Matt Kennewell, Jay Walker, Tane Derrick

RESERVES

Kilcunda-Bass 2.1 6.2 8.2 10.5 (65)

Kor-Bena 3.0 6.0 8.1 9.1 (55)

GOALS, K-Bass: Michael Gatherum, Zach Gorsuch, Layton Membrey 2, Scott Andersen, Anthony Barresi, Travis Stuckey, Aydan Walker 1 each

BEST: Layton Membrey, Aydan Walker, Liam Milburn, Ben Wemyss, Zach Gorsuch, Michael Gatherum

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Ash Snooks 5, James Fowles, Mitchell Sawyers, Dale Wyhoun 1 each

BEST: Ash Snooks, Jack Spencer, Blake Fisher, Jed Harris, Jesse Harris

THIRDS

Kilcunda-Bass 5.4 10.6 17.7 21.10 (136)

Kor-Bena 1.0 2.0 2.1 2.1 (13)

GOALS, K-Bass: George Blum, Matthew Dakin 4, Joshua McPherson, Isaac Sinniah 3, Tommy Bartels, Trent Cartmel 2, Toby Challinor, Riley Eden, Ashden Grenness 1 each

BEST: Ashden Grenness, Joshua McPherson, Ben Wemyss, Matthew Dakin, Trent Cartmel, Nicholas Slavovic

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Zachary Barrett, Braedyn Swain 1 each

BEST: William Croatto, Tanner Walker, Mitchell Hobbs, Braedyn Swain, Noah Belvedere, Braith Minchin

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

47 **116**

KOO WEE RUP **INVERLOCH-K**

Koo Wee Rup 1.2 4.3 6.4 7.5 (47)

Inverloch-K 6.2 9.3 13.6 18.8 (116)

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Jason Wells 3, Adam Amin 2, Fletcher Mcmillan, Seth Ohehir 1 each

BEST: Nathan Voss, Matthew Voss, Travis Bindley, Mitchell Cammarano, Jason Wells, Nathan Muratore

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Nicholas Baltas 5, Will Hams, Joe Soumilas 3, Toby Mahoney 2, Clinton McCaughan, Lewis Rankin, Jamieson Soumilas, Oscar Toussaint, William Turner 1 each

BEST: Ethan Park, Joe Soumilas, Nicholas Baltas, Marcus Toussaint, Lachlan Scott, Kairon Dorling

RESERVES

Koo Wee Rup 1.1 3.1 5.2 8.4 (52)

Inverloch-K 2.0 3.4 8.4 9.5 (59)

GOALS

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Cooper McInnes had a day out for Wonthaggi Power, not only kicking a record seven goals, but having a hand in several others.

Magnificent seven from Power's McInnes

WONTAGGI Power put together their most complete performance of the year at Traralgon on Saturday, in a third versus fourth clash that finished in a record 79-point win to the Power.

The highlight of the day was the form of young Wonthaggi forward Cooper McInnes who was up and about early, winning his own ball and on the end of some great delivery to finish with seven goals.

The best of his magnificent seven was his last, a long bomb late in the last quarter from 55 metres out.

But he wasn't on his own.

Wonthaggi started out with Toma Huther, Tom Murray, Ryan Sparkes and Mitch Hayes on the ball, opposed to Traralgon's big ruckman Max Jacobson, Tom Schneider and Mark Collison and it was the Maroons who won the first centre break but in a pattern that was

to repeat itself throughout the day. Sparkes got back to take the intercept mark and return fire.

Kyle Reid confidently punched Traralgon's next attack clear on the goal line and Fergus O'Connor, Hayes and Tim Knowles cleared it away.

Tom Davey took the team's first shot without scoring but the Power soon got the scoreboard ticking over with an excellent passage of play, defence to attack, involving McInnes, Josh Bates and finally Troy Harley who marked on the lead.

His long, straight kick went through the centre to set the tone in front of goal for the day.

Sparkes was everywhere, racking up 29 possessions in an impressive display. Tom Murray and Aiden Lindsay were other standouts on the ball, Jack Blair set the standard for pressure and the defence was

in complete control.

Jordan Staley had the job on the dangerous Brett Eddy at full back and held him to one goal, demonstrating his dominance midway through the second quarter when he ran clear of the defensive 50 to accept a pass from Huther and pass to Brodie Mabilia for a goal.

It was one of a number of times throughout the day when the Power completely controlled the passage of the ball into the forward line, before lowering their eyes to hit a forward on the lead.

As well as McInnes, they had plenty of options.

Troy Harley was constantly on the move, in a creative, team-oriented game from him, while finishing with three goals, Mabilia was another target with two and both Noah Anderson and Tom Davey were lively, also with two each.

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