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The 'Brett and Amy' named in State Parliament last week, by Opposition Leader John Pescutto, as among hundreds of families in Wonthaggi impacted by the retrospective imposition of a highly restrictive overlay on their homes are Brett and Amy Wagenaar, who with their two young children, Rory and Milly, have been fighting their own private battle.



Despite possessing all the requisite paperwork to occupy, Helen and Ann's forever home is entangled in the fight against unjust planning regulations.



Young Wonthaggi couple, Liam and Aurora, have had their plans to build a new home in Wonthaggi's north-east stopped in its tracks by the actions of the State Government and the Bass Coast Shire Council.

IT'S PERSONAL

Anger over Premier's response

THE response to Wonthaggi's planning fiasco by the Premier Jacinta Allan, in State Parliament last week, has lit a fire under the local campaign to get the retrospective Environmental Audit Overlays rescinded by government.

According to the chair of the local action committee, John Duscher, Ms Allan's response was both insensitive and plain wrong.

Here's what the Premier said

in State Parliament last Tuesday, May 28 in answer to a question from Opposition Leader John Pescutto, asking whether she stood by the decision to introduce the retrospective controls, potentially costing affected residents up to \$80,000 to "clear this blight on their properties".

"In answering the Leader of the Opposition's question, he is referring to a planning issue that has been an issue for the Bass Coast community for a number

of years now."

"She was wrong," said John Duscher this week.

"It has only been an issue for us since it was introduced on January 18 this year, and the affected residents only started finding out about it in late April.

"She is clearly unaware of the impact this has had on the daily lives of those caught up in this and its already having an impact on the town."

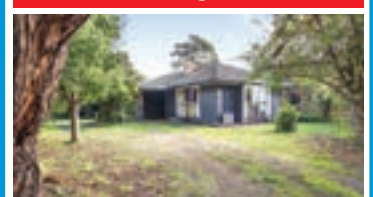
One of the families impacted,

referenced by the Opposition Leader and the Premier as "Brett and Amy", are Brett and Amy Wagenaar and their two young children Rory and Milly, residents of Wonthaggi's Powlett Ridge Estate.

Amy has stoically referred to her family as "one of the lucky ones" having built their house in the Powlett Ridge Estate over four years ago, but finding out about the costly and restrictive overlay at a difficult time.

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"However, two months ago our 11 month old daughter had 13 hours of brain surgery to remove a brain lesion that was causing her to have seizures.

"We spent a long six weeks at Royal Children's Hospital..."

Making it more difficult, they arrived home to the news that a significant amount had been wiped off the value of their home by this new, retrospective overlay.

"It's emotional," said John Duscher.

"I've spoken to many people brought to tears by this; young couples who've put everything into trying to build a home, retirees who never would have come here if they'd known this work hadn't been done. Others worried about the value that has been wiped off their only real asset.

"They can't be made to wait for a long-winded bureaucratic response.

"And it's putting a black mark on the whole town, an area that was earmarked out for residential growth by the government, which has invested in hospitals and schools here, only to go ahead and cut our legs off."

Mr Duscher has urged the local community and others to go online and support the petition sponsored by the Member for Eastern Victoria, Renee Heath, search: "Petition Rescind the Environmental Audit Overlay in the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan" or to sign hard-copy petitions around the town and at locations including Inverloch, Cape Paterson, Dalyston, and Kilcunda.

"There's only a week to go for the petition, and we need your support," he said.

"We'll be in State Parliament when they present the petition."

Here are their stories:

A problem they didn't need

FOR Brett and Amy Wagenaar, residents of Wonthaggi's Powlett Ridge Estate, the sudden imposition of a highly restrictive planning overlay, four years after moving into their home is a retrospective problem they could do without.

This is our story as John Pesutto mentioned in parliament.

We are one of the lucky ones as we have built our house in the Powlett Ridge Estate and have lived here for four years.

However, two months ago, our 11-month-old daughter had 13-hour's brain surgery to remove a brain lesion that was causing her to have seizures.

We spent a long six weeks at Royal Children's hospital as the lesion was connected to her right arm and leg movements, so she needs ongoing therapy sessions to try to teach her to crawl and how to use the right side.

We also have a five-year-old son who has been greatly impacted by this. When we finally got home from the hospital, we were greeted with this news of the EAO through social media and we are devastated that our land could be contaminated, and the correct checks were not completed by Council at the rezoning and subdivision stage.

And that our house has lost value which was our asset and security should we need to sell for family reasons etc. We are now in financial loss because of this overlay and we are possibly putting our children at risk with contamination.

With a terminally ill young child and a five-year-old son we are struggling with this EAO, although we consider ourselves fortunate to have a house, as not being able to build like others would



Rory and Milly, children of one of the affected Wonthaggi residents Brett and Amy Wagenaar

be more devastating. This EAO needs to be removed immediately.

Helped others in the same boat

LIAM Martin was one of the first people to raise the alarm, in April this year, despite the fact that retrospective Environmental Audit Overlays had been imposed in secret three months earlier.

My name is Liam, and my partner's name is Aurora. We discovered this overlay through our builder, who explained that work on our house couldn't commence until the necessary soil testing was completed. I had diligently saved and budgeted throughout my teens and early twenties to fulfill my dream of owning a home. However, due to this overlay, my future plans have been indefinitely put on hold.

It's been two months since the delay began, as I simply can't afford the exorbitant cost of the testing. Any further delay could force me to bear the burden of price increases imposed by my builder. The stress from this situation has taken a toll on my health and well-being, making it difficult for me to sleep at night.

Purchasing this land was once a source of immense pride and accom-

plishment for me, but now I regret it deeply, despite it being no fault of my own. I implore the State Government to alleviate our suffering by reversing their decision to apply this overlay to our land.

Documents in order

HELEN Povall and her wife Ann Pitts came to Wonthaggi two years ago in retirement, never expecting to be recruited into a campaign to fight the imposition of a retrospective planning overlay on their established home and that of their neighbours.

Having purchased the land in North Wonthaggi at the end of a difficult two years of metro Melbourne lockdowns, we began the build in August 2021. I retired, and we sold our property in Pakenham. Our home was to be our forever home.

We moved into our sustainable custom, all-electric home, in late March 2022, and have lived here over the last couple of years, busy with gardens, landscaping, shed erection, laying of concrete pathways, drainage, and all the other jobs that are needed with a new build.

Confident there was no reason to take out Title Insurance at the time of purchase, we continued with our lives, feeling fairly secure, as the Section 32 to Lot 127 stated that there was NIL agricultural contamination.

One night about three weeks ago I read there was an Environmental Assessment Overlay that had been laid on many blocks of land in the north and the east. The Sentinel Times, and the Vic Planning website land search confirmed that indeed our property is included, despite being in receipt of all the requisite paperwork to build and occupy our property, by the authorities at the time.

I cannot believe it - no mention of who is respon-

sible for the four truckloads of so called 'probable contaminated soils and rubble' that have already been removed from our site during the building process (and I presume nearly everyone's circumstances will be very similar), no explanation from anyone with authority, no discussions, emails, or letters from State Government or our Local Government.

It is an absolute disgrace. And don't even talk to me about the 'probable contamination' from runoff that is currently flowing into our rivers and seas unchecked, from right across the estate in North Wonthaggi, and I would expect the same scenario in the east of Wonthaggi. Who, out of all this mess, has truly believed the problems of 'probable contaminated land', is so concerned that they have stepped up to save the environment? Did it stop various departments from developing the land in question? Building roads? Digging a massive grid of trenching all over the new developments for sewage and stormwater - disturbing the so-call probably contaminated lands in question? I can answer that one - NO ONE.

Now we have all shared our 'contaminated soils', and mixed it with other landowners, brought in new soil, fill, and recycled crushed concrete.

What was going to be a very nice nest egg for our beneficiaries, has turned out to be a millstone around our necks. Can't sell it, because no one would want it, have to live here now, as no more income. We've done nothing wrong. We've jumped through every legal framework put in front of us to date, and have all the documentation to prove it. This does not pass the 'Pub Test', at all.

There are hundreds of stories like these.

'New level of madness' in Wonthaggi gardens

THE Wonthaggi planning overlay fiasco has descended into a "a whole new level of madness" according to affected residents responding to new advice from the Bass Coast Shire Council.

Last week, the shire advised embattled residents in Wonthaggi's north east residential area not to do any gardening.

Under the FAQ section of its Environmental Audit Overlay page, the shire recommends no gardening until the Preliminary Risk Screen Assessment (PRSA) have been conducted, with results expected "in early July".

Those wanting to construct cross-overs, to access their block from the street, will also not be able to get a permit until after the risk of contamination is addressed.

Helen Povall, a committee member of the action group advised supporters, via the Wonthaggi Residents Affected by the Environmental Audit Overlay Facebook page of the new guidelines around gardening in affected areas.

"With relation to gardening, Clause 62.02-1 of the Bass Coast Planning Scheme contains an exemption from needing a planning permit for 'gardening'.

"However, the EAO states that the soil is not be disturbed to benefit from the exemption of not needing a PRSA undertaken.

"Given some gardening may require varying levels of soil disturbance it is advisable to await the results of the PRSA that Council is initiating prior to undertaking significant landscaping on your property if it is affected by the EAO.

"Council has appointed an independent Environmental Auditor to complete this work at no cost to individual property owners. The results are expected by early July 2024. Once this occurs, and the results confirm that the land does not need further audits, you do not need approval for landscaping but will still need a road occupation permit for works within a road reserve e.g. crossovers."

Response from Facebook:

- So, no gardening that involves soil disturbance until July?!
- Helen Povall: That's how I read it too.
- This is a whole new level of madness.
- How much worse can this get for residents and landowners. Is the council going to do a door knock and make sure no one has a shovel on their property?
- Can't plant a tree but can build a main road.
- The wombats are going to be in trouble as well.



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SUN | Jun 9
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IN BRIEF

Motor vehicle theft

POLICE are appealing to any witnesses who might have information regarding a theft from a motor vehicle which occurred in Koonwarra.

Police have been told that on May 29 between 9am and 11.10am, a white Subaru Impreza wagon was parked near the South Gippsland Highway, close to the intersection of Prosser Road, when personal items were stolen.

New round of timber innovation grants opens

APPLICATIONS for Round 3 of the Victorian Timber Innovation Fund (VTIF) are now open with Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence announcing on Friday that eligible native timber businesses are able to access up to \$1 million in grant funding per business.

As part of Round 3, support will include a Grant Application Assistance Service for the first time. Eligibility for Round 3 has also been extended to harvest and haulage sub-contractors, chip truck drivers and other businesses which were heavily dependent on the native timber industry. Businesses who take up other forestry transition support packages can still access the VTIF. For more information on the Victorian Timber Innovation Grants Program, call 1800 318 182 or visit deeca.vic.gov.au/forestry.

Neighbourhood Policing Forum

THE Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community this Thursday (June 6) from 12.30pm – 3.30pm at Wonthaggi Town Hall, 14 Baillieu Sreet, Wonthaggi. Registration is a must. To attend, please register by sending your details to BASS-COAST-CLUSTER-O@police.vic.gov.au.

Rock 'n Roll to The Flares

TOORA needs a new firetruck, so kick up your heels and sing at the top of your lungs and help raise money.

Toora CFA want a big red truck with an engine, wheels, seats, doors, waterpumps, hoses, and heaps of safety equipment – one with the lot to keep the Toora community and the CFA safe.

The rock 'n roll will be loud and there'll be no complaints from the neighbours because they'll all be on the dancefloor at Toora Community Hall on Saturday June 8 from 7pm.

Tickets are \$25 per person and available for purchase at events.humanitix.com/the-flares-a-firetruck-for-toora

For table bookings, email your request with the number of guests to friendly local lead guitar legend (IOHO), Ivor Ries: ivor.ries@gmail.com.

QBE Foundation opens local grants applications

THE QBE Foundation has opened applications for its annual local grants program, offering charities and community organisations working in both climate resilience and inclusion, the opportunity to receive a \$40,000 grant.

For categories, eligibility criteria and how to apply, please visit qbe.com. Applications will be accepted from June 3 to July 3, 2024 (9am AEST), with the recipients to be announced later this year, subject to change.

Mercedes stolen from Korumburra

A BLACK Mercedes-Benz A250 was stolen overnight on May 30 during a home invasion in Korumburra. The vehicle was last sighted in the vicinity of Leongatha North. Both the vehicle and offenders are yet to be located. Anyone with information on the vehicle, offenders or home invasion are urged to contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or Wonthaggi Crime Investigation Unit on 5671 4100.

Youth fest 2024 celebrations

THE state government is supporting young people across regional Victoria with grants for youth-led events and activities at the month-long Youth Fest 2024.

Successful recipients include schools, local government and community organisations, which will each receive a grant of up to \$2000 to create exciting and interactive events for young people. Successful recipients in the region include Myli – My Community Library to hold Meet Up – Youth Festival and YMCA Victoria holding an Empower Youth Day: Elevating Voices, Igniting Change. Youth Fest will be held in September, with the investment supporting young people to organise and deliver events, showcase their skills, share ideas, build social connections, and expand their networks.

Ahoy! Have you seen the whale?

TUESDAY this week, June 4 is the official start of Whale Season along Bass Coast and South Gippsland with Wildlife Coast Cruisers launching the first of its Winter Whale Cruises.

The cruises will now run every day, departing from the Rhyll and San Remo jetties.

But, they've already sighted whales coming back through the area after summering in the Southern Ocean.

Prices start at \$130 per adult, \$117 concession but you might also go looking for whale from good vantage points along the coast, at Cape Woolamai, Eagles Nest and Cape Liptrap.

Suspicious fires in Leongatha

POLICE are investigating a series of suspicious fires in the Leongatha area between May 23 and 29. It is believed that unknown offenders have been responsible for lighting small fires in the vicinity of Leongatha Recreational Reserve, Great Southern Rail Trail, Horticultural Park

and Bentley Memorial Park.

The offending has occurred nightly, between 9pm and 2am.

There are no reports of injuries. Investigators believe that the incidents are linked and an investigation remains ongoing. Any witnesses or anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or anonymously online at crimestoppersvic.com.au.

San Remo Primary School push to have funding reinstated

IT's now a push for politics to keep their promise. The San Remo Primary School teachers and school council have followed up with a parliamentary petition, endorsed by Bass MP Jordan Crugnale for State Government to fund the school upgrade – despite ready to go to tender, the funding wasn't confirmed in the state budget. Principal Karen Bowker said we have not heard any more details from the education minister or Premier regarding the letters sent from the School Council.

"One parent did receive a response from Jordan, stating 'I have received a letter from the School Council which I have forwarded to the Minister for a formal response and recently met with him expressing my disappointment including the many who have already written to me from the school community.'"

"We are trying to get the petition out to as many people as possible," Karen declared.

Ms Crugnale said, "I continue to advocate for funding sooner than later and thank the school community for being so active. It will be funded in this electoral cycle, but I totally understand the next allocation not coming out of this budget extends the start of this needed upgrade. I won't give up; it took a collective effort over four years to get the commitment and this school deserves modern buildings and more."

"Importantly I conveyed to the Minister where the project is at and what a delay means."

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Hope for step ups in milk price

LOCAL committee member for Dairy Farmers Victoria, Ben Vagg of Leongatha South is hopeful dairy processors will improve on their recently announced opening milk prices for the 2024-25 season.

Saputo Dairy Australia (SDA) announced to suppliers on Friday that its opening weighted average milk price is \$8.00 to \$8.15 per kilogram of milk solids, Burra Foods Australia released on Monday an opening price between \$8.00 and \$8.50 per kilo, with Fonterra having recently announced its opening price of \$7.25 to \$8.75.

Bulla Dairy Foods released its opening price on Monday, ranging from \$7.85 to \$8.65 per kilogram of milk solids depending on supplier profile, with its CEO Allan Hood highlighting shifts in consumer behaviour and increased competition from imported dairy among factors lowering the milk price compared to last season.

Mr Vagg reflected on the important relationship between farmers and processors and what he considers to be a desirable price.

"The processors need us and we need the processors but we should be more vocal telling them they have to go higher, and I think they are saying they are willing to go higher," Mr Vagg said, adding that farmers need above \$9 per kilogram of milk solids.

SDA's Director of Milk Supply and Planning, Kate Ryan spoke about what drove the business' opening price.

"Our opening milk price factors in ongoing global market volatility due to subdued demand, as well as greater variability in domestic markets and



Dairy Farmers Victoria committee member Ben Vagg of Leongatha South hopes to see milk price improvements, following opening price announcements. A05_2324

anticipated market returns," Ms Ryan said.

"As we see more market certainty, we would expect to review our prices during the year."

She added that SDA has achieved business efficiencies over recent years, strengthening its competitiveness and reducing costs, along with other improvements.

"SDA's strong business position supports us paying a premium above current commodity price returns," Ms Ryan said, stating Saputo continues to support the business success of its farmers through a range of specialised services and programs.

She says that is done while also investing in Saputo's operations, the industry and regional communities.

SDA notes that its quoted milk prices are based on a weighted average across its

supply base and that milk prices achieved at an individual farm level will vary based on specific milk supply circumstances.

A schedule of monthly minimum milk prices will be available in SDA's milk supply agreements published online at saputodairyaustralia.com.au/milk-supply

Burra Foods explained that the majority of its suppliers will sit within its quoted price range, and that it is continuing its long-term practice of not quoting a weighted average, which is often difficult for many to achieve.

The company will publish Milk Supply Agreements on its website and will forward income estimates to each of its milk supply partners during June.

"We continue to heavily invest in new products and our

plant to expand production capability, and Burra continues to enable Milk Supply Partners to nominate funding and sponsorship opportunities, to support the sustainability and vibrancy of local dairy communities, via the Burra Foundation," Burra Foods CEO Stewart Carson said.

The opening price range of Burra Foods and SDA fell within Dairy Australia's general opening price expectations.

"I estimate initial prices will soften to \$8 per kilogram of milk solids, but range up to \$8.50," Dairy Australia's Head of Economics, Data and Insight John Droppert told Dairy News Australia last month.

He anticipates step ups in the standard farm gate milk price during the season, perhaps going beyond \$8.50, with farmers such as Mr Vagg hoping that figure is comfortably exceeded.

Council takes action against bushfire risk

BUSHFIRE assessment summaries and planning recommendations for Foster and Mirboo North were adopted at the May South Gippsland Shire Council meeting.

The assessments have been prepared to guide land use and development and to ensure bushfire risk is appropriately considered and addressed in structure plans and any future amendments for Foster and Mirboo North.

"The Foster and Mirboo North bushfire assessments recognise the various levels of bushfire risk in our regional towns," South Gippsland Shire Council mayor Cr Clare Williams said. "The summaries have been developed as a tool to provide guidance for council and residents on land use and development in these two communities that are susceptible to fire risk."

These assessments are a report only, and do not reflect to change to the South Gippsland Planning Scheme or overlays.

If any amendment to the planning scheme was proposed, there would be an opportunity for the community to provide feedback via an engagement process.

The assessments found that Foster has a moderate bushfire risk and is appropriate for moderate growth.

Mirboo North, by contrast, was found to have a high bushfire risk, making it appropriate for limited growth only.

A key recommendation from the report was that town framework plans for each town should be revised, and additional planning controls applied, to address bushfire risk. The proposed changes to the Mirboo North Framework Plan include directing additional growth to the south-east of town and urban growth to the south. The assessment also recommends adding additional controls to the northern part of Mirboo North to ensure new buildings in this area are constructed with more robust materials that consider potential fire risk.

In Foster, the low density and rural living expansion areas are proposed for removal or replacement with urban growth areas.

Additionally, it was suggested that for both townships, bushfire management overlay schedules are removed as these are now outdated and do not appropriately consider the forest vegetation that is present in the area.

The bushfire assessment summaries are part of an "Impact of Bushfire on Regional Growth" project, which was funded and delivered by the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA).

The reports can be viewed online under the respective town names southgippsland.vic.gov.au/whatplansaffectmyarea.

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Due to the King's Birthday long weekend the deadlines for the next issue of the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times, to be printed Wednesday, June 12 will be as follows:

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Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Le Serve



Last week we paid tribute to all the amazing volunteers who dedicate their time and skills to making Bass Coast a better place with a particular shoutout to the overall winners – the SES who are an exemplifying example of our incredible emergency services. It was only fitting the second annual Bass Coast Community Awards was held during National Volunteers Week – and I was blown away by the incredible number of nominations right across the region and the sheer breadth of talent we are fortunate to have here.

Everywhere you look in our diverse community, there are people who selflessly work to make our part of the world a better place.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community – at our sporting clubs, SES, the wonderful institution that is PICES, in our schools and riding the waves.

They inspire and teach us, giving us all something to aspire to.

We have more than 6000 volunteers in Bass Coast. People who go above and beyond, often doing the work after hours or on weekends once their own workdays are done.

Even the smallest contribution can better someone's life. And it is a wonderfully selfless gift to share your talents with others, expecting nothing in return.

We had an incredible number of nominations for the Community Awards and each and every person and organisation should be celebrated for their commitment to the community.

While it was tremendously difficult to choose the winners from a very strong set of nominations, all worthy of awards, those who took home the top prizes all share common traits.

Passion was a common theme, and I don't think anyone volunteers if they don't love what they do or have a genuine want to share their

time, skills and help.

I'd like to personally congratulate all our very worthy winners of the Bass Coast Community Awards.

- **Community Leader Award – Mandy Chancellor**

Mandy is the glue that binds the San Remo SES, and as unit manager, she leads her highly skilled team with passion. Always seeking to inspire, especially our next generation of volunteers.

- **Community Group Award – Phillip Island Boardriders Club**

This active group is made up of many volunteers – all with different skills and a common love of the ocean.

Through President Hannah Eisen, the club has bolstered women's participation in the surf industry and offers many programs that foster mental health and wellbeing.

- **Contribution to Arts and Culture Award – Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space**

PICES is synonymous with Phillip Island, supporting new, emerging and lifelong Island artists to be at their most creative.

It provides a platform for the rest of us to experience artistic talent, and all its volunteers happily share their skills with the community.

- **Next Generation Leader Award – Bailey Webster**

There is nothing more inspirational than seeing our next generation of leaders at work. Bailey, at 15, is a shining example of someone who is not afraid to speak out and advocate for others and works hard to make the world a better place.

It takes courage and drive to be a volunteer, and we are grateful every day for the contribution of Bass Coast's local legends.

Hopefully hearing our winners' stories encourages others to also volunteer. With a large range of community and not for profit organisations in the region there's something for every talent imaginable!

From tip to coastal gem

TEN years ago, the Sentinel-Times ran a story about the state of the foreshore along the eastern side of the boat ramp; it looked like a tip.

Local resident Henry Sedelies, who had been living in his residence on the Esplanade for ten years had complained to the Bass Coast Shire Council countless times about the mess which he stated was an eyesore and a danger to beachgoers.

He first contacted the Council in 2013 to which they sent him letters and a maintenance schedule that was irrelevant to the issue.

"It is a disgrace that all the rocks, rubble and disused storm water drain now litter the once pristine foreshore," Henry, a keen fisherman, said at the time.

The foreshore was eroding, which was having an impact on the service road used by emergency vehicles and the adjoining grassed area used as an emergency landing spot for helicopters, and still is.

Henry called for a rock and cement wall to be built to stop the erosion and for the foreshore to be tidied up.

For twenty long years, Henry has been looking at the foreshore and the mess every day – up until very recently.

About four weeks ago the Bass Coast Council added boulders to the foreshore which will protect the road and they cleaned up the



Ten years on, Inverloch resident Henry Sedelies has praised council for at last cleaning up and making the Inverloch foreshore safe and removing the 'tip' it once was. ob03_2324

site, adding new picnic tables and bench seats to the grassy area.

While about two years ago aqua rock bags were also placed on the foreshore as part of a strategy to help with erosion.

Henry called the Sentinel-Times to commend the council for their recent good work.

"I want to actually praise council for, at last, sealing the whole thing off and making it beautiful again," he said.

"It became unsightly and dangerous for all the residents and

tourists using that area."

"Large rough concrete rocks and an old storm water pipe made it an eyesore. It certainly looked like an Inverloch tip," he commented.

"They have done a great job of the restoration. Congratulations to Council and their teams. You have now removed our new tip."

The patient local has one last request of the council.

"If council could remove any of the rocks on the foreshore before Christmas that would be fantastic."

Phillip Island voters all together now in single ward

THE voters in one of Bass Coast's three voting divisions, Western Port, have been given a free kick by the Victorian Electoral Commission ahead of the next council elections in October 2024.

And the people Phillip Island? Well, not so much.

Under the new voting arrangements announced last week, residents of Western Port Ward, stretching from Jam Jerrup in the north to Krowera, Kongwak, San Remo and North Wonthaggi, will still get three representatives on Council despite having almost 30 per cent fewer voters than Phillip Island.

In effect, the value of each vote from Phillip Island will be worth considerably less than votes posted by Western Port and Bunurong residents, in the Wonthaggi and Inverloch area.

The only upside in the changes to internal electoral boundaries is that all Island voters will be in the same boat, even if it is a rather leaky boat.

Under a review announced by the VCE, the number of voters in each ward will be:

- Bunurong (area 215km2) 13,115 voters, a deviation from the mean of minus 4.61 per cent.
 - Island (area 100km2) 15,839 voters, a deviation from the mean of plus 15.21 per cent.
 - Western Port (550 km2) 12,291 voters, a deviation from the mean of 10.6 per cent.
 - Total voters 41,245 (average 13,748).
- Cr Ron Bauer, an Island Ward Councillor, has welcomed the change.
- "Look, I like it, having everyone in the Island together in one ward. Frankly, I think everyone thought they were anyway," said Cr Bauer.
- "I don't see it as devaluing the island vote. You've got nine councillors that you've got to work with so there's no difference there and ultimately, all of the councillors are trying to do what's best for the whole shire, with a special interest in their ward."
- "Everyone knows I'm fiercely for the Island, it just means I'll be officially covering a bit more area now," he said.

The new ward boundaries don't come into effect until the October elections but any prospective Island Ward candidate, including Cr Bauer, will have their eyes firmly on issues affecting the whole island, including the soon-to-be-added section around Newhaven which is still officially at least, part of the Western Port ward.

The new voting model in Bass Coast makes three ward boundary changes.

1. Island Ward is adjusted to capture all of Phillip Island, including Churchill Island.
2. The boundary between Western Port and Bunurong wards currently cutting through the North Wonthaggi locality is moved to the south, bringing the entire North Wonthaggi locality into Western Port Ward.
3. The boundary between Western Port and Bunurong wards to the east of Korumburra-Wonthaggi Road is moved north to the Powlett River, leading to a modest reduction in the size of Western Port Ward, and an expansion in the size of Bunurong Ward.

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Volunteers recognised for their generosity and leadership

THE Bass Coast Shire Council held their annual Bass Coast Community Awards at Berninnet last Thursday (May 30).

The awards – following National Volunteer Week invited those that inspire the community around them, with judges selecting one nominee in each of the four award categories.

Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve hosted the event alongside Cr Brett Tessari and CEO Greg Box, with Cr David Rooks in attendance. Mayor Le Serve said the selfless dedication of the region's volunteers and community groups help make Bass Coast one of the best places to live in Victoria.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community. They are the faces behind the clubs we love, the people who spend hours after their day jobs have finished working to help others... These awards celebrate the best of our diverse Bass Coast life and provide inspiration for us all. Our volunteers are the true heart and spirit of our community."

CEO Greg Box personally thanked each nominee, acknowledging their contributions to the community. "There is enormous diversity of people and groups nominated this evening from recreation, to the environment, to emergency services to younger people, we have older people that are still contributing in our community and to see our young leader in there actively contributing - ready for the next generation, that's something I think that inspires us all."



Community Award winners on stage at Berninnet with Mayor Le Serve and Cr Tessari. Photo: Lisa Burge Photography.

Community Leader Award: Mandy Chancellor (San Remo SES Unit Controller)

"I'm very touched to receive this award," said Mandy. "At the beginning of tonight, someone said it's a team that gets you here and it is a team that gets us here. I think our involvement in the storms that came through in February this year brought the community together, but also gave our unit a much higher profile. I am completely humbled by this, and I would reach out to everybody to get to know us at the San Remo SES and to come in anytime."

"I'm genuinely - for the first time speechless, thank you."

Next Generation Leader Award: Bailey Webster

At 15 years old, Bailey is a powerful advocate for the Bass Coast Youth Community and is a key member of the Bass Coast Youth

Advisory Council.

"I'm truly honoured to receive this award," said Bailey. "This achievement is a reflection of my unwavering dedication and the incredible support I've received from my friends, family, teachers and mentors. It serves as a powerful reminder that with determination and the collective strength of the community, we can transform those dreams into reality."

Community Group Award: Phillip Island Boardriders Club

Deb Leonard accepted the award on behalf of the PIBC, addressing that PIBC is so much more than a surfing club, whilst acknowledging the selfless work from president Hannah Eisen, treasurer Jo O'Reilly Stubbs and Secretary Emily Scott.

"It is a club for community to come together, for families to make connections and as a place

for health and wellbeing. Thank you to everyone for this award."

Contribution to Arts and Culture Award: Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space

The Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space, or PICES, has for many years promoted, supported and educated local artists, visitors and community members about the arts.

President of PICES Sandra Peeters accepted the award sharing, "nothing is one person, so thank you for the support and encouragement and for this beautiful building and exhibition space."

"I am overwhelmed. We have worked extremely hard. And all the artists have come behind us like a big wave pushing us on encouraging us to keep going - it's the creativity, and new ideas carry us and that's what we stand for."

Masks back as new COVID wave hits

A PACKED Emergency Department at Wonthaggi Hospital and mandatory masks as you enter is a sure sign that there's a new COVID and respiratory virus wave rolling through the region, just as it is across the state.

That was the case at the hospital most days last week but a number of "Code Yellows" called at the hospital last Tuesday, of "internal emergency" were not an indication the hospital was buckling under the pressure.

In fact, the three Code Yellows were called during planned power outages, while the hospital upgraded its power backup systems, and staff soldiered on, without missing a beat, while the work was completed.

"ED has been extremely busy this month. Both acuity and numbers are up on normal times," said Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child.

"There is definitely a respiratory impact to the increase, in that we have more respiratory presentations (including COVID) and more respiratory patients requiring admission."

"The masks are because the whole State has moved to what is called a Level 2 response where it signals that the demand is greater than normal."

"All health services can determine locally their risk, and implement protocols as they require. We took the action to require masks in all clinical areas but today (Friday) reduced our policy to recommend, rather than required."

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D-day looms for ‘illegal’ Cowes’ business

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has talked a big game.

On April 10 this year, they sent a cease and desist notice to the operators of Cowes garden supplies firm, Aussie Outdoor Emporium, located at 2124 Phillip Island Road, threatening penalties of up to \$230,772, with fines of as much as \$11,538-a-day if they don't close the business and clear the site by June 10.

That day is fast approaching. So, will the shire follow through?

The Council has advised that a re-inspection of the land will be carried out by Council Planning Investigation Officers on Monday, June 10 at 10am “to ensure compliance has been achieved with the provisions of the Bass Coast Planning Scheme”.

And it won't be enough to simply stop operating. All goods and materials stored on the site will have to be removed, according to the shire, “unless a planning permit is obtained for the separate use of the land for a Warehouse”.

Manager of the prominently located business, Sarah Henstridge, says bring it on.

“We're not going to close down, and clear the site, even if we could in that time. The council has simply got it wrong,” Ms Henstridge said last Sunday at a protest meeting.



At a public meeting last Sunday, chaired by Johnny Catone of Bass Coast Web Radio and addressed by Aussie Outdoor Emporium manager Sarah Henstridge, the garden supplies business has pledged to remain open in Cowes despite threats of a \$230,000 fine by the Bass Coast Shire Council.

She says ‘Landscape gardening supplies’ is a permitted use in the Farming zone. She’s right.

In the Bass Coast Shire Planning Scheme “Landscape gardening supplies” is listed as “permit required” use alongside the likes of Broiler farm, Camping and caravan park, Crematorium, Domestic animal boarding, Group accommodation, Market, Manufacturing sales, Trade supplies, Warehouse and wind energy facility.

She says the shire has characterised the Aussie Outdoor Emporium as a “Retail” use and therefore prohibited in the

Farming zone.

But the Bass Coast Shire Council has got it wrong before, right. And they may have it wrong again here.

Listed under the prohibited uses in a Farming zone are nightclub, office, cinema and retail however, there is a list of exemptions under “Retail” including the following: Market, Landscape gardening supplies, Manufacturing sales, Primary produce sales, Restaurant and Trade supplies.

The operators of the business aren't entirely squeaky clean though.

They lodged an application for a planning permit in May 2023 asking council to approve the use as Retail, on advice that they wouldn't get approval for Landscape gardening supplies but that application was lapsed by council in July 2023 and, snookered by council, there has been no further application.

“When Andrew bought the business, a decade ago, it was a driving range but he soon discovered it wasn't a viable business on its own so it sort of morphed into garden supplies.

“It's been operating as such for years now so what's the urgency now. We applied for a permit, but they deemed it Retail and we were never going to win that, so here we are.

“A lot of our customers say they love the service we provide, that they would have to go over to Bunnings in Wonthaggi to get the things we provide locally.”

Sarah is well aware of the threat to impose up to a \$230,772 penalty, with fines of as much as \$11,538-a-day but has confirmed the Aussie Outdoor Emporium will be open and operating the day the council comes to call next Monday, June 10.

She says they've received no help from the shire and a series of protest meetings have been called to raise awareness, the most recent, attended by 20 people last Sunday.

Gippsland shines for international travel advisors and media

THE DESTINATION Gippsland team have been busy showcasing Gippsland at the Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE), Australia's largest annual tourism trade event, held in Melbourne.

The event returned to Melbourne for the first time since 2015, running from Sunday May 19 to Thursday May 23 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC). ATE welcomed more than 2000 tourism businesses, wholesalers, retailers and media from around the world for four days of appointments, plus a fifth day of media appointments.

Gippsland was part of nine agent familiarisation tours organised by Visit Victoria and Sydney-Melbourne Touring for attendees of the Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE), showing the region to international wholesalers from around the world. The tours took in the likes of Walhalla, Wilsons Promontory National Park, the Gippsland Lakes and Tarra Bulga National Park, visiting more than 35 Gippsland businesses over a two-week period.

In addition, Gippsland played host to two international media famils with a focus on agritourism experiences in the region. These tours visited on-farm experiences and accommodation at Forge Creek Lamb and Rivendell in East Gippsland, meeting with producers and sampling some of Gippsland's finest produce in wineries and restaurants across the region.

Destination Gippsland CEO Terry Robinson said, “With long-haul airfares now more affordable, Gippsland is seeing international travellers return and we anticipate increased demand for travel along the Sydney to Melbourne coastal touring route. We are keen to see more accommodation businesses and tour operators step up work with international travel trade, and we're happy to assist anyone interested in to securing long-lead international bookings and benefitting from Gippsland's rising popularity.”



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The ArtCubes in Tarwin Lower

The ArtCubes have made the big move from Meeniyan to Tarwin Lower. If you aren't yet familiar with the ArtCubes, they are reimagined shipping containers that provide space for artists across the region to showcase their artistic craft.

Tarwin Lower will host the ArtCubes until Wednesday 17 July and will be situated along River Drive next to the Tarwin Lower Memorial Hall Mechanics Institute.

This week, the Chief Executive Officer of Regional Arts Victoria, Jo Porter, paid the ArtCubes a visit. She spent the day in South Gippsland touring our regions creative projects and initiatives.

The current line-up of artists in the Cubes feature Kate Stuart, Tarwin Lower Primary School students and Martine Zajacek.

Whilst the ArtCubes are residing in Tarwin Lower, the artists and community groups exhibiting include:

- Mandy Gunn
- Leis Knowles
- Kate Stuart
- Tarwin Lower Primary School
- Martine Zajacek
- Tracie Mitchell
- Rebekah Robertson
- Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute Committee

To see the full schedule of who will be in each ArtCubes and when, please visit:

www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au/artcubes

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 26 June 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates

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

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Council doesn't currently have any Tender submissions open for application.

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New shire boundary alright by me, Cr Rae

COASTAL Promontory Ward Councillor Scott Rae has welcomed the electoral boundary changes for the South Gippsland Shire Council announced by the Victorian Electoral Commission last week.

But he acknowledges there's a certain amount of self-interest in his view.

"The review is conducted by the VCE. That's what they do. As councillors we don't have a role in it but it's good news for me anyway," said Cr Rae this week.

"Previously, I was on the boundary, a stone's throw away from the ward I represent. Now I live well inside the boundary.

"But effectively, there's not a lot of difference for me. I was already fielding calls on agricultural issues from the Meeniyar, Dumbalk and Stony Creek areas and get out around Port Welshpool, Welshpool, Toora, Foster and along the coast quite a bit.

"There's the same mix of people and issues right across the whole area.

"But changing the boundaries so they are more balanced is the work of the VCE. They're the experts on that and we accept what they have come up with."



Councillor Scott Rae has welcomed the boundary changes made by the VCE which will see him living in his electorate instead of a stone's throw from its former rural boundary.

It's now all eyes on the next election in October 2024 and especially the candidates from the old guard that might ultimately put their hands up, including those sacked from office in June 2019 who are showing signs of running again.

Absentee property and homeowners, especially those with holiday homes

and weekenders along the coast of Coastal Promontory Ward, including at Sandy Point and Venus Bay, have in the past week been reminded to re-enrol to vote.

Estimated number of voters in each ward (although this might change with absentee enrolments prior to the October 2024 elections):

- Coastal-Promontory (area 1,843km²) 12,773 voters plus 24.01 per cent from average
 - Strzelecki (865km²) 9,376 voters, minus 8.97 per cent from average
 - Tarwin Valley(600km²) 8,752 voters, minus 15.03 per cent from average
- Total voters 30,901, average 10,300.

Koonwarra landfill costs skyrocket for 10-year pit

CONSTRUCTION costs for a new Koonwarra Landfill cell have risen again, with substantial variations approved for two contracts related to the project.

A contract (CON/369) for construction of Cell 5 (Stage 1) at Koonwarra Landfill was awarded to Goldsmith Civil and Environmental Pty Ltd in September 2023.

The initial contract amount was for just under \$1.98 million (excluding GST), with the recently approved variation adding slightly shy of \$513,000 (excluding GST) to the cost.

A separate contract (CON/372) was also awarded last September to Bajwa EnviroConsult, for Provision of Environmental Auditing, GITA and Third Party CQA Services in relation to Koonwarra Landfill Cell 5 (Stage 1), with the contract amount being for \$114,850 (excluding GST). A variation for that contract has added \$106,867 (excluding GST) to the cost.

Both contract variations exceeded the contingency allowance and were approved by the South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerry Ellis following consultation with the mayor.

The Sentinel-Times requested details of the extra costs.

"Despite undertaking site investigations prior to the commencement of the project, during the initial bulk earthworks component of the landfill cell construction, significant amounts of unsuitable fill material were discovered," council's director of sustainable infrastructure Tony Peterson said.



Work continues on the new Koonwarra landfill cell.

"Removal and replacement of this material with suitable, compliant material sourced from elsewhere on the site through the excavation of a borrow pit was time consuming and costly."

Tony explained that in addition to the necessary earthworks, groundwater was encountered in areas within the landfill, where it had not previously been identified.

"Affected areas where the existing landfill liner was damaged required remedial works to be undertaken and, in some cases, the landfill cell design needed to be changed and additional works specified to achieve compliance with EPA requirements," he said.

He pointed out that additional costs were incurred for the required design, auditing, supervision and testing requirements associated with each of the above activities.

A previous variation of almost \$774,000 was approved for the contract with

Goldsmith Civil and Environmental (CON/369), with that approval granted by the council CEO after consultation with the mayor and councillors in December last year.

He explained at the time that after the completion of the bulk earthworks component of the contract, the existing clay seams identified in the investigation did not provide the required quantity of suitable clay liner material.

Tony noted that construction of a landfill cell is heavily audited under the EPA regulations, with an environmental auditor overseeing the whole process and guiding any required changes.

"Where the cell is being built, we had to move about 15 metres of material above it, so even though we'd done a lot of bores, when you're drilling down to that depth it's hard to get a good picture of material," he said.

Goldsmith Civil and Environmental Pty Ltd specialises in

landfill construction and has built the last two cells at Koonwarra.

Tony anticipates the new cell, the final one for the site, being in service for approximately 10 years, with that timeline based on council's ability to improve its waste management.

Council is in the process of developing a Waste and Resource Recovery Plan, which is expected to be released for community feedback this year.

The Sentinel-Times has been advised that the plan will consider alternative waste disposal sites for South Gippsland.

A council spokesperson also outlined what happens when a landfill reaches capacity.

"Once the landfill is filled with waste, an engineered landfill cap will be constructed to seal this last landfill cell; the site will then be monitored and maintained in accordance with an EPA approved Aftercare Management Plan for at least 30 years after closure," the spokesperson said.

Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams



I LOVE attending all sorts of events and sharing engagement opportunities with our community. You'll get more of that in this week's message, but I want to start with a visit to Fish Creek Primary School.

Last week, I went along to the School and spoke with grade fives and sixes about local government. I believe it is important that we share information with these kids about what we do here at Council. I have done a few of these now, and each one inspires me to continue working and engaging with our region's youngest residents.

I'm more than happy to do these at any school, so please feel free to reach out if you are interested.

Engagement Opportunities

Council may not have any engagement opportunities available right now, but there are other organisations who are currently seeking feedback from the South Gippsland community.

One of these is **Marinus Link**, who are conducting drop-in engagement sessions where they can answer your questions about the project, including the environmental impacts and state-wide planning scheme changes. The sessions will be held in Mirboo North, Fish Creek, Dumbalk East, Sandy Point and Meeniyar throughout June with the first being held on Tuesday June 4.

VicGrid have hosted community and on-line workshops recently where residents have been encouraged to go along and find out more about the Renewable Energy Zone Community Benefits Plan. If you haven't been able to make any of those, there is still time to complete an online survey or make a submission.

To find out more, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/external-engagement

Events

The cooler months are now upon us, but there is still plenty to do in South Gippsland. Here's some inspiration for you.

The Loch Food and Wine Festival is on Sunday June 9, 2024. Sample some of our regions amazing produce and beverages at this not to be missed event. Tickets are on sale now.

There's also plenty of local markets happening where you can get some fresh produce and gift ideas.

For more information on these events or to plan your weekend, please visit: www.visit-southgippsland.com.au/events

Gippsland Southern Health Service's Board of Directors has extended an invitation to all community members to attend an upcoming Board Meeting. This is a fantastic opportunity to hear about the work of the Health Service and more information about the Victorian Health Services Reform. For more information and to RSVP, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/gshs-open-access-board-meeting

Detox Your Home

If you have some unwanted household chemicals that you need to get rid of, this is your chance. The Detox Your Home event will be held at the Wonthaggi Transfer Station on Saturday 8 June between 9am and 12 noon. Bookings are essential at: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/detox-your-home-wonthaggi-registration-768784303547

Celebrations

Last week, I attended the **45th anniversary of the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund (GERF)**. Most recently, the volunteer-run organisation has provided more than \$250,000 to South Gippsland locals and their businesses to help them recover from the Boxing Day Floods and February 13 Storm Event. Thank you GERF for being here for Gippsland. Here's to many more!

The **2024 Gippsland Food and Fibre Awards** were also held last week. Two South Gippsland businesses – Fleming Berries and Dividing Creek Farm Honey – were finalists for awards. Just being a finalist is a massive achievement. Congratulations to you both and thank you for doing South Gippsland proud.



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VicGrid seeks feedback

REPRESENTATIVES of the State Government's VicGrid were in Leongatha recently discussing renewable energy and transmission infrastructure development and associated community views, while calling for further feedback.

That feedback is wanted on the draft version of the 'Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Community Benefits Plan', which is intended to help ensure lasting benefits are delivered to communities hosting new transmission and renewable energy infrastructure as it is developed across Victoria.

The draft plan indicates that landholders who host new electricity transmission infrastructure will receive payments of \$8000 per kilometre of typical easement area per year for 25 years.

It states that REZ Community Energy Funds will fund projects that improve energy outcomes, or create benefits from the energy transition, for communities in regions hosting REZs and new transmission infrastructure.

The draft plan also states the Victorian Government will work in partnership with traditional owners of land in REZs and related transmission corridors to design benefit initiatives.

"Transmission companies will make benefits available to Victorians whose land is near and significantly impacted by new transmission infrastructure," it is stated.

Furthermore, it is noted that benefits outlined in the draft plan are in addition to existing compensation arrangements.

VicGrid is a new government agency responsible for planning and developing Victoria's transmission infrastructure.

Those wanting to have a say on the draft plan are encouraged to read it and then complete the relevant survey, with June 16 the cutoff date.

Visit engage.vic.gov.au/vtif-rez-community-benefits to view the draft plan and complete the survey so your views are considered in the development of the final REZ Community Benefits Plan, which is intended to be released late this year.

Those who attended the drop-in information session at the Leongatha Memorial Hall, or the community workshop that followed also learned about the results of VicGrid's 'Renewable Energy Planning Survey', undertaken between last November and February this year.

It is stated that 55 percent of respondents in the Gippsland region agree that renewable energy generation projects and transmission infrastructure are necessary to tackle climate change.

The survey results for that region also



Former oil and gas industry executive Melissa is now a passionate advocate of renewable energy, being an interested attendee at the recent VicGrid workshop in Leongatha. A01_2324

indicate that 53 percent of respondents agree or strongly agree those elements are needed to make energy affordable in the future.

Melissa of Leongatha South, a former oil and gas industry executive, attended the evening workshop, being interested in alternative forms of energy and believing in the benefits of more renewables.

However, she made it clear she would prefer to see transmission lines go underground, believing that while that approach requires a substantially larger initial financial outlay, it would significantly reduce maintenance requirements caused by extreme weather events, and cut fire risk.

Mirboo North's Ruth Rogan came along to learn more about potential community benefits for those in REZs, having a strong involvement in her community through her role with the Mirboo North & District Community Foundation.

She is keen to see 'legacy benefits' flow to renewable energy infrastructure host communities, providing ongoing positive community impact rather than just funding a single infrastructure project, giving the Community Foundation as an example.

"The current proposal that's on the table for community benefits in the draft plan doesn't include any legacy benefits in that sense, so I was trying to give feedback around alternative structures," she said.

Ruth believes community benefit funding shouldn't be restricted to energy projects, with locals determining what they regard as priorities.

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Mystery of missing Korumburra Station clock

PASSIONATE local historian Bob Newton is keen to establish the whereabouts of the large clock that once served at Korumburra Railway Station before being shifted to Coal Creek's Woodleigh Station, with the latter a site for which its size was excessive.

Perry Neil who continues to volunteer at Coal Creek, having been associated with the attraction since before it opened, would also love for the clock to be found.

"It was a rather big clock; the face was nearly four-foot in diameter," he said, explaining the mechanism was operated by weights rather than a spring.

The clock had a cast iron bezel into which the glass fitted.

That may have been plate glass Perry believes.

"The case itself was made out of oak and it had paint on it, and I stripped the paint off and had it varnished so it was in the original timber colours," he said, adding he doesn't know if that is how it initially looked, but considers that likely.

Although the brand of the clock is unknown, Bob believes it may have been an Ansonia, saying a number of railway station clocks were.

However, while Perry considers that is possible, he said Ansonia usually made smaller clocks.

Perry thinks the clock was given to Coal Creek not long after the attraction opened, possibly still during the 1970s.

He believes it went to someone involved in the South Gippsland



The late Korumburra mining identity 'Stag' Garrard is pictured at Coal Creek's Woodleigh Station under the substantial railway clock that once fitted in perfectly with the dimensions of Korumburra's grand train station, the timepiece's subsequent fate being unknown.

Tourist Railway and that it returned to Korumburra Railway Station.

However, he is unsure if it was restored to working condition.

During its time at Coal Creek, the clock's mechanism was dismantled, with someone intending to restore it.

Perry explained that whoever took the mechanism apart left it in pieces and that while he had restored some smaller clocks, he was unable to establish what to do with the old railway station

timepiece and its many components.

"If I had taken it apart myself, I probably could have fixed it," he said, adding that in its dismantled state it needed a clockmaker to do so.

When the clock was collected from Coal Creek, its workings were taken in a box.

Anyone knowing what has become of the clock or any of its history is encouraged to contact Bob Newton at inverburra@yahoo.com.au or on 0408 515 923.

Hard but fair says Shire

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council argues that with 454 buildings and structures in its portfolio, it must make tough decisions to achieve critical maintenance cost savings, and is adamant its approach is organised and fair.

That follows controversial moves not to renew the leases of Korumburra Senior Citizen's Club or Grow Lightly, with the Sentinel-Times having reported extensively on both cases.

Many of the buildings in the council portfolio are ageing and in need of investment to meet compliance standards and satisfy users.

Council is determined to relocate some tenants into newer buildings that require less maintenance, promoting sharing of facilities to help ensure council-owned buildings are used optimally and not sitting idle too much of the time.

Rising insurance and material costs, along with the constraints of rate capping, are factors council says make its substantial current building portfolio increasingly economically unsustainable.

Council stated that while it would like its building portfolio to remain accessible to as many community-based groups as possible, the \$104 annual rental charge for community groups falls way short of covering building maintenance costs.

Therefore, in addition to assessing building usage levels and condition, council will consider whether prospective tenants actually require a community rent subsidy.

South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerry Ellis highlighted the challenging economic climate and the need to make difficult

decisions on the management of council's building portfolio.

"These decisions are guided by council's 'Blueprint for Community and Economic Infrastructure 2021-2036', which was developed to provide a long-term look at the portfolio over a 15-year period, and this document will help inform future lease agreements," Ms Ellis said.

The Blueprint revolves around six guiding principles which help assess all proposals.

Those principles centre on factors such as maximising community benefit, aligning with strategic direction, being mindful of whole of life costs of assets, their fitness for purpose and suitability for multiple uses.


Determining whether a facility will meet community needs now and into the future, while achieving required regulations and standards and mitigating risks, are other important considerations detailed in the Blueprint document.

The need to justify financial aspects of a proposal is a further consideration, with that including feasibility studies where the need is identified.

Ms Ellis stressed that those hit by tough decisions won't be abandoned.

"Council will continue to work closely with any impacted community group to support them to find suitable alternative arrangements," she said.

The South Gippsland Shire Council's 'Blueprint for Community and Economic Infrastructure 2021-2036' is available online for those seeking further details on what is guiding the building portfolio decision making process.



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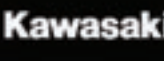
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Significant financial impact on property owners

A RESIDENT of the Summerfields Estate in Wonthaggi was faced with an unexpected encounter with the Bass Coast Shire Council after raising concern about their properties involvement in the Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO); stating that 'he must have stirred the pot' in questioning councils' action and in turn received an invoice for an unknown 'Community Infrastructure Levy'.

The resident who prefers to remain anonymous confirmed that after contacting the Bass Coast Shire Council to understand more about the EAO and questioning the value of his property due to the 'contamination crisis' he was sent an invoice of \$1150.

"At first, I questioned my contact with council, because this 'Community Infrastructure Levy' invoice was sent just hours after my discussion with a council officer. I then, questioned what exactly is a 'Community Infrastructure Levy' – learning that this is a fee to be paid by the vendor in the sale of a property."

The resident purchased the Wonthaggi home (that is affected by the EAO) in March 2023 – this instantly caused further confusion, as why would such a charge still be outstanding in May of 2024.

In questioning this levy, the resident was directed to contact their conveyancer by BCSC.

The fact that the levy was unknown to the purchaser, and their conveyancer at the time of purchase raised right concern.

"This levy was not in our original contract; however, it was found in a contract of a similar property just two months after my settlement – this is a fee to be paid by the vendor – not the purchaser."

The 'Community Infrastructure Levy' in a contract states 'The Owner acknowledges that a Community Infrastructure Levy is payable to the Council in relation to each Dwelling constructed as part of the Development of the Subject Land. Prior to the issue of an Occupancy Permit in respect of a Dwelling, the Owner must pay the Community Infrastructure Levy.

After thorough investigation from the conveyancer, this invoice raised questions about transparency and communication between council and residents. The issuance of an invoice for a levy that was not disclosed during the property purchase in March 2023 caused confusion and frustration for the resident.

There was a discrepancy in how the levy was being communicated and enforced, after investigation by the resident and the conveyancer the Bass Coast Shire Council responded stating there was an error by council and therefore waived the \$1,150.

"If I didn't question councils' actions, I would be out of pocket \$1,150. This is on top of the controversial crisis that's going on in Wonthaggi and the stress it is bringing to residents."

The resident contacted the Sentinel-Times to keep residents informed, so no other property owners incurred this fee and didn't resist.

A matter that was said to be a fault to the conveyancer – before an investigation discovered, it was in fact an error through council.

"With this EAO there's no cost to us right now, but if I wanted to sell tomorrow, I've just lost \$150,000 and that's if I can find a buyer – this raises the question on rates, because the rate prices remain the same, but the property prices are declining."

Community meeting called June 7 over Jetty closure

ANSWERS and a stakeholder meeting with the Minister for Ports were requested in state parliament last week over the sudden and shocking closure of Newhaven Jetty.

On behalf of local residents, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Public Land Use, The Nationals Melina Bath demanded answers from the Allan Labor Government as to why the jetty was indefinitely closed to public access by Parks Victoria without consultation.

Ms Bath said local stakeholders were feeling blindsided by its closure, telling her it has had an immediate negative social and economic impact.

"Despite receiving an engineering report four years ago stating the jetty needed urgent structural upgrades, Labor has failed to plan upgrades – to the point of dereliction," Ms Bath said.

Ms Bath told parliament the government has an obligation to reinvest boating and fishing fees to improve recreational fishing, boating infrastructure and challenged the Minister why Newhaven Jetty isn't prioritised.

"The jetty plays an important



Ben Dennis of Saltwater, Amanda Keilar of Fishing Nanna and Melina Bath MP have ramped up the campaign for the reopening of the Newhaven Jetty.

role for locals and visitors for fishing, walking and recreation and abuts the magnificent Saltwater restaurant...

"Dinners at Saltwater restaurant and locals who use the jetty daily are now looking at unsightly wire mesh fencing, instead of sweeping Instagram worthy views of Westernport.

"The jetty's closure has adversely impacted Saltwater's patronage a small business employing 30 locals."

Melina Bath MP, Saltwater

Restaurant owner Ben Dennis and local charter operator Amanda Keilar will host a community meeting to fight the jetty's closure on Friday, June 7 at 10am onsite.

She said Newhaven Jetty has been left to rot by the Allan Government.

"I have called on the Minister to meet with locals and provide a timeline for the Newhaven Jetty's upgrade and reopening," Ms Bath said.

"Given the importance of the

jetty to the tourist economy and residents' wellbeing – Labor MP's must realise that saying and doing nothing is not an acceptable option."

Owner of the Saltwater Restaurant, Ben Dennis, penned a letter to the community, to raise awareness of the issue starting, "We are writing to bring to the community's attention a pressing issue that is severely impacting our family business and the local economy..." (The full letter can be read at sgst.com.au)

The Victorian Government has acknowledged the closure of the jetty noting it will be prioritised under the Sustainable Local Ports Framework for future investment.

"We've invested more than \$150 million in jetty repairs and upgrades since 2018 and we won't take lectures from the Nationals who did nothing for local piers and jetties when they were last in government," a Victorian Government spokesperson stated last week in response.

"Engineering inspections determined Newhaven Jetty is no longer safe for public access and it has been closed to ensure public safety."

Save our Wonthaggi North East Residents Community Action Group

Fight for justice escalates... heating up with strong community support

THE Residents Community Action Group Committee is receiving strong support from those affected and across the wider community. It was given the task of lobbying and advocacy to remove this blight and will not stop until it reaches that goal.

A petition has been widely circulated. It is available online and across Wonthaggi businesses, Inverloch, Dalyston, Cape Paterson and Kilcunda. It will be available up to the close of business on Tuesday, June 11 when it will then be lodged at Parliament. We thank all those who have responded to our call, but we need many more signatures on the petition as soon as possible.

We continue to get reports and worrying stories of the terrible impact this is having on people's lives, intolerable stress, injustice, loss of value of their homes and property, building put on hold, people unable to sell their properties, residents

By John Duscher, Committee Chair

unable to move into their new homes, people who built their homes several years ago who now find they are included in this overlay and sadly the inability of some to secure or access bank loans. These are all real people, real stories. A cruel situation that is unwarranted, unwanted and unnecessary!

The removal of this retrospective Environment Audit in the Planning Scheme must be a priority, made even more essential with the advice received late last week from the EPA through Council which certainly has not helped solve the problem.

The EPA has advised that there is not enough justification to amend or alter the EAO and their information is insufficient. You would think that if there was not enough justification to change the situation there wasn't enough information to

put this blight on in the first place. They recommend a Preliminary Risk Screen Assessment be completed and Council has obviously been given the job of fixing the problem and paying for it, at least partially, which means all ratepayers have been drawn into the cost. This also is not fair or reasonable in any way! The press release says the assessments look at the history of the land over time and again you would think that this should already been done before any subdivision, building permits etc. The whole process has been flawed and the effect on the residents a disaster. It is a disgusting situation, lacking any common sense, justice or compassion and still so many questions. Will this Overlay remain on the land title when this proposed audit is done? What has been suggested is simply too slow and these residents should not be made to wait for what will be months or even

possibly years. We reject this advice and proposed action of the EPA, Victorian Planning Authority and Council outright!

We are not prepared to accept this stop-gap move and call on the Government to remove the EAO immediately. We are grateful to those who have taken our voice and concerns to the floor of Parliament and who have vowed to fight on behalf of the many affected residents.

The Committee will continue to talk to the community at all levels to inform, gather support and strongly advocate for this necessary change. A meeting will be held next week with the Bass Coast Shire Council and correspondence has been sent to the Premier, Planning Minister and our local MP in response to their disgusting inaction, lack of understanding of the issue and lack of compassion for our ratepayers. Be rest assured this campaign will seriously escalate if not resolved quickly.

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Alexis ready to motivate South Gippsland women

THE Southern Business Women's Network (SBWN) is pleased to hold its next networking event on Thursday June 20 at the Old Dalyston Church. The guest speaker for this event is Alexis Guttridge who is a seasoned entrepreneur with a 15-year track record in the competitive U.S. restaurant industry, now mentors' women in business and life.

She once owned a multi-million-dollar business but chose a new path, embarking on a global quest for self-discovery. Alexis is dedicated to empowering women by encouraging them to step out of their comfort zones, challenge the status quo, and unlock their limitless potential. Her honesty and determination inspire others to create their own powerful narratives.

The event will be an interactive and powerful 40 minutes. New Yorkers are about momentum, so get ready to leave with tangible tools to elevate your confidence around money and marketing.

The SBWN hold monthly networking dinners that connect South Gippsland and Bass Coast women from all walks of life. Whether you are in business or not, you are welcome. Be inspired by amazing guest speakers, make new friends, and enjoy your night out.

To find out more details about the network or to register for the June event, head to sbwn.com.au.

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Turning timber waste into energy

AN INNOVATIVE project funded by the Victorian Government is turning Radial Timber mill's wood waste into energy that can be fed back into the mill.

Spiegel Energy in partnership with Radial Timbers, GridEdge and Earth Systems received \$2 million through the Forestry Transition Program to establish the Yarram Energy Park at the Yarram mill in Gippsland, supported by Wellington Shire Council.

Phase one of the project is now complete with the installation of a pilot bioenergy cell plant through the purchase of a pyrolysis unit and GridEdge Battery solar and storage system.

The pilot plant uses pyrolysis technology, where Radial's

by-products – such as sawdust and wood chips – are burnt at high temperatures without oxygen to produce biochar, a carbon rich product that is used to improve soil quality.

The plant has the potential to provide 30 per cent of Radial Timber's heat and electricity needs, as well as produce other bioproducts including wood vinegar, which can be used as an organic pesticide among other uses.

The pilot is the result of three years' research and development, and if successful, the project partners are committed to the installation of a larger pyrolysis unit.

In the future it may even become an additional energy source for the town as the community focusses on mov-

ing towards renewable energy and plantation timber to ensure that Gippsland's economy is vibrant for decades to come.

The renewable energy park is just one example of how businesses and communities are embracing innovation and exploring new opportunities. Radial Timber has also received more than \$480,000 in grants from Rounds 1 and 2 of the Victorian Timber Innovation Fund for projects including trialling processing of different types of plantation timber.

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RIGHT: Biochar from the pyrolysis machine.



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Clean up underway on the course

THE CLEAN-UP on the Mirboo North Golf Course is finally underway after more than three months of stalled action between the South Gippsland Shire Council and the State Government.

The first stage of works was completed last week, making the course safe with the removal of dangerous trees and branches hanging along the fairways. While the work was completed by Emergency Response Victoria (ERV), President of the Mirboo North Golf Club, Robert Clarke was disappointed that ERV didn't mulch any wood as was expected and left large mounds of debris mixed with dirt.

"They were going to chip and move wood and everything, but then they finished doing the trees and said, see ya, we are out of here."

Robert is relieved however that the course has now been deemed safe and progress can finally be made on the clean-up of the course.

Some members have already begun burning some mounds of debris and Disaster Relief Australia (DRA) will be assisting with cutting up trees, branches and some of the scrub.

Robert estimates it will take approximately another three weeks to clean up what has been left behind and burn or mulch any the foliage that is still lying on the ground.

Robert commented that all members and anyone willing to volunteer their time is welcome to come along and help out, as with many hands as possible, the course may be playable again very soon.

"We're hoping before the end of the month, we'll be playing golf there," said Robert.

Although there may be a few hazards players will need to be aware of, such as machinery ruts that need to be filled, cautions and rules will be in place to keep people safe.

The course's greens and tees are still being mowed regularly to maintain grass coverage and where possible fairway are being mowed to maintain the conditions.

The Mirboo North Golf Club Committee would like to acknowledge and thank all of the West and South Gippsland golf clubs who continue to make their facilities and competitions available to Mirboo North golfers.

Korumburra women thrilled as exciting move looms

KORUMBURRA Women's Shed and Gallery, set to open in the town's railway precinct, will be a hub of creativity, at which practical skills will also be taught, all in a friendly environment that promotes positive mental health.

Lease documents have been submitted to VicTrack, which recently renovated the building the women will occupy, with South Gippsland Shire Council and local politicians supporting the lease application.

Once the lease is confirmed, the women will move in and set up, bringing in work benches and buying more tools.

They already have a good collection of donated tools in storage.

"We're an incorporated body, we've got money in the bank and we're ready to go," the Shed's president Jen Belsar said, clearly delighted by the prospect.

She previously opened a Women's Shed in the Melbourne suburb of Alphington before relocating to Korumburra, and has since run 'Women on Tools' courses auspiced through Milpara Community House, having identified there was nothing comparable for women in the area.

Basic carpentry, power tool use and Jen's passion, welding, will be among the practical skills women can learn at



Korumburra Women's Shed president Jen Belsar and committee members Linda Fisher, Marion Brown and Gayle Revill can't wait to move into their workshop in the town's railway precinct. A03_2324

the newly refurbished building, which previously housed the town's Men's Shed before its move to the nearby large locomotive shed.

Local women have embraced the idea of having their own shed to such an extent that its 10 committee positions were easily filled, with many others excited about the impending shed opening.

"I knew there'd be women who were keen on it," Jen said, adding that many pondered why they have never learned such practical skills as using power tools, hanging doors, and fixing items.

Middle Korumburra Hotel publican Elyse Fisher is one who has already taken to the opportunities offered through

week where we do woodwork and power tools, another day we do welding and metalwork, and then there'll be a painting day where we have an artists group; we'd love to do pottery," Jen said.

There is a strong social component to establishing the Korumburra Women's Shed and to running the 'Women on Tools' program.

"There are a lot of women like me who have come into the area and didn't know anyone," Jen said.

She runs a Facebook group, 'Gippsland Women in Sheds' that has attracted almost 1000 followers, with Korumburra pub dinners, coffee mornings and art-themed excursions helping bring some of them together in social settings.

Jen stressed that the idea of a women's shed goes well beyond teaching important skills, acting as a community.

"It's a real mental health thing," she said, explaining some women have come out of domestic violence situations, and others are on Work Cover due to post traumatic stress, while there are also professional women who have left the city for a better life.

"There's a whole gamut of women there connecting and supporting each other," Jen said, something that is sure to strengthen when they move into their home.



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A whole community comes to the rescue



Jaxon, the dog which brought many of Venus Bay/Tarwin Lower community members out to help.

WHAT set out to be a relaxing five day stay in Venus Bay for one Melbourne couple turned into a nightmare when their eight month old Border Collie went missing.

Max and Janice Cuddon were strolling on Beach No.3 on Monday May 20 when their pup, Jaxon, who was on a red five metre lead, bolted after some seagulls and disappeared into the dense scrub of the dunes.

Despite calling out to Jaxon he didn't come back.

With help from the general store staff, the couple got a post out on the community Facebook page. PBE Real Estate Agent printed off and laminated posters for the pair and Venus Bay photography flew the drone over the area, but to no avail.

By Tuesday afternoon locals had got word of the missing dog and many were combing the beaches, sand dunes and scrub along with the pair, but Jaxon couldn't be found.

On Wednesday morning the couple were frantic as Max had to leave to go back to Melbourne and Janice didn't want to leave without Jaxon.

"(I thought) I can't leave him,

you know. I don't want him suffering, if he's gone he's gone, but I need to know whether he's alive or dead. And I don't want him suffering, nor do I want him being fully well and left out there," Janice recounts.

They got in touch with Wont-haggi's Rescue to Release who came equipped with thermal imaging binoculars, again to no avail, and many people continued to search, including one Tarwin Lower family and their teenage son.

The teenager, who wishes not to be named, is an animal lover and has helped his mum, a wildlife carer, to look after and find injured wildlife since he was very young.

He possesses good tracking skills and is able to find, follow and distinguish different animal tracks.

The teen followed dog tracks through the scrub, deep into the bush, which he knows well, having grown up there, and further along spotted more dog tracks.

He came across part of the red lead that Jaxon had chewed off and knew he was on the right path.

On hearing a strange noise, the teen crawled through thick bush to check it out, and there, miraculously, was Jaxon crouching down in the scrub.

Soon after, Jaxon was reunited with an extremely grateful Janice.

"The feeling was unbelievable. It was complete joy, but also overwhelming that people would give up their time and search for a dog that they didn't know and for people that they hadn't met," said Janice.

The pair were amazed at the amount of support and help they received over the three days from so many local people.

"We were just a couple of tourists down at Venus Bay with a couple of dogs. And one of them escapes, but the whole community rallied behind us and just went out of their way to help. It was quite extraordinary," said Max.

The Tarwin teenager said he was thrilled to have found Jaxon; who is safely home again and while he is a somewhat reactive to sounds, he is otherwise back to being a normal pup, according to a very relieved and grateful Max and Janice.



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Glenn fixed Nicole's clothes steamer.

Renewed setting for WMS Fixit Café

By Hilary Stuchbery

NEITHER the rain nor the change of time put off customers coming to the WMS Fixit Café recently. Fixers settled comfortably at 10 am into the re-vamped room which is decorated in light, bright colours and worth a look.

The next session is Sunday June 16, from 10am to 12.30pm with the last appointment being 12 pm. We will have electrical fixers, a sewing/mending circle, Graeme looking at clocks, and the support of the members of the Men's Shed who can sharpen tools, knives, and garden equipment as well as assess furniture items for repair if they are not too big.

Items to repair must be small enough to carry and a booking should be made through Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House on 5672 3731.

WMS Fixit Café is an activity of Wonthaggi Men's Shed. Volunteers for other services are always welcome and can make themselves known by contacting the Facebook page for WMS Fixit Café or by leaving their details with Mitchell House. Materials for completing a repair (i.e. leads, plugs etc) are to be supplied by the customer.

There is no charge for the tea, coffee, cake or even the fixing but if a customer is happy with the service, a donation is most welcome to help with running costs.

Tools down at The Block



It's tools down for the cast, and home time for Scott and Shelley as filming wraps until auction time.

IT'S tools down on Justice Road with The Block officially finishing filming on Sunday (June 2) after 13 weeks.

Expected to air on channel Nine right after the Olympic Games, the team behind the scenes have noted that it has been an incredibly positive season thanks to the community support.

"It's been absolutely amazing," Scott Cam stated on Friday as he set off to start packing his own bags.

"All the folks have been so welcoming, and have really looked after us."

"When I walk up the street everyone is so lovely, people say hello or beep their horn, it's been amazing."

Scott will leave for Sydney on Monday after spending three months on the island.

And Scott isn't the only one with a newfound soft spot for the island. The cast, crew, and trades have all cherished their time here, finding neighbours and the community overwhelmingly supportive.

"The last few months here have been nothing but a really wonderful experience for the entire cast and crew," creator and The Block's executive producer Julian Cress said.

"We were so excited to come to Phillip Island to make our 20th season of The Block. It's such a momentous milestone for us, we couldn't have picked a better place to do it. The embrace we have had from the local community has been wonderful and everybody on the crew has really enjoyed being on the Island."

"Some of them have now

decided they want to make it a permanent home, you can't ask for more than that."

During their time on Phillip Island The Block have filmed at an array of locations with many locals eagerly anticipating the final product come August.

These locations include Phillip Island Penguin Parade, Rhyll Jetty and Angling Club, Woolamai Beach and the Woolamai Surf Club, Summerlands Look Out, The Phillip Island Winery, Thompson Avenue, Cowes and Ventnor beaches, Cowes Jetty, Phillip Island Golf Club, Erewhon Point Reserve, Clay & Co, Grumpys Crazy Golf Cowes, Island Surf Boards, Berninnet's gallery space and there's even been time to cast a few fishing lines across the island.

"Over the years we have had to make the show in some pretty tight spaces in the city and obviously we have had friction at times with neighbours and stuff we have had to work out, but Phillip Island we haven't had a single issue with anyone," Julian explained.

"We haven't had one complaint from anyone for what we are doing here."

"Everybody has been fully supportive of The Block and that's something we are grateful and extremely proud of."

A small crew from The Block's building team, Nine In Six, will remain on the island to prepare the houses and site on Justice Road for auction; ensuring it is 100 per cent perfect. There will be no inconvenience to neighbours at this time as it will be a closed site.

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Homeward bound: Michael beats the odds

Living at home is the preferred choice of many older people who don't wish to move to a care facility.

Michael, a kind and quiet soul who lives alone in Hastings, was faced with a daunting reality: after suffering a fall and a hip fracture, followed by subsequent complications, he was told by rehabilitation staff that a residential care facility was his only option.

This news, coupled with the prospect of selling his beloved home, filled Michael with despair. However his fortunes turned a corner when he enlisted the services of Mark & Sylvie's Home Care. "He told me several times that if I can't go home, then I don't want to live like that. I don't want to live anymore," recalls Care Coordinator and Practice Nurse, Hilde Aschehoug.

Mark & Sylvie's Home Care, an approved provider of government funded Home Care Packages, is empowering older people like Michael to live independently at home for as long as possible. Founded by Dr Floyd Gomes, the service honours his migrant parents and integrates health care with daily living assistance.

After a lengthy hospital stay, Michael felt vulnerable. Mark & Sylvie's team stepped in, visiting twice daily to manage his oxygen, catheter, and medication. His home care manager



Home care client, Michael, has a wound dressed by his care coordinator, Hilde.

also arranged for an electric bed and ramps to improve his mobility.

Within two months, Michael was thriving at home, free from medical equipment. Now, he enjoys life at home, surrounded by his beloved garden. "He just misses driving," says Hilde, who helps him with groceries and errands.

Mark & Sylvie's Home Care operates across an ever growing area, with hubs in Hastings, Bangholme and Wonthaggi. They care for people across southeast Melbourne, Gippsland and the wider Peninsula, even as far as Phillip Island.

Mark & Sylvie's tailor care plans to each client's unique needs, collaborating with their GPs, physios, and healthcare team. Their services include personal care, dementia support, telehealth, home maintenance, and transport assistance, just to name a few.

"Our goal is to keep clients comfortable at home," says Hilde, "But we can also help with transitioning to aged care, if needed."

For Michael, Mark & Sylvie's care has been life-changing. "He just wanted to be home," says Hilde. "It's the best feeling to help people live well."

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Visiting guests Sonia Weston, Saoirse Lovett and Steve Parker recently spent time at Wonthaggi Primary School engaging and teaching students during Reconciliation Week.

Wonthaggi Primary celebrates Reconciliation Week

THE Wonthaggi Primary School community recently came together to recognise First Nations peoples and celebrate Reconciliation Week.

The school's Cultural Awareness team, led by Ruth Chambers and with guidance from Boon Wurrung/Bunurong Elder Auntie Fay Muir, has been working with staff and students for several years to embed First Nations perspectives within the school curriculum and everyday learning.

"Listening and learning directly from First Nations people is crucial now more than ever" says Ruth, quoting the theme of this year's Reconciliation Week.

"As a school community, we celebrate the opportunity to add to our knowledge of local history and Cultural practices through storytelling and the arts".

On Tuesday, staff and students highlighted the week with a day of collaborative learning to develop new First Nations knowledge through creative workshop activities, led by local Boon

Wurrung/Bunurong guests, Uncle Steve Parker, Auntie Sonia Weston and Saoirse Lovett.

Students asked questions, heard First Nations stories, held precious artefacts such as a 1000-year-old coolamon and a possum skin cloak, and practiced creative activities including painting, dance and grass weaving.

Uncle Steve, who has been a regular visitor to Wonthaggi Primary School since 2022, says that he had a "deadly cultural day last week and had lots of fun with the bubups", using the Boon Wurrung word for children.

Celebrating Reconciliation Week has become a yearly tradition at Wonthaggi Primary School, allowing staff, students and families to continue learning about First Nations Culture.

"The day looked great for the kids" says Auntie Fay Muir.

"I feel so proud of the next generations that are coming up teaching all kids our culture and history".



Back from left, San Remo Primary School students Alani Hewton, Imogen Thompson, Sienna Frederiks, front from left, Maddie Dominich and Macey Schenk have been learning about Reconciliation Week.

Students immerse in Reconciliation Week

SAN Remo Primary School has been busily educating its students about Reconciliation Week.

In the junior school, the students have been talking about Reconciliation Week and completing a range of activities.

They have read books such as Ceremony and Welcome to Country, and watched a video on reconciliation for kids by kids.

The students also completed the We Walk Together worksheet, drawing the Indigenous and Australian flags.

Sharing aboriginal culture in our thinking and in our values

WONTHAGGI North Primary School welcomed Auntie Melissa McDevitt from the Bunurong Land Council to officiate Reconciliation Week as part of their approach in incorporating Aboriginal perspectives into the curriculum.

Auntie Melissa held a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country on the school grounds and shared stories and experiences. As a whole school, students were engaged in activities that promoted understanding and respect for Aboriginal culture.

Reconciliation Week in schools is an important time for students to learn about and celebrate Aboriginal culture and history. It is a time for students to reflect on the past, recognise the injustices that have occurred, and work towards building positive relationships with Aboriginal communities.

Acting principal Kathy Jones said, "we'll be incorporating Aboriginal culture into our thinking and values; the students have also been studying Australian singer and musician Judith Durham's new Australian national anthem - 'Lyrics for Contemporary Australia', with students analysing the meaning behind the lyrics.

"Schools can help to create a more inclusive and equitable society where all people are respected and valued. Reconciliation Week is an important step towards building a more harmonious and respectful future for all Australians."

The students at Wonthaggi



Wonthaggi North Primary School Captains Amia Titimanu and Tiala Wright welcome Bass MP Jordan Crugnale and Auntie Melissa McDevitt from Bunurong Land Council for Reconciliation Week. Z03_2324

North Primary School proudly showcased their study of indigenous artists at their special Reconciliation Week assembly, displaying their own artwork that incorporated a variety of art elements, with texture and colour being two key components.

Texture in indigenous art is often created through the use of different materials such as bark, feathers, or beads, which add a tactile quality to the artwork. This can create a sense of depth and dimension, adding richness and complexity to the overall composition.

Colour is a crucial element in indigenous paintings, with many artists using a vibrant and bold palette to convey their cultural heritage and connection to the land.

The students were representing the symbolic colours that hold deep meaning within indigenous cultures, representing elements such as the earth, sky, water, and fire.

Studying indigenous artists and hearing from Auntie Melissa McDevitt from the Bunurong Land Council can help to foster greater appreciation and respect for indigenous culture and its important role in preserving cultural traditions.

The culture classroom leaders also had the opportunity to address the assembly and share what they each enjoyed about this year's Reconciliation Week theme 'Now More Than Ever', with most sharing that the experience of the smoking ceremony was their favourite.

Auntie Melissa McDevitt shared that the meaningful and educational experience helps to foster a sense of unity and inclusivity within the school community, as the students are the ones to share the story for generations to come.

Newhaven College participates in Reconciliation Week

NOW in its fourth year, Newhaven College's students, staff and parents joined together to walk the school oval as a sign of solidarity and respect for our First Nations Peoples.

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 the region's Indigenous history with an acknowledgement of the Boon Wurrung/Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of Country.

The college acknowledgement is read by staff, teachers or students before all gatherings at Newhaven College.

The Newhaven College community used their feet to show their respect and support for Reconciliation Week, with the whole school community walking around the oval to raise awareness and support the reconciliation process.

Year 8 student River Hume, a Boon Wurrung of the Yallock-Bulluk clan, welcomed everyone to Country before the walk began.

After the Long Walk, junior and middle school students participated in class activities while learning more about reconciliation and what it means.

Reconciliation Week is one of the most important weeks in the



Prep teacher Fiona Smart is pictured with junior school students leading the walk with the 'Now More Than Ever' banner, William Lee, Edward Lee, Eden Hallas, Chloe Shapardon and Agatha Andrianopoulos at Newhaven College.

Newhaven College calendar.

It is important to teach young people to be respectful and to create and strengthen relationships with Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders.

Everyone has so much to learn from the oldest living culture in the world, especially about how we should be looking after the land and seas.

This year's theme of 'Now More Than Ever' is a reminder to all Australians that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of First Nations peoples will, and must, continue.

It encourages us to question ourselves and to reflect on our actions and our words to ensure we are using our voices for truth-telling and building strong communities.



Year 8 student River Hume, a Boon Wurrung of the Yallock-Bulluk clan, welcomed everyone to Country before the Reconciliation Walk began.

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Charlie and Evelyn on the beach with their winning designs.

Hoodie heros inspire action for conservation

THE arrival of cold weather brings another breeding season for hooded plovers to a close, and with it the end of the Sharing our Shores campaign on Phillip Island, which featured posters designed by local school children to raise awareness for vulnerable wildlife visiting the coast over summer.

The campaign led by Phillip Island Nature Parks in partnership with Bass Coast Shire Council and the Conservation Regulator helped educate coastal visitors about sharing the beach safely with wildlife and promote small actions they could take to support the survival of threatened species, including the beach-nesting hooded plover. Hooded plovers are small native birds that nest in sand dunes and raise their chicks along the high tide line between October and May. They are classified as vulnerable in Victoria and face significant risks from beach users and their dogs.

In 2023-24, there were 10 successful fledglings from 12 hooded plover breeding pairs on Phillip Island (Mallowl), and although there were six fewer pairings this season, the fledging rate still exceeded national benchmarks.

Jon Fallaw, Conservation Ranger at Phillip Island Nature Parks, said the local community plays a vital role in safeguarding these tiny, yet mighty shorebirds.

"To help the hoodies through the busy summer, rangers alert beachgoers about nesting activity while volunteers assist by monitoring birds. When eggs are found a simple nest refuge is put up that includes signage, rope fences and perhaps chick shelters," said Mr Fallaw.

As part of the Sharing our Shores campaign, local school children are encouraged to participate in a poster design competition to be 'A Hoodie Hero' with the winning entries used in campaign advertising.

Kate Adams, Community Impact Manager at Phillip Island Nature Parks, said starting environmental awareness early is a key part of successful conservation.

"It's great that kids can learn about protecting nesting shorebirds and share with their communities the importance of working together to ensure these species have a safe haven to breed in each year," Ms Adams said.

The poster competition was run again recently for the 2024-25 campaign, and after a tough selection process from so many fantastic entries, four winners have now been awarded.

- Evelyn Rose – Newhaven College – winner grade 1 and 2
- Charlie – Newhaven College – winner grade 3 and 4
- Evelyn – Newhaven College – winner grade 5 and 6
- Harvey – Cowes Primary School – winner grade 5 and 6

The winning artworks were chosen for their creative approach to fostering harmonious relationships between all humans and animals on our beautiful beaches.

Harvey, the grade 5 and 6 winner from Cowes Primary School, said he's loved making artwork since he was two years old and enjoyed the challenge of entering the competition. Prep winner Evelyn Rose said she entered because she wanted to protect the hoodies and always keeps her dog on a lead.

To find out more about threatened species programs for our island haven, download the Threatened-Species-Report-2023.pdf (penguins.org.au)



Ben and Elyse Fisher welcomed former Melbourne player David Neitz to the Korumburra Middle pub for the FightMND Big Freeze 10 event. Z49_2324



The South Gippsland community took the plunge to raise awareness for the fight against MND. Z50_2324

Korumburra's 'Say.Do' Big Freeze 10 against MND



Adam Fisher hit the tank at the Korumburra Middle Hotel supporting the fight against MND. Z51_2324

THE Korumburra community showed enormous generosity on Sunday (June 2) taking the plunge to raise awareness of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) with special guest – former Melbourne player David Neitz among the crowd cheering on those game enough to get in the tank.

Co-ordinators Ben and Elyse Fisher had immense support from the local community, with business owners, coaches, players, umpires and even South Gippsland Shire Councillors – John Schelling and Jennie Kerie submerging themselves for the Big Freeze.

FightMND was established to find effective treatment for the disease that can take someone's life within 27 months of diagnosis, and the community were open and willing to get involved with over 20 people signed up to go under.

"I'd just like to welcome David Neitz, David has had a lot to do with MND and the Daniher family through the Melbourne Football Club and I thank him for

coming down today," said Ben.

David has worked with Neale as an ambassador for FightMND since the beginning and said this year is really special.

"It's a beast of a disease, but Neale is still with us ten years on, and the awareness he has raised and everything he has done to bring people hope through clinical trials and everything that is happening right now – it wouldn't have happened without the fundraising," said David.

"You all as part of the Korumburra community have been enormous in your generosity and support."

One dollar from every pint was donated to the cause and there was a sea of blue Big Freeze beanies in the crowd. The community stood by the 'Say.Do' campaign this year and really let their actions speak louder than words – plunging into the coldest ice bath. To do your bit visit fightmnd.org.au and buy a beanie before the Melbourne Big Freeze on Monday, June 10.

Dalyston FNC took the plunge for MND

THE Dalyston and Phillip Island Football Netball Club community did their bit and took the plunge to raise awareness for the fight against Motor Neurone Disease (MND) during round eight at the Dalyston Football ground.

Organiser Dee Connell encouraged coaches, players, umpires and family to support those affected by MND with all players wearing Big Freeze socks on the court and on the ground, and blue beanies spanning the crowd.

Investing in research continues to be the best weapon against this disease, but it's expensive and takes time – so ten years on, this fight needs everyone playing as a team.

These two clubs made their actions louder than words, with the community getting behind this fight, fundraising with each plunge – truly making an impact with this year's theme 'Say. Do'.

Phillip Island Football Netball

Club got behind the cause with Dalyston, dunking some of their favourite coaches and players – whether it be those directly affected by MND or supporting those who are. On the court and on the ground, they were competing but, in the tank, it was all for a good cause.

Past president of the Dalyston Football Netball club Paul Dunlop teamed up with the club for their first Big Freeze event.

"It was a great day and together the clubs raised \$6500 towards MND," said Paul.

"In starting the fundraising towards MND research to find a cure, Neale Daniher said, 'raise money but have fun whilst doing it,'" said Paul.

"My brother Jack and I have been a part of the Daniher Drive for the past five years – we're in our sixth year now and Jack has raised over \$100,000 towards MND after he lost his best mate five years ago. The drive takes place over four days with groups travelling

interstate to raise vital funds. Last year the drive raised over \$2 million."

"Our group is 'Hood Winkers' and we'll be taking the drive again this October," said Paul.

"I just want to thank the football clubs for getting behind this cause – Jack's mate passed away just 22 months after being diagnosed and to join forces with the club that's always been home to me, and my family is great!"

"I'll always be a part of the Dalyston FNC, it was where my father played and coached, it's where my brothers and I played and I was president for 10 years – it's like my second home," Paul explained. "All credit to the FNC for running the event."

The Daniher's Drive – FightMND's annual regional road will kick off on Thursday, October 10 until Sunday, October 13, travelling through Bendigo, Warrnambool and Lorne. To donate visit fightmnd.org.au.



Dalyston's Kurt Thomas fights for MND in round 8. Z40_2324

EOFY SAVINGS

Your end of financial year checklist

AS THE end of the financial year (EOFY) approaches, there are plenty of deals for consumers, but businesses should also ensure they stay on top of key year-end tasks.

This month businesses face a critical period requiring the completion of bookkeeping, tax returns, and strategic planning for the upcoming fiscal year. To ensure a smooth transition, businesses can utilise the following checklist from business.gov.au to get your business organised and work smarter in the year ahead.

Check what tasks you need to complete

Some of the yearly tasks you need to do as a small business owner may include:

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- conducting a stocktake – learn about stocktakes and assets on the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) website
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Don't get caught out this end of financial year as a small business – stay up to date with key year end tasks.

computers.

To claim business deductions, you must maintain records to substantiate your expenses. Sole traders can conveniently use the ATO app's myDeductions tool to track business income and expenses throughout the year.

As the financial year ends, consider writing off any debtors or assets to maximise your tax deductions. Additionally, explore the various tax concessions available to support small businesses and see if you can benefit from any before the financial year concludes.

Make sure your tax agent is registered

Check your tax agent is registered with the Tax Practitioners Board (TPB).

There are two main ways you can check registration:

- Search the TPB register.
- Look for the registered tax practitioner symbol on their website, stationery, brochures or business cards. The registered tax practitioner symbol includes the type of registration and their individual registration number.

Keep up-to-date with tax changes

Each year, there may be tax changes you need to be aware of, including updates to tax laws, deductions, and concessions for small businesses.

Your tax professional can help you understand these changes, or you can stay informed by subscribing to the ATO's small business newsroom.

Review your finances

Spend some time reviewing your finances by yourself, or with your accountant or bookkeeper. Look at whether you met your targets and what you can do differently next financial year.

Be wary of tax refund scams

There are a number of scams that target small business around tax time. Common tax time scams include:

- tax refund scams – the scammer claims you've overpaid your taxes and are eligible for a refund. To get this refund, they claim that you need to pay a fee for administration or transfer costs.
- tax owed scams – the scammer claims you've underpaid your tax and need to repay it immediately. In order to make this payment, they ask for your credit or debit card details, or ask you to send money through a money transfer, or they may ask you to purchase iTunes cards and send them the details of the cards.

Review your business and marketing plans

Take time to set yourself

up for the year ahead. Regularly reviewing and updating your plans will help you to:

- remember your goals and priorities
- assess whether your strategies are working
- adapt to any changes in your environment
- make the most of new opportunities as they come your way
- prioritise and maximise your effort (work smarter, not harder).

Review your business structure

As your business grows and expands, you may decide to change or restructure your business. Keep in mind that compliance and taxation regulations vary depending on your business structure.

Check your insurances

If your circumstances change, you may need to update your level of insurance cover. Carefully read the product disclosure statements (PDS) for your insurance policies and don't assume you're covered.

A broker can work with your business to ensure you get the best deal from an insurance company.



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Sentinel-Times COMMENT

Regions should be guaranteed their share

WE heard during the week that regional Victoria has been seriously short-changed in the State Government's budget.

The Opposition has claimed that despite the fact that new data has confirmed more people are leaving Melbourne in favour of regional centres, the government continues to underfund infrastructure and services beyond the metropolitan boundary.

It seems they've over committed on Melbourne's major projects and, out of sight, out of mind, the regions miss out.

"The Regional Movers Index highlights Geelong and Ballarat as growing destinations for city movers in a shift that is now significantly more than a COVID trend," said Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Peter Walsh.

"It comes at a time when the government allocated just two per cent of its \$98 billion budget to regional areas," said Mr Walsh, describing the difference between the two as an "alarming gulf".

In effect, the government is spending just two per cent of infrastructure funding on regional Victorians even though it is home to 25 per cent of the state's population – which is increasing given the new Regional Movers Index data.

Anecdotally, we see that locally in many areas; not enough health professionals in our hospitals, delayed and underfunded roadworks, too few teachers in our schools, poor public transport, not enough progress being made on the community housing crisis, underfunding of tourism promotion, poor land management and a lack of sporting and community facilities.

Two cases in point include the inadequate swimming centre for a growing population in Wonthaggi and the almost complete lack of recreation facilities on Phillip Island, especially an aquatic centre and more sports ovals.

And there's also the promised funding for Stage II of the Wonthaggi Hospital and the San Remo Primary School rebuild, to name a few more.

There are signs that Melbourne's growth plan is bringing benefits to the regions but there needs to be a set amount of budget funding quarantined for the regions, 25 per cent for 25 per cent of the population so that we don't have to go through this argument again every few years or so.

All nominees deserve recognition

ON THURSDAY May 30, I went as the guest of a Community Service Volunteer to celebrate at the Bass Coast Community Service Awards presentation night.

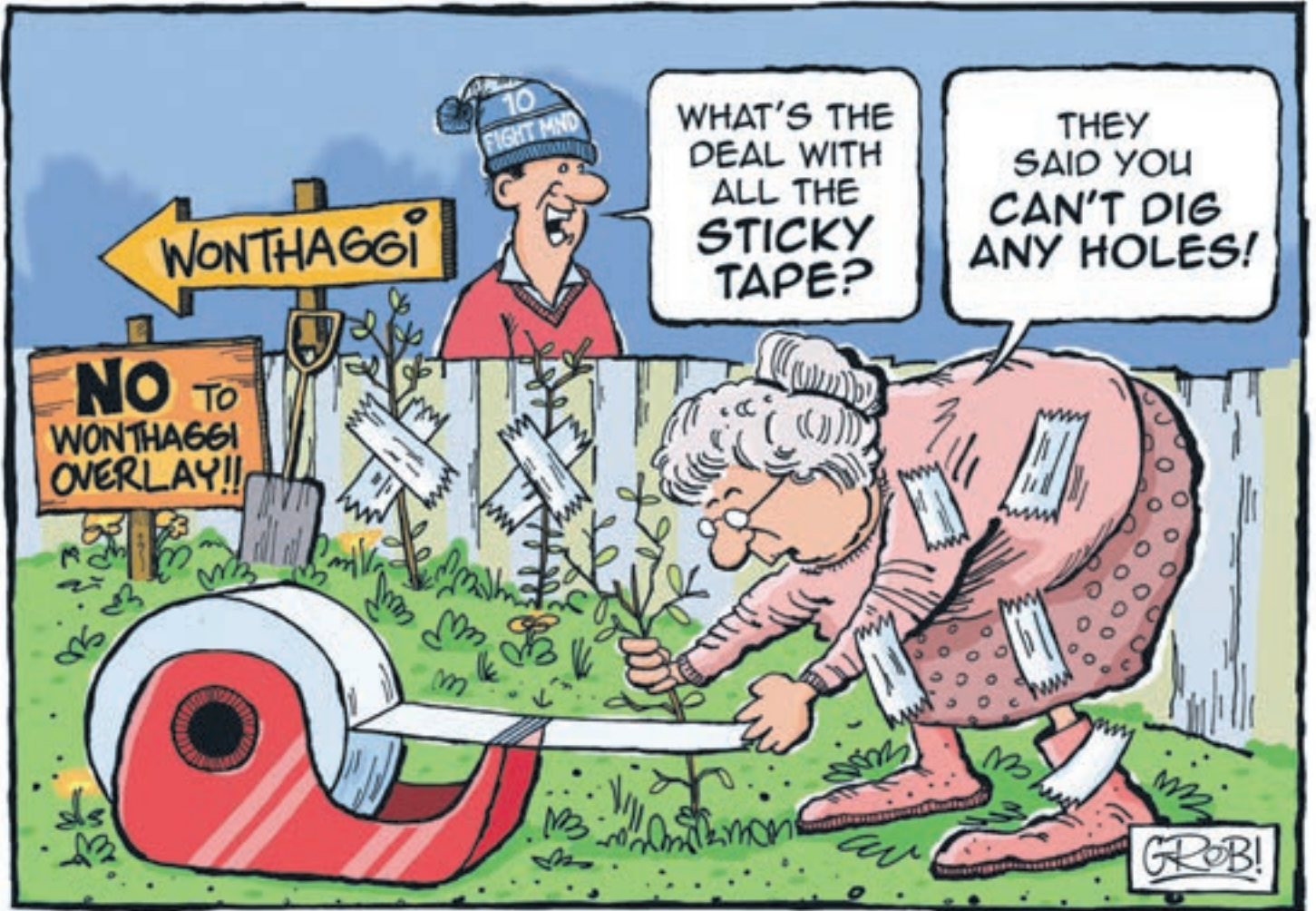
It was dark and raining along the road to Cowes and the bad-tempered commuter traffic prompted, in me, the thought that it was warm and comfortable at home.

We sat in a quarter full and rather cheerless auditorium at Berninnet.

The Bass Coast CEO, Greg Box; Mayor Clare Le Serve; and Councillor Brett Tessari welcomed us and proceeded with their program.

On the big screen the first community group names were projected. One was highlighted as the 'category winner'.

At that moment I became aware that I



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Vox Pop

How has trading been given the current economic conditions?



Lara
Paperplay Inverloch Newsagency
"Business is down because I think people are tightening their belts. We have noticed it last six months."



Jac Wass
That Eco Place, Inverloch
"Generally, retail is flat is what I'm hearing. Generally, it's flat or down. People are moderating."



Taryn Currie
Soleil Skin and Beauty, Inverloch
"We've been here six months and it's increased a lot. Some weeks are good, some are patchy. But it's been pretty steady."



Roxanne Thomson
Cafe Al Mare, Inverloch
"It's the worst it's been for the last five years. We're offering free donuts just to get people in to buy their coffee."

was attending a "knockout competition".

A feeling of shame and dismay swept over me.

I wholeheartedly congratulate the "winners" for their community service, but I also feel embarrassed for those who were, in my mind, so callously rejected.

I had no indication during the nomination process, that there would be 'winners' and the rest would not get full public recognition.

Nominees were asked individually to stand, while one of our civic leaders read from their nomination sheet.

I acknowledge that applause was forthcoming, but there were only four certificates/awards presented.

At very least, they should all have received a certificate of appreciation from the Shire, and have their names shared with the ratepayer public.

I have written to the mayor and councillor to express my dismay over the process of this event. It was not advertised as a 'volunteer of the year' competition.

A concerned citizen

Passivhaus or not?

THE assurance by Bass Coast council that Berninnet will meet the strict Passivhaus environmental certification standards, is not worth a pinch of salt.

We only must look at promises made by council and councillors.

- In 2016 mayor Pamela Rothfield statement a pool for Phillip Island was a priority.
- 2021 mayor Michael Whelan cost of new Cowes Cultural Centre \$22 million?
- 2023 comment by mayor Claire Le Serve on the abandonment of the Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach Special Charge Scheme move to the next priority?

The assurances given by council and councillors are all porkies.

I am prepared to put my money where my mouth is if Berninnet achieves Passivhaus certification I will donate one hundred dollars (\$100) to a Philip Island charity nominated by the mayor.

Are any of the Bass Coast councillors up to the challenge to donate one hundred dollars (\$100) if the next test fails?

John Trigt, Surf Beach



The fast-approaching rainstorm captured over French Island towards Grantville.
Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography

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.

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

SO, HAVE you sorted what you want to purchase at the Wonthaggi Food Collective? Yes? Good move, it's one of the ways to help you keep your food costs down. For those not in the know, the WFC happens every second Saturday of the month at Mitchell House, 11am to 1pm. This local group buys food in bulk and then distributes it at a low mark up to its members. Ring Michael Nugent on 0416 039 933 or email him at Wonthaggi-Coop@gmail.com for the stock list and other information. It's on this Saturday, June 8.

Every second Friday of the month, from 1pm to 2.30pm the Bass Coast Parkinson's Support Group meet for those and their families dealing with this disabling condition. Parkinson's is a neurological disorder with a complex range of symptoms unique to each individual. Living with Parkinson's can be extremely isolating and challenging for both individuals and their families. While the Parkinson's journey is a deeply personal experience, it doesn't have to be undertaken alone. To enrol contact Fight Parkinson's Vic. on 1800 644 189. They meet next week on Friday June 14.

These days, anything we can do to reduce our financial outgoings must be a good thing, right? Well, with that in mind and the possibility that you have feelings for your broken item, there is the Fixit Café every third Sunday of the month. The next one is on Sunday June 16, 10am to 12noon. It is a Wonthaggi Men's Shed initiative, providing venue and fixing expertise, with the booking-in help from Mitchell House. Booking is essential, one piece per person. Please call MH on 5672 3731 or email reception@wonthaggi-neighbourhood-centre.com to make an appointment time for your repair. You must be able to carry your item (so forget about that huge great grandfather clock) and provide any new parts needed. Good luck to your item and its new life.

Remember there is a Free Community Lunch on Wednesdays at 12noon, call Mitchell House to book yourself in. Now, when it comes down to deciding if the lovely lunch at the WNC, packed with fresh food and prepared with consummate culinary skill is to be on your dining experience in your weight management journey, then come along to our Weight Management Group.

They hold a friendly informal weekly meeting and discuss how their week has been and provide support to one another. Accountability is probably the best tool on this quest and doing it with a friendly group of people is a good way to start.

They meet Tuesday evenings from 5pm to 6pm, due to dark and possibly cold weather of winter evenings. Having said that, haven't we been having lovely sunny autumn days lately, rainy ones notwithstanding.

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



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LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

LEONGATHA Community House is a vibrant hub nestled in the heart of Leongatha offering a diverse range of programs designed with our community in mind. Whether you're interested in educational workshops, social gatherings, fitness classes, or creative arts, there's something for everyone.

Leongatha Community House is more than just a physical space; it's a place where people of all abilities, backgrounds, and ages come together.

The Term 2, 2024 program is well and truly underway running until June 28.

From Tuesday's Women's Group to All Abilities Low Impact Self Defence and the NDIS Afterschool Social Group, to the Over 60's exercise classes and LCH Wednesday Walkers there is plenty on offer.

The community house offers a variety of craft groups. The Knitting and Crochet Group welcomes both beginners and experienced crafters to share their enjoyment of these crafts every first Sunday of the month.

The Sewing and Patchworking Group is a place to design, sew, and finish off your projects with others, and it meets every Tuesday.

The Craft in Company group invites you to bring along your works in progress or unfinished objects to progress them in good company over a cuppa every Thursday. For those who want to learn how to sew, alter, or make clothes, the Beginners Sewing class is available every Thursday.

In addition to craft groups, there are also special interest groups. The Monthly Friendship Group meets every second Monday of the month for fun, laughter, and support. The Ukulele Jam is a place for both beginners and experienced ukulele players to practice and have fun every Monday.

The Beginners Conversazioni in Italiano offers an opportunity to learn, practice, and improve your Italian fluency every Friday during the school term. The Leongatha Dungeons and Dragons Group invites you to join them for amazing adventures and to explore new worlds every Saturday.

The LCH Photography Group meets every third Wednesday of the month for those interested in photography. Other groups include Mahjong, LCH Solo Card Group, Creative Writing and Story Telling, LCH Gardening Group, and Book Club/Book Chat.

There are many ways to get involved with your local Community House.

- Become a member where your membership supports our programs and activities.
- Attend our workshops, classes, and events, learn new skills, make friends, and engage with others.
- Contribute your time and skills by volunteering. Volunteering is a rewarding way to give back to the community.
- Pop by for a cuppa and a chat. Our friendly staff and volunteers are always ready to welcome you.

Join us as we celebrate Neighbourhood House Week, we invite you to explore what Leongatha Community House has to offer. Visit us at 16 Bruce Street, Leongatha or give us a call at 5662 3962. Let's build connections, learn, and thrive together!

Leongatha Community House – YOUR community house!



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YES YOUTH HUB

THIS week we would like to open by introducing you to the Bass Coast Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

We have a bright team of youth who are always ready to contribute to your favorite and loved, even new events to keep you preoccupied and on the edge of your seat for some YES Youth Hub (YYH) fun!

The YAC has some big and exciting events in the planning stages – our friendly group ensure our events will be not only safe but fun while still having intriguing twists. More about our amazing youth team here at the YYH: We have ten new, interesting, and some familiar faces here at the YAC team, our returning team consists of: Bailey, Harper, Sofia, Jacinta, Levi, Rya, Taliah, Riley, and our two new faces on the team are Oliver and Sophie.

Our next event will be Rainbow Alley. The YES Youth Hub, the Y Bass Coast, FReeZA, and HEY! invite LBTQIA+ young people and their allies (aged 12 – 17 ONLY) to attend Rainbow Alley! Come join the YES Youth Hub team for our first HEY! event of the season and hang out with your mates for a mental arvo of fun and celebration at Phillip Island Tenpin and Entertainment! Follow our socials for more details.

At the request of our YAC, it has been requested that we submit a small overview of what a week at the YYH looks like. So here we go:

Monday: The Drop In was open and Monday Meals were provided for young people. This week we served a delicious Chilli Con Carne plus a fruit and vegetable platter provided by Wonthaggi Boxing Club.

Tuesday: Oliver and Levi from our YAC came down and assisted us with our weekly marketing (including this article). We restocked the free community youth pantry thanks to Open Doors and Bass Coast YMCA.

Wednesday: Group interviews were held for our new Skate Coaching team and a local band "Pointless Preachers" practiced in the rehearsal space.

Thursday: The YAC met at the YYH to discuss all issues relating young people and share these concerns/compliments with our staff and Bass Coast Shire Council.

The YES Youth Hub is a community project managed by the YMCA Bass Coast on behalf of Bass Coast Shire Council and young people. It provides a safe, welcoming and inclusive space for young people aged 12 to 25 living in the Bass Coast. We are located at 76 Watt Street, Wonthaggi and our Drop-In is open on Monday to Thursday between 2.30pm – 5.30pm. So please come on down and check out the space during Drop-In.

You can find us on Instagram or Facebook on the following handles @YESYouthHub @basscoast.freeza @basscoast-skateparks @basscoastymca #engage!

Big thanks to Oliver Jobe and Levi Simon



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@YESYouthHub



MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

WE ARE starting to look towards Term 3 Classes. We are open to anyone who has knowledge and can offer time to teach others. If you have a skill you can share from anything like playing an instrument to graphic design and anything in between, we would love to hear from you.

If you are a repairer or maker we are calling for interested fixers to be involved in a Fix It Café for people to drop in with items in need of repair in a relaxed environment.

We are also seeking someone with reading and writing skills they can share.

Please get in touch and speak with our Program coordinator.

We still have our Test and Tag accreditation class open for enrolments.

And of course, our ongoing classes – Magic of the Hook, Milpara Singers, Walking group and more.

Book for any of these, and others online via our Milpara website course bookings page – milparacommunityhouse.org.au/bookings-and-activity-page

It is so important to stay connected with your community and enjoy the benefits.

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Celebrating the dedicated doctors as new era marked

FOR over 60 years Leongatha Healthcare (previously Leongatha Medical Group) have been providing the sole medical workforce for the Leongatha Hospital. This included the provision of emergency after hours care, delivering babies and postnatal care, providing anaesthetic services for visiting surgeons and caring for patients on the ward.

April 1st this year marked the end of an era when the Leongatha Hospital (GSHS), with full support from Leongatha Healthcare, moved to an employment model to provide the workforce for all of these services. Many of the doctors who consult at Leongatha Healthcare will also continue to work at the Leongatha Hospital under this new model.

Leongatha Healthcare acknowledge the dedication of the doctors from their clinic who have been supporting the hospital 24/7 for over 60 years. Following on from the decades of dedicated service by former local GPs Michael Bourke, Mario Croatto, Ron Eagger, Alec Bennet, Kee Chiam, Tim and Joy Linton, Tim Lowe and Russell Conway. Many of Leongatha Healthcare's current doctors continued their legacy by dedicating themselves to providing quality hospital care to our community day and night, including but certainly not limited to doctors Graham Toohill, Hugh Chisholm, Chris Perry, Sewellyn Gale and Chris Webster who have given up many hours of sleep and weekends with family to care for the community they live in.

Their dedication in continuing to turn up for their clinic sessions even if they were called out in the early hours of the morning for a medical emergency or an emergency caesarean section has been amazing.

Leongatha Healthcare's admin team did an incredible job with the endless task of coordinating doctors for clinic sessions, 21 on-call shifts per week and anaesthetists for multiple theatre sessions per week.

"Thank you to our patients who have been very understanding over the years when our doctors have been called away to attend to emergency situations at the hospital," Leongatha Healthcare noted in a statement released on Friday.

"Their understanding helped our team with the difficult task of rescheduling your appointments.

"Leongatha Healthcare wish Leongatha hospital well with the new medical model and we look forward to the new opportunities it provides for healthcare in our South Gippsland community."

Leongatha Healthcare now have an increased opportunity to develop further preventative healthcare programs and increased appointment availability for their patients.

"We continue to offer antenatal, post-natal, pre-anaesthetic consultations as well as all existing services.

"Leongatha Healthcare is proud to have been a collaborative partner with Gippsland Southern Health Services in establishing this new medical model for our community."

Surgery boost at Wonthaggi Hospital

BASS Coast Health continues to bring more medical expertise onboard at the Wonthaggi Hospital to provide the community with greater levels of care, close to home.

The public healthcare service has welcomed new Clinical Director of Surgery, Dr Senthil Kumar (Kumar) Sundaramurthy, an experienced surgeon who will provide governance of our surgical services to ensure patient safety.

Dr Sundaramurthy studied medicine in India and completed surgical training in Scotland, before doing further training at Monash Health in Melbourne. He has been a General Surgeon at Monash and Peninsula Health, and is particularly interested in advanced laparoscopic surgery, endoscopy, and hernia and gallbladder surgery.

He is attracted to BCH because he grew up in rural India, and is keen to be able to serve and be part of a fantastic growing community.

"Everyone at BCH has been so friendly and approachable, and they're very keen to help. I don't feel like I'm in a strange place. I feel like I'm at home," Dr Sundaramurthy said.

"The new theatre facilities at Wonthaggi Hospital are second to none and modern in comparison to city hospitals and



New Clinical Director of Surgery Dr Kumar Sundaramurthy, left, in the Recovery Area at Wonthaggi Hospital with Surgical Registrar Teddy Lim, Associate Nurse Unit Managers Stephanie Dunn and Kim Chetland, and Registered Nurse Julian Sarmiento.

across Australia."

Dr Sundaramurthy is looking forward to growing surgical capacity at BCH to make sure more people can get their surgery locally. His arrival comes soon after BCH began offering more surgery to patients in the local community.

Bass Coast Health's surgical

teams are now performing shoulder replacements and endoscopic oesophageal stents in the new, state-of-the-art Theatres at Wonthaggi.

BCH offers consultations with many medical specialists at Wonthaggi Hospital and the Phillip Island Health Hub, and provides an extensive range of

surgery at Wonthaggi.

To learn more, see basscoasthealth.org.au/specialists/search

Patients wishing to see a specialist at BCH can ask their medical practitioner to fax a referral to the relevant speciality to 9102 5307 or email it to Access@basscoasthealth.org.au

BCH joins six health services to debunk clinical trial myths

REGIONAL and rural access to clinical trials has increased significantly over the last four years thanks to a pilot program called TrialHub.

Bass Coast Health (BCH) is one of six Victorian regional, rural and outer metro health services currently participating in the program, which is supporting each health service with what they need to be able to open their own clinical trial unit.

The program, based at Alfred Health, was established in 2020 with the goal of reducing the mental and financial burden on patients of having to travel to a metro centre for a clinical trial.

The TrialHub program, which is funded by the Australian Government, leverages The Alfred Hospital's clinical trial expertise to provide financial support as well as on-the-ground workforce upskilling and education, clinical trial operational and governance guidance, clinical trial awareness, and help with the identification of clinical trials suitable to each health service.

Clinical trials can give patients early access to treatment that has been proven successful well before it's available to the public.

They can improve quality of



BCH Clinical Trials Governance Officer, Lyn Corrigan, appears in a special video about clinical trials now available on Bass Coast Health's website.

life for a range of diseases and help to find new and improved treatment. They are crucial to modern medicine and the healthcare system. They are run under strict protocols and participants must first pass eligibility criteria, after which they are closely monitored.

BCH opened its first clinical trial in 2021. BCH Clinical Trials Governance Officer, Lyn Corrigan, said the future for clinical trials is exciting at BCH.

"We are growing our team and capabilities to be able to open more trials, and new jobs have been created in clinical trials,

which provides new career pathways for our workforce," she said.

"This means we can soon look forward to inviting our community to participate in more clinical trials.

"Our long-term goal is to establish a clinical trials centre of excellence that delivers high quality research."

Lyn also describes the TrialHub support over the last few years as invaluable.

"The TrialHub mentorship has been instrumental as we grow our clinical trials workforce and implement governance

processes to ensure the high quality and safety of the clinical trials that we conduct," she said.

"We now offer clinical trials locally and with the ongoing support of TrialHub, we look forward to expanding our program and continuing to improve clinical trial access and the patient experience for our regional community."

As part of International Clinical Trials Day on May 20, BCH joined six other Victorian health services for a special video about clinical trials.

Low awareness of clinical trials is one of the biggest reasons people don't participate in clinical trials. This year, seven health services working with TrialHub – Alfred Health, Bass Coast Health, Latrobe Regional Health, Mildura Base Public Hospital, Northern Health, Bendigo Health, and Peninsula Health – have come together to create a unique video to debunk clinical trials and to celebrate the progress that's been made outside of metro Melbourne to increase access to clinical trials closer to home.

To watch the video, and to learn about clinical trials at BCH, go to basscoasthealth.org.au/services/bch-clinical-trials-and-research

Measles, mpox warning for Victorians planning overseas travel

VICTORIANS planning overseas travel this winter are being urged to ensure their routine and travel vaccinations are up to date.

The call comes amid an increasing number of returned travellers to Victoria presenting with vaccine-preventable travel-related illnesses, such as measles and mpox.

Ten measles cases have been reported in Victoria this year, five of which were from

returned overseas travellers, with a further five linked to those cases.

Meanwhile, there has been a local outbreak of mpox with cases reported in Victoria this year which were acquired from overseas travel.

Victorian Chief Health Officer Dr Clare Looker said anyone planning travel overseas should seek advice from their doctor before booking.

"It's best to see your doctor six

to eight weeks before you travel to ensure you have the best protection," Dr Looker said.

"This includes anyone travelling to visit friends and family, or people travelling to their countries of birth."

There has also been an increase in mpox cases at many popular travel destinations in the northern hemisphere.

GPs can advise on travel health and vaccine-preventable diseases, such as influenza and

COVID-19, gastrointestinal illnesses, hepatitis A and typhoid as can pharmacists participating in the Community Pharmacy Prescribing Pilot.

"Any returned traveller who develops illness after returning home, such as a fever, new rash or diarrhoea, should seek medical advice immediately," she said.

For more health tips for overseas travel, visit the Better Health Channel.

Wackadoo let's go cruise: Shitbox 2024 winter rally

THE Wonthaggi Shitbox team are taking part in the 2024 winter rally that will kick off in Altona on June 15.

Nathan Laurens and Daniel Macafee have a goal to raise \$15,000 – they'll travel through outback towns and on less travelled roads over seven days before finishing up in Alice Springs on June 21.

Nathan is a Chef at Inverloch Coast Care Community, and Daniel, a Finance Manager at Bay City Auto Group. Nathan had always wanted to take part in the annual fundraiser; sharing that he had his email registered for around seven years before he submitted a team.

"Then in 2020 I lost my uncle to Urothelial carcinoma (cancer in the bladder) so in 2022 I decided to submit a team and got accepted," said Nathan.

"This will be my third rally. We have since lost my partner's grandfather and my stepmum to cancer, so the rallies have even more meaning now."

Daniel has unfortunately also lost family and friends to cancer. So, he is enthusiastic for his first rally.

"Together we have already raised \$12,067, that's currently the highest we have done so far," said Nathan.

This year's car is a 2005 Kia Pregio van; a five-speed manual with a diesel engine, generously donated by Island Mowing.

"Friends of mine brought the business and took over,



Wonthaggi Shitbox Rally team Nathan Laurens and Daniel Macafee with their 2005 Kia Pregio van donated by Island Mowing.

so when they went to transfer the van into their name, it failed the roadworthy due to condition and rust. So, I brought it home and put it in the shed. I did all the rust repairs in my own time, and I had to completely remove all the interior and dashboard to get the heater controls working again," said Nathan.

"It needed all new carpet and seats, so, I did a few trips to the wreckers, and after six months of work we got it through a roadworthy; it's now painted in the bluey theme like my other rally car. The van will have more room for spare parts and

our camping gear."

In an attempt to reach their \$15,000 goal, Nathan and Daniel have fundraised in the local community, holding a Bunnings sausage sizzle in Wonthaggi, running 100 number raffles where Nathan said he was lucky enough to get a signed Geelong and Collingwood guernsey to raffle off, as well as generous support from local business sponsors and individual donations.

The rally isn't a race it's more of a challenge to get the cheap cars from the start to the finish. Driving on roads that these cars normally wouldn't handle,

having to make roadside repairs or have the cars trailed to camp.

"If the cars aren't able to drive out in the morning, then they are left behind and we jump in with another team," said Nathan.

"We'll have dress up days – our two are punk and white wedding. We'll also stay in small remote towns and put a lot of money into those smaller communities which is always beneficial."

Nathan and Daniel's 2024 winter rally can be found on Facebook, follow their journey as they set off this month. Visit facebook.com/WackadooLetsGoCruise?

Over \$2000 raised for Cancer Council

ON WEDNESDAY May 23, 84-year-old Inverloch resident, Ann, hosted an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in her own home and raised \$2074 to go to the Cancer Council.

This is the second year Ann has hosted a Biggest Morning Tea, in light of her daughter having been diagnosed with breast cancer, and last year raised \$1500, and decided to do it again this year.

It was a whole community effort, Ann commented, with colourful fine china teacups and saucers donated for the day from the Inverloch RSL and a local church, many others brought items to be raffled off and local artist Robin Schubert donated a painting of her own for the silent auction.

Belonging to several groups and with a great network, Ann commented it was easy to spread the word about the event.

Being nearly 85 and having others bring food helped to make it such a great success, with Ann admitting, "I'm not a very good cook – my friends know that."

Having a large open plan kitchen, dining and lounge area saw about fifty odd people able to fit in comfortably and have good access the scrumptious homemade spreads.

"It was quite a nice day," said Ann, "You want to do it well."

Ann encourages others to consider hosting a morning tea for the Cancer Council and she commented that with the support of the community it can be easy and very enjoyable.

Poowong's Festival of Soups

A FESTIVAL of Soups will be held every Sunday in June in Poowong and it is open to anyone who would like to eat soup, while chatting about good news and checking out artwork.

Following the celebration of the towns 150th anniversary in April, members from the Poowong Community Garden and the All Saints Church decided to continue on inviting people in to have a look, get to know the garden and have a chat.

"And we just thought, let's do soup, because we've got loads of pumpkin, let's do soups from the stuff from the garden," said Annie Brown, Parish secretary.

The thought of 'Chicken Soup for the Soul', a well-known book of uplifting stories that seeks to soothe and provide comfort – just like the soup, also came to Annie and she decided to add in some themed good news stories together with a recipe book to go along with the soup. People are also invited to share their own good news or heart warming stories.

The stories and soups may have themes, such as pumpkin soup to go along with the story about the man who carved out a pumpkin and floated down the river in it.

The garden group recently planted indigenous plants, because of NAIDOC Week and will be making a bushtucker soup.

"Let's just talk about inspirational things because it's such an awkward time at the minute with news, and let's beat the winter blues," said Annie.

People will also be invited to wander through the church where displays from local artists Kathleen Quinert and Doron Banks, and photographer Paul Robinson will be exhibited.

Notebooks from the nationally and internationally acclaimed Gippsland artist Annemieke Mein OAM, known for her vivid recreations of Australian native fauna and flora, will also be on display for visitors to see.

"Why not come along one Sunday in June and share an inspirational story or just some cheerful news over a bowl of soup."

For more information contact Annie on 0408 151 990.

Local Probians travel across Victoria

THIRTY - SIX Leongatha and Foster Probians recently travelled to Horsham, Mildura and Swan Hill to see not only the famous silos but to learn of the unique history of that area. One of the first stops was at the Gum San Museum at Ararat.

Ararat was founded on gold and the Chinese followed in large numbers. Many were indentured labourers and when the alluvial gold petered out were forced to return to China.

At Horsham, the painting of an indigenous ranger on the silos was truly breathtaking, the colours and detail of the work done by rangers was there for all to see.

To Mildura and then the nearby village of Murtoa, where we visited the Stick Shed. 1941 was a bumper season for wheat, the war limited export opportunities and further storage was required, thus the Stick Shed.

Built from 560 unmilled poles from Bairnsdale, the shed is 270 metres long, 60 metres wide and 19 metres along its ridge and all built with axes, hammers and shovels. It is the 'Cathedral of the Wimmera'.

After visiting more magnificently painted silos and

a picnic lunch at Lake Lascelles, it was on to Mildura.

A long way from Melbourne and the major cities, Mildura has its own unique history and produce.

The story of the Chaffey brothers and irrigation, the beautiful wide streets of a planned city, the gaol at Wentworth, the confluence of the Murray and Darling Rivers, the citrus orchards and the production of wine, there was much to see.

The Murray River and its importance became the focus of our next two days. A paddle steamer cruise, the Loch System and the Flying Boat Museum at Swan Hill as well as the wharves.

They were all reminders of how important the river had been in the export of wool and the products of the region.

And so after our experiences, excellent accommodation and food, it was back to South Gippsland.

Where we don't have those magnificent silos or the mighty Murray River but we do have lots of green grass.

TOP RIGHT: At the orange farm in Mildura.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The Probians visit the Stick Shed at Murtoa.



Coming up this weekend

Seussical presented by the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group

Friday June 7 &
Saturday June 8, 7.30pm
Saturday June 8 &
Sunday June 9, 2pm
Wonthaggi Union
Community Arts Centre

Coal Creek Farmers Market

Saturday June 8,
8am – 12.30pm
Coal Creek Community
Park & Museum

Mostly Clay.

Made Winter Makers Market

Saturday June 8, 10am – 2pm
Meeniyah Town Hall

The Flares –

Toora CFA fundraiser

Saturday June 8, 7pm
Toora Community Hall

Wendy Stapleton as 'Dusty Springfield'

Saturday June 8, 8.30pm
Riverview Hotel, Tarwin Lower

Loch Village Food & Wine Festival

Sunday June 9, 10am – 3pm
Loch Railway Reserve

Loch Hall Winter Market

Sunday June 9, 9am – 2pm
Loch Public Hall

Bass Coast Chorale presents IF...

THE Bass Coast Chorale will present its annual mid-year concert, "IF..." in The Shed at the State Coal Mine in Wonthaggi on Saturday, June 22 at 2pm.

The Bass Coast Chorale has been entertaining audiences from the Bass Coast and South Gippsland for nineteen years. During that time it has also joined forces for major works with other Gippsland choirs. Profits from the Chorale's concerts go to local charities.

The concert title comes from the title of one of the songs in the program, "If...", from the soundtrack of the film, "The Diary of Anne Frank." A haunting song, "If...", is beautifully arranged for the Bass Coast Chorale by musical director, Larry Hills.

"If, at the sound of a wish, The Summer sun would shine and If just a smile would do, To brush all the clouds from the sky."

Maybe the choir's wish is fitting for a concert on the shortest day of the year!

And if only a wish could wash all the troubles of the world away.

"If..." encompasses a wide range of music; traditional, contemporary, classical, original, popular and musical theatre. The program includes music from Stephen Sondheim, Sting, Haydn, Karl Jenkins, Beethoven plus tradi-



Musical Director Larry Hills, Martin Cox on Oboe and Karen Vincent on Grand Piano are just some of the performers of Bass Coast Chorale who are bringing IF to life on Saturday June 22.

tional Australian and International folk songs.

"If..." presents something for everyone!

Musical Director, Mr. Larry Hills, has been with the Chorale since its beginning and has arranged some of the music specifically for the Bass Coast Chorale. The Chorale will be

singing one of his original choral works: "Aegean Shores" from "They Went With Songs" set to a poem by Imtarfa depicting the thoughts of the diggers heading to ANZAC Cove in 1915. There are also works arranged by Chorale member, Martin Cox, who will be accompanying two songs on

his Oboe.

"If..." is a one-off performance not to be missed.

Admission \$20 includes Afternoon Tea. Children free.

Tickets available at the door or pre-sales from members of the Bass Coast Chorale. Ring Wayne Moloney for further information 0402 727 364.

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June's Festival of Big Ideas comes to Gippsland

THERE'S something for everyone at this year's Festival of Big Ideas 2024 – events, celebrations, launches, guest speakers, demonstrations, networking, innovation, conversation, participation, silliness, seriousness and smiles! Come and join in across Gippsland.

Visit lva.vic.gov.au/about/festival-of-big-ideas-2024 for more events and information on how to book.

June 8 – Effective Communication: From the Stage to Everyday Life, 10am – 5pm Town Hall Theatre, GPAC, 32 Kay Street, Traralgon

Would you like to improve your public presentation and personal communication skills, through storytelling and body language rather than lectures and PowerPoints?

Led by Professor Rick Chew, and Anthony Crowley, participants will gain valuable insight and practical knowledge of how to engage an audience in their public presentations and

formal/informal one-to-one scenarios. Note: This workshop is for 16+ only. This workshop is capped at 25 participants.

June 11 & 27 – Power Pops: Amping Up Gippsland's New Energy Future

Join the Gippsland Climate Change Network at the New Energy Power Pops Events! Explore the future of energy, take VR tours of wind farms and solar arrays, and get your questions answered by a community-led team. Discover the benefits of renewable energy careers and the economic impact of sustainability. Don't miss this chance to dive into the new energy sector and its role in our community's future.

June 15 – Launch of the Community Energy Peer Forum, 10.30am – 1.30pm Hybrid event

Gippsland is a large region with diverse communities and groups exploring energy resilience. This networking and shared learning forum is a

chance to connect some of our established community energy leaders and their projects to community members with emerging ideas and communities looking to be inspired with their own energy challenges.

June 20 – Tourism and the Green Economy, 6pm arrival Berninnet, 91-97 Thompson Avenue, Cowes

Come along for an evening of insight into the work in eco destination accreditation, regenerative tourism, and connection to conservation.

Starting off with short presentations from Bass Coast Shire and Destination Phillip Island (Regenerative Tourism and Eco Tourism Destination certification) and featuring keynote speaker, eco-explorer and founder of charity ClimateForce Barney Swan. With a spirit of collaboration, Barney connects audiences to better understand their environmental footprint and the responsibility to do more about it.

June 21 – Circular Economy in Food Manufacturing: dairy sector, 9am – 11am Hybrid event – Korumburra Community Hub, 15 Little Commercial Street

The Gippsland Circular Economy Hub (GCEH) has been established to foster a sustainable and thriving regional economy, community and environment through the adoption of the circular economy. This GCEH forum will bring focus to:

- The circular economy (CE) in the Gippsland dairy food manufacturing industry
- CE in the dairy food manufacturing sector – leading examples
- Emerging opportunities covering packaging, energy, valorisation
- Tools and resources (call to action)
- Emerging opportunities.

This is a great networking opportunity, so come along and connect with local business, industry and community.

The Koalas highlights Strzelecki's plight

A NEW documentary film, The Koalas, will be showing in Leongatha this June. The film produced by Georgia Wallace-Crabbe and Gregory Miller highlights the plight of koalas in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. Friends of the Earth was interviewed for the documentary in 2023 in Morwell National Park and the Strzelecki Koala is mentioned as well as various areas across South and East Gippsland where koalas are under threat.

The wild koala is being pushed to the brink by habitat loss, urban development, logging and other factors. Can it survive? Wildlife carers observe an increase in sick and injured koalas coming into care. A government enquiry finds that the koala could be extinct in the wild by 2050. Firestorms in 2019/20 followed by floods killed an estimated 61,000 koalas. Saving the koala will take more than the promise of emergency government funding, scientific research, or rescue and care.

This film follows the fate of individual koalas that have survived so far but whose future is uncertain. Weaving stories with compelling characters - wildlife carers, scientists, and ecologists in the field, and informed commentary the film questions whether Australia can save an iconic threatened species like the koala. If not, what does it say about us? Filmmakers: Film Projects, Gregory Miller and Georgia Wallace-Crabbe. Visit the thekoalasfilm.com for more information.

The film will be screening at Leonagatha June 20, Stadium 4 Cinema 14-18 Smith Street, Leongatha.

Robert Smith Collection works comes to town

RUNNING now until July 14 at Berninnet, this exhibition brings together a harmonious blend of selected works from the esteemed Robert Smith Collection including the internationally renowned works by Noel Counihan and Kathe Kollwitz alongside the thought-provoking creations of Gippsland artists Amanda Thompson, Wendy Satchell, and Karen Barnes.

Curated by Kate Zizys, Drawing Insights seamlessly weaves together the masterful works of contemporary artists Amanda Thompson, Wendy Satchell, and Karen Barnes with prints and drawings from the renowned Robert Smith Collection.

A highlight of the exhibition is the deliberate emphasis on mark-making and hand drawing as paramount expressive techniques. Thompson, Satchell, and Barnes, distinguished practitioners of the manual art, etch, carve, and gesture their unique perspectives onto the canvas of paper, inviting viewers into the language of lines and marks.

The exhibition also delves into the profound connections between Gippsland artists and their artistic lineage, echoing the social and environmental themes that ground the Robert Smith Collection. Moreover, the artists draw inspiration from the pioneering spirit of German Expressionist Kathe Kollwitz, whose unique insights into human suffering provide a poignant backdrop to contemporary concerns.

Through this celebration of mark-making and narrative imagery, Drawing Insights emerges as a timeless exploration of the universal language of the hand, connecting diverse artistic lineages and revealing the profound capacity of drawing as a conduit for shared human experiences.

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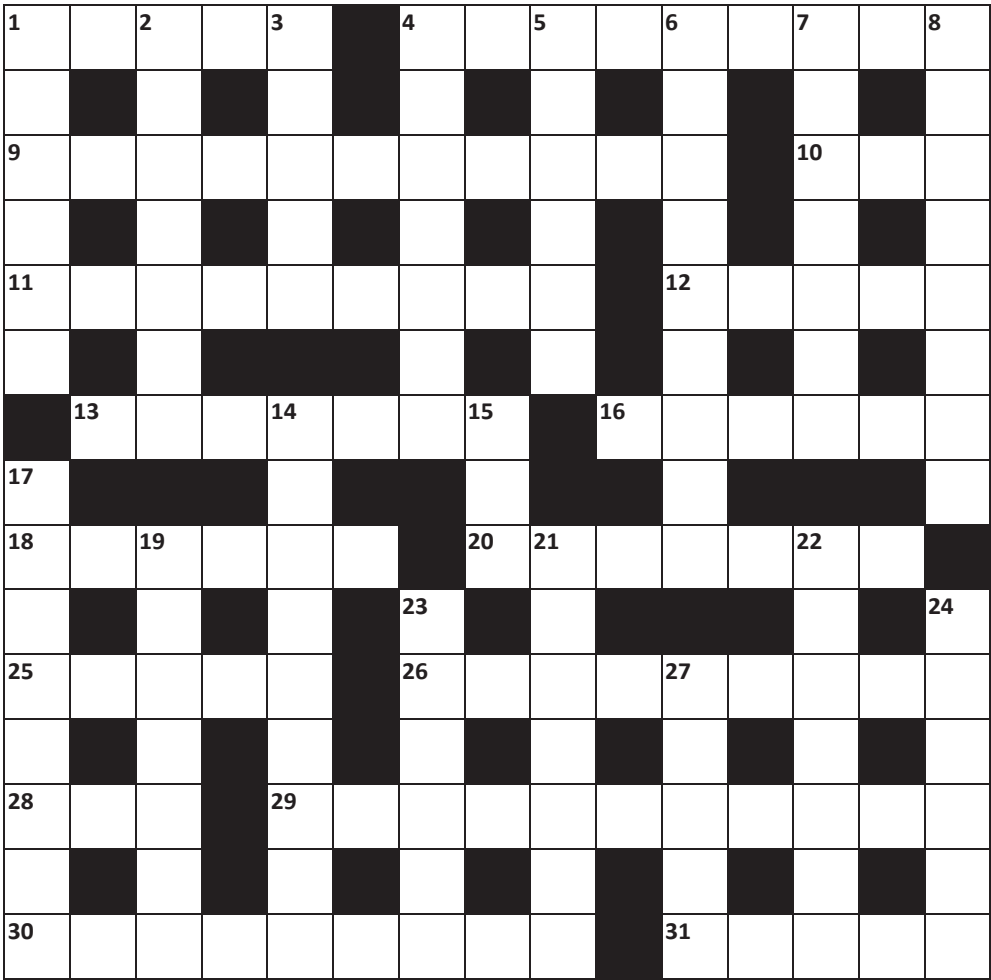
CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 A 1-down, again fired up (5)
- 4 After scam, first reaction by a Greek Island? A 1-down (9)
- 9 Program with uncaredful focus encourages developing 1-downs? (11)
- 10 28-across, flipped in bread roll (3)
- 11 Total, in 10s and 5s, not banked (9)
- 12 Arrival in live telly land? (5)
- 13 Beaten by shuffle: spade and no king (7)
- 16 Reject! The answer is in DOWN (6)
- 18 Irish, once in Australia, say? (6)
- 20 Sally and Elsie's first two animals (7)
- 25, 21-down A 1-down stirred up neuropathies (5,7)
- 26 Spooner cried, blew bypass, trying dusk to dawn rostering (5,4)
- 28 Meat chunk (3)
- 29 A 1-down: critical need, nearly, when provoked (11)
- 30 A 1-down is restrained with minder around (9)
- 31 Flaming first responder? I'll say! (5)

DOWN

- 1 Skilled worker occasionally suffering tirade? (6)
- 2 Tip AI to really get it, but unthinkingly? (3,2,2)
- 3 Emerald, ochre and red hearts in European flower (5)
- 4 Scats revealed as feline (7)
- 5 It's in, back on the table! (6)
- 6 Bringing back rostering - one or the other in 26-across (9)
- 7 Hot fruit condiment label, like 'Firm' (7)
- 8 Alert for a call, band closed on name 'Wings' (4,4)
- 14 Mark drinks 'Cut Mild' (3,6)



- 15 Unliquidated condensation in the ear? (3)
- 17 A 1-down by yours truly, half chanting, heart stricken (8)
- 19 Brown under pressure left by a 1-down (7)
- 21 See 25-across
- 22 Lament the end, after past sin returns (7)
- 23 Press is a definite winner in hearing (6)
- 24 Twiggy: 'Epidermish'? (6)
- 27 Crook with periodic itch (hives), 31-across at first (5)

STRAIGHT CLUES

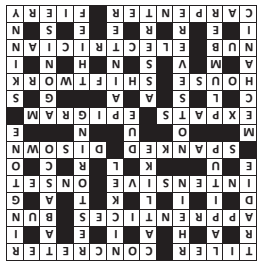
ACROSS

- 1 A 1-down (5)
- 4 A 1-down (9)
- 9 Developing 1-downs? (11)
- 10 Bread roll (3)
- 11 Total, exhaustive (9)
- 12 Arrival, commencement (5)
- 13 Beaten, slapped e.g. on bottom (7)
- 16 Reject, deny (6)
- 18 Abbreviation for people from another country (6)
- 20 Sally, witty response or saying (7)
- 25, 21-down A 1-down (5,7)
- 26 (Typically) dusk to dawn rostering (5,4)
- 28 The meat, essence of something; also, a little chunk of something (3)
- 29 A 1-down (11)
- 30 A 1-down (9)
- 31 Flaming, very hot (5)

DOWN

- 1 (Occasional abbreviation for) a skilled worker (6)
- 2 Get or take in something, unthinkingly (3,2,2)
- 3 A European river (5)
- 4 Feline (7)
- 5 Ni on the periodic table (6)
- 6 Bringing back (9)
- 7 A hot fruit condiment (7)
- 8 Alert for an incoming telephone call (4,4)
- 14 Mild (3,6)
- 15 Unliquidated, owing (3)
- 17 A 1-down (8)
- 19 A 1-down (7)
- 21 See 25-across
- 22 Lament, suffer (7)
- 23 Press, declare (6)
- 24 Twiggy, thin (6)
- 27 Crook, robber (5)

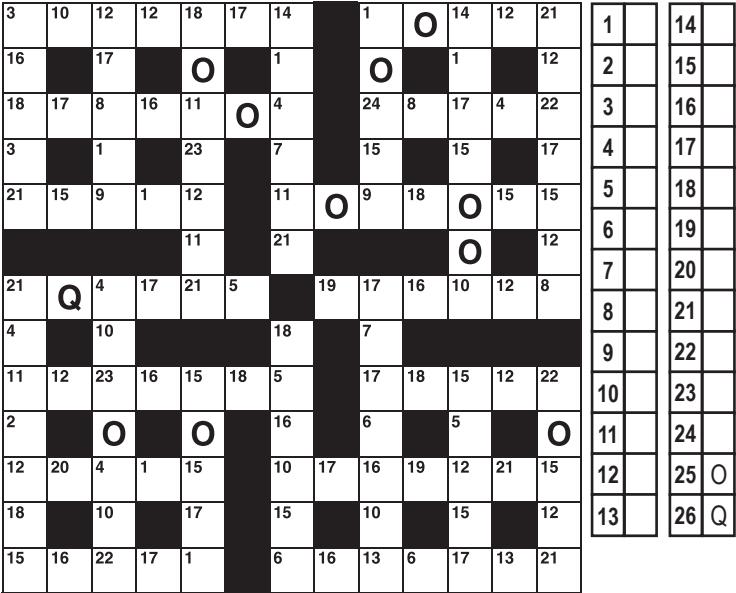
SOLUTION



CODEWORD

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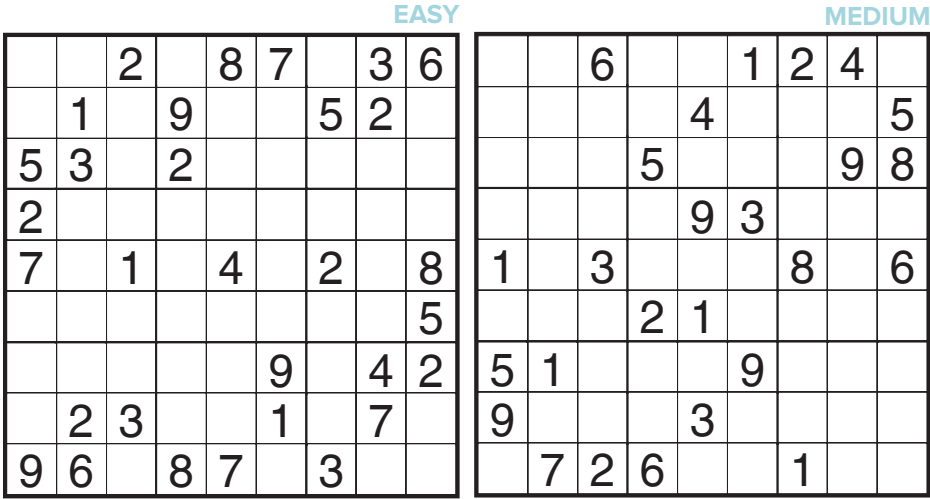
Each number corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. Two have been filled in for you, can you work out the rest?



SUDOKU

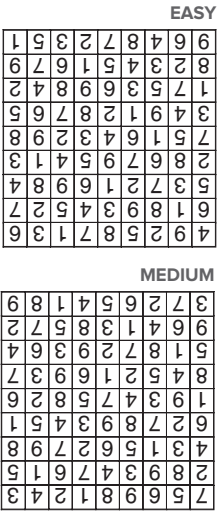
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



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SOLUTIONS



QUICK QUIZ

1. What kind of food are poffertjes?
2. Who is the narrator in Markus Zusak's *The Book Thief*?
3. Colloquially, what is a sparky?
4. What kind of fruit is ume?
5. In 1942, Earl Tupper developed the first product for which homeware brand?
6. What year did World War II end?
7. Natasha Lyonne (pictured) stars as Charlie Cale in which comedy series?
8. What is an archipelago?
9. And what is the world's largest archipelagic state?
10. Advocaat is a traditional Dutch beverage made with eggs, sugar and what kind of alcohol?



WORD SEARCH

No. 140

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



- ADOBO
- ALOHA
- EWA BEACH
- HALEAKALA
- HAWI
- HILO
- HONOLULU
- HULA
- KAHUNA
- KAILUA
- KAUAI
- KEIKI
- KONA
- LIHUE
- LOMI LOMI
- LUAU
- MAHALO
- MAI TAI
- MALASADA
- MANA
- MAUI
- MUSUBI
- NA PALI
- OAHU
- OHANA
- PINEAPPLE
- PLATE LUNCH
- POKE
- SHAVE ICE
- SHRIMP
- SPAM
- SUGAR CANE
- SUNSET
- SURF
- TUNA
- VOLCANO
- WARM

SECRET MESSAGE: Somewhere over the rainbow way up high

ANSWERS: 1. Pancakes 2. Death 3. An electrician 4. Stone fruit 5. Tupperware 6. 1945 7. Poker Face 8. An island group 9. Indonesia 10. Brandy



Ross and Kellie Gabb at the Bass Coast Community Awards on behalf of the Inverloch RSL Sub-Branch – nominee for The Community Group Award. Z07_2324



Brooke Miles with daughter Ashley of Grade 2 at Wonthaggi North Primary School participated in the Reconciliation Week ceremony. Z04_2324



Emma, Iggy, and Marlon shared that reconciliation week is an important week for Australians to take note of, celebrating at Wonthaggi North Primary School. Z05_2324



Wonthaggi North Primary School Captains Amia Titimanu and Tiala Wright addressed the students, parents and officials at their Reconciliation Week smoking ceremony. Z06_2324



Dr Hayley Singer, Liz Smart, and Olivia Hurrell of Total Renewable Tenby support Community Leader Nominee Laura Bulmer for her dedication to renewable energy transitions. Z08_2324



San Remo SES Unit Controller Mandy Chancellor celebrates her Community Leader Award with Corinella CFA Captain and new member of the San Remo SES David Cox. Z09_2324



Malcolm Swaine supporting Community Leader Award Nominee Jan Andrews at the Bass Coast Community Awards for her service to the Phillip Island Family History Group for 30 years. Z11_2324



Jacinta Tobin, Taliah Joyce, Bailey Webster, and Oliver Jobe represent the Bass Coast Youth Advisory Council – a nominee for the Community Group Award and Next Generation Leader Award. Z12_2324



Jim Ross and Aldo Sartori (Vice President 75') at the Rovers Reunion. Z16_2324



64' player Lindsay Stirton (Stichy Senior) with Daryl Purvis at the Wonthaggi Rovers Reunion. Z17_2324



74' and 75' Captain/Coach Colin McRae with Tack Beaton at the Rovers Reunion. Z18_2324



Nat Walduck and River get behind the community supporting the fight against MND. Z46_2324

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Bass Coast Community Awards, Wonthaggi North Primary School Reconciliation Week Celebration, Dalyston Football Netball Club fight against MND, The Korumburra Middle pub MND fundraiser and Wonthaggi Rovers Reunion.



Isla Curtin, Brylee Shepherd, Zali Loughran and Mila Wylie support the fight against MND. Z21_2324



Phil Waugh, Kalani Shepherd and Harry West support the fight against MND at Dalyston Football Club. Z19_2324



Grant and Emma Harris witness the dunk as the Dalyston Football Netball Club fight against MND. Z20_2324



Paul Fisher with daughter Isla at The Korumburra Middle pub MND fundraiser. Z44_2324



David Gasperini and Rachel Boswell help raise awareness for MND in Korumburra. Z45_2324

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The gardens are well established with a mix of formal and native, walking tracks through the bushed areas are a standout feature and have been a favourite way for guests to get lost in the setting. The open paddocks are ideal to graze some sheep or alpacas with the total area of the block on title being five acres with another adjoining two acres leased at a nominal amount.

Don't miss out on this rare opportunity to own a piece of rural paradise. Contact us today to arrange a private inspection and discover the endless possibilities that await you at 335 Henrys Road, Loch.

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Livestock production and horticulture are two of the most promising domains for AI application.

AI fully adopted in Agriculture

THE POTENTIAL of artificial intelligence (AI) to be used in agriculture is profound and Australian agritech companies are undeniably punching above their weight in AI adoption.

Andrew Skinner, Director of More than Machines has written about AI in Agriculture for evokeAG and details the following insights.

Some AI powerhouses that are right on the pulse are Swarm Farm, Pairtree, Agriwebb, Goterra, and Regrow Ag, just to name a few.

In fact, the recent CSIRO AI Ecosystem Momentum Report December 2023 identified livestock production and horticulture as two of the most promising domains for AI application, with significant economic potential and competitive advantage.?

Over the past 20 plus years, Australia's agriculture sector has invested heavily in data, the lifeblood of AI. This investment puts agrifood in a strong position to maximise AI opportunities.

The National Farmers' Federation (NFF) and Research and Development Corporations (RDCs) have also made significant strides in developing tools like the farm data code, data specifications, tools, and adoption materials.

When it comes to AI, there are still kinks to be worked out, responsible governance frameworks to be developed, and use cases to be proven.

However, the innovation in leveraging AI of young companies like Azaneo, Boost AI, Bitwise Agronomy, and others showcased in Startup Alley at AgriFutures evokeAG 2024.

These companies are harnessing AI to enhance their services and empower farmers. In fact, nearly every company in Startup Alley is leveraging one or more aspects of AI technology, be that statistical modelling, Machine Learning or Machine Vision technologies.

As we navigate the hype cycle surrounding AI, it's essential that inflated expectations are balanced with practical applications and business cases.

The future workforce must also be considered, where individuals will need to be adept with a keyboard or circuit board as much as with a spanner and be open to unfamiliar approaches such as embracing open-source innovation.

While there's no doubt that the coming tsunami of AI innovation will bring with it applications that will bring significant benefits to agriculture, we must ensure the industry is ready to capture that value.

By focusing on data-driven decision-making and AI adoption, moving fast to unlock new opportunities for farmers, producers, and the agricultural sector as a whole is vital.



Krowera dairy farmer Andy Thomas, with dogs Ralph and Gus and some young calves, is disappointed opening milk prices have fallen this season but hopes milking more cows will help make up the shortfall. A04_2324



Bena dairy farmer Murray Fowles hopes a good season weatherwise, locally and further afield, can help cushion the blow of a drop in opening milk prices.

Local dairy farmers respond to opening milk price announcements

DAIRY farmers Murray Fowles of Bena and Andy Thomas of Krowera are hopeful there will be some step ups in price during the 2024-25 season after the anticipated and recently confirmed fall from last season.

Murray is with Burra Foods, which on Monday announced an opening price range between \$8.00 to \$8.50 per kilogram of milk solids.

That compared to last season's initial opening price of \$8.50 to \$9.00, which was upgraded to \$8.90 to \$9.40 per kilogram due to the competitive market that prevailed at the time.

Murray, who milks a herd of about 200 cows, said this year's decline in price means dairy farmers have got to cross their fingers for another

kind season weatherwise.

"I'm hoping for another good season and that Northern Victoria has a reasonable season to help with grain and hay prices," he said.

Third generation farmer Murray expects to fit at about the halfway mark of Burra Foods Australia's quoted price range, explaining prices always vary from month to month.

He noted the processor hasn't ruled out step ups during the year, explaining why he thinks processors will have that flexibility this season.

"In the past, because the competition was so strong, they had to pay their maximum and then there was no room for them to give a step up, but this year I think

they're probably all going to start a bit more conservative and then potentially they may give a step up along the way," Murray said.

Andy, also a third generation farmer, received confirmation of a minimum milk price of \$8.20 per kilogram of milk solids from Australian Dairy Farmers Corporation (ADFC) for season 2024-25 for exclusive supply when based on ADFC's reference solids of 4.0 per cent milk fat and 3.2 per cent protein.

He is hoping to make up for some of the shortfall compared to last season by milking a larger herd, rising from about 250 head to 280.

While prices are dropping, outlays are escalating, he stressed.

"Expenses are all going up;

fertiliser has gone up a bit, power has gone up massively," Andy said, adding that fuel costs and the price of fence and shed building materials are also increasing.

"It's extremely hard getting labour at the moment and everybody is trying to pay higher rates," he said of a further additional cost.

Andy expressed concern about the long-term future of the nation's food supply.

"Governments and leaders have got to look generations ahead as to who's going to provide all the produce; there's no incentive at the moment for young ones to get into farming and it's extremely difficult, he said, pondering whether all our milk will come from New Zealand in future.

Success for Homes for Wildlife education session

IT WAS a fabulous sun-filled autumn morning on Saturday May 18 when Kongwak Hills Landcare Group hosted Gio Fitzpatrick at their Homes for Wildlife – Nest Box Education Session.

An award-winning naturalist, environmental activist and nest box designer, Gio presented to over 60 keen attendees at the Outtrim Hall.

Gio presented his data-backed findings and stories, acquired through years of on-ground monitoring and recording, educating the crowd on the relationship between flora, fauna and landscape and the outcomes that result from the dependencies that co-exist between them.

Surprising to most, was the biodiversity values of the Black Wattle species which in it's 12-20-year lifespan, contributes more in insect biodiversity than species which live



Over 60 people attended the final nest box session hosted by Kongwak Hills Landcare Group.

for many times that.

He encouraged the audience to consider the impact when making change to landscape, whether it be by planting a domestic garden, a revegetation

project on farmland, clearing vegetation or even installing a nest box. We can do that by looking through the eyes of a target species, being aware of biases and see that different habitats

are made special by what they lack as much as what they have – every change has an effect.

It was a great effort by the groups volunteer members who contributed to the organisation, promotion, catering, setup and other ways of support toward this great event.

This education session was the last event of in the "Kongwak Hills homes for wildlife – Engaging Volunteers in Citizen Science" project which saw 129 nest boxes designed, constructed and installed on 13 properties in the Kongwak area.

For more info on this project visit basscoastlandcare.org.au/kongwakhills.html

The project was supported by funding from Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action and South Gippsland Shire Council grants.



Jersey Australia's new life member

JERSEY Australia's new life member Lisa Broad hopes her contribution to the industry will inspire the next generation of farmers.

Mrs Broad's extensive contribution to Jersey Australia includes being a Board member since 2010, Vice-president 2018-20 and President since 2021, chair of promotions 2012-16 and chair of genetics 2017-20.

She was a Jersey Australia Classifier from 1995-2022, has been a Jersey Australia member since 1986 and has given extensive service to Northern Districts Jersey Breeders Club in executive roles.

Mrs Broad alongside her husband Lynton was named a Master Breeder in 2023 for their Broadlin Jersey Stud based at Wonthaggi in Victoria's South Gippsland.

Mrs Broad said she hoped to set a good example for others wanting to become farmers.

"When I started, there were a number of people who encouraged me to continue with my dream of being a dairy farmer, so I want to do the same thing to give other young people the opportunity to stay in the industry," she said.

"I want to help keep it a place where people want to be involved."

Mrs Broad said she had been surprised by the honour. "When you're doing these things, you don't recognise that people might appreciate what you do," she said. "You don't do it for personal recognition, you do it for the breed and the people that are going to come along



Local Wonthaggi Jersey farmer Lisa Broad has been named life member of Jersey Australia.

after you, but being recognised like this makes it even more worthwhile."

Mrs Broad said the people involved with Jersey Australia had become "an extended family".

"You can pick up the phone no matter where you are and they are there for you and it's like you had coffee with them yesterday. They are a special group of people."

Mrs Broad admits she was overwhelmed and surprised by the honour. "I'm not a spotlight person but I do appreciate it," she said.

She added that she was forever grateful for her family's support in allowing her time to fulfil the Jersey Australia duties.

Jersey Australia's general manager Glen Barrett said the life membership accolade was "just recognition for an outstanding contribution to the breed".

"Lisa is an outstanding leader and contributor to Jersey Australia as a member, classifier, and through her service to the Board over the past 14 years," Mr Barrett said.

Ms Broad was re-elected as president at Jersey Australia's annual general meeting on Friday.

Two breed stalwarts, Bill Cochrane and Pat Nicholson, were presented with Distinguished Service Awards at the 2024 Jersey Australia Awards Night last Thursday

night in Shepparton.

Mr Cochrane has served on the Jersey Victoria Board and as a classifier and class tour coordinator as well as being an outstanding servant to the Northern District Jersey Breeders Club for many years, ensuring the club's continued activity and success.

Mr Nicholson, from Girgarre, west of Shepparton, has also been a great servant to the Northern District Jersey Breeders Club as well as Jersey Australia as a classifier and on the genetics committee and show ring ethics committee. He is a great supporter of dairy youth as a youth camp and judging mentor.

Carbon count to help dairy find the balance

EACH hectare of dairy pasture could be capturing up to eight kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalent each day, according to preliminary DairyUP research trials.

This comes as researchers are also exploring the idea that 73 per cent of the carbon dioxide equivalents emitted from dairy cows each day is taken up from the atmosphere by pastures.

These findings are part of a DairyUP and NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) partnership project investigating greenhouse gases (GHG) on NSW dairy farms and identifying and evaluating options for carbon neutral dairy production.

DairyUP project leader, Professor Luciano Gonzalez, said dairy customers and the broader community want dairy to have the least impact on the environment.

Dairy Australia has also pledged to reduce the emissions intensity of the Australian dairy industry to 30 per cent less than 2015 levels by 2030.

"To reduce emissions, the industry needs to accurately understand its existing fluxes of GHG and how different management practices and farming systems affect output and carbon sequestration," Luciano said.

Fluxes refers to the kilograms of greenhouse gas emitted or taken-up per hectare each day. Sequestration refers to uptake of carbon from the atmosphere for long term storage, for example removal by pastures and stored as soil carbon.

The trials at the University of Sydney Camden research farm are measuring the fluxes from different pasture types and management practices.

"Early results indicate that every hectare of pasture, on average, was capturing about eight kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalent per day with a maximum pasture uptake of -765 CO₂e kg/ha/day and a maximum emission of 445 CO₂e kg/ha/day," Luciano said. "Researchers are now testing the idea that about 73 per cent of the carbon dioxide emitted from each cow each day is taken up by the pastures."

Their findings indicate that dairy cows emit about 11 kilograms of CO₂e cow/day, mainly as enteric methane.

Initial findings from the University of Sydney Camden farm showed native pasture had the highest soil organic carbon at 4.8 per cent, contrary to the findings from the soil and landscape grid of Australia maps – used for initial reference – which estimated the native pastures would have the lowest soil organic carbon.

"The analysis showed the lowest soil organic carbon area at the Camden property was the cropping paddocks at 1.2 per cent," Luciano said.

"The ryegrass and Kikuyu pastures sat at about three per cent soil organic carbon."

The diets of dairy cattle will also be examined, as part of this project, to understand how this affects emissions.

More information: dairyup.com.au

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--Mum xxx
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Margaret's close
friends who comforted
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KERSHAW,
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07.06.2021.

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John, and family.

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O'HALLORAN,
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Overview

Marinus Link Pty Ltd (the proponent) has prepared a combined Victorian Environment Effects Statement (EES) and draft Commonwealth Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Marinus Link project (the project).

The combined EIS/EES and a draft Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) to facilitate the project are now available for public comment for a period of 30 business days.

This notice and invitation to make submissions is provided pursuant to the *Environment Effects Act 1978* (Vic) (EE Act) and under section 103(1)(c) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act).

Written submissions can be made via the process set out below between **Friday 31 May and 11:59pm on Friday 12 July 2024**.

Project description

Marinus Link is a proposed undersea and underground electricity and telecommunications interconnector between North West Tasmania and the Latrobe Valley in Victoria.

The project comprises high voltage electricity cables, fibre optic cables, and converter stations in both Tasmania and Victoria. The converter stations will connect directly into the transmission networks in both Tasmania and Victoria.

The cables will total about 345 kilometres long, including 255 kilometres of undersea cables across Bass Strait and 90 kilometres of underground cables between Waratah Bay and Hazelwood in Victoria.

The project will be delivered in two stages. Initially as a 750 megawatt (MW) project (Stage 1) with a second 750 MW link to follow at a later date (Stage 2).

Marinus Link’s 1500 MW capacity is equal to the power supply for 1.5 million Australian homes.

EIS/EES process

EE Act process

The Victorian Minister for Planning determined in December 2021 that the project requires assessment through an EES under the EE Act (Referral 2021-R04). In February 2023 the Minister for Planning issued final scoping requirements setting out the matters to be investigated and documented in the EES.

The key approvals required under Victorian legislation include the PSA to amend the Latrobe and South Gippsland Planning Schemes to apply a Specific Controls Overlay to areas where the project is proposed within Victoria (on land), consent under the *Marine and Coastal Act 2018* for use of marine and coastal Crown land in Victoria and approved cultural heritage management plans under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*.

EPBC Act process

A delegate of the former Commonwealth Minister for Environment determined in November 2021 that the project (EPBC 2021/9053) required assessment under the EPBC Act due to the potential for significant impacts to: Listed threatened species and communities (section 18 & section18A); Listed migratory species (section 20 & section 20A);

and the environment of the Commonwealth marine area, or the environment as the proposal would take place in a Commonwealth marine area (section 23 & section 24A).

As the project includes action within both Victorian and Commonwealth jurisdictions, the EES process cannot be applied to assess matters of national environmental significance under the EPBC Act. As such, a delegate of the former Commonwealth Minister for Environment determined that the project would be assessed through an EIS. The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) developed EIS Guidelines for the preparation of a draft EIS which included guidance on the extent of studies and investigations required to adequately assess the impacts of the project.

Combined EIS/EES and next steps

Preparation of the combined Victorian EES under the EE Act and draft Commonwealth EIS under the EPBC Act has been undertaken through a coordinated process, resulting in the combined draft EIS/EES now on exhibition. This documentation addresses the assessment requirements of Victorian and Commonwealth legislation and now invites public comments for the purposes of the EE Act (in respect of the EES) and the EPBC Act (in respect of the draft EIS).

Separate EISs for the Heybridge Converter Station and Heybridge Shore Crossing in Tasmania are being prepared to address requirements under Tasmanian legislation. Public comment will be sought on the assessment of these components through the statutory process in Tasmania.

The Victorian Minister for Planning will provide an assessment of the environmental effects of the project in Victoria following public exhibition of the EIS/EES and a subsequent inquiry. The Victorian Minister’s assessment will then inform Victorian statutory decision-makers for the project approvals required under Victorian legislation.

Procedures and requirements for the EES and Victorian process are available on the Victorian Department of Transport and Planning website at: planning.vic.gov.au/environmental-assessments/browse-projects/marinus-link.

Under the separate process under the EPBC Act, following receipt of public submissions the proponent will finalise the EIS and provide the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Water with the EIS, submissions received on the draft EIS, and Marinus Link’s response to those comments. The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Water will decide whether the project is approved, approved with conditions, or refused under the EPBC Act.

Public notices under the EPBC Act will be available on the EPBC Portal (project reference 2021/9053) at epbcpublicportal.awe.gov.au/all-referrals/.

How to make a submission

Anyone can make a submission on the Victorian and Commonwealth aspects of the combined EIS/EES and the draft PSA.

Submissions must be made in writing and received by **11:59pm on Friday 12 July 2024**.

Submissions can be lodged via the Victorian Government’s Engage Victoria website:

engage.vic.gov.au/MarinusLink-IAC.

Submissions do not need to identify whether they are directed to the Victorian or Commonwealth process, or both.

If you do not have internet access and are unable to lodge a submission online, contact Planning Panels Victoria (PPV) through the Customer Call Centre on 136 186 (select Option 6) and request a hard copy submission coversheet.

Submissions will be treated as public documents. Unless you tell PPV otherwise, your name and a copy of your submission or any other material you provide will be published on the Engage Victoria website (all other personal information such as address and phone number will be removed first).

A Privacy Collection Statement is available on the Engage Victoria website at engage.vic.gov.au/MarinusLink-IAC. The Privacy Collection Statement sets out in plain terms how your submission and personal information will be used, distributed and published.

The submission collection process is independently managed by PPV and any enquiries regarding privacy and making a submission should be directed to PPV through the contact details provided at the end of this notice.

How to access the EIS/EES and exhibited documents

The EIS/EES documents and the draft PSA are now available to read and download, free of charge, at marinuslink.com.au/assessment.

The full EIS/EES and the draft PSA will be made available in hard copy at the following locations during the exhibition period:

- ✦ **Burnie Future Energy Hub** - 1 to 3 Spring Street, Burnie TAS 7320
- ✦ **Marinus Link Traralgon Office** - 28-30 Kay Street, Traralgon VIC 3844
- ✦ **State Library of Victoria** – 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Selected information of the EIS/EES and the draft PSA will be made available in hard copy at the following locations during the exhibition period:

- ✦ **Churchill Community Centre** - 9/11 Phillip Parade, Churchill 3842
- ✦ **Latrobe City Council Offices** - 141 Commercial Road, Morwell 3840
- ✦ **Mirboo North Library** - 34 Ridgway, Mirboo North 3871
- ✦ **Sandy Point Community Centre** - Church Parade, Sandy Point 3959
- ✦ **South Gippsland Shire Offices** - 9 Smith Street, Leongatha 3953
- ✦ **Traralgon Library** - 32 Kay Street, Traralgon 3844

For those who may have accessibility issues, or where electronic options are impracticable, hard copies of some documents, or other assistance, may be requested by phoning Marinus Link on 1300 765 275 or emailing team@marinuslink.com.au.

Please note, the EIS/EES is a large document, and we encourage the use of electronic versions.

Inquiry and Advisory Committee process (Victoria)

The Victorian Minister for Planning will appoint an independent Inquiry and Advisory

Committee (IAC) to consider the EIS/EES, public submissions and to conduct a public hearing regarding the EES and draft PSA commencing in the week beginning **Monday 16 September 2024**. The Hearing is expected to run for up to nine weeks.

The IAC will hold a Directions Hearing on **Tuesday 6 August 2024** to consider the arrangements and timetable for the public hearing.

If you want to present to the IAC regarding Victorian matters you will need to make a written submission, and mark on the online submission form that you would like to be heard.

The IAC will review all submissions made on the exhibited EES and draft PSA documentation. It will provide a report at the conclusion of its hearing to the Minister for Planning on the effects of the project on the Victorian environment.

The IAC will be guided by Terms of Reference issued by the Minister for Planning.

The IAC will not be examining impacts to the Tasmanian environment, Commonwealth marine areas, or Matters of National Environmental Significance (whether located in Victoria or elsewhere). That said, there are likely to be interactions, overlaps or combined effects of works in Victoria and works outside of Victoria on the Victorian environment.

Information on the hearing process and timetable will be published as it becomes available at engage.vic.gov.au/MarinusLink-IAC.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding the Marinus Link EIS/EES, the EIS process, the EES process or how to make a submission, please contact:

Questions about the project and about the EIS/EES documentation and draft PSA Marinus Link

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- Sustainable Living Series is a series of webinars designed to help people make their homes more comfortable and sustainable. Links to watch previous webinars are on The CAP here: thecap.com.au/sustainable-living-series.
- Bass Coast Shire Council are delivering Solar Savers, an initiative helping households and businesses to install quality and affordable rooftop solar and batteries. Check out thecap.com.au/solar-savers for more information or contact Solar Savers directly.
- The Urban Forest Strategy is being kick started with street tree planting over the coming months, so that our new trees can be established before spring. Find out more at basscoast.vic.gov.au/services/environment/urban-forest-strategy.

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By Pastor Karen Evans,
[Wonthaggi Christian Life Centre](#)

HAVE you ever wondered why some people do not change or compromise their faith? It doesn't matter if circumstances, opinions or laws change around them, they will not be moved from their faith. Why is this so? Surely, we should change or adjust our faith to circumstances or opinions around us. Or maybe some new science or technology that has just been discovered should convince us to change?

When I was growing up my parents had a saying for those friends who only hung around you when things were going well for them and ditched you when things got tough, they were called 'Fair-weather friends'.

Maybe you have heard this saying before. Faith can be like that. If we continually adjust our faith to every change or current opinion isn't that also deserving of a similar title, 'Fair-weather faith'.

I cannot be such a person. I once was an alcoholic, drug addict, suicidal and a self-harmer. I tried many different ways to get myself on track or at least have some sort of normalcy in my life, nothing worked. I tried lots of ways. I can't at this point tell you what got me into that situation as that's for another day, but what I can tell you is, that nothing worked. Nothing could save me nor give me peace at night, or give me any hope. It was an endless cycle that I kept rotating around.

But then I was introduced to Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world and He showed me a different Way. He brought order into my life where before there was only chaos, He gave me a purpose and a meaning to live where before I was hopeless. He showed me a different way of life.

So, getting back to my original question 'Have you ever wondered why some people do not change or compromise their faith?' This is why. He turned my life around so why would I give credit to someone or something else for the change in my life. Why would I compromise my faith? I cannot and will not.

SPORTS



Wonthaggi Rover's reunite. Back, Ray Beaton, John Gilliland and Colin McRae; middle, Guilio Marcolongo, Lindsay Stirton, Ian Hales, Steven Lindsay, Daryl Lindsay, and John Duscher; front, Brad Keck. Z41_2324

Wonthaggi Rovers reunite

MORE than 100 former players, life members, club officials and supporters gathered to celebrate the success of the 1974 and 1994 senior premierships and the 1964 Thirds and 1964 Reserves teams.

That's more than 60 years, 50 years and 30 years on!

And what great teams they were too. Under the astute leadership of coach Joe Robson, the thirds notched up seven premierships in eight years. The reserves under coach Brian Grumley and captain Rover's legend Norm Smith won back-to-back premierships in knee deep mud, far from the conditions experienced today.

Whilst the focus was on the senior success it was great to acknowledge the other teams and welcome representatives along to celebrate the victories.

Former secretary (1987-2004) John Duscher welcomed everyone saying how good it was to be able to get as many people together who were part of the wonderful history of the Rovers, share again the success and acknowledge the contribution of the people who made the club great, those who provided the leadership and vision, the coaches, the trainers, the umpires and officials, the wonderful ladies in the canteen and the families of the players and the staunch supporters.

"The Wonthaggi Rovers were a great family club, and you were always made welcome there," said John.

"Today you will share the sweetness of success, all fantastic memories, the highs and lows, the excitement, the joy



94' players Mal Lindsay, Paul Stephens, Ross Lovett, Tim Hooper, and Carl Lindsay reunite at the 2024 Rovers Reunion. Z42_2324

and disappointments, the great marks and goals, the social functions and the life-long friendships made."

Many of the guests travelled a considerable distance to attend and apologies noted. John also acknowledged the passing of some former players and in particular friend and coach Dennis Vague who was represented by son Ben, who had been a mascot for the 1994 premiership side. He also thanked those who had organised the day and warned that it would all be happening again next year with the celebration of the 1975 and 1995 senior premierships. And they will be joined by the

members of the 2005 Wonthaggi Power premiership teams.

John outlined what a proud, passionate club the Rovers had been since it was formed in 1956 with the amalgamation of East Wonthaggi and Shop Assistants, and later in 2004 amalgamated with the Wonthaggi Football Club to form Wonthaggi Power. In that time, it won five senior premierships, 10 reserves cups and nine thirds' premierships.

Nine hundred and eighty-seven players pulled on the Tiger colours, and he outlined some fantastic highlights, five senior best and fairest awards to Daryl (Squeaky) Lindsay, most seniors' games 338 by John Gilliland, most club games 458 by John Mitchell, League best and fairest awards to Brian (Chips) Kane, Peter Campbell, and gun forward Justin Paul who won twice.

"There are lots of incredible stories about the Rovers and most of them are true," John said.

John then introduced special guest Darren Berry, Victorian Cricket legend, who grew up here in Wonthaggi, played footy with Rovers and was a close friend of Dennis Vague. He kept the crowd entertained with his terrific stories and memories. He was followed by 1974/75 coach Colin McRae who spoke about the growth and hard work of his successful teams, the contribution of so many to bring that success and how much he valued the friendship of his old mates. Finally, premiership captain Carl Lindsay rounded off the speeches encouraging everyone to get around and catch up and enjoy this opportunity.

"It was a great day all round and looking forward to doing it all again next year."

PUBLIC NOTICES

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

SOUTH GIPPSLAND REGION WATER CORPORATION GUILTY OF LICENCE BREACH OFFENCE UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT 1970.

On 4 April 2024, South Gippsland Region Water Corporation (ABN 40 349 066 713) trading as South Gippsland Water, entered a guilty plea at the Korumburra Magistrates' Court to a charge laid by the Environment Protection Authority Victoria, in relation to a breach of a licence condition under section 27(2) of the Environment Protection Act 1970.

The charge was found proven and without conviction, South Gippsland Water was placed on an adjourned undertaking for a period of 12 months, with a condition to pay \$10,000 into the Court Fund. South Gippsland Water was further ordered to pay \$50,000 to West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority for the purposes of a Restorative Justice Project with the aim to improve water conditions at Foster Creek. South Gippsland Water was also ordered to publicise its offending and pay the Environment Protection Authority's costs of \$6,760.

South Gippsland Water on 12,15 and 16 February 2021, discharged wastewater from the emergency storage lagoon at its premises at 200 Bena Road, Korumburra, to Foster Creek, with ammonia concentrations exceeding the maximum limit specified in its EPA Licence.

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Don't flip out! Southern right whales are back in Victorian waters

THE Conservation Regulator is reminding the boating community they aren't the only ones cruising the oceans this winter, urging them to look out for endangered southern right whales as they visit Victoria's coast to birth and raise their young.

From May to October each year, southern right whales migrate from their sub-Antarctic feeding grounds to warmer waters to rest and calve, and with only around 300 of them left in the south-east population, ocean users need to keep their distance to help protect them.

These mammals are particularly vulnerable to vessel strikes, and boaters are encouraged to:

- Stay alert: With no dorsal fin, they are hard to spot and can look like floating logs when resting near the surface.
 - Slow down: Within 300 metres of whales, boats must slow to five knots, and within one kilometre of whales, boats should stay under 10 knots. Mothers and calves whisper to each other to avoid predators, and slowing down helps them hear by lowering vessel noise.
 - Give them space: Follow distance rules, stay out of their way, and avoid boxing them in. If you find yourself too close to a whale, put the engine in neutral and let them pass.
- Victoria is also lucky to have humpback whales pass through our coastal waters and they will be most active during their northern



Whales are back in our waters, and water vessels are being encouraged to stay alert.

migration in June and July, and their southern migration in September and October.

To keep everyone safe, minimum approach distances apply for all whales along the Victorian coast, from Gippsland right through to the far south-west. Swimmers and surfers must stay at least 50 metres away, and for all waters outside of the exclusion zone, boats must keep at least 200 metres, jet skis 300 metres, and aircraft, including drones and helicopters, 500 metres, between them and whales.

The community is once again encouraged to participate in Arthur Rylah Institute's Whaleface project and support whale conservation efforts by reporting sightings and uploading photographs of southern right whales online. Last year, the project recorded

76 sightings along the Victorian coast.

The Conservation Regulator has also selected the southern right whale as one of six native animals featured in its Focus Species program, a new initiative promoting wildlife protection at home and in the wild. The program aims to engage and educate the public on the small actions they can take to help safeguard these animals and all native wildlife. The five remaining species will be revealed when the program is officially launched in the coming months.

The public can report anyone getting too close to whales to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000. Details such as date, time, location, and descriptions and photos of people or boats will assist investigations.

Land an exciting new career as a Fisheries Officer

THE Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) is now recruiting an intake of seven Fisheries Officers based in northern Victoria and around Melbourne to protect Victoria's world-class fisheries.

The positions are being made available in several locations with three regionally-based roles – in Bendigo, Tatura and Swan Hill – open to female applicants and a further four positions in Melbourne or Phillip Island open to people from Vietnamese or Chinese backgrounds.

VFA Chief Executive Officer Travis Dowling said Fisheries Officer roles suit people with a passion for the environment, integrity and provide a challenging career protecting our fisheries for future generations.

"Fishing attracts people from a diverse range of backgrounds and cultures and

we want to better reflect that within our ranks," Mr Dowling said.

"We know many people from our state's vibrant multicultural community love their fishing, so to strengthen our ties with Vietnamese and Chinese fishers in and around Melbourne four positions are open to applicants with these cultural backgrounds."

Successful applicants will undergo an initial 10-week residential training course before being posted to one of the three northern locations or the VFA's Altona, Braeside, Mornington or Cowes stations.

Mr Dowling said day-to-day duties as a Fisheries Officer vary enormously and range from educating new fishers about the basics, to enforcing recreational and commercial fishing rules, and apprehending any people

involved in illegal fishing activity.

"They also work with other natural resource management, maritime safety and emergency management agencies to protect our aquatic environments and keep people safe," he said.

"No two days are the same, there are a variety of development opportunities on offer and you get to spend plenty of time in the great outdoors meeting people from all walks of life."

An hour-long online information session will be held on Wednesday, June 5 at 7pm and will enable interested applicants to find out more about the roles, including asking questions of current Fisheries Officers. Applications are open and close on Sunday, July 7, 2024.

For more information vfa.vic.gov.au/recruitment

SPORTS



Scott Lethbridge was the winner of the championship.



Snow claimed the San Remo Butchers' meat tray at darts.

A night to remember at darts

WHAT an electrifying evening at the Dart Centre.

The air was thick with anticipation as 25 sharp-shooting contestants prepared to battle for the coveted John Stewart Memorial Singles Trophy.

Not just any trophy – it's a piece of local history, hand-crafted by local identity and member Peter "The Blind Man" Murphy. Salvaging timber from the historic Isle of Wight Hotel after its devastating 2010 fire, Pete transformed it into a stunning tribute to the game and community spirit.

The night's format was as intense as the competition itself: a best-of-three legs, 501 knockouts leading up to a nail-biting best-of-five legs final.

From the first throw, it was clear that every player was in it to win, delivering high scores and exceptional pegs throughout the rounds.

The atmosphere was electric as players showcased their skills, gradually whittling down the competition to the final two contenders: The Prez, Scott "Littler" Lethbridge and Anders "The Wizard" Geier.

Both Scott and Anders had dominated their matches, making it fitting they would face off in the ultimate showdown.

The crowd, hushed in anticipation, watched as the first leg went to Scott, who edged out Anders in a close finish.

The second leg mirrored the first, with Scott again clinching victory. Facing a do-or-die situation in the third leg, Anders fought back with high scores, keeping Scott under pressure.

But then, in a moment that left the audience in awe astonishment, Scott delivered a perfect 180, bringing both players to the peg.

Tension was palpable as they each had their chances, but it was Scott who seized the moment, securing the championship with a flawless finish.

The Dart Centre erupted in applause for "The Prez," celebrating his hard-earned triumph.

The evening wasn't just about the finals.

Snow walked away with the tantalising San Remo Butchers' meat tray, Big Tony snagged the Crownies, and Bob took home the chocolates – a sweet end to an exhilarating night.

The electronic scoring system enabled the games to flow seamlessly along with the plan in keeping Johnny Batista away from chalking duties, worked a treat much to everyone's delight.

As the crowd applauded the skill and sportsmanship on display, they eagerly look forward to round 10 of the regular season next week.

Congratulations to all the participants, and especially to Scott Lethbridge, the deserving winner of this memorable night.

Small field brave winter Grand Ridge parkrun

SIXTEEN participants braved the rain on the first day of winter for the 194th Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun.

The trail surface was pretty good, despite the heavy rain which ended the recent dry spell.

It was a small, but mighty field of runners and walkers with folks coming from as far as Bayswater and Warragul.

Glenn Wearne marked his 50th volunteering milestone – congratulations Glenn.

A special thanks to Jimmy Jambis for warming everyone up after the event with tasty breakfasts and hot beverages.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made this week's event happen: Paul Clark, Robert Gray, Julia Groves, Alison Jones, Elspeth Kiddell, Dave Knowles, Melita Ludekens, Carmel Quirk and Glenn Wearne.



Glenn Wearne volunteered at his 50th parkrun.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY June 4
▼ 2.13am 0.53m
▲ 9.35am 1.52m
▼ 2.32pm 0.90m
▲ 9.12pm 1.48m

WEDNESDAY June 5
▼ 3.19am 0.46m
▲ 10.44am 1.61m
▼ 3.48pm 0.95m
▲ 10.12pm 1.48m

THURSDAY June 6
▼ 4.25am 0.39m
▲ 11.47am 1.70m
▼ 5.03pm 0.96m
▲ 11.11pm 1.48m

FRIDAY June 7
▼ 5.24am 0.33m
▲ 12.45pm 1.77m
▼ 6.06pm 0.93m

SATURDAY June 8
▲ 12.08am 1.50m
▼ 6.18am 0.30m
▲ 1.37pm 1.80m
▼ 6.59pm 0.88m

SUNDAY June 9
▲ 1.00am 1.52m
▼ 7.08am 0.30m
▲ 2.26pm 1.81m
▼ 7.46pm 0.84m

MONDAY June 10
▲ 1.49am 1.52m
▼ 7.56am 0.33m
▲ 3.10pm 1.78m
▼ 8.31pm 0.81m

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South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's winners were Shirley Corcoran (L), Mark Hanrahan (S), Pauline McWilliams (2) and Wayne Stevens (3).

INVERLOCH

THE eighth and final round of the Tuesday Evening Bowls was held last Tuesday, May 28, on a cool but clear, windless evening.

Forty bowlers turned out for the competition where there were five, two-game winners – three on Green One, separated by just three points, and a further two on Green Two.

The hard-luck story on Green One was the team of Terry Seaward (skip) and Judy Parker (lead) with wins of 14/4 and 12/6, scoring 29 points.

The runners up were Richard Cove (S) and Tracy Cove (L), with game scores of 12/3 and 12/5, accumulating 30 points.

Winners of Green One were David Murfin (S) and Gerry Carcour (L), 9/2 and 12/5 with an overall score of 31 points.

Green Two produced only two, two-game winners, where Liam Cummins (S) and Simon Bowman (L) had game scores of 10/6 and 11/9 and a total of 30 points came in as runners up to the overall Green Two winners, Lorraine Dowson (S) and Reg Varty (L) with wins of 9/4 and 9/4 and a total score of 32 points.

Overall, the eight-week season of evening bowls under lights, was a roaring success with more than 350 players entering into the competition over the eight weeks and enjoying the spectacle of night-time bowling combined with the post-match camaraderie and socialising.

Social bowls was held on Thursday, May 30, where, on an initially warm but overcast and breezy day, 37 bowlers attended the club to contest two games of 10 ends.

The day produced three, two-game winners.

The hard luck story of the day went to the team of John Duthie (S), Rick Brevitt (3), Helen Twite (2) and Angela Smith (L) with wins of 12/8 and 13/6 and a total score of 31 points.

On thirty-two points was the team of Bruce Corrigan (S), Di Selby (3), Harry Dunn (2) and Chris Nevill (L), with wins of 13/4 and 8/6.

The winners, with a respectable score of 36 points were Chris O'Donnell (S), David Turnbull, (3) and Christine Corrigan (L) with wins of 19/2 and 13/2.

Friday, May 31, saw about 50 people attend the fortnightly membership draw where the jackpot had risen to \$180 and will, next fortnight (June 14) jackpot to \$200 due to Trevor Scott (#182) not being present in the clubhouse to claim the prize.

The wine went to #113, Yvonne Kee, the Leongatha RSL \$40 meal voucher was won by Pam Sutcliffe while the major winners of the club's Lucky Envelope were Malcolm Marshall and Joyce Arnold.

Next week, Friday, June 7, will be the fortnightly roast dinner, and on this occasion, it will be lamb so get your names down on the board to reserve a place for yourself.

The club is proud to be hosting a "Bowl Over Cancer Day" on Thursday, June 13, so make sure you have this event in your diary.

Other club members are most welcome to come and join in the fun of two games, each of 10 ends, a trading table to die for, a raffle, and afternoon tea, what more could you want.

The matches will be of the usual Thursday Social Bowls format, names in by 9.30am with play starting at 11am sharp.

All proceeds raised from the day will be donated to the Wonthaggi Hospital.

The Inverloch Bowling Club would like to pass on their belated condolences to Pam Pritchard, family, and friends, following the passing peacefully of past long-time member, Bob Pritchard. Bob was an enthusiastic member of the club and for many, many, years was involved with the bar and bingo functions. A real gentleman. Vale Bob.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

WHAT a day.

Forty-five of the family of bowlers turned up to once again fight it out for team of the day at the Corinella Bowls Club.

The weather was not too bad for the second last day of autumn, a bit of a wind, but nothing too strong.

Chris finished preparing the green as the bowlers turned up and awaited the inclusion in one of the 12 teams.

Pauline and Steve signed everyone in as Peter once again prepared the teams, and the players mingled prior to the games starting.

The bowlers eventually all went out and joined up with the teams as well as the opponents – always an interesting time of day.

Then the fun began.

Laughter could be heard across the rinks, mixed in with some friendly banter among the players

Some excellent examples of bowling were seen across the green, with very little, if any, wrong bias bowls being seen.



Inverloch Bowling Club's Tuesday evening Green 2 winners, from left, Reg Varty (L) and Lorraine Dowson (S).

Like every week, the cream floats to the top and this week was no different.

This week's winners on 37 points were Mark Hanrahan (S), Wayne Stevens (3), Pauline McWilliams (2) and Shirley Corcoran (L).

Runners up on 36 points were Vern Elliott (S), Derek Fenn (3), Mark Andreatta (2) and Marites (Mae) Soledad (L).

Best one game with 34 points were Louis Magri (S), Steve Edge (3), Bev Elliott (2) and Peter Thorley (L).

A big thank you to Terry and Cheryl for all their hard work both behind the bar as well in the kitchen – they did a great job.

Next week, the bowlers will once again meet up at San Remo to fight it out as part of a different team against some of the region's better bowlers.

It really is such fun having different team members each week.

So please to all members, have a fun week but stay safe and the group will see you next week for another fun day.

Please be on site by 10am.

Till then, stay safe and have fun.

WONTHAGGI

IT was another good week with the weather playing its part.

Wednesday saw a perfect day for bowls with 31 bowlers, including four visitors from Tarwin, to play Triples, with one team of four to square up the numbers.

The winners on the day were Frank Seaton, Rob Allan and Hans Bischofberger with a score of two wins and 33 points.

The runners up, also a team of three, were Rob Westbrook, Denise Silver and Rod Beech with a score of two wins and 31 points.

Saturday saw a fine day for the start of winter.

A smaller number of bowlers graced the greens with local footy being played at Wonthaggi.

The format for the day was triples, which worked well, with 18 bowlers.

There was only one team that was a two-game winner and it consisted of Frank Seaton, Kathy Heaby and Rob Shaw with a score of two wins and 33 points.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30 pm.

Don't forget the members draw on Friday night this week which stands at \$ 200.

Drawn at 6pm and you have to be there.

Have a good week and good bowling.



Fred Demenech, Marg Hender and John Postlethwaite were the Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls winners on Friday.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THIS week, a total of 45 players competed – 24 on Tuesday and 21 on Friday.

A number of members still unable to play due to illness – hope to see everybody back soon.

Tuesday's winners with a plus 13 were Maggie Scapin, Pam Russell and Ken Peterson.

R/up on plus seven were Thelma Kavanagh, Betty Huitema and Max Sweetnam.

Friday's winners on plus 16 were Marg Hender, John Postlethwaite and Fred Demenech.

R/up on plus 11 were Helen Rook, Jean Wylde and Jeannie Slocombe.

All teams on both days won all their games.

On Wednesday night, United Bowling Club held its Singles Championships.

A great night was had by all who competed.

The men's winner was Ron Snooks, r/up was Allan Ireland.

The ladies' winner was Maggie Scapin, r/up was Helen Rook.

Congratulations to both winners.



Junior Champion Billie Wrigley (Korumburra), South Gippsland Champion Steve Bromby (Korumburra) and runner up Jye Kruyer (Foster). Z47_2324

Korumburra takes South Gippsland Championship

THE South Gippsland Golf Association Championships were played at Korumburra Golf Club on Sunday (June 2). A cold but fine day greeted the golfers at Korumburra for the South Gippsland championships – after postponing the event from previous week due to extreme fog, all competitors where keen to get the event underway.

Geoff Cohen of the South Gippsland match committee said the course was in magnificent condition and greens were a good test of putting skills.

"Thank you to Korumburra for the excellent presentation of the course."

Results:
South Gippsland Champion

and Champion of Champions: Steve Bromby (Korumburra) gross 72.

R/up: Jye Kruyer. (Foster) 74

Minor champion. B grade: Ryan Williams (Foster) gross 75

R/up: Peter Rayson (Woorayl) gross 84

Junior championship: Billie Wrigley (Korumburra) gross 82

A grade nett winner: Billie Wrigley 76

B grade nett winner: Peter Rayson 72

C grade winner: Ian Gibson 32 points.

Nearest the pin:
First: David Pearce
Seventh: Ryan Williams
10th: NIL
13th: Ethan Smith



A Grade Nett winner Billie Wrigley, B Grade Nett winner Peter Rayson, and C Grade Nett winner Ian Gibson. Z48_2324



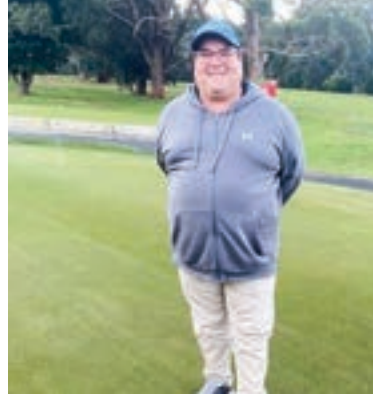
Leongatha's Jill Moor, Maxine Eabry, Evelyn Indian (Sponsor), Rebecca Wilson and Tanya Starkey were the Leongatha Golf Club's Ambrose Shield winners.



The Thursday Burra Brewing 4BBB Stableford winners Conor Hosking, Peter Read, Craig Hutchinson and David Child with Phill Dempster from Burra Brewing. Absent: Malcolm Gin and Ian Blencowe.



The three or four person Ambrose winners at Korumburra were Lyn Leppin, Shelley Snooks, Merrissa Cosson and Karen Sorrell.



Robbie Geyer was the Monthly Medal winner at the Wonthaggi Golf Club.



Fay Quilford was the A Grade winner and Shiley Welsford was the B Grade runner up at Leongatha Golf Club.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, May 28.
Stableford: 35 players.
A Grade: Rob Gallagher (10) 34 points.
B Grade: Wayne Knights (21) 37 points.
NTPs: first Brian Clasby, seventh Greg Jones, 10th Don Hislop and 13th Greg Wilson.
Thursday, May 30:
Stableford: 16 players.
Winner: John Kerr (19) 36 points.
NTPs: first Steve Rose, seventh Craig Kerr, 10th Ian Cash and 13th Neil Spargo.
Saturday, June 1:
Sponsor: Walker family.
Monthly Medal: 38 players.
Monthly Medal Winner: Wayne Knights (20) 66 net.
A Grade: Tim Fowles (13) 72.
B Grade: Wayne Knights (20) 66.
Scratch winner: Mat Wrigley 78.
NTPs: first Billy Wrigley, seventh Peter Van Agtmaal, 10th Wayne Knights and 13th Peter Hislop.

Ladies

SEVEN teams enjoyed the three or four person Ambrose event last Wednesday.
There was perfect autumn weather and the course looked magical with sun shining on the fairways.
The winners were Merrissa Cosson, Shelley Snooks, Karen Sorrell and Lyn Leppin, finishing with 61.25 (13.75).
R/up were Heather Grist, Kath Welsh, Trudy Olden and Dianne Maskell, 64.87 (15.12).
NTPs went to Maree Witting-slow first and Merrissa 13th.
Last week, the final of the McLaren 4BBB Memorial event was played.
The semi-finals and final were all very close games.
Congratulations to the finalists Judy Webb and Johanna van den Heiligenberg, and Kath Welsh and Lyn Leppin with Judy and Johanna winning on the 18th hole.
On Friday, the club had an impressive three teams play in the four-person Ambrose event at Leongatha and well done to Trudy Olden who had a nice NTP on the fourth.

Johanna van den Heiligenberg (10) won the Saturday RB Monthly Medal, with 80 net, so was the Luscious Café voucher recipient.
R/up was Shelley Snooks (18), 82 net and Jenny Blackmore (24) won a BDTL with 84 net.
Johanna had the best Scratch score with 90 and was also NTP on the 13th green.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, May 28: Stableford.
Tuesday's Stableford round saw 61 members/guests take to the course.
A Grade winner: Doug Clemann (13) with a score of 33 points.
A Grade r/up: Jon Smith (15) with a score of 32 points on a countback.
B Grade winner: Peter Read (20) with a score of 40 points.
B Grade r/up: Gordon Allan (18) with a score of 39 points.
C Grade winner: Anna de Bondt (26) with a score of 30 points on a countback.
C Grade r/up: Warren Dummett (21) with a score of 30 points on a countback.
NTP fifth second shot: Alan Briggs at 1.29m. NTP 14th: Peter Stivic at 1.75m. NTP 16th: Dean Kellett at .31m.
Thursday, May 30: Burra Brewing 4BBB Stableford Event.
Thursday's 4BBB Stableford team's event was generously supported by Burra Brewing with a good field of 79 members/guests taking to the course.
It was a 9am shotgun start, and players chose their preferred coloured tee.
Overall winners:
1. Connor Hosking (18) and Malcolm Gin (9) with a score of 47 points.
2. Craig Hutchinson (7) and Peter Read (19) with a score of 45 points.
3. David Child (20) and Ian Blencowe (16) with a score of 44 points on a countback.
NTP fifth second shot: George Hendry at 2.43m. NTP 14th: Ashleigh Hutton at .59m. NTP 16th: Malcolm Gin at .40m.
Saturday, June 1: Monthly Medal Stroke and Mixed Stableford events.
Saturday was the Monthly

Medal Stroke event off the black tees and the Mixed Stableford event, kicking off winter on a sublime day out with little wind and plenty of sunshine.
Apologies as at the time of posting the results the Monthly Medal Stroke event winners/runners up were not available.
A field of 71 members/guests enjoyed excellent course conditions playing in the Mixed Stableford event.
A Grade winner: Rebecca Thomas (6) with a score of 37 points.
A Grade r/up: Ken Smirk (15) with a score of 33 points.
B Grade winner: Trevor Bowler (19) with the high score of the day with 41 points.
B Grade r/up: Michael O'Rafferty (16) with a score of 38 points.
C Grade winner: Miles Wrigley (27) with a score of 39 points.
C Grade r/up: Simon Hill-Smith (22) from the Mirboo North Golf Club with a score of 34 points.
NTP fifth second shot: Andrew Smith at 1.44m. NTP 14th: Peter Hodder at 1.13m. NTP 16th: Timothy Danks at 3.80m.

Ladies

THIRTY-EIGHT women enjoyed the lingering good autumn weather – less than a week to go.
There were some excellent scores amongst the B Grade players.
The A Grade scores weren't too shabby either.
Fay Quilford had the best round in A Grade with 34 points, with Janet Monk r/up on 32 points.
Else Gedye won B Grade, on a count back with an excellent 38 points.
Shirley Welsford was the r/up.
Down the line balls went to Jill Moor 36, Jenny Teasdale 35, Jo McNaughton 32, Helen Mackenzie, Jo Miles and Kay Dumbleton 32, and Bev Reinhard 30 on a count back.
Nearest the pin on the 16th was Bronwyn Debenham, Chris Lay on the 14th and second shot on the fifth went to Dot Stubbs.
Pam Christensen won the nine-hole competition with 15 points on a count back from Bronwyn Debenham.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: May 30, SR. 71.
Competition: Stableford 18-hole.
Winner: Ian McNish 37.
R/up: Warwick Judkins 37.
BDTL to 33 C/B.
Ball sweep: Philip McCrimmon 34, Graeme Crawford 34, Jonathon Wade 34, Andrew Hooton-Shandley 33 and Glenn Hewlett 33 C/B.
Results: May 30, SR. 34.5.
Competition: Stableford front nine-hole.
Winner: Ray Hender 18.
R/up: Blake Cornelis 17.
BDTL to 16.
Ball sweep: Peter Magnussen 17, Bill Howard 16 and John Davis 16.
Results: June 1, S.R 72.
Competition: Stroke Monthly Medal and Putting.
A Grade: Alan Cubbin 70.
B Grade: Robbie Geyer 66 (Monthly Medal).
C Grade: Ian Johnson 70.
BDTL to 73 C/B.
Ball sweep: Kevin Jamieson 71, Ian Baker 71, Jason Sartori 71, Francis Loughran 71, Stephen Kane 72, Phillip Dynes 72, Ross Yann 72, Bruce Betts 73, Craig Charles 73, and Brad Andrew 73 C/B.
NTPs: Eric Van Agtmaal second, Peter Dell propin eighth, Ian Gilmour 13th and Stephen Judd money hole 17th.
Putting: Francis Loughran 27 putts.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the Golf Australia fundraiser event for the Royal Women's Hospital.
There were 27 players with Layla Robertson having two partners on the day.
Her pairing with Heather Wintle saw them the winners on the day with a lovely 45 points.
R/up were Anne Walker and Catherine Bolding with 42 points.
BDL went to Layla Robertson and Sharon Patullo 40, Kaylene Hodgetts and Simone Lindsay 39, Yvonne Everitt and Dawn Judkins 39, and Marg Johnson and Geraldine Prentice 39.
NTP on second was Betty Bowmar, eighth Chris Hamilton and 17th Kaylene Hodgetts.

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Ladies

AFTER a rather chilly start, everyone enjoyed a perfect weather day at golf.
Thanks to sponsor Jo Fennell, who provided lovely gifts for the Green Card Team Event.
Ann Poole, Sherrill Winkler and Bev Bridge combined well to score 34 points on their green card.
R/up was a team of Pauline Lancaster, Jenny Riseley and Lyn De'laney, who scored 32 points.
BDL went to a team of Elly Berryman, Barb James and Anne DeLeeuw with a score of 30 points.
NTPs on eighth was Tricia Berryman, 11th Sherrill Winkler and 17th Heather Sullivan.
Gobblers were Janet Thompson 11th, Bev Bridge eighth and Birdie/gobbler was Pauline Lancaster on the eighth.

Leongatha Golf Club Ambrose Shield

SEVENTY-TWO women from the South Gippsland district and visitors further afield from Traralgon and Yarra Yarra competed in the annual Leongatha Ambrose Shield in windy but dry weather conditions.
This event has been very generously sponsored by club member Evelyn Indian for the last 25 years.
Evelyn not only provides the winners' trophies but also a vast array of prizes for the raffle.
Proceeds this year were almost \$300.

The Ambrose Shield was won by a Leongatha team.
Rebecca Wilson, Jill Moor, Max Eabry, Rebecca Wilson and Tanya Starkey combined brilliantly to finish with a score of 61.125 net.
In second place, from Foster Golf Club, were Beth Curram, Barb Warren, Kylie Collins and Di Walker, two points behind, on 63.125 net.
Yarra Yarra Golf Club had the third best score – Milenka Kalcic, Karan Smith, Andree Leigh and Megan Thorley with 63.375 net.
The nearest the pins were won Trudy Olden (Korumburra Golf Club) on the fourth, Kylie Collins (Foster Golf Club) on the seventh and Delia Perry (Leongatha Golf Club) on the 16th.

Race to the finals
at Wonthaggi
Table Tennis

WONTHAGGI Table Tennis has turned into the home straight – four rounds to go and the whips are cracking.

Seven teams separated by paper thin margins are jostling for four semi-final positions.

One fault, one clanger will doom an aspirant and change the course of history.

Blue rolled Pink in the match of the round despite an epic win by Michael from Pink over Fred.

Like two gunslingers at 20 paces in an old western, they traded shots with a refusal to fall until Fred finally succumbed 11 to nine in a very entertaining and bloodless fifth set.

Justin from Blue rolls on with John Wayne like invincibility.

But even Wayne lost once.

Black climbs the ladder with a solid victory over Brown despite David from Brown triumphing over Dirk in a see-sawing, head bobbing photo finish.

The hall froze on the spot to witness a climatic end to a fun and skilful game.

Green's demolition of Yellow has them hunting the leading pack with Sven and Leigh from Green, also known as Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, clinical assassins with smiling teeth, timing their run with thoroughbred flair.

Not without a chance.

Blue defeated Pink 6 to 5; Black defeated Brown 8 to 3; Green defeated Yellow 8 to 3; White bye.

Ladder: Blue 24, Pink 20, Black 16, Yellow 16, White 16, Green 16 and Brown 8.

Leading players: Justin 23, Dirk 20, Brad 19, Sven 18 and Andy 15.

Phillip Island
Tenpin Bowling

PHANTOM: 1st Place on 20.5pts The Jimma, 2nd Place on 18pts Towball and 3rd Place on 18pts Nooki.

2s Company: 1st Place on 30pts Pin-pushers, 2nd Place on 24.5pts Jail and 3rd Place on 21.5pts Tinabe.

ABL: 1st Place on 147.5pts Just Bowl Already, 2nd Place on 136.5pts Fairlanes and 3rd Place on 133pts Dreamers.

Business Early: 1st Place on 17pts The Redundants, 2nd Place on 13pts Balls Deep, 3rd Place on 12pts Old Timers and 4th Place on 10pts Turkey Slappers.

Business Late: 1st Place on 16pts S&R Clarke Auto, 2nd Place on 16pts Sassy Gronks, 3rd Place on 13pts City Lights and 4th Place on 12pts Holy Splits.

This week's top scores throughout each league

Men: 230 Justin Porthouse, 225 Matt Edwards and 211 Dean Bacon.

Woman:176 Barbara Burns, 167 Valma Peterson and 166 Mary Dardha.

South Gippsland
Bridge Club

MAY 28 at Wonthaggi RSL: 11 pairs competing.

Master point winners in a tight contest were:

First: Clive Hope and Faye Rowlands 60.81 per cent. Second: John Quayle and Matti Shub 60.03. Third: Alan Johnston and John Sutton 57.07. Fourth: Ruth Harvey 7 Sue Edwards 54.82. Fifth: Deb Anglim and Kathy Dowd 53.36.

May 31 at Inverloch Angling Club: eight pairs competing.

First: Phillip and Nev Chapman, winning well with 64.29. Second: Matti Shub and John Quayle 57.14. Third: Deb Anglim and Julie Day 55.36. Fourth: Anne Gibson and Tom Kudelka 52.98.



The Westernport Tennis Club is a fun and inclusive club with plans for the future to continue its growth.

Westernport Tennis Club
aims to continually grow

WITH a focus on offering a family-orientated and socially inclusive environment, Westernport Tennis Club is thriving.

In fact, the San Remo-based club is bursting at the seams, with players from across Bass Coast wanting to be part of its competitions.

Eleven teams are currently competing in the winter competition – a club record.

“We’ve never had 11 teams before, and we could’ve had more, but we don’t have enough courts,” vice president Fiona Smart said.

“As it is, three teams have to have a bye every week. It’s good that we have so many people, but we’re playing less because we want to give everyone the opportunity to play.”

The club is pushing for the expansion of its tennis courts to allow more people to get involved and enjoy the game.

The San Remo venue offers four courts.

Westernport Tennis Club also hires courts in Newhaven – which are not up to standard – and at Newhaven College.

Some of the funds raised through merchandise and raffles help to offset the costs of hiring the other venues.

Westernport Tennis Club is abuzz with activity almost seven days a week, all year round.

It offers year-round junior competitions, midweek ladies’ competitions, men’s and women’s competitions over summer,

By Tayla Kershaw

and mixed competitions over winter.

The club also offers coaching and social events.

Headed by an almost all-female committee and backed by a highly experienced coach in Paul Rowbottom, the club has attracted 120 members.

The club accepts members of all experience levels and supports them as they rise through the ranks.

“For me personally, I started playing when I first moved here and I felt so welcomed,” president Kate Buchanan said.

“It’s fun physically, but it’s also fun socially and I’ve created a whole new group of friends. It’s a highlight just to come to tennis each week.

“I didn’t come from a tennis background, but everyone has been really encouraging.”

Kate said the additional cardio sessions offered by Paul on Tuesday nights and Friday mornings helped her make the transition into competition tennis.

“(Paul) got me to the point where he was suggesting I could play on a Wednesday night,” she said.

“He was really encouraging. It really helps feed people through. There’s quite a lot of people who have started there and managed to come through to this point. He’s a really lovely person.”

Cardio with Paul is \$20 a session and is open to the public.

There’s no sign-up – anyone can come along to a session.

Paul also coaches students at Newhaven College.

Coaching students as young as Grade Prep has inspired many young players to join the Westernport Tennis Club.

The contingent of juniors, ranging from ages 10 to 18, is one of the club’s strengths.

Twenty-one junior players are competing in the current junior club, with many excelling and trying their hand in the senior competitions.

With so much interest, the club also entered the most teams in Victoria into the last Country Week tournament held in February.

“It started off as a small group, but it has certainly grown,” Fiona said.

“We have to stop our competitions during that week because there’s no one left, which is great. It just bonds everyone together and it’s a lot of fun.”

The lack of space is the only limitation the club currently faces.

“Expansion is our biggest long-term goal. Right now, we are pretty much at capacity. We’ve got more people we’d like to have come in, and we really don’t want to turn anyone away,” Kate said.

“We rent this space (the clubrooms). The land we want is owned by (the Department of Energy, Environment and

Climate Action). We’re trying, but it’s baby steps.”

Westernport Tennis Club rents its clubroom from the rec centre.

Establishing its own clubroom is also part of its long-term plan.

“(By the end of this year) we’d like to have some traction on the expansion. We’d like to have a few more defined steps and have some progress,” Kate said.

In the short term, the club recently applied for a Bendigo Bank grant, which will go towards a \$43,000 lighting project, if successful.

“We want to replace the lights to make them LED lights,” Fiona said.

“If we are successful, we are hoping to get it done in the September school holidays.”

The club is also expanding its merchandise range – which has been very popular in promoting club unity, particularly amongst the juniors – and an online system to hire out the courts during the school holidays.

“Hiring out the courts to outside parties has been convoluted. We are looking into an online system to generate more revenue through that,” Kate said.

“Our competitions stop during the school holidays, and there’s an influx of tourism. Plenty of holidaymakers want to play but it can be hard to make a booking.”

Westernport Tennis Club thanked its volunteers and the local businesses who continue to show invaluable support.

Nyora shows its support for MND research



Tooradin-Dalmore’s coaches and team managers got into the spirit of the day and helped to raise money for MND research and awareness at Nyora.

NYORA Junior Football Club held a successful MND fundraiser on Sunday.

With the club decked out in blue, the day including dunking coaches and team managers in ice water following the U10 and U12 matches.

Coaches and team managers from opposing club Tooradin Dalmore were also supportive of the event and were involved in the ice water challenge.

Buckets with the names of those participating were positioned around the club so people could make donations.

By the end of the day, Nyora had raised \$3923.30. Donations also came from Sugar Shack Donuts, which gave all of its funds on the day back to the club to give to the MND charity.

Suzy’s Coffee Van also made a

donation, and a raffle was drawn on the day.

A family from the Nyora Junior Football Club donated the blue MND socks, which were worn by the Nyora players on the day.

Nyora’s junior club president Shannon Gallagher said the day was highly successful.

“It was really good to see so many members of our community donating to this important cause,” he said.

“Times are challenging at the moment, but it’s great to see people are still willing to give what they can. The AFL does a great job of supporting MND research and awareness, and it’s good to see the smaller clubs getting involved. We will be looking to run this event again next year, and hopefully we can reach this target again.”



2024 Under 15 Boys Country Championships team.



2024 Under 18 Girls Country Championships team.

2024 Country Championships

THE CLFA Country Championships are being held in Mildura over the King's Birthday weekend. The Gippsland Soccer League is sending five 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. Our players have been selected from our GSL clubs. We have players from Drouin Dragons, Inverloch Stars, Korumburra City, Lang Lang United, Leongatha Knights,

Mirboo North United, Phillip Island Breakers, and Wonthaggi United. Our teams are as follows:
Under 12 Boys: Jonah Bennett, Lachlann Christensen, Zen Dalli, Jack Hynd, Henry Kennedy, Jobe Lock, Bailey Logan, Brody Sherburn, Casey Sherburn, Harry Sivori, Sebastian Stellmach, Levi Sylvio, Louie Thomas and Chayce Vivian. Coaches: Rob Sherburn and Chris Dalli.
Under 14 Girls: Audrey Ashcroft, Zoe Diesner, Emily Douglas, Asha Earwicker, Skye Fisher, Tanna Goding,

Grace Goodwin, Daisy Hockett, Caitlyn Jacobs, Hesara Kahandawa, Lily Knabe, Aurora Quintana Laing, Edith Rowbottom, Cyra Satchithanandam and Addisyn Stubbs. Coaches: Paul Goodwin and Gines Satchithanandam.
Under 15 Boys: Tony Bals, Noah Bowman, Mitchell Ellen, Quincy Hay, Raiden Knabe, DJ Meadows, Lincoln Newton, Peeraphan Panyo, Ollie Phillips, Jacob Rushbury, Samuel Scott, William Stevenage, Myka Sylvio, Brock Wilkinson and Max Zeldenyk. Coach: Aidan Hall.

Under 18 Girls: Lisse Bath, Zoe Couper, Joss Geronimo, Ana Heneghan, Madeline Herbert, Maddison Hollier, Niya Manavalan, Michaela Marr, Savannah Mclean-Watling, Tallarah Murdoch, Brianna Purvis, Tiki Reed, Mya Tsagaris, Audrey Vernon and Grace Wilkinson. Coach: Jas Garry.
Under 18 Boys: Hayden Brown, Angus Dempsey, Lincoln Hamilton, Thomas Lilford, Koen Morton, Oscar Murdoch, Balian Prendergast, Caelan Scott and Alex Stevenage. Coach: Daren Dempsey.



2024 Under 12 Boys Country Championships team.



2024 Under 14 Girls Country Championships team.

Leongatha Knights win '23 grand final rematch

ROUND seven of the Gippsland Soccer League's Senior Women's competition saw a rematch of the 2023 Grand Final between Leongatha Knights FC and Wonthaggi United SC. Having not lost a game yet this season, the Lady Knights were feeling confident but wary of the always strong Wonthaggi side. The beginning of the match consisted of relatively even play with both sides launching attacks. Wonthaggi's keeper played a consistent game, performing some excellent saves to deny Leongatha an early lead. It was a magnificent cross from the boot of young winger Audrey Vernon and a strong follow up by Amaya Sande that netted the Lady Knights their first goal. Wonthaggi didn't drop their

heads. A corner sent in by Gabby Hynes found the head of Heidi Peterson who sent it straight into goals for the equaliser as the game headed into half time. A goal keeping error from the Knights saw Wonthaggi take the lead early in the second half as Maddi Poon sent in a ball that was fumbled by Knights Beth Milkins. Leongatha picked up pace, determined to regain the lead. An equaliser from a wonderful corner play that was sent in by Jordan Rinotule and completed by Jas Garry put wind in the Knights sails as they fought to regain the advantage. It was a brace from Amaya Sande that resulted in Leongatha grabbing the lead and securing the win.

Senior Men:
With the ground showing some wear from a full day of play and a wet weather week, the Senior Knights took to the pitch to secure another three points in their 2024 season campaign. Ethan Bath opened the scoring in the eleventh minute with a low volley strike that would be the first of a hat trick of scores for the day for the midfielder/striker. Long term Knights player PJ O'Meara received an assist from Richard Benedict to score just inside the penalty spot. A 3-0 lead going into half time reflected some composed play by the Knights against a Wonthaggi side that worked hard to maintain structure and keep the home side out of attack.

Leongatha Knights players Luke Knights, Richard Benedict and John Stephens, all made it onto the score sheet for the second half as the Knights pressed their advantage. The Wonthaggi team played a strong low block that forced the Knights to fight hard for their goals. Charlie Dougherty enjoyed a spell out of goals as a defensive midfielder, calmly directing the ball into attack. It was a wonderful strike on a tight angle from out wide right that saw centre back John Stephens score from a run on the wing to much applause from the home crowd.
U13 Girls: 5-0 loss. U17s: 3-3 draw. U12A: 1-1 draw. U14s: 7-1 win. U12B: 5-4 win. Senior Women's: 3-2 win. Senior Men's: 8-0 win.

Under 13 girls remain undefeated

KORUMBURRA City travelled to Phillip Island Breakers with a number of top of the table clashes on offer for spectators. U13 girls: A depleted but undefeated Burra girls team showed impressive offence and defence leading to another win 3 -0 remaining undefeated. Communication in the team was fantastic. Addi kicked 2 and Tiana her first goal for u13s. Special mention to Averie who played her first game and a few under 12s who helped fill in for some sick kids.

Under 12a: Phillip Island are top of the ladder and their communication, ball control and persistence was very strong but Burra children didn't just hand over the win they kept the pressure up and they did the team proud. Burra went down 6-0 but nine-year-old Xavier in goals did extraordinary; he saved many goals. Ruby, Tiana and Alayna stepped up by playing three games in a row!
Under 12b: When 12b played the teamwork and pressure by all was exceptional. Tom sent out some awesome throws and specifically one kick out of goals headed straight down the centre to other Burra team players who cleanly got the ball down the end and Rohan got the goal. Xavier kicked 3. 9- 4 win to Burra
Under 14: Another top of the table clash saw Burra go up early with a penalty to Jonah, but the game turned when Jasper came on for Island and set up multiple attacks with two late goals in the half to Aiden and Reuben.

Liam moved to left midfield in the second half and changed the game for Burra. With a best on ground performance, he absolutely dominated sending waves of attack forward. Jonah, Jhai and Huxley kicking 4 goals in the second half to finish the game with a 5 -3 win and close the gap on the ladder leader. Jonah's effort to shut down a rampant Jasper was commendable as well.
Reserve Men: Burra Reserves started brightly with multiple opportunities through Harry and Toby on the wings and a flailing header from Jake just going wide. Subu added some spark, but Captain Odgy took a nasty hit on the turf and had to leave the game with a concussion. Eventually Island wore Burra down with superior finishing skills to end with a 5-nil victory.

Senior Men: Top of the table Senior men played number two side Phillip Island Breakers. Island are hard to beat especially on their home turf and they came out firing with an early goal to Solo after some fantastic passing cut through the Burra defence. Burra came back quickly with some heat in the box, equalising when Simmo took a cool calm free kick, expertly curled over the wall into the top of the net. Island stepped up the pressure dominating possession, but Ryan and Dave held up the defence and the score remained 1 -1 at half time. A few minor adjustments after the break from both sides, but the Island side continued to dominate possession, Burra's Goalkeeper Zac had a sterling game, holding out multiple shots.

Islands surfer boy striker had a feisty battle with defender Dave, but older balder, maybe wiser heads prevailed, and when Tommy sliced a perfectly weighted pass from the wing through Island's defence, Big H was on. With a charging keeper and two defenders close behind he took a one touch hit at full pace into the bottom corner and Burra were up 2-1.

Desperate Island kept piling on the pressure with wave after wave of attack with the game all played in Burra's half. Riley fought gallantly but with Islands Jesper controlling the midfield in the 82nd minute he found a pass to Darcy who finished in style.
2-2 was a fitting result. Burra remain on top undefeated with last year's premiers Leongatha still to come in a tough season.

Gippsland Soccer League Round 7 Results – Sunday June 2

Under 12b Mixed: Korumburra City 9 d Phillip Island Sharks 4, Leongatha Knights 5 d Wonthaggi United 4, Drouin Dragons Yellow 2 d Inverloch Stars 1, Mirboo North United 3 d Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 1
Under 12a Mixed: Phillip Island Penguins 6 d Korumburra City 0, Leongatha Knights 1 drew Wonthaggi United 1

Under 13 Girls: Korumburra City 3 d Phillip Island Breakers 0, Wonthaggi United 5 d Leongatha Knights 0
Under 14 Mixed: Korumburra City 5 d Phillip Island Penguins 3, Drouin Dragons Maroon 2 drew Inverloch Stars 2, Leongatha Knights 7 d Wonthaggi United 1, Phillip Island Stingrays 6 d Mirboo North United 1
Under 17 Mixed: Phillip Is-

land Penguins 2 d Phillip Island Stingrays 1, Leongatha Knights 3 drew Wonthaggi United 3
Mens Reserves: Inverloch Stars 1 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0, Phillip Island Breakers 5 d Korumburra City 0
Senior Womens: Inverloch Stars 2 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1, Trafalgar Victory 2 d Lang Lang United 0, Leongatha Knights 3 d Wonthaggi

United 2
Senior Mens: Phillip Island Breakers 2 drew Korumburra City 2, Drouin Dragons Maroon 4 d Inverloch Stars 1, Trafalgar Victory 9 d Lang Lang United 1, Leongatha Knights 8 d Wonthaggi United 0
No matches are being played in the Gippsland Soccer League season over the King's Birthday weekend. Round 8 is on Sunday June 16.

RESULTS

A GRADE
Fish Creek 60 d Tarwin 29
MDU 46 d Newborough 42
Foster 46 d Stony Creek 27
Boolarra 51 d Toora 46
Yinnar 75 d Thorpdale 26

B GRADE
Fish Creek 72 d Tarwin 16
MDU 63 d Newborough 54
Foster 49 d Stony Creek 32
Hill End 43 lt Mirboo North 53
Boolarra 66 d Toora 48
Yinnar 80 d Thorpdale 34

C GRADE
Fish Creek 34 d Tarwin 30
MDU 38 d Newborough 32
Foster 28 lt Stony Creek 38
Hill End 23 lt Mirboo North 26
Boolarra 38 d Toora 37
Yinnar 76 d Thorpdale 5

D GRADE
Fish Creek 33 d Tarwin 28
MDU 27 d Newborough 26
Foster 32 lt Stony Creek 45
Hill End 30 d Mirboo North 29
Boolarra 27 d Toora 26
Yinnar 63 d Thorpdale 11

17 & UNDER
Fish Creek 41 d Stony Creek 20
MDU 43 d Newborough 12
Hill End 26 d Mirboo North 25
Boolarra 52 d Toora 44

15 & UNDER
Fish Creek 19 d Tarwin 8
MDU 50 d Newborough 19
Foster 17 lt Stony Creek 34
Hill End 33 drew Mirboo Nth 33
Boolarra 15 lt Toora 32

13 & UNDER
Fish Creek 19 d Tarwin 11
MDU 25 d Newborough 14
Foster 18 lt Stony Creek 26
Hill End 31 d Mirboo North 10
Boolarra 24 d Toora 15

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
MDU	154.96	32
Yinnar	172.31	28
Fish Creek	167.20	26
Morwell East	122.60	26
Foster	103.55	20
Boolarra	97.98	20
Mirboo North	92.22	20
Newborough	107.17	16
Toora	89.00	16
Stony Creek	83.82	12
Tarwin	69.32	4
Thorpdale	44.70	0
B GRADE		
Foster	190.35	32
Fish Creek	174.50	28
Boolarra	149.84	28
Morwell East	120.28	24
MDU	109.61	20
Mirboo North	104.97	20
Stony Creek	119.81	16
Yinnar	95.78	16
Toora	97.86	12
Newborough	97.70	12
Hill End	94.39	12
Tarwin	39.45	4
Thorpdale	35.73	0
C GRADE		
Yinnar	194.55	32
MDU	145.33	28
Morwell East	132.84	28
Newborough	126.05	20
Toora	123.58	20
Boolarra	117.31	20
Mirboo North	126.34	16
Tarwin	122.60	16
Hill End	91.36	12
Fish Creek	87.40	12
Foster	72.41	12
Stony Creek	80.71	8
Thorpdale	15.09	0
D GRADE		
Fish Creek	181.87	32
Stony Creek	177.65	32
Yinnar	143.39	28
MDU	140.36	20
Toora	115.47	18
Morwell East	97.06	18
Boolarra	107.46	16
Tarwin	104.80	16
Mirboo North	98.90	14
Newborough	124.23	12
Hill End	76.74	10
Foster	68.85	8
Thorpdale	14.19	0

17 & UNDER		
Boolarra	204.03	32
Yinnar	206.57	28
Fish Creek	171.52	28
Toora	169.36	28
MDU	158.75	20
Hill End	75.56	20
Newborough	59.92	12
Stony Creek	50.21	12
Mirboo North	58.50	4
Morwell East	33.01	4
15 & UNDER		
Toora	190.78	32
Boolarra	178.86	28
Hill End	161.15	26
MDU	195.39	24
Mirboo North	159.55	22
Yinnar	142.19	20
Stony Creek	100.54	16
Fish Creek	53.89	16
Foster	48.52	16
Newborough	57.94	12
Morwell East	47.21	8
Tarwin	31.23	4
13 & UNDER		
Yinnar	340.48	32
MDU	170.00	32
Boolarra	196.39	28
Hill End	194.05	24
Fish Creek	63.92	24
Newborough	95.45	20
Tarwin	116.96	16
Mirboo North	113.91	12
Stony Creek	41.57	12
Foster	21.30	12
Toora	38.46	8

SPORT | NETBALL



Ella Sadler takes front position for the pass against Tooradin-Dalmore. Z26_2324



All in close contest between Inverloch-Kongwak and Tooradin-Dalmore round 8. Z27_2324



Poowong's A grade goal attack Mia Blackwood passes the ball in Saturday's clash against Neerim South. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Inverloch-Kongwak's Lanni Pryor considers her ddown court options against Tooradin-Dalmore. Z29_2324



Courtney Brann takes the pass looking for a clearance against Drouin. Z37_2324



Drouin's Charlize Traumanis calls for the ball to go over Wonthaggi's Alana McRae. Z37_2324



Ellie Bates holds strong defensive positioning against Drouin. Z34_2324



Chelsea Bowman goes for goal in the fourth quarter against Drouin. Z35_2324

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE			17 & UNDER		
Bunyip 37 d Warragul Ind. 27			Bunyip 33 d Warragul Ind. 7		
Dalyston 59 d Phillip Island 46			Dalyston 25 lt Phillip Island 45		
I-Kongwak 45 d T-Dalmore 30			I-Kongwak 16 lt T-Dalmore 26		
Garfield 55 lt Kor-Bena 56			Garfield 42 d Kor-Bena 36		
NNG 48 drew K-Bass 48			NNG 38 d K-Bass 21		
KWR 35 d Cora Lynn 32			KWR 26 lt Cora Lynn 36		
B GRADE			15 & UNDER		
Bunyip 28 drew Warragul I. 28			Bunyip 13 lt Warragul Ind. 38		
Dalyston 40 lt Phillip Island 49			Dalyston 15 lt Phillip Island 28		
I-Kongwak 31 lt T-Dalmore 69			I-Kongwak 21 lt T-Dalmore 28		
Garfield 57 d Kor-Bena 33			Garfield 31 d Kor-Bena 28		
NNG 48 d K-Bass 40			NNG 59 d K-Bass 7		
KWR 28 lt Cora Lynn 48			KWR 15 lt Cora Lynn 21		
C GRADE			13 & UNDER		
Bunyip 42 d Warragul Ind. 32			Bunyip 5 lt Warragul Ind. 29		
Dalyston 33 d Phillip Island 19			Dalyston 12 lt Phillip Island 20		
I-Kongwak 26 lt T-Dalmore 30			I-Kongwak 9 lt T-Dalmore 25		
Garfield 31 lt Kor-Bena 38			NNG 41 d K-Bass 17		
NNG 35 d K-Bass 27			KWR 4 lt Cora Lynn 41		
KWR 23 lt Cora Lynn 34					
D GRADE			11 & UNDER		
Bunyip 42 d Warragul Ind. 20			Bunyip 12 lt Warragul Ind. 16		
Dalyston 17 lt Phillip Island 24			Dalyston 3 lt Phillip Island 29		
I-Kongwak 36 d T-Dalmore 17			I-Kongwak 3 lt T-Dalmore 30		
Garfield 44 d Kor-Bena 28			Garfield 23 d Kor-Bena 6		
NNG 57 d K-Bass 17			NNG 31 d K-Bass 14		
KWR 23 d Cora Lynn 19			KWR 8 lt Cora Lynn 21		

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	C GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Inverloch-K	172.69	32	Nar Nar Goon	151.40	32	Tooradin-Dal.	176.19	32	Tooradin-Dal.	360.00	30
Nar Nar Goon	113.39	26	Tooradin-Dal.	130.39	28	Phillip Island	176.78	32	Cora Lynn	308.82	30
Kilcunda-Bass	111.38	22	Inverloch-K.	164.14	24	Nar Nar Goon	152.83	28	Nar Nar Goon	249.59	28
Dalyston	120.00	20	Cora Lynn	114.48	24	Garfield	145.15	28	Warragul Ind.	117.55	22
Cora Lynn	119.39	20	Kilcunda-Bass	110.33	16	Inverloch-K.	140.11	24	Kor-Bena	111.43	16
Tooradin-Dal.	106.35	18	Kor-Bena	108.58	16	Kor-Bena	142.69	20	Kilcunda-Bass	85.42	16
Koo Wee Rup	99.17	18	Bunyip	100.44	14	Koo Wee Rup	79.50	12	Phillip Island	96.10	14
Kor-Bena	99.51	16	Koo Wee Rup	95.02	14	Bunyip	78.49	8	Inverloch K.	84.94	14
Phillip Island	82.19	8	Dalyston	85.71	10	Cora Lynn	78.40	8	Garfield	74.19	14
Garfield	77.26	8	Garfield	83.27	10	Dalyston	70.00	4	Dalyston	52.06	4
Bunyip	76.09	4	Warragul Ind.	62.01	4	Kilcunda Bass	62.83	0	Bunyip	22.34	4
Warragul Ind.	64.57	0	Phillip Island	49.18	0	Warragul Ind.	21.30	0	Koo Wee Rup	22.56	0
B GRADE			D GRADE			15 & UNDER			11 & UNDER		
Tooradin Dal.	167.44	32	Nar Nar Goon	275.19	32	Warragul Ind.	150.83	28	Tooradin-Dal.	964.00	32
Nar Nar Goon	153.20	28	Garfield	181.96	32	Nar Nar Goon	204.79	26	Nar Nar Goon	440.38	32
Inverloch-K	127.00	24	Inverloch-K	264.23	28	Phillip Island	187.18	26	Phillip Island	321.67	28
Dalyston	105.95	20	Koo Wee Rup	142.96	24	Tooradin-Dal.	229.46	24	Cora Lynn	162.37	20
Warragul Ind.	102.47	18	Kor-Bena	121.67	24	Cora Lynn	150.66	24	Garfield	86.00	20
Kilcunda-Bass	116.07	16	Bunyip	110.53	16	Koo Wee Rup	116.15	16	Koo Wee Rup	72.79	14
Garfield	98.28	16	Tooradin-Dal.	102.87	16	Inverloch-K.	102.23	12	Inverloch-K	68.99	14
Cora Lynn	91.69	16	Cora Lynn	82.28	8	Garfield	73.91	12	Warragul Ind.	79.83	12
Phillip Island	91.15	16	Phillip Island	59.22	8	Kor-Bena	69.12	12	Kilcunda-Bass	58.24	8
Bunyip	77.60	6	Kilcunda-Bass	44.05	4	Dalyston	48.94	8	Bunyip	46.83	8
Kor-Bena	65.12	0	Warragul Ind.	45.57	0	Kilcunda-Bass	30.53	4	Dalyston	16.58	4
Koo Wee Rup	58.69	0	Dalyston	34.41	0	Bunyip	30.53	0	Kor-Bena	18.22	0

Anderson selected in Melbourne Vixens squad



Former Wonthaggi Power netballer Zali Anderson was recently selected to play for the Melbourne Vixens in the Super Netball Reserves Squad.

MELBOURNE Vixens recently announced its squad for the pilot Sun-corp Super Netball Reserves. Named in the 16-athlete squad was Zali Anderson of Boroondara Express, and previously Wonthaggi Power. Netballers were select-ed based on performance in the Victorian Netball League (VNL). Seven teams will com-pete in the competition, with teams travelling inter-state to take part. "It's very exciting. I'm looking forward to getting the opportunity to learn from some great players

and coaches," Zali said. The competition began last weekend (June 1), with Zali set to play in three interstate games. The Melbourne Vixens took on the Giants (New South Wales) at the John Cain Arena in round one. "I've played with a cou-ple of the players from the Giants at Aus Camp. It will be interesting game, it's a very strong club," Zali said ahead of the weekend's game. Zali has been training hard with the squad, but her training schedule has also been complimentary of her VNL training with Boroondara Express.

Her time with Boroond-ara Express has been suc-cessful, having been part of the runner up premier-ship team last season and currently sitting on top of the ladder halfway through the 2024 season. Zali dominates the cen-tre court, generally play-ing as a wing attack or centre. Zali launched her net-ball career playing in the juniors for the Wonthaggi Power Football Netball Club. The Super Netball Re-serves competition will be run over five weeks and will be open for fans.

TOORA

A GRADE: Disappoint-ing loss today for the girls. The game ebbed and flowed and unfortunately, we lost momentum in patches and couldn't hold our lead. Lots to takeaway and work on. Carla had another tough day on a tall shooter and worked hard earning herself the award. **B Grade:** Everyone came out strong and competitive, the younger players in our team did such a great job to stay focussed on the game. Much better movement with angle's and giving the first op-tions. Everyone played their role and played so well as a team. This week's award went to the birthday girl Evie Stone, awesome defensive game and more proud of how you played out the game.

C Grade: We ventured to Boolarra this week hoping to continue on with all the great work from last week. Unfor-tunately, we went down by 1 but the effort by everyone was great. No Mylie this week so we had to try some different combinations and we need to thank Maya, Maddie and Ella for helping us out. These ju-nior netballers are doing an amazing job and you don't re-alise how much we appreciate you all.

D Grade: Another tough game for us this week. Miss-ing Molly this week meant we had to try a few different com-binations, but the girls fought hard all game. Unfortunately, we went down by a goal.

17s: The tall timber inti-midated us right from the start. We dropped our heads a little too far. We held in until the end but couldn't make it over the line. Our first loss unfor-tunately and we let them slip away in the end. 52-44.

15s: A great win on a cold morning to help Evie Stone celebrate her birthday. 15-32. Every player did amazing and fought for everything. Came out firing right from the start.

13 & Under: Starting the frosty day with frozen fin-gers, the under 13s came out strong against a top team. Goal for goal... the improve-ment shown by the team this week was absolutely out-standing and to see the girls putting what they learn at trainings onto court on a Sat-urday is so amazing to see. Great work girls!



Opposing centres Nicola Marriott of Leongatha and Tayla Falconer of Bairnsdale found it hard to get a clear run through the congestion during a tight match that ultimately went the way of the visiting Redlegs.



Mikaeli Hilliar opened up strongly for Leongatha in goals but an interrupted second quarter cost the Parrots momentum and Bairnsdale surged right back into contention after half time.



Tiger's Under 15 Ocean stops the ball in it's tracks in the draw against the Rovers.



Under13's Tiger Georgie leaps for the ball from her opponent in Saturday's defeat against Hill End.

ELLINBANK

RESULTS

A GRADE		17 & UNDER	
Lang Lang 42	It Ellinbank 53	Lang Lang 35	It Ellinbank 46
Neerim Sth 56	d Poowong 28	Neerim Sth 10	It Poowong 57
Buln Buln 42	It N-Darnum 53	Buln Buln 15	It N-Darnum 38
Yarragon 48	d Catani 27	Yarragon 35	It Catani 36
Trafalgar 60	d Longwarry 49	Trafalgar 34	d Longwarry 23
B GRADE		15 & UNDER	
Lang Lang 29	It Ellinbank 48	Lang Lang 24	d Ellinbank 14
Neerim Sth 46	d Poowong 27	Neerim Sth 13	It Poowong 21
Buln Buln 51	d N-Darnum 42	Buln Buln 41	d N-Darnum 22
Yarragon 31	It Catani 45	Yarragon 21	It Catani 31
Trafalgar 50	d Longwarry 21	Trafalgar 29	d Longwarry 20
C GRADE		13 & UNDER	
Lang Lang 21	It Ellinbank 28	Lang Lang 25	d Ellinbank 12
Neerim Sth 50	d Poowong 17	Neerim Sth 5	It Poowong 22
Buln Buln 29	It N-Darnum 40	Buln Buln 43	d N-Darnum 4
Yarragon 35	It Catani 36	Yarragon 38	d Catani 5
Trafalgar 32	d Longwarry 24	Trafalgar 26	d Longwarry 18

LADDERS

A GRADE			17 & UNDER		
Neerim South	188.44	32	Catani	232.76	28
Nilma-Darnum	161.28	24	Trafalgar	186.83	28
Ellinbank	159.62	24	Poowong	178.50	26
Lang Lang	95.43	16	Nilma-Darnum	188.27	24
Trafalgar	109.56	12	Yarragon	183.26	22
Yarragon	89.24	12	Longwarry	113.75	20
Buln Buln	82.10	8	Ellinbank	73.68	12
Poowong	77.59	8	Lang Lang	82.31	8
Longwarry	64.06	8	Buln Buln	73.27	8
Catani	56.23	0	Neerim South	32.45	4
Nyora	0.00	0	Nyora	10.91	0
B GRADE			15 & UNDER		
Ellinbank	190.99	32	Buln Buln	183.43	30
Neerim South	144.73	32	Catani	161.73	30
Nilma-Darnum	112.34	24	Poowong	179.56	24
Buln Buln	118.81	20	Lang Lang	149.08	20
Trafalgar	114.69	20	Trafalgar	119.10	20
Lang Lang	129.17	16	Neerim South	114.87	20
Catani	95.00	16	Nilma-Darnum	91.26	16
Poowong	88.13	12	Yarragon	109.19	12
Nyora	64.79	4	Ellinbank	73.97	8
Yarragon	68.80	2	Longwarry	49.82	0
Longwarry	52.43	2	Nyora	5.00	0
C GRADE			13 & UNDER		
Ellinbank	207.47	32	Buln Buln	1196.77	32
Neerim South	192.92	32	Lang Lang	331.65	32
Lang Lang	160.92	28	Yarragon	208.08	28
Catani	122.97	20	Poowong	261.64	24
Nilma-Darnum	127.31	16	Trafalgar	115.94	16
Yarragon	108.00	16	Ellinbank	111.81	12
Trafalgar	93.58	16	Neerim South	94.16	12
Buln Buln	90.35	12	Nilma-Darnum	88.74	12
Poowong	78.11	8	Longwarry	72.46	12
Longwarry	61.95	0	Catani	8.61	0
Nyora	17.05	0	Nyora	2.65	0

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RESULTS

A GRADE		17 & UNDER	
Leongatha 44	It Bairnsdale 46	Leongatha 47	d Bairnsdale 23
Sale 38	It Morwell 40	Sale 44	d Morwell 20
Traralgon 79	d Maffra 26	Traralgon 43	d Maffra 21
Warragul 54	It Moe 64	Warragul 22	It Moe 37
Wonthaggi 44	It Drouin 51	Wonthaggi 38	It Drouin 43
B GRADE		15 & UNDER	
Leongatha 77	d Bairnsdale 33	Leongatha 21	It Bairnsdale 41
Sale 48	d Morwell 38	Sale 33	d Morwell 26
Traralgon 59	d Maffra 29	Traralgon 44	d Maffra 26
Warragul 49	It Moe 61	Warragul 29	It Moe 44
Wonthaggi 40	It Drouin 51	Wonthaggi 44	d Drouin 41
C GRADE		13 & UNDER	
Leongatha 41	d Bairnsdale 24	Leongatha 34	d Bairnsdale 17
Sale 27	It Morwell 46	Sale 57	d Morwell 7
Traralgon 30	It Maffra 36	Traralgon 19	It Maffra 28
Warragul 33	d Moe 32	Warragul 1	It Moe 51
Wonthaggi 37	It Drouin 48	Wonthaggi 10	It Drouin 29


LADDERS

A GRADE			17 & UNDER		
Moe	177.89	32	Traralgon	221.55	32
Drouin	135.58	24	Leongatha	217.26	28
Warragul	121.74	24	Bairnsdale	143.15	24
Traralgon	120.50	20	Drouin	121.94	20
Wonthaggi	111.18	16	Sale	119.33	20
Bairnsdale	90.79	16	Wonthaggi	88.70	12
Morwell	103.07	12	Maffra	82.43	12
Leongatha	97.36	12	Moe	55.66	8
Sale	55.81	2	Morwell	58.65	4
Maffra	41.55	2	Warragul	32.00	0
B GRADE			15 & UNDER		
Leongatha	169.78	30	Bairnsdale	235.50	32
Drouin	136.51	28	Sale	174.75	32
Traralgon	133.67	28	Traralgon	183.08	24
Moe	122.32	22	Moe	114.23	16
Sale	84.55	14	Maffra	92.16	16
Warragul	91.45	12	Wonthaggi	76.07	16
Wonthaggi	97.99	10	Drouin	72.46	8
Morwell	93.18	10	Morwell	70.31	8
Maffra	54.95	6	Leongatha	58.53	8
Bairnsdale	65.27	0	Warragul	55.49	0
C GRADE			13 & UNDER		
Drouin	156.82	30	Leongatha	219.08	28
Morwell	147.30	20	Maffra	217.45	28
Leongatha	107.47	20	Traralgon	191.72	26
Maffra	104.05	20	Moe	170.69	20
Traralgon	98.03	20	Sale	190.21	18
Wonthaggi	112.55	16	Bairnsdale	131.35	16
Moe	95.63	8	Drouin	88.55	12
Bairnsdale	78.76	8	Wonthaggi	26.51	8
Warragul	70.16	4	Morwell	27.68	4
Sale	60.98	4	Warragul	14.16	0

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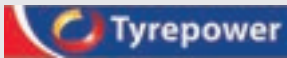
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MDU	NEWBOROUGH
MDU 5.3 10.5 11.8 14.9 (93)	Newborough 1.3 3.4 7.6 13.8 (86)

GOALS, MDU: Lachie Wright 6, Steve Forrester, Angus Kemper 2, Nathan Allen, Kieran Bohn, Timothy Harris, Ben Perry 1 each
BEST: Lachie Wright, Thomas Corry, Samual Wilson, Steve Forrester, Connor Krohn, Kieran Bohn

GOALS, Newborough: Josh Pearce 4, Max Edebohls, Liam Flahavin, Nathan Wheildon 2, Jake Bowden, Kyle Jennings, Jack Robinson 1 each
BEST: Liam Flahavin, Patrick Charles, Liam Charles, Josh Pearce, Jack Edebohls, Nathan Wheildon

MDU	NEWBOROUGH
MDU 3.2 4.6 5.6 7.7 (49)	Newborough 1.2 3.4 7.7 8.8 (56)

GOALS, MDU: Ben Cantwell, Blake Moscript 2, Tyson Harris, Brendan Tomada, Rhys Weaver 1 each
BEST: Aaron Trease, Matt Harris, Jack Ballagh, Alexander Battersby, Toby Goss, Charlie McInnes
GOALS, Newborough: Ben van Dyk 3, Joshua Bland, Brodie Burgess, William Collings, Harrison Gallagher, Shane Keane 1 each
BEST: Samuel Lodge, James Grant, Matt Rowlings, Andrew Bertoli, William Collings, Jack Brincat

MDU	NEWBOROUGH
MDU 3.2 5.6 7.8 10.11 (71)	Newborough 1.0 1.4 3.6 3.8 (26)

GOALS, MDU: Angus McInnes 5, Lincoln Hamilton 2, Hunter Fennell, Cohen Harrison, Kyra Helms 1 each
BEST: Angus McInnes, Burke VanderZalm, Finn Dunn, Hunter Fennell, Lincoln Hamilton, Raph Jefferis
GOALS, Newborough: Ryan Archipow, Oscar Hanson, Jackson Shields 1 each
BEST: Brody Young, Ethan Mounsey, Platon Georgiou, Oscar Hanson, William Cuthbertson, Jacoby Gibbs

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

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FISH CREEK	TARWIN
Fish Creek 3.4 4.8 10.14 16.16 (112)	Tarwin 1.4 1.5 1.6 1.7 (13)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Darcy Berryman 6, Josh Standfield 3, William Brydon Waldren, Tom Buckley, Roland De Biase, Matthew McGannon, Harrison Smith, Willem Voorham, Jarrod Walker 1 each
BEST: Darcy Berryman, Jake Anderson, Tom Valenta, Roland De Biase, Jarrod Walker, William Brydon Waldren
GOALS, Tarwin: Ricky O'Loughlin 1
BEST: Ben Ellen, Alexander Chadwick, Daniel Houston, Cooper Scott, Harrison Cumming, Ricky O'Loughlin

Fish Creek	TARWIN
Fish Creek 0.0 4.3 9.9 14.11 (95)	Tarwin 2.0 2.2 2.4 3.4 (22)

GOALS, Fish Creek: Anthony Wilson 5, Toby Redpath 4, Tim Walters 2, Ethan Farrell, Josh Harry, Owen Straw 1 each
BEST: Owen Straw, Brandon Bell, Lane Bowman, Tim Walters, Brandon Busuttill, Tye McGannon
GOALS, Tarwin: Jamie Cann, Mark Garnham, Vaughan Van Dillen 1 each
BEST: Nick Browne, Travis Bergmeier, Peter Houston, Nick McRae, Nick Tucker, Zac McRae

Fish Crk/Tarwin	Yinnar
Fish Crk/Tarwin 2.3 3.6 6.7 7.11 (53)	Yinnar 2.1 5.2 8.3 9.5 (59)

GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Tige Brewer, Joseph Rysko 2, Lucas Buckland, Tom Millton, Tom Piasente 1 each
BEST: Joseph Rysko, Wilkie Edgelow, Tom Millton, Jarrah Cicero, Zac McRae, Tom Piasente
GOALS, Yinnar: Riley Zielecki 3, Billy Durea, Dylan Hobbs, Noah McCafferty, Hudson McCulloch, Harvey McKay, Jay Rogalsky 1 each
BEST: Hudson McCulloch, Noah McCafferty, Riley Zielecki, Harry Bugeja, Harvey McKay, Jay Rogalsky

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS	Yinnar 14.10.94 d Thorpdale 12.5.77
RESERVES	Yinnar 11.22.88 d Thorpdale 2.1.13



Fish Creek came away with a fantastic win on Saturday dominating the game at every turn. Photos: Megan Vuillermin and Bek Morgan.



The big men fly for the tap as Fish Creek hosted Tarwin at Terrill Park in Round 8.

Roos slaughter Sharks with 99 point demolition



Evan Bruning of Tarwin U16s received best on ground for Tarwin. Photo: Gerard Bruning.

FISH Creek's biggest challenge at this time of the year is possibly more about keeping its playing personnel fresh and healthy ahead of the important months that lay ahead rather than laying it all on the line right now.

That said, the Kangaroos are coming up against sides like the weekend Sharks, who are in fact ready to put it all on the line in the hope that one extra win will be enough to have them finish in finals contention, or that's at least what we thought might happen.

The Kangaroos 16-16-112 to Tarwin 1-7-13 tells a completely unexpected story.

"It was a great win yesterday, was good for us to tick off the KPIs that we had before the game and even contributors across the ground," Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach said. "A massive thank you to the

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club umpires that officiated the game, was very fair all day. Looking forward to next week, super exciting to play a stand-alone game against Meeniyana, who we have a great rivalry against, hope to get a good crowd down."

"We definitely didn't come to play at all, it's been a big stretch of competitive football for us, and we have had plenty of new faces and haven't had the consistency of personnel we would like, but now with a week off, we can reset and look to some improvement in the back half of the season," Jason Kennedy, Tarwin coach added.

As disappointing as the weekend loss was, the fact is that the Sharks are just one game out of the six there remains plenty of possibilities.

Dogs final quarter comeback not enough to secure win

FINALS start in the final week of August, but in some ways, they have already started given the evenness and the importance of each and every round.

MDU entered round eight in sixth position as they prepared for the fifth placed Newborough to visit their home deck.

The Demons had been good but needed a scalp such as the Bulldogs to add weight to their reputation as a genuine contender, and that is exactly

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what they got. MDU 14-9-93 to Newborough 13-7-85.

"We came up against an undermanned Newborough side who showed terrific fight to get back and almost run over us," Nathan Allen, MDU coach stated.

"Our first half was the best display of footy we have played all year, we just didn't quite go on with it. Little bit unlucky with no bench for a

fair amount of the second half, so I was very happy to come away with the four points."

The old saying, that a game was one of two halves was never more evident at the weekend for the visiting Bulldogs.

"The weekend was a snapshot of our season," Craig Skinner, Newborough coach explained.

"First was our worst half for the year and the second half was our best. Meeniyana denied us the footy through hunger and desperation then had

the skill to execute. Nathan Whieldon and Josh Pearce started a revival that everyone joined in on and was a courageous turn around. Critical free kicks in front of goal denied us the win. Weekend off couldn't come quick enough before we get ready for Boolarra."

The Bulldogs, now sit sixth, with no less than three clubs on their tail just one game behind, which lends itself to the most second half of the season.

Tigers roar to first victory of the season

MIRBOO North is off the bottom of the MGFNL ladder, after defeating a still-winless Hill End by nine points, in their 2024 Indigenous round-eight clash at Willow Grove on Saturday.

Ever-astute veteran Tiger, Josh Taylor, was the star of the afternoon for the mighty Tigers, booting a total of six goals from acute and obtuse angles, as well as a couple directly in front of the big white sticks.

The Blond Bombshell was joined on the battlefield by five other Mirboo North past premiership participants – Damien Turner, Alex Windsor, Joe Brooks, Shane Peters and Riley Oddy – across the club’s five 2006 to 2017 Mid Gippsland senior flag sides.

For Hill End, its big and strong power forward, Jamie Somers, marked nearly everything that came his way and finished the day with five goals for the game alongside his name.

From the outset, both teams went hammer and tongs at each other in pursuit of the Sherrin, as if their very lives depended on gathering it cleanly and disposing of it effectively.

Hard-working Mirboo North onballer, Jeremy Salinger, was prominent early in the opening quarter, popping through two of the Tigers’ first three majors, after marking pinpoint passes from Riley Oddy and Turner.

With Taylor, Riley Oddy, Brooks and Turner on fire up forward and Patrick Lewis winning the ruck contests, Mirboo North’s energised efficiency around the packs was worrying many of Hill End’s parochial supporters.

Former professional golfer, Todd Alexander, was another Tiger putting plenty of pressure on the Hillmen with his tight, defensive play across half back.

Fellow Tiger defenders, Taj Wilkins and Linc Oddy, kept a close eye on their respective opponents, that included

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a blind turn by Oddy, that no one saw coming.

Mirboo North ended the first term three goals clear, but the Hillmen had reduced their deficit to 12 points at the main break, after kicking four goals straight to the Tigers’ less accurate 2.6.

Coming into the game more frequently for the locals were Somers, skipper Aaron Fawcett, Seth Calwway, Jeremy Hunter and Harry Moore.

With Mirboo North keeping the scoreboard ticking over nicely, the Tigers regained momentum for most of the third quarter that lifted their lead towards 30 points.

However, a late run of unanswered Hill End goals saw the locals draw to within seven points of the Tigers by three-quarter time.

An inspiring address from playing coach Turner had an immediate effect on Mirboo North, when talented teenager, Leigh Jowett, held a difficult mark and goaled from long range.

Brooks successfully moved into the ruck for the visitors, where his palming at the stoppages and overhead marking around the ground were significant.

Another Mirboo North major soon followed, but successive goals from Somers had Hill End trailing by one point, long after the sinking winter sun had disappeared and as time-on approached.

As both teams desperately drove the Sherrin towards their forward arcs, many promising build-ups were turned back, with defiant intercept marking.

A final snapped goal from Taylor wedged between a couple of Mirboo North behinds, was enough to see the Tigers home by nine points in a corker of a contest.

Following this weekend’s King’s Birthday Holiday break, Mirboo North hosts Morwell East at Tigerland on Saturday June 15.



Tiger’s Jamie Somers leaps high to win the tap. Photo: Annie Holland.

Magpies soar early, crash late in stunning second-half defeat

BOOLARRA had been buoyed by their one kick win over Stony Creek just a week prior, but backing up that performance with yet another against a visiting Toora team was the key to the Demons continuing to push for a position further up the MGFNL ladder.

Their eleven-point victory kept the dream alive as we now approach the halfway mark of the year, Boolarra

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9-8-62 to Toora 7-9-51, but the final scoreline doesn’t tell the whole story of the one hundred- and twenty-minutes prior.

“We were outplayed for the first half, Jack has his guys playing some pretty good footy,” Brendan Mason, Boolarra coach said.

“Credit to our boys we held them goalless in the second

half and found a way to get across the line.”

The Magpies were good for a part of the game, but in this competition it is rarely enough to get the points.

“I asked our boys to play with a bit of freedom and we did for a half and had the game under control at half time, unfortunately we went away from this after half time and after allowing Boolarra back in we couldn’t arrest back the momentum and went down,” Jack Weston Toora coach stated.

Momentum can be everything, not only within games, but within seasons and as Toora searches to string some games together, there is bound to be some disappointment, but you get the sense that a series of wins may be just around the corner.

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MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

 **84**  **93**

HILL END	MIRBOO NORTH
Hill End 2.3	6.3 10.5 13.6 (84)
Mirboo North 5.3	7.9 10.12 13.15 (93)

GOALS, Hill End: Jamie Somers 5, Aaron Fawcett 2, Seth Calway, Liam Cumiskey, Simon Fairbairn, Joshua Hammond, Jeremy Hunter, Lachlan Wilson 1 each
BEST: Seth Calway, Aaron Fawcett, Jamie Somers, Jeremy Hunter, Harry Moore, Joshua Hammond
GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Joshua Taylor 6, Riley Oddy 3, Jeremy Salinger 2, Leigh Jowett, Shane Peters 1 each
BEST: Joe Brooks, Joshua Taylor, Riley Oddy, Jeremy Salinger, Patrick Lewis, Leigh Jowett

RESERVES
Hill End 2.5 3.5 7.8 10.10 (70)
Mirboo North 0.0 0.1 0.4 2.6 (18)

GOALS, Hill End: Mitchell Davies 2, Nick Copeland, Bradley Gorman, Brody Hams, Ariki Matwijkiw, Zac O’Hara, Lincoln Riley, Jake Schiavello, Evan Walker 1 each
BEST: Mitchell Davies, Brody Hams, Zac O’Hara, Brodie McLachlan, Jake Schiavello, Lincoln Riley
GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Angus O’Loughlin, Xavier Spaul 1 each
BEST: Lachlan Poljak, Connor White, Alex Krausz, Xavier Spaul, Luke Gervasi, Matthew Ellman

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

 **100**  **76**

FOSTER	STONY CREEK
Foster 3.1 10.2 13.2 16.4 (100)	Stony Creek 4.3 6.5 8.6 11.10 (76)

GOALS, Foster: Jake Best 9, Michael Cooke 2, Cody Banbury, Michael Green, Mitchell Gregson, Riley McDonald, Brendan Neville 1 each
BEST: Jake Best, Dylan Williams, Brock Cripps, Brendan Neville, Cody Banbury, Jack Rathjen
GOALS, Stony Creek: Tully Bernaldo, Colby Michael, Tom Stone, Chris Verboon 2, Hayden Bull, Hayden Funnell, Nathan Trotto 1 each
BEST: Cameron Stone, Jacob Byrnes, Darcy Atkins, Hayden Funnell, Colby Michael, Ethan Lavis

RESERVES
Foster 0.2 1.2 1.2 1.2 (8)
Stony Creek 4.2 8.4 11.8 14.11 (95)

GOALS, Foster: Jacob Albrecht 1
BEST: Jake Coffey, Angus Lomax, Lee Hulse, Jedd Davy, Jason Midwinter, Bryce Judd
GOALS, Stony Creek: Ryan McKnight, Brad Renden 3, George Batten, John Holloway 2, Adam Atkins, Ben Heath, Brett McKnight, Nick Svenson 1 each
BEST: Brad Renden, Ryan McKnight, Anthony Dyke, George Batten, Ben Heath, Lucas Byrnes

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

 **62**  **51**

BOOLARRA	TOORA
Boolarra 1.2 2.4 5.5 9.8 (62)	Toora 3.2 7.3 7.7 7.9 (51)

GOALS, Boolarra: Brendan Mason 3, Luke Marriott, Simon Noy 2, Caleb Bell, Joel Mason 1 each
BEST: Simon Noy, Joel Mason, Tom Reiske, Luke Marriott, Mitchell Lovison, Brendan Mason
GOALS, Toora: James Maurilli-Pullin 2, Jean Bezzene, Leigh Craig, William Goosey, Joseph Platt, Jake Smart 1 each
BEST: Sam Frawley, Wellesley Jenkins, Jake Smart, Ben East, Aidan Peile, Jean Bezzene

RESERVES
Boolarra 2.3 3.4 4.4 4.6 (30)
Toora 2.2 5.5 7.9 9.11 (65)

GOALS, Boolarra: Kevin Karunamuni 2, Michael Murden, Eddy Stanton 1 each
BEST: Michael Cleaver, Jamie Maggs, Kevin Karunamuni, Tyson Cameron, Hayden Kimpton, Glen Smith
GOALS, Toora: Tex Dyson 4, Jordyn Coulthard 2, Linden Dyson, Casey Ferguson, Jarryd Guganovic 1 each
BEST: Luke Anedda, Lachie Lewis, Jaxon Lewis, Tex Dyson, Jordyn Coulthard, Jaxon Cripps

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ROUND 8

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Fish Creek.....	6	1	203.94	28
Yinnar.....	6	1	179.10	28
Foster.....	6	1	124.26	28
Morwell East.....	5	2	209.83	24
MDU.....	5	2	130.34	24
Newborough.....	5	3	149.44	20
Thorpdale.....	4	4	93.12	16
Boolarra.....	3	4	90.59	16
Tarwin.....	3	4	78.66	16
Stony Creek.....	2	6	103.52	8
Toora.....	2	6	71.93	8
Mirboo North.....	1	7	38.49	4
Hill End.....	0	7	27.72	4

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Stony Creek.....	7	1	344.93	28
Newborough.....	7	1	316.81	28
MDU.....	6	1	224.88	28
Yinnar.....	5	2	353.26	24
Fish Creek.....	5	2	286.53	24
Morwell East.....	5	2	200.36	24
Boolarra.....	3	4	68.73	16
Tarwin.....	2	4	106.21	12
Thorpdale.....	3	5	49.76	12
Toora.....	2	6	59.49	8
Hill End.....	1	6	21.40	8
Mirboo North.....	2	6	20.32	8
Foster.....	0	7	16.23	4

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
MDU.....	5	0	287.79	30
Yinnar.....	3	3	152.71	20
Newborough.....	3	4	49.91	16
Mirboo North.....	2	4	47.73	16
Fish Creek/Tarwin.....	2	4	108.06	14
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
Foster.....	0	0	0.00	0

Foster dominates home soil win

EIGHT rounds into a season is generally enough time to start to make some assumptions about what we might expect come the business end of the season, but there is always one or two teams that can pop their head up and make you second guess what might actually present itself come finals time.

Round eight was no exception.

Foster at home and coming off a weekend bye, were always going to be a tough proposition for the visiting Stony Creek, but the Lions knew too that their window of opportunity would be slowly closing unless they were able to snatch a win against the odds, against quality opposition.

Foster shut the window on the visiting Lions winning 16-4-100 to 11-10-76. Not for the first time this year, Stony Creek in the match up to their eyeballs before falling agonisingly close.

“We started well with goals in the first quarter the result of good forward line pressure,” Chris Verboon, Stony Creek coach stated.

“The second quarter they found space around

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the stoppages and were able to get clean forward entries, with Jake Best on the end of them. We finished with more scoring shots but couldn’t convert. In the end one quarter of footy is where we lost the game. We have a couple of weeks off, which has come at a good time. Plenty of sore bodies. It will be good to have a break and refresh.”

The Lions are not dead yet, but they will need to find something extra in the second half of the season, and if they can, they might prove to be a “smoky” come finals time, and prove to be a real problem for sides above them.

Foster will be one of those sides, the Tigers just continuing to do what needs to be done.

Sam Davies, Foster coach, “It was a strong win, we played thirty minutes of really good footy then struggled a bit with skill execution and fundamentals. Plenty to work on.”

As good as Foster are, the prospect that they may indeed get better spells dangers for those all around them.

All eyes on Fish Creek this weekend

A SNEAKY little mid-season break for eleven of the thirteen MGFNL teams with a King’s Birthday long weekend round featuring just the one clash, between two of the competitions in form clubs in league leaders and reigning premiers Fish Creek and the fifth placed MDU.

MDU come into one of the feature rounds of the season off an impressive and confidence building win over last year’s grand finalists Newborough, the Demons seven-point victory has them just one win away from their weekend opponent, which in itself should be reason enough to have the visitors up and about and ready to go.

“This week we play Fish Creek away in what I’m expecting to be a finals-like game,” Nathan Allen, MDU coach stated.

“Two good teams going at it in front of a huge crowd hopefully!”

The match certainly is deserving of a ‘finals like’ crowd for what the MDU coach himself describes as a ‘finals like’ game, and if we happen to be greeted by kind winter weather everything else should just fall into place.

As good as the Demons have been on the back of solid performances in recent times by the likes of Lachie Wright, Tom Corry, Sam Wilson Steve Forrester and the coach himself, the key to MDU’s winning form has been the efforts of the “team” with different players giving what is required at different times, with no one, two or three individuals relied upon to get the job done.

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If the footy gods are kind to both clubs this King’s Birthday weekend, we can be assured of some quality football and that’s certainly what the Kangaroos are expecting.

Jarrold Walker, Fish Creek coach noting “we had a great win last week against Tarwin. It was good for us to tick off the KPIs that we had before the game and even contributors across the ground. We are now looking forward to this week, super exciting to play a standalone game against Meenyan, who we have a great rivalry against, hope to get a good crowd down at our home ground.”

The reference to ‘home ground’ might just be the key as one of the state’s very best performing clubs look forward to performing in front of a healthy home crowd.

MDU might well be pleased with the way the responsibilities each and every week are spread between the clubs’ playing personnel, but make no mistake, Fish Creek have been and will continue to do the same, in fact over the past month they have had no less than fourteen different players acknowledged as part of their club’s best.

The Kangaroos demolition of Tarwin, just last week, by one hundred points keeping the Sharks to just a solitary goal is proof that the reigning premiers have lost none of what they delivered in 2023 and in fact may have improved in 2024.



Drouin's Jack Fraser takes down Wonthaggi's Jye Gilmour. Z33_2324

Wonthaggi holds firm against Drouin challenge

WONTHAGGI scraped home by six points, its enthralling contest with visitor Drouin featuring superb work from the backlines of both sides.

“Our games have recently been backs versus backs and again our backline held up,” Power’s football director Stuart Gilmour observed, adding that Wonthaggi was very good one-on-one and used the footy well coming out of defence, switching on most occasions.

There was little between the teams on the scoreboard for much of the day despite Drouin skipping out to a good lead during the second term.

However, Power ensured not much separated the sides by the long break.

Gilmour reflected on Wonthaggi’s slow beginning and how it worked its way into the game.

“After a poor start in all areas, we gained some control at ground level, took ground wherever we could and stopped overusing and giving it back to the opposition,” he said.

It appeared Wonthaggi would still trail narrowly heading into the final term but it seized the lead with a set shot major from the boot of Jakeb Thomas after the three quarter time siren.

Power started the final term strongly, creating early scoring opportunities for itself while preventing the Hawks advancing past half forward in the opening minutes.

However, after Wonthaggi registered just a couple of behinds, Drouin eventually found a way through the Power resistance, Tom Johnstone marking and goaling to draw the Hawks level.

Although Power was quick to re-take the lead, the match remained an arm wrestle until the end.

Wonthaggi built a seven-point lead late in the game through Reeve Moresco’s ability to get ball onto boot quickly and goal from close range.

That looked enough to secure the win but the Hawks managed a behind, the Power backline then withstanding considerable pressure applied in the concluding minutes as the Hawks looked to draw level.

Isaac Chugg was unsurprisingly



Wonthaggi's Joshua Schulz gets the ball out of Drouin's side in the second half. Z30_2324

named the winner’s best for his exemplary display, often turning defence into attack with his composure around half back.

He was ably assisted by the steady presence of Fergus O’Connor, who also worked hard in defence and created opportunities for teammates further up field.

While Cooper McInnes led Power’s goal kicking for the day with three to his name, Jaxon Williams also played an important role up forward, finishing with a couple of majors both of which came through set shots late in the second term.

Those Williams’ goals proved crucial, pulling Power back to just a 4-point halftime deficit after Drouin at one stage got out to a 4-goal lead.

Although Noah Anderson kicked just one goal, he worked hard and created chances for Wonthaggi teammates.

His major from a challenging angle pulled Power back within a straight kick heading towards three quarter time, setting the stage for

Thomas’ go-ahead maximum.

Kaj Patterson was another to impress for Wonthaggi, only behind Chugg on its best players list.

He earned praise from Gilmour for his clearances and hard work at stoppages.

For Drouin, it was a Quirk show, with Aden standing out in his long sleeves as he contributed around the ground and kicked a major, while Kye booted half of the Hawks’ eight goals for the game.

Gilmour praised the efforts of Drouin, saying it owned the outside and applied relentless pressure.

The combatants started the game locked on just a couple of wins a piece and the contest reflected their closeness on the ladder, with Wonthaggi sure to take confidence from the win that it can challenge sides higher up the table.

After surviving a searching test, Power now looks forward to the challenge of taking on one of those higher sides, meeting third-placed Moe at Ted Summerton Reserve.



Bairnsdale onballer Tom Blenheim wins another clearance for the visiting Redlegs as they caught the Parrots on the hop with a fast start in the first quarter.

Parrots tested early by visiting Bairnsdale

LEONGATHA is sitting on top of the Gippsland League ladder, a game and percentage clear of familiar foes Traralgon, but they are being made to work for their success each week.

That was certainly the case last Saturday with the visiting Bairnsdale side fast out of the blocks with two goals before the Parrots had barely touched the ball, the first as a result of a stoppage clearance by the feisty Lachlan Byrne-Jones at half forward and the next, following centre clearance work by their ruckman Ethan East, combining with Mitchell Toms.

It was their key forward Brayden McCarrey who snagged the first and a lively Matt Corbett who snapped the second.

It wasn't until almost eight minutes later that the Parrots got the answer with Tallin Brill finding Tom Marriott on the move through the centre and kicking it to the advantage of noted mudlark Aaron Turton, diving and sliding head-first towards the goals. He made no mistake.

A decent shower of rain before the main game impacted the contest and that was to be the extent of the goal scoring in the first quarter as defences at both ends got on top, Randall Stewart leading the way for Bairnsdale with support from Byron Vickery, Mitchell Toms and Hugh Longbottom.

At the other end, games record holder Sean Westaway was still setting the standard with the likes of Guy Dickson, Sam



Parrots' first gamer Julian Callahan, in for his first senior appearance after four games with Gippy Power in the Coates Talent League Boys Under 18s was mobbed by teammates when he slotted his first goal.

Forrester, Cooper Alger and Will Littlejohn among those playing their roles.

At the start of the second quarter, it was all Leongatha with Forrester, Aaron Turton, onballers Tom Marriott, Luke Bowman, and Jarrod Stewart in the ruck, also with Jack Hume and Darcy Hume creative but Jenson Garnham was one of those who missed their chances and a free and 50 metre penalty allowed Tyran Rees to stretch the margin.

It wasn't the sort of start you would like to have had, up against another potential finals

contender and the contest got a bit willing, with former Victorian Amateurs recruit Lachlan Byrne-Jones giving plenty of cheek before being sat on his backside for his trouble.

The incident might have sparked the Parrots.

A fine passage of play through the hands of Jack Hume, Jack Ginnane in his 250th club game, Tom Marriott and finally Jackson Harry for a goal was more of what you wanted to see from the home side and scores were level when Forrester combined with Turton for his second.

Two long shots for Parrot points rounded out the first half but without a clear winner in general play.

All that changed in the third quarter with Jenson Garnham opening with a fine snap after playing on from a mark and Julian Callahan, up for his first senior guernsey, after four appearances for Gippsland Power, was immediately on the scoreboard with a goal much to the delight of his teammates who got around him to celebrate in traditional fashion.

There was no looking back after that with the Parrots kicking six goals to two for the quarter and Bairnsdale falling away in the last quarter as the Parrots ran out 50-point winners.

The secret to Leongatha's improvement after half time was simply good footy; getting more players to the contest (including Brill, Forrester, Jack Hume, and Alger), being well organised away from the stoppages, applying plenty of forward pressure with Jackson Harry showing the way there and good leadership on the ball from the old firm of Marriott and Bowman but also with Jarrod Stewart adding to the mix up from the Reserves, and Sean Westaway directing the traffic down back.

It could have been more, but Bairnsdale remained disciplined in defence, as they had done all day, continuing to show signs of the sort of pleasing improvement that will see them finish on the positive side of the win-loss ledger this season.

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LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

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LEONGATHA	BAIRNSDALE
Leongatha	1.3 3.8 9.9 14.12 (96)
Bairnsdale	2.0 4.0 6.3 7.4 (46)

GOALS, Leongatha: Jackson Harry 4, Jack Ginnane, Jack Hume, Aaron Turton 2, Luke Bowman, Tallin Brill, Julian Callahan, Jenson Garnham 1 each
BEST: Jackson Harry, Aaron Turton, Darcy Hume, Thomas Marriott, Luke Bowman, Jarrod Stewart
GOALS, Bairnsdale: Brayden McCarrey 3, Lachlan Byrne-Jones, Matt Corbett, Link McKenna, Tyran Rees 1 each
BEST: Logan Austin, Will Mitchell, Tyran Rees, Randall Stewart, Kieran Vickery, Cooper Harve

RESERVES				
Leongatha	0.4	4.7	6.10	9.11 (65)
Bairnsdale	1.4	2.4	3.6	3.7 (25)

GOALS, Leongatha: Flynn Materia 4, Jhett Brown 2, Ben Fort, Aaron Hillberg, Darby Kratzat 1 each
BEST: Ty Hall, Timothy Sauvarin, Adam Trotto, Flynn Materia, Kyle Brown, Xavier Bolge
GOALS, Bairnsdale: Oscar Clarke, Logan Dunkley, Matthew Hamilton 1 each
BEST: Paul Bills, Tom Selleck, Joshua Lando, Charlie Mann, Damon O'Connor, Oscar Clarke

THIRDS				
Leongatha	5.2	10.3	11.5	18.9 (117)
Bairnsdale	1.1	2.5	4.9	4.9 (33)

BEST, Leongatha: Ben Fort, Nathan Skewes, Hayden Bowler, Fletcher McLennan, Xavier Lamers, Isaac Bolge
BEST, Bairnsdale: Xavier Cook, Max Neate, Matthew Hamilton, Michael Dunstan, Samuel O'Kelly, Archie Treasure

FOURTHS				
Leongatha	1.0	1.3	2.3	3.4 (22)
Bairnsdale	2.2	2.2	4.3	5.5 (35)

BEST, Leongatha: Archie Gannon, Will Campbell, Shem Hogarth, Sam Kreutzberger, Willis Patterson, Noah Bradley
BEST, Bairnsdale: Jobe Froud, Xavier Morrison, Oscar Baylis, Tayte Cooper, Hudson Froud, Oliver Simpson

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

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WONTHAGGI	DROUIN
Wonthaggi	0.3 4.5 6.9 8.13 (61)
Drouin	2.3 5.3 6.5 8.7 (55)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Cooper McInnes 3, Jaxon Williams 2, Noah Anderson, Reeve Moresco, Jakeb Thomas 1 each
BEST: Isaac Chugg, Kaj Patterson, Jaxon Williams, Fergus O'Connor, Noah Anderson, Aiden Lindsay
GOALS, Drouin: Kye Quirk 4, Shay Harvey, Tom Johnstone, Aden Quirk, Ryan Taylor 1 each
BEST: Aden Quirk, Kye Quirk, Charlie Bethune, Mitchell Cotter, William Papley, Tom Johnstone

RESERVES				
Wonthaggi	3.2	6.3	9.6	12.8 (80)
Drouin	2.0	4.2	4.3	5.5 (35)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: No players named.
BEST: No players named.
GOALS, Drouin: No players named.
BEST: No players named.

FOURTHS				
Wonthaggi	4.3	6.6	9.10	11.13 (79)
Drouin	0.1	1.1	3.2	3.2 (20)

BEST, Wonthaggi: Jayden Burns, Archie Jobe, Jaxon Brouwers, Connor Macmillan, Thomas Macmillan, Lucas Ton
BEST, Drouin: Tate Smith, Charlie Croucher, William Cini, Saxon Stark, Brodie Honeyman, Dylan Bordonaro

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS	Sale	18.8.116	d	Morwell	14.9.93
	Traralgon	16.9.105	d	Maffra	10.12.72
	Warragul	12.6.78	d	Moe	8.12.60

RESERVES	Sale	8.9.57	d	Morwell	7.6.48
	Maffra	9.9.63	d	Traralgon	6.5.41
	Moe	5.6.36	d	Warragul	4.7.31

THIRDS	Sale	9.8.62	d	Morwell	5.6.36
	Maffra	11.7.73	d	Traralgon	5.6.36
	Warragul	10.14.74	d	Moe	5.3.33

FOURTHS	Sale	12.24.96	d	Morwell	2.2.14
	Traralgon	11.7.73	d	Maffra	8.10.58
	Moe	19.12.126	d	Warragul	2.3.15

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS																ROUND 8			
SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					FOURTHS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	7	1	169.97	28	Leongatha	8	0	498.24	32	Warragul	6	1	266.01	24	Traralgon	8	0	506.29	32
Traralgon	6	2	129.80	24	Maffra	7	1	240.44	28	Maffra	6	1	172.34	24	Moe	7	1	300.38	28
Moe	5	3	123.38	20	Bairnsdale	6	2	149.03	24	Leongatha	5	2	229.96	20	Wonthaggi	6	2	168.77	24
Sale	5	3	111.25	20	Traralgon	5	3	231.65	20	Drouin	5	2	157.28	20	Maffra	5	3	240.55	20
Morwell	5	3	99.82	20	Drouin	3	5	75.55	12	Traralgon	5	2	134.05	20	Bairnsdale	5	3	84.39	20
Bairnsdale	4	4	99.65	16	Sale	3	5	59.87	12	Bairnsdale	2	5	62.32	8	Sale	4	4	84.28	16
Wonthaggi	3	5	83.17	12	Moe	3	5	45.59	12	Moe	2	6	60.88	8	Leongatha	2	6	49.16	8
Warragul	3	5	82.82	12	Morwell	2	6	69.35	8	Sale	1	6	49.88	4	Warragul	2	6	31.82	8
Drouin	2	6	76.77	8	Wonthaggi	2	6	42.55	8	Morwell	0	7	26.74	0	Drouin	1	7	47.93	4
Maffra	0	8	62.65	0	Warragul	1	7	30.65	4	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Morwell	0	8	18.16	0



Seniors' player Ben Peters drives the ball forward for Poowong in Saturday's match up.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

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POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

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NEERIM SOUTH

POOWONG

Neerim South 7.2 13.3 19.7 24.9 (153)
Poowong 2.0 5.0 8.0 10.2 (62)

GOALS, Neerim South: Kody Wilson 8, Matthew Roberts, Kai Mounsey 4, Eddie McGillivray 3, Tyssen Morrow, Riley Ferguson 2, Lachlan Willis 1

BEST: Kody Wilson, Tom Muir, Ashley Lockett, Matthew Roberts, Riley Ferguson, Dean Stringer

GOALS, Poowong: Alex Henshall 5, Rory Nettle 2, Jarvis Brown, Jack Hazendonk, Jye Loughridge 1 each

BEST: Jack Hazendonk, Alex Henshall, Jett Blackwood, Zac Gray, Aaron Damon, Joel Norton

RESERVES

Neerim South 5.4 13.6 21.8 24.10 (154)
Poowong 0.0 0.2 0.3 1.3 (9)

GOALS, Neerim South: Issac Fuller 9, Adam White, Xavier Muir, Aaron Mitchell 3, Toby Bayne 2, Justin Lockett, Isaac Guy, Josh Morrison 1 each

BEST: Lachlan Ramage, Aaron Mitchell, Isaac Fuller, Dane Fawcett, Xavier Muir, Adam White

GOALS, Poowong: Daniel McDonald 1

BEST: Daniel McDonald, Caspian Jackman-Riches, Mitchell Gowland, Timothy Gallert, Bryce Riddell, Jake Peacock

THIRDS

Neerim South 0.1 1.3 1.7 1.9 (15)
Poowong 6.1 6.3 8.6 9.12 (66)

GOALS, Neerim South: Patrick Sheehan 1
BEST: Isaac Guy, Kai Withers, Patrick Sheehan, Tristan Silver, Nate Chandler, Anthony Tripodi

GOALS, Poowong: Calvin Langford, Thomas Burgess 3, Patrick Dorian 2, Thomas Sherer 1

BEST: Benjamin Fowler, Calvin Langford, Josh Hall, Jordon Foote, Thomas Burgess, Patrick Dorian

FOURTHS

Neerim South 2.0 4.1 6.3 7.6 (48)
Poowong 1.3 2.3 5.4 6.5 (41)

GOALS, Neerim South: Blake Mcdonald 3, Tait Cornwall 2, Joab Ferguson, Michael Hickmott 1 each

BEST: Blair Loft, Declan Shortis, Ashton Stafford, Blake Macdonald, Tait Cornwall, Daniel Christian

GOALS, Poowong: Cruze Deal, Lachie Moriarty 2, Daniel Waide, Tait Nicholls 1 each

BEST: Bryce Broadmore, William Dourley, Henri Bott, Daniel Waide, Zachary Sherar, Gavin Monson

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Ellinbank 11.13.79 d Lang Lang 8.7.55
Buln Buln 23.16.154 d N-Darnum 4.0.24
Yarragon 9.5.59 d Catani 8.7.55
Longwarry 16.9.105 d Trafalgar 6.9.45

RESERVES

Ellinbank 10.9.69 d Lang Lang 6.9.45
Buln Buln 11.10.76 d N-Darnum 1.3.9
Yarragon 5.9.39 d Catani 3.12.20
Trafalgar 6.9.45 d Longwarry 4.5.29

THIRDS

Ellinbank 12.11.83 d Lang Lang 3.4.22
N-Darnum 8.3.51 d Buln Buln 6.9.45
Longwarry 8.6.54 d Trafalgar 4.3.27

FOURTHS

Ellinbank 16.11.107 d Lang Lang 0.0.0
Buln Buln 11.11.77 d N-Darnum 5.1.31
Trafalgar 16.13.109 d Longwarry 4.1.25



Poowong's Aaron Damon looks for opportunities up the ground in the Magpie's 91-point loss against the Cats. Photos: Jeff Tull.

Magpie's 91-point loss to Cats

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG travelled to Neerim South after a bye last week for games in all four grades on an overcast day, ground was good all set for a great game of country football. Poowong were forced to make three changes, out Connor Cunningham, Gavan Monson and Rhys Butler, in Aaron Damon, Tyron Lord and Lachie Waters. The big loss was Connor Cunningham who has been in good form in the ruck but hopefully he will be back next week, Gavan Monson was rested after the game in the East/West U/16's game mid-week being named best for the West team, well done Gavan.

Poowong kicked to the Warragul end, but it was Neerim South who hit the ground running and were first on the board, their first goal bounced through, the second a kick from CHF and the third rolled through, Poowong were struggling to get into the game not sure if it was from coming off the bye.

Neerim's pace and quick movement and clean marking were really hurting Poowong's defence. They quickly added three more goals before Poowong hit the scoreboard with goals to Rory Nettle and Alex Henshall which helped Poowong settle down, Jack Hazendonk and Andrew Logan were working hard. Neerim South kicked a late goal to go in at quarter time 7.2.44 to Poowong 2.0.12

A fast game with good marking by Neerim South were pushing the young Poowong side but they were working hard needing to find a focal point up forward to finish off. Neerim South goaled from the bounce, Poowong found their feet and went forward a couple times for no score before Alex Henshall and Jarvis Brown goaled for Poowong, unfortunately Neerim South answered with three goals. Alex Henshall who was playing well kicked his third to

keep Poowong in the game only to see Neerim South reply twice to go in with a 51-point lead at half time 13.3.81 to Poowong 5.0.30.

Before a good crowd enjoying the standard of football, Poowong were hoping to get back into the game but Neerim South were determined and added six goals two before Alex Henshall kicked Poowong's sixth his fourth, Rory Nettle then added his second from a mark in the forward pocket and then Jack Hazendonk intercepted a Neerim South defenders kick to add Poowong's third goal for the quarter.

Three quarter time Neerim South 19.7 121 to Poowong 8.0 48, a 73-point lead.

Neerim South added two quick goals before Poowong's Jai Loughridge kicked his first followed by Alex Henshall kicking his fifth. Jack Hazendonk added a point from a free kick at CHF with the ball touched, Neerim South scored another three goals and Poowong finished

with a late point.

Final score Poowong 10.2.62 Neerim South 24.9.153. Though the scoreboard showed a large difference it was still a good game with Neerim South's pace and cleaner handling of the ball the difference. Best for Poowong Jack Hazendonk, Alex Henshall 5 goals, Jett Blackwood, Zac Gray, Aaron Damon and Joel Norton.

The Poowong U/16's played well going down by seven points, The U/18's opened with 6 goals one in the first finishing with 9.12 to Neerim South 1.9, a good win, been a while since I have seen the U/18's win at Neerim South. The Reserves battled all day, there was some glimpses of improvement hopefully they get a few back from the Seniors with players returning.

We welcome near neighbours Ellinbank in all grades next Saturday, remember the Hypnotist Night next Saturday, with the Poowong Ball on June 28. For tickets refer the Club's website for details.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 9

SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					FOURTHS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	% WON		W	L	%	% WON
Buln Buln	8	0	270.34	32	Ellinbank	8	0	600.00	32	Ellinbank	7	1	237.84	87.5	Neerim South	8	1	356.22	88.8
Neerim South	7	2	216.67	28	Neerim South	8	1	424.55	32	Catani	6	1	191.70	85.7	Ellinbank	7	1	407.27	87.5
Lang Lang	7	1	200.26	28	Lang Lang	7	1	316.44	28	Poowong	5	2	160.00	71.4	Buln Buln	7	1	366.67	87.5
Ellinbank	7	1	188.46	28	Buln Buln	6	2	303.85	24	Longwarry	6	3	161.04	66.6	Poowong	6	2	228.87	75.0
Longwarry	5	4	119.01	20	Nilma-Darnum	4	4	94.77	16	Neerim Sth	5	4	135.29	55.5	Nilma-Darnum	3	5	87.50	37.5
Nilma-Darnum	3	5	81.46	12	Trafalgar	4	4	91.75	16	Trafalgar	3	5	86.49	37.5	Trafalgar	3	5	74.67	37.5
Trafalgar	3	5	74.22	12	Longwarry	3	6	80.07	12	Lang Lang	3	5	50.73	37.5	Lang Lang	1	6	33.21	14.3
Yarragon	3	5	64.43	12	Yarragon	3	5	66.04	12	Nilma-Darnum	1	7	44.74	44.7	Yarragon	1	6	16.53	14.3
Poowong	2	6	82.06	8	Catani	1	7	38.05	4	Buln Buln	0	8	31.96	0.0	Longwarry	0	9	26.04	0.0
Catani	0	8	42.70	0	Nyora	1	7	22.41	4	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0
Nyora	0	8	18.33	0	Poowong	0	8	10.81	0	Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0

Sea Eagles suffer narrow loss

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK just fell short against Tooradin-Dalmore on Saturday.

The Sea Eagles hosted Tooradin-Dalmore and were disappointed to see the opposition walk away with a six-point win. Inverloch-Kongwak had a slow start to the game, allowing Tooradin-Dalmore to gain an early lead.

Tooradin-Dalmore had come to play, putting three goals on the scoreboard in the first quarter and holding the Sea Eagles to just one-point, forcing the home side to chase for the rest of the game.

The second quarter produced similar results, with Tooradin-Dalmore adding three more goals to its tally.

Inverloch-Kongwak managed to kick two, narrowing the margin to a four-goal difference at half-time.

Half-time was a chance for the Sea Eagles to regroup.

Coach Tom Hams spoke to his team about applying pressure around the ground, upping the intensity in the contests and keeping the ball up forward as much as possible.

The Sea Eagles responded with a much better third quarter, getting within five-points of Tooradin-Dalmore.

Paul Pattison was the player of the day, dominating the mid-field and putting three goals on the scoreboard for the game.

Luke Johnson was very effective down the back, and young players Taite Cumming and Jarvis Harvey showed real promise up forward.

Nick Baltas kicked the goal of the day in the third quarter.

Under pressure from his opponent, he snapped the goal 35 metres from the boundary line.

Tate Short kicked his first goal of the season, also in the third quarter.

He proved to be instrumental on the wing and finished with two goals for the game.

The fourth quarter was an absolute arm wrestle.

It was goal for goal to the very end, but the Sea Eagles' slow start cost them dearly.

With too much catching up to do before the final siren, Inverloch-Kongwak conceded defeat.

Inverloch-Kongwak will play Bunyip this week and is hoping to bounce back.

The Sea Eagles will be focusing on playing its own brand of footy and taking the opportunity to work on a few things at training.



Ruck contest between Marcus Toussaint and Brody Campbell. Z22_2324



Inverloch-Kongwak's Andrew Soumilas aims to get the ball out of the pack against Tooradin-Dalmore. Z25_2324

Hampered Panthers outplayed by The Goon

IT was a tough day for Kilcunda-Bass as it went up against top of the table Nar Nar Goon.

Nar Nar Goon was coming off a loss and looking to resurrect its winning streak.

As a result, it claimed a mighty 120-point win against the Panthers.

The Panthers went into the game anticipating it was going to be a real challenge, with its lineup severely impacted by injuries.

Four players have been lost to injury in the last few weeks, with no clear indication of when they will return.

A lean Panthers outfit made the journey to Nar Nar Goon

with the hope of hanging in there, but it was not to be.

Kilcunda-Bass was happy with its first quarter, holding Nar Nar Goon to just three goals.

The Panthers couldn't convert its opportunities but had plenty of forward entries and possession of the ball was fairly even up to the quarter time siren.

Nar Nar Goon came out harder in the second quarter, hitting the scoreboard often.

Nar Nar Goon's attack was led by Dermott Yawney, who kicked six for the day.

Kilcunda-Bass' Steven Scott held his own against Yawney and kept him accountable in an

effort that earned him a spot in the Panthers' best.

Kilcunda-Bass was also impressed with the efforts of its young players.

Lleyton Cartmel played his first Senior game of the year, trying his hand at a defensive role.

Callan Brinkmann also played his first Senior game for the year. A ruckman acquired by Kilcunda-Bass, Brinkmann held his own throughout the four quarters.

Travis Tuck put in another solid performance.

He received plenty of attention from Nar Nar Goon's defence and handled it well.

Nar Nar Goon continued its onslaught into the third quarter with eight more goals.

Kilcunda-Bass was down to two bench rotations and did what it could to conserve energy.

Although the goals kept flowing for Nar Nar Goon, Kilcunda-Bass was happy with its last quarter effort, which saw three more goals added.

Goal kicking was shared between five goal kickers.



Kilcunda-Bass will play Cora Lynn this weekend.

The Panthers are anticipating the competition will not get any easier and are focused on putting their all into training.

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INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

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	INVERLOCH-K		TOORADIN-DAL	
Inverloch-K	0.1	2.2	7.3	11.4 (70)
Tooradin-Dal	3.4	6.7	7.8	11.10 (76)
GOALS, Inverloch-K: Paul Pattison 3, Jarvis Harvey, Tate Short 2, Nicholas Baltas, Dylan Clark, Taite Cumming, William Turner 1 each				
BEST: Paul Pattison, Lewis Rankin, William Turner, Andrew Soumilas, Lachlan Scott, Luke Johnson				
GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Piva Wright 4, Xavier Shinnars 2, Brad Butler, Nicholas Lang, Brad Lenders, Panos Papas 1 each				
BEST: Lewis Hill, Matthew Buntine, Piva Wright, Cooper Shipp, Luke McKenna, Trent Adams				
RESERVES				
Inverloch-K	0.0	0.2	1.3	2.3 (15)
Tooradin-Dal	5.3	9.4	10.5	12.9 (81)
GOALS, Inverloch-K: Blake Green, Dale Lawton 1 each				
BEST: Clinton McCaughan, Ashton Hewitson, Reagan Kemp, Callan O'Flynn, Dale Lawton, Malachy O'Flynn				
GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Julian Suarez 4, Jake O'Donnell 3, Kye de Little, Jordan Jones, Ray Lengyel, Blair Robinson, Darcy Wright 1 each				
BEST: Ned Harrison, Danyon Blew, Justin Smaluch, Mitch Forgiarini, Julian Suarez, Oliver Sail				
THIRDS				
Inverloch-K	3.5	7.6	9.8	10.11 (71)
Tooradin-Dal	1.1	3.1	5.1	6.2 (38)
GOALS, Inverloch-K: Rem Dal Pozzo 4, Andrew Nowell, Riley Sharp 2, Lucas Allen, Jack Hosking 1 each				
BEST: Jasper Cousins, Andrew Nowell, Lucas Allen, Froyley Anderson, Rem Dal Pozzo, Andot Mankhong				
GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Jayden Worrall 3, Chayse Campbell, Aaron Knight, Harry Siniakis 1 each				
BEST: Vasili Papas, Kyan Kerslake, Aaron Knight, Koby Peck, Harry Siniakis, Riley Sherwood				
FOURTHS				
Inverloch-K	1.1	3.3	3.3	4.6 (30)
Tooradin-Dal	4.0	4.2	8.4	8.5 (53)
GOALS, Inverloch-K: Augustus Finsterer 2, Luke Aungier, Riley Harris 1 each				
BEST: Riley Harris, Harrison Foster, Froyley Anderson, Frederick Soumilas, Augustus Finsterer, Monty Mayman				
GOALS, Tooradin-Dal: Hudson Rogers 3, Will Murray 2, Kasy Deren, Noah Langham, Max Penny 1 each				
BEST: Kane Angleton, Will Murray, Kasy Deren, Luke Lombard, Jayden Worrall, Mason Sorenson				

KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

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	NAR NAR GOON		KILCUNDA-BASS	
Nar Nar Goon	3.7	8.13	16.15	23.16 (154)
Kilcunda-Bass	0.1	2.3	2.4	5.4 (34)
GOALS, NNG: Dermott Yawney 6, Matthew Gentile, Nate Pipicelli 4, Clancy Pope 2, Harrison Brain, Tex Marsham, Troy McDermott, Jake Smith, Jarrod Smith, Jed Smith, Eamon Trigg 1 each				
BEST: Aidan Pipicelli, Trent Armour, Nate Pipicelli, Ryan Bromley, Flynn Parker, Jake Blackwood				
GOALS, K-Bass: Callan Brinkmann, Anthony Daraio, Cam McKenzie, Steven Scott, Travis Tuck 1 each				
BEST: Travis Tuck, Steven Scott, Lleyton Cartmel, Joseph West, Nathan Foote, Jake Weightman				
RESERVES				
Nar Nar Goon	1.4	7.5	11.9	16.10 (106)
Kilcunda-Bass	1.1	3.2	3.3	4.3 (27)
GOALS, NNG: Cooper Pursell 4, Nicholas Bransgrove 3, Harrison Waters 2, Bailey Christie, Ethan Douglas, Lachlan Graham, Euan Grierson, Harrison Moore, Matt Saunders, Zac Smith 1 each				
BEST: Jarrod Hamling, Billy Williams, Zac Smith, Cooper Pursell, Harrison Waters, Nicholas Bransgrove				
GOALS, K-Bass: Trent Cartmel, Zach Gorsuch, Angus McGillivray, Cooper Smith 1 each				
BEST: Angus McGillivray, Cooper Smith, Trent Cartmel, Brodie Gude, Jack Rosenow, Blake Baker				
FOURTHS				
Nar Nar Goon	7.2	15.6	18.9	25.10 (160)
Kilcunda-Bass	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0 (12)
GOALS, NNG: Oscar Henwood 10, Jackson O'Brien 4, James Cross 3, Austin Schram 2, Blaine Attard, Ryan Fox, Kai Jones, Oliver Ockwell-Payne, Aidy Patterson, Mitchell Varty 1 each				
BEST: Oscar Henwood, Aidy Patterson, Toby Holland, Kai Jones, James Cross, Ryan Fox				
GOALS, K-Bass: Blake Eden 1				
BEST: Perry McKay, Blake Eden, Jasper Saunders, Rhylee Duell, Duke Lawrence, Taye Prasad-Taylor				

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION	
Cora Lynn	18.17.125 d Koo Wee Rup 6.6.42
Tooradin-Dalmore	11.10.76 d Inverloch-Kongwak 11.4.70
Phillip Island	23.15.153 d Dalyston 7.5.47
Nar Nar Goon	23.16.154 d Kilcunda-Bass 5.4.34
Warragul Industrials	26.11.167 d Bunyip 4.8.32
Garfield	8.15.63 d Korumburra-Bena 5.3.33

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Marcus Wright streams past his Dalyston opponent Robert Davey.

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DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

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DALYSTON	PHILLIP ISLAND

Dalyston 1.0 2.1 5.1 7.5 (47)
Phillip Island 9.4 13.8 17.11 23.15 (153)
GOALS, Dalyston: Hayden Wallis 4, Jaxon Foon, Brad Monson, Shaun Silver 1 each

BEST: Mitch Hallahan, Shaun Silver, Fraser West, Kurt Thomas, Benjamin M Lewis, Hayden Wallis
GOALS, Phillip Island: Jordy Patullo, Billy Taylor, Max Walton 3, Charlie Bruce, Finn O'Brien, Zac Walker, Cooper Walton 2, Hayden Bruce, Bryce Hindhaugh, Brayden Kleverkamp, Jack Taylor, Travis Woodfield, Marcus Wright 1 each
BEST: Max Walton, Hayden Bruce, Aaron Harris, Jordy Patullo, Billy Taylor, Marcus Wright

RESERVES
Dalyston 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 (1)
Phillip Island 5.5 9.11 12.16 14.18 (102)
BEST, Dalyston: Tyson Andrighetto, Joel F Brann, Ash Chetland, Ryda Kay-Darts, Jesse Orchard-Moore, Keyva Kay-Darts
GOALS, Phillip Island: Brady Ross 5, James Nicolaci 2, Finlay Cousins, Alex Duyker, Kirby Fuller, Jay Ladson, Thomas Macrokanis, Ethan Michaelides, Jace Nichol 1 each
BEST: Brady Ross, Max Mattock, Jack Keating, Kohen Beaumont, Thomas Niven, Kirby Fuller

THIRDS
Dalyston 0.0 1.0 1.1 1.2 (8)
Phillip Island 6.5 8.6 12.12 17.14 (116)
GOALS, Dalyston: Lincoln Harris 1
BEST: Lincoln Harris, Riley Brinkman, Edward Wines, Mackenzie Cameron, Cooper Shepherd, Max Toler
GOALS, Phillip Island: James Lewis 4, Max Taylor 3, Jasper Cashman, Oliver Duggan, Eden Goldsbury 2, Max Arceo, Benjamin Chihotski, Beau Davies, Charles O'Garey 1 each
BEST: Charles O'Garey, Jasper Cashman, James Lewis, Oliver Duggan, Leo Savona, Timothy Niven

FOURTHS
Dalyston 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)
Phillip Island 6.3 12.6 17.12 22.17 (149))
BEST, Dalyston: Riley Pearson-Rutland, Heath Hender, Jack Howell, Bailey Taranto, Malachi Ori, Luke Franks
GOALS, Phillip Island: Blake Murphy 6, Charlie Fischer, Reef Riky 3, Sam O'Garey, Dean Rizzo, Archie Ross 2, Levi Addison, Lachlan Eastwood, Jeremy Kelly, Tommy Newman, Parker Trappett 1 each
BEST: Blake Murphy, Jack Larsson, Austin Finlayson, Samuel Schuller, Reef Riky, Levi Addison



Cooper Walton takes the tackle for Phillip Island at Dalyston Recreation Reserve on Saturday. Photos: Carol Ratcliff.

Phillip Island brothers unite for a dominant display against Dalyston

ON AN important day for Phillip Island after taking down the ladder leaders last week a new challenge in Dalyston awaits. Dalyston were running a Fight MND charity day and Phillip Island fully invested in helping raise money for an incredible cause. 16s coach Brendan Cashman, 18s coach Scott Huther, Senior Coaching panel Cameron Pedersen, Daniel Larsson and Damien Holmes all went into the dunking machine to raise vital funds.

From the outset, Phillip Island demonstrated their intent, launching a relentless assault on the opposition. With a formidable lineup boasting the talent of five sets of brothers, namely the Taylors, Bruces, Patullos, Kleverkamps, and Waltons, Phillip Island showcased the power to send home nine goals to one in the first quarter.

Daniel Pearce and Aaron Harris spearheaded the defensive efforts, thwarting Dalyston's advances and fortifying Phillip Island's stronghold. Their resolute per-

formance stifled Dalyston's scoring opportunities, ensuring Phillip Island kept a resounding lead.

At halftime, Phillip Island had surged ahead, amassing a commanding 86 to 13 lead, leaving Dalyston reeling in their wake. However, the game was far from over, and the third quarter witnessed a resurgence of intensity as both sides traded goals.

Max Walton materialised as a standout performer, dominating the midfield contributing three goals to Phillip Island's tally. The Bruce brothers continued to assert their authority, while Jordy Patullo showcased his prowess with remarkable long-range goals, leaving the opposition in awe.

As the final siren sounded, Phillip Island emerged triumphant, securing a decisive victory with a final scoreline of 153 to 47. Their comprehensive performance, fuelled by the collective brilliance of the brothers-in-arms sees Phillip Island moving towards the pointy end of the ladder.



Brayden Kleverkamp made his senior debut during Saturday's match against Dalyston.

Giants fall to Garfield

A CLOSE battle was played out between Korumburra-Bena and Garfield, with Garfield coming away victorious in the end.

The Stars were able to claim a 30-point win over the embattled Giants.

Korumburra-Bena travelled to Garfield, anticipating a competitive match up.

An even first quarter saw Korumburra-Bena cultivate a narrow four-point lead over the opposition.

With three goals kicked, this proved to be the Giants' strongest quarter.

The second quarter saw a retaliation from Garfield.

Garfield had a lot of chances in front of goal but were unable to convert.

Korumburra-Bena kicked truly but were only able to add another two goals.

Despite Garfield's missed opportunities, it had done enough to be three points ahead going into halftime.

The arm wrestle continued in the third quarter.

Garfield still struggled with its accuracy and only added one other goal to its tally.

However, its defence had tightened, and Korumburra-Bena was left scoreless, increasing Garfield's winning margin.

Garfield gave its all in the fourth quarter and ended the game strong with three more goals on the scoreboard.

Korumburra-Bena was overpowered and only added two behinds to end the match.

Korumburra-Bena's best players for the day were Tyler Newton, Josh Hopkins, Mitchell Wightman, Kye Benson, Kodie Walker and Jack Crocker.

The Giants will regroup over the week in the hopes of another close contest with Koo Wee Rup.

RIGHT: Korumburra-Bena playing coach Josh Hopkins is surrounded by a cluster of Stars as he attempts to improve his team's fortunes at Garfield.



Who knew Tom Hanily would become a Swan?

LEONGATHA'S Tom Hanily was blissfully unaware last Wednesday night that he was about to be named Pick 14 by the Sydney Swans in the AFL Mid-Season Rookie Draft among just 19 players who earned new spots in the big league.

In fact, he admitted to being a little bemused that his parents, Mick and Veronica, had got the family together to watch the broadcast and even invited grandparents and an uncle over.

Tom was simply planning to watch it in his room.

"We'd been given the heads up about it, but Tom didn't know," said father Mick, while attending the Leongatha versus Bairnsdale game on Saturday.

"Yeah, you could say it was a bit of a surprise. He actually did go into his room after that," said Mick with a laugh.

Another delighted local watching from the sidelines at the Leongatha footy on Saturday, possibly there to see the progress of another of his charges, Julian Callahan, making his debut in the Leongatha seniors, was Rhett McLennan, coach of the Gippsland Power Coates Talent League team.

"Tom's been having a really good year. We're not surprised," said Rhett.

It's further endorsement



Leongatha's Tom Hanily shares his moment of elation and surprise after being taken as Pick 14 by the Sydney Swans, with his family, including parents Mick and Veronica, last Wednesday night.

of the Gippsland Power program, that another of their players has graduated to the AFL.

The news went wild on social media with the Sydney Swans posting "how good is this" to all their socials, including a live video on X of the moment Tom and his family saw the selection.

"We welcome Tom to the Swans and look forward to what he can achieve when he arrives in Sydney."

They included the following statement:

The Sydney Swans have taken Tom Hanily from the Gippsland Power with pick 14 in tonight's Mid-Season Rookie Draft.

Eighteen-year-old Hanily

is a 179cm midfield/forward who has averaged 25 disposals from his four games with Gippsland in 2024.

The Xavier College graduate was unlucky to be overlooked in last year's National Draft but has shrugged off that disappointment to star for Gippsland and the 'Young Guns' so far this season.

From Inverloch, located 150km south-east of Melbourne, Hanily currently works part-time on his uncle's dairy farm, but has always wanted to play football at the highest level.

Sydney Swans Head of List Strategy and Player Personnel, Chris Keane, said he was pleased to have drafted a player of Hanily's quality.

"Tom was in the mix to get drafted last year, and he is one we have continued to watch throughout the start of 2024," Keane said.

"We see him as a hard-working half forward who can use his endurance to get up and down the ground, but we really like the way he sees the game. His footy IQ allows him to stay involved offensively and defensively.

"His selection was not a surprise to those aware of his reduced efforts in the Statewide Under 18 League in 2023."

Understandably, Tom's selection, and that of Wonthaggi's Jack Hutchinson, was all the talk at the local footy on Saturday.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS															ROUND 8				
SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					FOURTHS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts av		W	L	%	pts av
Nar Nar Goon	7	1	357.88	28	Tooradin-Dal	7	1	619.21	28	Phillip Island	6	0	538.10	4.00	Phillip Island	7	0	1393.7	4.00
Cora Lynn	6	1	243.14	26	Nar Nar Goon	7	1	552.66	28	Garfield	5	1	140.43	3.33	Tooradin-Dal	6	1	308.90	3.43
Phillip Island	6	1	168.17	26	Inverloch-K	7	1	250.22	28	Warragul Ind	6	2	218.82	3.00	Warragul Ind	6	2	179.00	3.00
Inverloch-K	6	2	215.89	24	Cora Lynn	6	2	202.59	24	Nar Nar Goon	4	2	238.26	2.67	Inverloch-K	5	2	303.35	2.86
Tooradin-Dal	6	2	187.89	24	Phillip Island	5	3	213.23	20	Inverloch-K	4	2	165.63	2.67	Nar Nar Goon	5	2	257.45	2.86
Kilcunda-Bass	5	3	117.84	20	Kilcunda-Bass	5	3	193.97	20	Dalyston	3	5	86.15	1.50	Kor-Bena	4	3	92.96	2.29
Warragul Ind	4	4	117.88	16	Garfield	4	4	108.66	16	Tooradin-Dal	2	4	89.03	1.33	Garfield	3	4	110.40	1.71
Garfield	3	5	43.44	12	Koo Wee Rup	2	6	66.92	8	Koo Wee Rup	1	5	62.13	0.67	Bunyip	2	5	26.79	1.14
Dalyston	2	6	69.18	8	Warragul Ind	2	6	40.99	8	Kor-Bena	1	5	16.52	0.67	Koo Wee Rup	1	6	55.95	0.57
Koo Wee Rup	1	7	57.16	4	Dalyston	2	6	23.76	8	Bunyip	0	6	17.31	0.00	Kilcunda-Bass	1	7	19.57	0.50
Kor-Bena	1	7	40.14	4	Kor-Bena	1	7	30.75	4	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00	Dalyston	0	8	7.33	0.00
Bunyip	0	8	8.93	0	Bunyip	0	8	4.13	0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

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	GARFIELD		KORUMBURRA-BENA	
Garfield	2.3	4.10	5.14	8.15 (63)
Kor-Bena	3.1	5.1	5.1	5.3 (33)

GOALS, Garfield: Ben Tenace-Greenall 3, Angus Emery 2, Noah Rogers, Lachie Spinks, Jack Tenace-Greenall 1 each

BEST: Lachie Spinks, Oskar Miles, Noah Rogers, Zac Soutar, Angus Emery, Ben Tenace-Greenall

GOALS, Kor-Bena: No players named.

BEST: Tyler Newton, Josh Hopkins, Mitchell Wightman, Kye Benson, Kodie Walker, Jack Crocker

RESERVES

Garfield	4.2	6.6	10.9	14.14 (98)
Kor-Bena	0.3	0.4	3.4	3.4 (22)

GOALS, Garfield: Jack Salan, Riley Youssef 4, Luke Wilson 2, Liam Bow, Kurtis Harper, Levi Reid, Oliver Whibley 1 each

BEST: Liam Bow, Ryan Smith, Riley Youssef, Kurtis Harper, Levi Reid, Nate vandenbroeck

GOALS, Kor-Bena: William Croatto, Alex Walker, Luke Walker 1 each

BEST: Luke Walker, Jasper Macri, Blake Walker, Alex Walker, Nash Beavis, Jed Harris

THIRDS

Garfield	4.2	11.2	13.5	14.12 (96)
Kor-Bena	0.1	0.1	0.2	2.2 (14)

GOALS, Garfield: Cody Miller 3, Joseph Hardiman, Sean Marsh, Theo Zaccari 2, Jack Baker, Ethan Densley, Joachim Hayward, Cam Jenkins, Toby Ronaldson 1 each

BEST: Kain O'Dwyer, Cody Miller, Theo Zaccari, Ding Dieng, Joachim Hayward, Deakin Andrews

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Lucas Jones, Jake Fowles 1 each

BEST: Noah Belvedere, Caleb Turton, Max Fowles, Jake Fowles, Dallas Walker, Tanner Walker

FOURTHS

Garfield	1.2	1.2	2.4	2.5 (17)
Kor-Bena	1.0	2.2	3.4	4.4 (28)

GOALS, Garfield: Chara Wangkaew, Joseph Zaccari 1 each

BEST: Joel Turner, Chara wangkaew, Kai Kelsey, Kaiden Carr, Joseph Zaccari, Lucas Dijkstra

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Lucas Jones, Billie Wrigley 2

BEST: Evan Belvedere, Oliver Pearson, Indie Cameron, Sam Hill, Hamish Withall, Max Fowles

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Cora Lynn	18.17.125	d	Koo Wee Rup	6.6.42
Warragul Ind	26.11.167	d	Bunyip	4.8.32

RESERVES

Cora Lynn	16.9.105	d	Koo Wee Rup	5.6.36
Warragul Ind	18.12.120	d	Bunyip	1.2.8

THIRDS

Warragul Ind	23.15.153	d	Bunyip	2.4.16
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FOURTHS

Warragul Ind	15.11.101	d	Bunyip	1.1.7
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THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

ELLINBANK

ROUND 10

Poowong v Ellinbank
Lang Lang v Buln Buln
Nilma Darnum v Yarragon
Catani v Trafalgar
Longwarry v Nyora
Neerim South - BYE

GIPPSLAND

ROUND 9

Bairnsdale v Sale
Maffra v Warragul
Moe v Wonthaggi
Drouin v Leongatha
Sunday, June 9
Morwell v Traralgon

MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 9

Fish Creek v MDU

WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 9

Warragul Industrials v Dalyston
Phillip Island v Garfield
Kilcunda-Bass v Cora Lynn
Inverloch-Kongwak v Bunyip
Tooradin-Dalmore v Nar Nar Goon
Sunday, June 9
Korumburra-Bena v Koo Wee Rup

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Jack Hutchinson in full flight for Wonthaggi Power before being elevated to Collingwood in the VFL last November and being taken as Pick 3 in last Wednesday's AFL Mid-season Draft by the West Coast Eagles.

Sensational WAFL Eagles' debut by Jack Hutchinson

WONTHAGGI Power's former high-flying forward, Jack Hutchinson, has smashed the glass ceiling on debut with the WAFL Eagles and may not be far away from his first game in the AFL.

Together with two other former Gippslanders, Archer Reid of Inverloch and Coby Burgiel of Maffra, he turned out for his first game with the Eagles' development squad last Sunday and engineered a thrilling two-point win over Perth at their Northam oval with five goals and a best-on-ground performance.

To say it has been a whirlwind

couple of days for Hutchinson would be a massive understatement.

The VFL Collingwood recruit had already been turning heads since his elevation from local footy, following the intervention of former Pies' premiership player Jarryd Blair, his coach at Wonthaggi, and it was no surprise to see him taken at Pick 3 in last Wednesday's AFL Mid-season Rookie Draft.

But to arrive in Perth a few days later and then play like a man possessed on Sunday, pivotal in the WAFL Eagles' two-point win, well, that's something

else altogether and must certainly hold him in great shape for the future.

Jarryd Blair was not surprised to see him do so well, praising his former charge's attitude and work ethic.

"Wonthaggi Football Netball Club is thrilled for Jack and the Hutchinson family. Jack is an outstanding young man and has done a power of work to get himself drafted and take the next step towards achieving his dream of playing AFL football.

"We can't wait to support Jack on the big stage and have no doubt his achievements to date

have inspired so many in our community.

"Well done and good luck Hutch," said Blair.

Archer Reid kicked a goal and Coby Burgiel was named in the best for the WAFL Eagles in their come-from-behind win, but Hutchinson got all the accolades for inspiring the victory.

"Hutchinson, drafted from the Collingwood VFL team on Wednesday evening, was ubiquitous kicking his new club's first three goals before finishing with a bag of five," they said in a report from the match.

AFL Eagles here we come!



The performance of Wonthaggi's Ryan Sparkes against the Western Bulldogs in the VFL on Friday night was celebrated on the Magpies' website.

Sparkes continues to shine

WHILE his former Wonthaggi Power and Collingwood VFL teammate, Jack Hutchinson, was making all the headlines, getting picked up by West Coast Eagles in the mid-season draft, Ryan Sparkes was turning a few heads himself.

Sparkes racked up 30 possessions in a stellar game out of the centre in the VFL and could also be destined for his opportunity by season's end. Fingers crossed.

"Quickly becoming one of the team's most consistent and unforgiving players, Sparkes was a force in the middle of the ground all night," said Collingwood in its review.

"He regularly got first hands to the ball with his contest work typically a feature of his game, while his work rate around the ground was also on show.

"The big-bodied mid finished with 30 disposals and six clearances in his ninth game for the club."

Ryan was back in the black and white after starring for the Power at Bairnsdale the week before, earning the praise of his local club for being prepared to make the longest trip in Gippsland football to support his Power mates.

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