

OUR WORTHY RECIPIENTS

Megan Vuillermin OAM is one of four people who received a Medal of the Order of Australia for their dedication to the communities of South Gippsland and nearby in this year's King's Birthday Honours List. See full stories on page 16.



Boundaries set for San Remo to grow

A PLAN to virtually double the size of San Remo was released by the State Government last week.

It moves the town boundary from Potters Hill Road, 1.6 kilometres to the east, as far as Punch Bowl Road, providing space for an estimated 900 more dwellings fronting Phillip Island Road.

At the 2021 Census, the ABS recorded that there were 1035 private dwellings in the town, probably a hundred more since then, and a new secondary college.

But in a note from the Standing Advisory Committee which applied the finishing touches to

the shire-wide policy, they don't want to see a repeat of the "unfortunate" examples of coastal urban development already seen in San Remo, of homes "with very large footprints, roof lines that rise above the horizon, that are surrounded by very little vegetation".

Conversely, the draft new Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) for the Bass Coast Shire, released by the State Planning Minister Sonya Kirkenny last Tuesday, took away the potential for up to 900 more dwellings to be built on the north side

of Cape Paterson.

You could hear the cheers from Cape Paterson's anti-expansion supporters back in Wonthaggi, along with the grinding of developers' teeth.

Prior to the announcement, an expected one as far as Cape Paterson was concerned after local MP Jordan Crugnale virtually guaranteed such an outcome back in December last year, the owners of the Cape Paterson north land in question cried foul.

Jim Watson, of the prominent Wallis Watson Group, claimed a

denial of "procedural fairness in relation to a decision which stands to restrict development in Cape Paterson for the next 50 years".

Representing the Cape Paterson Unit Trust No.1, which is 60.2 per cent owned by Bass Coast Shire residents, he claimed documents released for community consultation contained "serious factual errors and misleading information", including misrepresenting the findings of the further landscape assessment at Cape Paterson.

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Erin used the 'kinder' plate

IT'S Tuesday again and Erin Patterson is still in the witness box at the Supreme Court in Morwell.

It seems like an eternity, but it's actually six days straight.

The days and the events of the past seven weeks of the mushroom murder trial have been smeared together like smashed avocado on toast.

No more food analogies.

Don and Gail Patterson's medical records, the orange cake, Erin Patterson's mobile phone pinging on the communication towers around Leongatha, the mushrooms of course, the plates and the long, laborious "he said, she said" of the first 29 days of evidence...

It's a matter for the jury, your honour.

Mrs Patterson had returned to the paisley shirt she has worn on several other days; in brown, black and green swirls; black pants and shoes, for what it's worth.

The first question from Crown Prosecutor Dr Nanette Rogers SC, continuing her cross-examination of Mrs Patterson, went straight back to an issue raised on Friday.

Dr Rogers had been probing Erin Patterson about claims she had allegedly made about having a diagnosis of cancer at the lunch on July 29, 2023, and what she had said to the invitees about medical issues beforehand.

On Thursday last week, Mrs Patterson had denied telling her lunch guests that she had been diagnosed with cancer, but she did acknowledge saying "that I was undergoing investigations around ovarian cancer and might need treatment in that regard in the future."

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He called for the Standing Advisory Committee to be reconvened to properly consider the additional landscape report and to provide Wallis Watson with the opportunity to respond. However, as they say, no further correspondence will be entered into.

While it is officially still a "draft", there will be no more community consultation, according to the Minister.

The final draft Bass Coast SPP has been circulated for endorsement by responsible public entities, including Bass Coast Shire Council. The endorsement process is expected to take place between June and July 2025. Once endorsements are received, approval of the SPP will be sought from the Governor in Council (GiC).

It will be immediately operational after the publication of the notice of approval in the Victoria Government Gazette.

Minister Kilkeny said the Allan Labor Government was taking the next major step to safeguard the Bass Coast's natural beauty and guide future growth.

"We have listened carefully to the inputs of local communities – this draft policy lays the groundwork for long-term protections that will preserve what makes the Bass Coast so special for future generations," said the Planning Minister.

The Member for Bass Jordan



The San Remo town boundary has been moved 1.6 kilometres east along Phillip Island Road as far as Punch Bowl Road but there will be no new housing development south of the ridgeline.

Crugnale has also welcomed the end of the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes process.

"This declaration will deliver on our commitment to acknowledge the special significance of the Bass Coast, protect its settlement boundaries and what we love and value now and into the future," said Ms Crugnale.

Of course, the new SPP isn't just about Cape Paterson and San Remo. The Minister says it introduces 24 protected settlement boundaries for towns, villages and hamlets across the shire but there appear to be 26 named locations including Bass, Harmers Haven, Jam Jerrup, Pioneer Bay and The Gurdies, Silverleaves, Smiths Beach, Sunderland Bay, Sunset Strip, Surf Beach,

Tenby Point, Ventnor, Wimbleton Heights, Archies Creek, Wattle Bank and Woolamai. Villages including Cape Paterson, Cape Woolamai, Corinella, Coronet Bay, Dalyston, Kilcunda, Newhaven and Rhyll. And towns including Grantville, San Remo and Cowes, all with protected settlement boundaries to be set in stone for 50 years.

Protected Settlement Boundaries remain to be finalised for Inverloch and Wonthaggi involving further strategic planning processes and consultation.

"The SPP is an extremely important strategic document for the Bass Coast setting out a long term vision and framework for development in the Bass Coast. It enables

us to protect the uniqueness of our towns whilst planning for growth that respects the character of our towns," Bass Coast Mayor Rochelle Halstead said. "Consideration of infrastructure capacity and servicing requirements has been a key element of the San Remo Structure Plan project. Council understood that the growth front in San Remo could potentially extend to Punch Bowl and included this in the project. We have been working through the details with servicing authorities and will continue this through the next stage of planning."

So, why is the potential for housing growth being expanded in San Remo while the settlement boundary of Cape Paterson is being reduced in size? The Standing Advisory Committee offers an explanation.

"In itself, land supply is not an issue for San Remo, given it has in the order of 26 to 36 years of zoned and unzoned supply. In the context of the DAL, San Remo is strategically significant because it does the heavy lifting for the Phillip Island and lifestyle market. As supply is exhausted in other places, take up in San Remo is likely to accelerate. Extending the PSB to Punch Bowl Road is justified in this context."

The Standing Committee provides no explanation for the contraction of Cape Paterson – it supported the proposed residential growth.



A call has been made to help Vern Loeckenhoff find his beloved hat.

Have you seen Vern's hat?

A DARK brown hat of great sentimental value was recently lost in Wonthaggi.

The waterproof Barmah Squashy Crackle Roo Leather hat was adorned with badges from the 2000 Olympic Games, the Paralympics and various RSLs, and its owner Vern Loeckenhoff would greatly appreciate its return.

Mr Loeckenhoff is a Vietnam veteran, and the badges on the hat are greatly important to him.

"He has been around to all his usual haunts, but to no avail. He really loved that hat," his wife Renee said.

"I miss the badges, as I worked at the 2000 Olympics and the Paralympics. They were sentimental to me."

There were roughly 20 badges in total on the hat, all of which were extremely important to the couple.

Some of the badges were one-of-a-kind or special edition, and remind Mrs Loeckenhoff of her wonderful experiences at the 2000 Olympics.

There were also old and new RSL badges from Wonthaggi and Sydney.

Mrs Loeckenhoff said the hat was originally purchased from Churchill Island and may have been lost near the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club or Connells Bakery.

If anyone has seen this beloved hat, they are urged to hand it in to the Sentinel-Times office in Wonthaggi.

The Loeckenhoff family would be extremely grateful to see its return.

Guide dog lucky to survive horrific dog attack

VISION-impaired social worker Sharyl Brockett can't understand why people are allowed in public places with dangerous dogs after a bullmastiff attacked and nearly killed her guide dog, Daisy.

"The bullmastiff lunged at Daisy as we approached Woolworths supermarket in Wonthaggi last weekend," said Sharyl.

The bullmastiff was on a long lead and latched onto Daisy's neck millimetres from a vital artery leaving two bleeding puncture wounds.

"A smaller dog wouldn't have survived," said Sharyl still in shock days after the attack.

A pharmacist friend of Sharyl managed to pull the dogs apart.

Sharyl remembers a middle-aged woman holding a long lead attached to the bullmastiff.

"She yelled out is your dog OK,"

before disappearing with a male according to Sharyl.

"Daisy stayed by my side as she is trained to do."

The incident was caught on CCTV, but Council rangers have not been able to locate the bullmastiff or its owners.

"That dog should not be in public," said Sharyl.

"We both stayed home the next day so I could take Daisy to the vet. The vet had to shave Daisy's neck to clean away the blood and give her antibiotics."

Sharyl's constant companion for the past six years Daisy came to her as a fully trained guide dog at 18 months of age and now accompanies her daily to Wonthaggi Hospital.

"Daisy's really important to me," said Sharyl.

According to Sharyl, Daisy

helps support many patients who are feeling down because they are ill in hospital and without their own dogs or pets.

"Guide dogs have a really important job to do," Sharyl said.

"She has to make sure I'm safe in the community."

With her specialised training costing upwards of \$100,000, Daisy is not considered a regular pet, and was doing her job, as normal.

According to Sharyl as they approached the entrance to Woolworths a dog jumped out of nowhere and latched onto Daisy's throat.

"It was not under any control whatsoever," said Sharyl.

One of Sharyl's good friends saw the attack and ran straight towards them.

"My friend helped get the dogs separated and checked Daisy for injuries."

A nurse friend at the scene applied pressure to Daisy's neck to stem the bleeding while another friend called the Council Ranger.

Daisy was wearing a guide dog harness at the time, and according to Sharyl, the woman with the bullmastiff didn't seem to care.

"We asked her to move away with the dog, but she refused forcing us to walk onto the road and around the trolley bay to get to the safety of the supermarket."

"We need to find the people responsible for this."

Sharyl is hopeful Daisy will fully recover.

"We've been back to the scene to provide encouragement, but Daisy still hesitates," said Sharyl. "It will take time."

Guide Dogs Victoria have offered assistance including re-training in Wonthaggi.

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6° **14°**

IN BRIEF

A creative funding boost
showcases art in theatre
and music

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council has been successful in securing a \$10,085 Small Regional Presenters grant to bring creative events to four of South Gippsland's small yet mighty halls.

The events include:

- Dr Hubble's Bubbles and the Stony Six at Outtrim Hall – Saturday, July 26.
- Exotic Lives of Lola Montez by Funicane and Smith at the Foster War Memorial and Arts Centre – date TBC.
- Damien Callinan's Hall Stories at Mount Eccles Hall – Saturday, November 8.
- Damien Callinan's Hall Stories at Kongwak Hall – Wednesday, November 12.

The live performances range from circus and theatre, comedy and cabaret, as well as contemporary and classical music.

South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, John Schelling, said, the shire is pleased to have received this funding that will bring live performances to South Gippsland.

"Thank you to the Victorian Government for their support for this project. We look forward to inviting both locals and visitors to our region to enjoy these fantastic events."

Each event is guaranteed to be an entertaining outing and will be organised in collaboration with the relevant volunteer committee.

Tickets to Dr Hubble's Bubbles and The Stony Six at the Outtrim Hall can be purchased at: southgippsland.vic.gov.au/dr-hubbles-bubbles.

Safety improvement
works at Mahers Landing

BRIDGEWATER Marine will carry out safety improvement works at the new Mahers Landing boat ramp from Monday, June 16, to Friday, June 20, 2025.

To allow these works to be

completed safely and efficiently, the boat ramp will be closed to the public during this time. It is scheduled to reopen at 4pm on Friday, June 20.

The upgrade involves installing anti-slip grating on the ramp surface to significantly reduce slipperiness and enhance safety for all users.

This enhancement is fully funded by Better Boating Victoria as part of ongoing efforts to improve boating facilities across the region.

Local input is open on
naming Poowong Roads

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is seeking community feedback on the proposed commemorative naming of two new roads in Poowong, as part of the approved subdivision plans for 14 Brisbane Street (Planning Permit 2021/321).

At the May Council Meeting, Councillors unanimously endorsed a four-week community consultation period, running from May 22 to June 23, 2025, to gather local input on the proposed names:

- Beckett Street – in honour of Daniel Beckett, one of Poowong's earliest residents and the first selector of the original crown allotment for the land (14 Brisbane Street).
- Horsley Street – commemorating Susan Horsley, whose family operated Poowong's first Post Office in 1883, with Susan Horsley serving as postmistress until 1890.

These names have been proposed in accordance with the Geographic Place Names Act 1998 and the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria, which guide the naming of roads and features across the State. The proposals reflect key principles including commemorative naming, gender equality, and strong historical links to the Poowong community.

To have your say on the new street names in Poowong, please visit: yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au.

Nobbies remain closed
for infrastructure works

THE Nobbies Centre and boardwalks will remain closed until the end of the month (June), following an infrastructure incident last week.

Phillip Island Nature Parks CEO Catherine Basterfield said an engineering investigation has been carried out, with initial works focused on ensuring the building structure is safe to enable access to the true attraction of this site – the boardwalks, the views and the blow hole.

Rectification works will be required on parts of the visitor centre's exterior.

"At this stage, we expect initial works to be completed and access to the boardwalks restored by the school holiday period."

Until then, the Nobbies Centre remains closed and the building, car park and boardwalks have been temporarily cordoned off to ensure the safety of the public and staff.

"We urge the public to keep clear of the area. The Boulevard, running along the south coast of the Summerland Peninsula, between The Nobbies and the Penguin Parade, remains open," said Ms Basterfield.

Public toilets are located at the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre car park and inside the centre.

Customer care at
Gippsland Water

GIPPSLAND Water is encouraging customers to reach out if they need help paying their bills through its Customer Care campaign.

Managing director Sarah Cumming said that confidential financial support is always available for Gippsland Water customers.

"We want our customers to know that we get it and we're here to help," she said.

"We offer a range of flexible payment options, and our team will assist and work out

what's best for you and your needs.

"The team can help customers apply for government utility relief grants and give referrals to no-cost independent financial counsellors."

Friendly faces from the Gippsland Water team feature in the customer care campaign and a series of opportunities to receive on-the-spot support in person will be held over the coming months.

Locations, dates and times will be announced soon.

To find out more about the assistance Gippsland Water can provide or request a call back from the customer care team, visit gippswater.com.au/customer care.

New Treasurer admits
massive increase in
economic advice

VICTORIAN Treasurer, Jaclyn Symes has admitted, under questioning by the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee (PAEC), that her office and Department require a massive increase in economic advice.

Victorian budget papers have revealed that the 2024–25 Budget originally allocated \$60.3 million for economic advice, but that figure was quietly revised upwards to \$75.2 million in the budget estimates – a \$14.9 million blowout.

Now, the 2025–26 Budget has allocated \$81.4 million to the same line item, a 34.9 per cent increase in a single year.

Despite this massive increase in expenditure, the Treasurer has offered no clear or credible explanation for the blowout – other than to blame the drafting of Victoria's Economic Growth Statement.

According to the opposition, that excuse does not explain why massive increases in funding are now part of the ongoing support required for the Treasurer and her Department.

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What a mess, as road reserve left in a shocking state after squatters leave

SQUATTERS camping on a roadside reserve opposite The Caves carpark at Inverloch have trashed the site according to nearby residents and farmers.

Glenn Morris described the abandoned campsite as an absolute mess.

"It's a shambles and an absolute pigsty," said Mr Morris.

Neighbour Kate McDonald was amazed by the amount of rubbish they left behind.

"Litter blew up from the campsite and across the road and into the waterways," said Ms McDonald.

Recalling when the squatters arrived in November, Ms McDonald said they created a disturbance by shouting and sounding like somebody was hurt.

"They needed help," she said.

At the time they were camping in a tent and cars.

Despite numerous attempts at contacting Bass Coast Shire Council, VicRoads, Parks Victoria, local MP Jordan Crugnale and police, nothing was done according to Ms McDonald.

The squatters refused an offer of assistance to find alternate accommodation.

"That was the time to act, to move them on. We were told it was very difficult because they were homeless.

"No one would take responsibility."



The abandoned campsite opposite The Caves at Inverloch has been left in an absolute mess by squatters.

Ms McDonald has been shocked at how much they accumulated over six months.

"At first we thought they may have been holidaymakers, but the consequence now is that council will now have to bear the cost of the clean-up," said Ms McDonald. "It's borne by all of us, and it won't be cheap."

Two abandoned cars have been left at the site, an overturned motorcycle and at least two skips of household rubbish including discarded clothing left hanging in the trees.

"None of it is recyclable," said Ms McDonald.

"Now they've set a precedent, they might return next

summer."

Ms McDonald said she could understand overnight campers.

"I do feel sorry for them, but these people showed a total disregard for the environment.

"No water or sanitation, a beautiful pristine environment trashed in six months."

Local residents have described The Caves as a special place.

"It is where a lot of people have taken their children to play, in rock pools and enjoy nature," said Ms McDonald.

"It is very popular."

Ms McDonald's family loved the area so much they bought land and built a home.

"The house was built to respect the environment," said Ms McDonald.

Not easily frightened Ms McDonald found herself locking everything up when the squatters were there, concerned about what might be damaged or stolen by people coming onto the property.

Glenn Morris said he was not sure why the site had not been cleaned up.

"If the reason is lack of resources then I'm sure a group of volunteers keen to see the trees re-established can be mustered together," said Mr Morris.

It is ultimately the responsibility of Parks Victoria and according to Mr Morris unless the entrance is blocked by a fence it will happen again.

"A lockable strong gate or fence might be better than placing rocks at the entrance.

"There is a difference between illegal camping and establishing a home for six months.

"Now they're gone we want everything removed.

"Re-vegetate the area, it's a shocking situation."

Bass Coast Shire said it will support Parks Victoria to resolve the issues at the site.

Council facilitated referral to the relevant services to address health and wellbeing concerns at the site through partnerships with local service providers.



Car collides with bookshop

POLICE are investigating after a vehicle collided with Ramalama Book Exchange on Murray Street on Thursday, June 5, around 4.15pm. It's unknown what caused the accident at this stage, but it's not believed to be related to drugs or alcohol.

According to police, it's believed the driver lost control of the vehicle whilst travelling east along Murray Street near the intersection with McBride Avenue. A passenger in the front seat was able to steer the vehicle off the road.

There were no life-threatening injuries to either the passenger or the driver, and it's believed both dogs in the vehicle at the time were also uninjured.

Baby wombat saved

WONTHAGGI officers were patrolling Harmers Haven on June 5, when they located a seriously injured wombat in the early hours of the morning. The wombat had impact with a vehicle and unfortunately had to be destroyed.

The wombat was inspected, and police located a very young joey in the pouch.

Carefully removing the joey and wrapping it tightly in their uniform, the joey was taken to the Wonthaggi Police Station where it was initially cared for before going on to a volunteer wildlife carer. If you do have a collision with an animal and need assistance call 000, and if you locate injured wildlife contact Wildlife Victoria.

Breach bail and 10 day crime wave sees gaol time

TWENTY-three year old South Gippsland man, Joshua Nagel was sentenced to three months imprisonment at the Latrobe Valley Magistrates Court on Tuesday, June 10, following a series of criminal offences in South Gippsland whilst on bail.

Mr Nagel was released on bail at Wonthaggi Magistrates Court on May 5. After a series of further offences he was arrested again on June 7. Thirty-one charges were initially brought before the court, including, burglary, theft, handling of stolen goods, committing offences whilst on bail and possession of drugs.

The court addressed that Mr Nagel had committed 10 different days of offending since April this year. The accused was charged with theft of a whipper snipper and chainsaw, possession of stolen clothing, food and alcohol, and on May 26, the accused entered a home office and stole a laptop.

Mr Nagel's three-month sentence considered his age, as he was 23 and unemployed, homeless, and on bail. Despite having received psychological support for re-offending, he was unwilling to engage and subsequently committed more crimes. Significant consideration was given due to Mr Nagel's guilty plea.

Some of the property that the 23-year-old male allegedly stole in Korumburra has been located by police, if you are missing things email: korumburra.umi@police.vic.gov.au.

Second dump of sand at Inverloch Surf Beach holding for now

A SECOND major dump of sand at the Inverloch surf beach appears to be holding firm despite strong winds, steady rain and a heavy ocean swell over the past days.

Bass Coast Council acted quickly last week to replace sand dumped on the beach two months ago after storm activity threatened to undermine geotextile sandbags protecting the Inverloch SLSC.

President of the Inverloch SLSC Glenn Arnold said he was grateful for Bass Coast Council getting it sorted so quickly.

"Council was proactive and contacted the Surf Lifesaving Club after a week of heavy swells, high tides and a storm surge."

Storm tides have been shown to erode up to 100,000 cubic metres of sand in five days.

Inverloch Tourism Association President Glenn Morris was pleased to see the sand replacement work starting last

week.

"Without that work, we fear that the sand scouring at the ends of the wall will become a big risk to the Surf Lifesaving Club during the autumn and spring high tide season," Mr Morris said.

"Well done to Bass Coast Council and all those involved." Bass Coast Shire reaffirmed that coastal erosion is a pressing issue for the community. Council is continuing to investigate medium and long-term solutions in partnership with DEECA including planting of native vegetation to help stabilise the dunes.

One Lohr Avenue resident expressed concern about trying to stockpile sand on the beach during the sand replacement works.

"It didn't work, the tide came in and washed the sand away."

Another community member questioned the practice of re-vegetation of the dunes.

"To suggest that planting native vegetation will stabilise the dunes is preposterous, are councillors blind to the amount of mature vegetation that has been destroyed in recent years or are they simply willing to continue throwing good money after bad and squander yet more ratepayer hard-earned monies on ineffective solutions," they said.

"The simple reality is that a seawall needs to be constructed as a last line of defence to stop the erosion devouring more of the foreshore and then consuming the Inverloch SLSC clubhouse and the houses and other assets around Surf Parade."

President of the South Gippsland Conservation Society Ed Thexton admitted that Marram Grass which was widely planted in the 60s and 70s as a sand dune stabiliser to protect sand dunes at surf beaches including Inverloch was not a native grass.

Marram Grass has now been replaced with native Hairy Spinifex (*Spinifex sericeus*) in many places because it is tolerant and in fact, stimulated by progressive sand burials.

According to Agriculture Victoria, the plant's dense growth habit and extensive rhizomatous root system entrap mobile sand and allow the building of dunes.

"Unfortunately, it has been shown that the steep-faced dunes formed by Marram Grass activity, at the expense of beach and near-shore sand, leads to increased susceptibility to wave erosion and subsequent coastal recession."

In its most recent quarterly performance review, Bass Coast Council forecasted a full-year deficit due in part to emergency sand renourishment at Inverloch and Silverleaves despite being offset by operational grants received for emergency events.

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THE NATIONALS

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Mayor's Message



Cr Rochelle Halstead

TOURISM is at the heart of life in Bass Coast—supporting local jobs, energising our towns, and inviting the world to experience our breathtaking natural environment and warm hospitality.

Right now, we're seeing exciting developments that will shape our visitor economy for years to come.

In Cowes, the transformation of the Isle of Wight site will soon deliver a stunning new hospitality and accommodation offering. This iconic location will once again be a focal point for visitors and locals, supported by the Cowes Streetscapes project, which received \$8 million in Federal funding last year. These investments link the main street to our beautiful coastline, creating a more accessible, welcoming and vibrant Cowes.

Our wellness tourism sector is also growing, with anticipation building for the opening of Phillip Island Hot Springs. Once complete, this destination will offer visitors a world-class place to unwind, boosting off-peak visitation and adding to the region's unique appeal.

Events continue to attract visitors year-round, from major competitions like the MotoGP, Phillip Island Pro and ProMX to community favourites like the Inverloch Running Festival and Kilcunda Lobster Festival.

And speaking of Kilcunda—we have even more reason to celebrate! This beloved coastal gem has been named a finalist in the **2025 Victorian Top Tourism Town Awards** in the Tiny Town category.

Now we need your help to bring home the win. Community support plays a big part in the final result—so please take a moment to vote and show your love for Kilcunda. Voting closes soon and every vote counts!

Visit www.vtic.com.au/toptourismtowns to cast yours.

Bass Coast is a region on the rise, with bold ideas, strong partnerships and a shared commitment to delivering exceptional visitor experiences. With your continued support, we'll keep growing—sustainably, inclusively, and proudly.

Let's keep working together to showcase what makes Bass Coast truly special.

Relief from local residents as Cape northern boundary reined in

THE deal has almost been done according to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale MP.

Land north of Seaward Drive in Cape Paterson has been excluded from the town boundary impacting on future residential rezoning of the area.

Expressing relief that after all this time the Planning Minister had supported the community John Coulter from the Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association said it had been a long process of open consultation.

According to Mr Coulter, everybody had a good chance to argue their case and it would be unreasonable to suggest there has been a denial of justice.

"The journey had strong community support and not just from the Residents and Ratepayers Association," Mr Coulter said.

"There are significant features of the land that should be preserved.

"Reducing the boundary is the appropriate thing to do," he said.

"Ninety per cent of respondents supported that reduction."

Releasing the State Government's draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) for the Bass Coast, Planning Minister Sonya Kilkenny said it was a 50-year vision to manage land use and development in a way that preserves the region's unique character.

"The Allan Labor Government is taking the next major step to safeguard the Bass Coast's natural beauty and guide future growth in a way that respects the environment, community values, and cultural heritage," said Minister Kilkenny.

Jordan Crugnale MP said the declaration would deliver on the State Government's commitment to acknowledge the special significance of the Bass Coast and to protect its settlement boundaries and what we love and value now, and into the future.

Thanking everyone for their patience, visioning and submissions Ms Crugnale said the formal endorsement process is now with Bass Coast Shire Council and relevant public agencies so it can be finalised.

Planning Minister Kilkenny said Bass Coast was one of Victoria's most environmentally significant regions home to the Bunurong Marine National Park, Phillip Island Nature Parks,



Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale MP joined by Cape Paterson residents and members of the Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association welcoming the decision to rein in the northern boundary of the town.

Churchill Island and the Western Port Ramsar Wetlands.

"Its coastlines, farmland, wetlands and woodlands support native wildlife, tourism, agriculture and thriving local communities," said Minister Kilkenny.

The next key step before the SPP can be finalised includes strategies to protect biodiversity, support climate resilience, and guide infrastructure planning.

More than 20 protected settlement boundaries have been proposed to clearly define where growth can occur and to help maintain the region's natural, cultural and scenic values for generations to come according to the State Government.

Once approved Bass Coast will become just the fourth area in Victoria to have an SPP in place giving it the state's highest level of long-term planning protection along with the Bellarine Peninsula, Surf Coast and Macedon Ranges.

"We have listened carefully to the inputs of local communities, and this draft policy lays the groundwork for long-term protections that will preserve what makes the Bass Coast so special for future generations," said Planning Minister Kilkenny.

The draft policy was developed with input from Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, Bass Coast Shire Council, government agencies and authorities, and the Distinctive

Areas and Landscapes Standing Advisory Committee.

Project manager for land north of Seaward Drive, Wallis Watson, called for the Standing Advisory Committee to be reconvened to provide procedural fairness in relation to a decision which stands to restrict development in Cape Paterson for the next 50 years.

John Coulter from the Residents and Ratepayers Association said the idea was to put a protective boundary around small villages and townships.

"It isn't locking anything into place for 50 years," said Mr Coulter.

"Our understanding is the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DALs) program in Victoria requires a review of the Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) for each declared area no later than 10 years after its commencement," he said.

There has already been significant growth in Cape Paterson with The Cape estate.

"How much can a small village expand without damaging what is already there?"

Mr Coulter noted there had been no funding for infrastructure.

The first priority according to Mr Coulter was to protect the environment and Marine National Park which adjoins Cape Paterson whether it is a hamlet, village or small town.

"Getting funding for the

Wonthaggi Life Saving Club is the next priority," said Mr Coulter.

Bass Coast Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead welcomed confirmation that the Minister for Planning had approved the final draft of the Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy.

"It's a milestone that we warmly welcome," said Cr Halstead.

"This marks the culmination of more than seven years of collaborative work to protect Bass Coast's significant economic, environmental, cultural, and community values through the introduction of protected settlement boundaries."

The draft SPP was informed by strong community input during three rounds of public consultation according to Bass Coast Shire.

"It was also subject to an independent review by the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Standing Advisory Committee, which concluded in April 2023," said Cr Halstead.

According to Cr Halstead, a report will be brought to Council for consideration at the June Council Meeting.

The endorsement process is expected to take place between June and July 2025.

For more information about the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes legislation, including the Bass Coast SPP go to engage.vic.gov.au/project/distinctive-areas-and-landscapes-program/page/bass-coast.

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Bass Coast locals have their say on pet ownership rules

BASS Coast residents have had their say on the future of pet ownership and animal management in the region, as the Bass Coast Shire Council prepares its next Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) for 2026–2029.

Under the Domestic Animals Act 1994, councils must develop a new DAMP every four years. The plan outlines how domestic animals, particularly cats and dogs, will be managed across the shire.

Community consultation for the new plan wrapped up last week, following a series of in-person information sessions and an online survey. The final session was held at Corinella Community Hall on Thursday, June 5, where council staff met with residents to discuss local animal-related issues and listen to concerns.

Nick Grant-Collins from Bass Coast Shire Council said community engagement had been strong throughout the consultation period.

“We’ve had a great uptake from the online survey and the in-person sessions – Inverloch, on the Island, Wonthaggi, and here in Corinella,” he said.

“It’s a chance to understand broader issues and also those really hyper-local issues. I think today has been a great test case in that.”

Among the key priorities raised were calls for more fenced dog parks, improved



Nick Grant-Collins and Grace Knight from Bass Coast Shire Council help Angela Christa complete her form following a conversation about her concerns. W02_2325

off-leash areas, and clearer signage at beaches and public reserves. Mr Grant-Collins said the popularity of dog ownership in Bass Coast has grown significantly, with animal registrations rising by 27 per cent alongside roughly a seven per cent population increase.

“Dog ownership is a big part of life here,” he said.

“We want to uplift the benefits of owning pets. Dogs are a mechanism that takes people out into nature.”

The Corinella session also highlighted community concerns beyond cats and dogs. One attendee expressed alarm at the presence of racehorses

on the beach between Corinella and Coronet Bay. She argued that the growing number of beachgoers has made the area unsuitable and unsafe for horse training.

“It can’t keep going without a serious accident happening,” she said.

“It feels like dog owners are being pushed aside, and the horses are taking priority.”

Another issue raised was the inconsistency of dog-related rules between different beaches, which some locals say makes it hard to know where off-leash walking is permitted.

In response, the Council confirmed it is reviewing leash regulations at three popular

reserves – Rhyll Recreation Reserve, Blue Gum Reserve in Cowes, and Headland Way Reserve in Inverloch – as part of its plan to improve and expand dog-friendly spaces.

The new DAMP will also aim to build on changes introduced since 2021, such as the requirement for 24/7 cat containment. Cats must now stay within their owner’s property at all times to protect native wildlife and reduce nuisance behaviour. Council is also involved in the state-funded Targeted Cat Desexing Program, which supports subsidised desexing services in low-income areas to help reduce impoundments and euthanasia rates.

Mr Grant-Collins said the DAMP consultation process has reinforced how passionate the community is about pet ownership.

“We’re really excited about this next DAMP, and about uplifting the conversation around the health and wellbeing benefits of pet ownership,” he said.

“From fenced dog parks to community engagement and signage, we want to make sure everything going forward really meets the needs of our community.”

The feedback collected through the survey and in-person sessions will now help guide the final version of the 2026-2029 plan, due to be released later this year.

Nationals urge action on Yanakie Weather Station

THE Nationals have expressed concerns over the impending closure of the Yanakie Automatic Weather Station (AWS) and requested the state and federal government to ensure it remains.

Speaking in state parliament, Melina Bath called on the Minister for Emergency Services to work with the Federal Government and Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) to intervene and push for the reestablishment of the Yanakie AWS beyond July 1, 2025.

“Continuous, localised weather data must remain available for storm, fire, flood, and safety responses in this area of South Gippsland,” said Ms Bath.

“Removal of the station will create a weather forecasting gap stretching from Yarram to Pound Creek, which encompasses some of Victoria’s most treacherous coastline.

“The decision to decommission must be overturned – the station provides real-time data to emergency services, commercial and recreational fishers, farmers, and tourists.”

The Yanakie AWS is accessed up to 16,000 times a week by Willy Weather. It delivers timely and accurate weather forecasts, used in emergencies by the Coastguard and CFA.

Leader of The Nationals and Member for Gippsland South, Danny O’Brien, said residents and tourists relied on the accurate storm warnings, wind predictions and rainfall data broadcast from Yanakie AWS.

“The station assists with fire behaviour modelling and informs planned burn operations – its loss will make it harder for agencies to protect community safety.

“I have written to the Federal Minister for Environment underlining the importance of Yanakie AWS and have sought a commitment for its ongoing funding and maintenance.”

Ms Bath said the BoM’s ill-conceived decision was made without consultation, and there is compelling evidence for the Allan Government to intervene and seek a decision reversal from the federal government.

“For the safety of locals and visitors, both the state and federal government must recognise the importance of the Yanakie AWS and ensure it remains operational.”

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Free Community Training Opportunities

Safety, Risk and Insurance - Navigating Disasters

As a not-for-profit organisation, it's important to understand your legal obligations when it comes to safety.

Disasters strain your organisation, its volunteers and the communities they help. Be better prepared by understanding the law and your responsibilities as an organisation.

This is a practical training session for volunteer-involving organisations that will help with the identification and management of risks before they become problems.

When: Thursday 26 June, 6.00pm
Where: Korumburra Community Hub

Grant Writing for Success

Do you have a question about Council's Community Grants Program?

This workshop is the perfect opportunity to learn the ins and outs of grant writing.

Experienced presenters will guide you through the process. You'll gain practical knowledge on identifying suitable grants, understanding application requirements, and effectively communicating your project's objectives and impact.

Council's Community Grants Program is opening in July!

When: Wednesday 18 June, 6.00pm
Where: Online

To register and secure your place, visit:
[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/
communitytraining](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining)

Naming of Poowong Road



South Gippsland Shire Council has received a request to name two new roads to be created as part of the approved plans for 14 Brisbane Street, near the corner of Ranceby Road and Gardners Lane, Poowong.

Road 1 Proposed Name - **Beckett Street**
Road 2 Proposed Name - **Horsley Street**

We are now looking to our community to let us know if these names are suitable.

To have your say, visit:
yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 June 2025 at 2.00pm.

Details will be available on Council's website:

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ARTCUBES IN LEONGATHA - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

After two years travelling South Gippsland Shire, the ArtCubes are coming to Leongatha!

The trio of portable creative spaces will be installed outside Council's main office entrance at 9 Smith Street, Leongatha from 18 July to 29 October. Throughout this time, Council is excited to offer month-long creative residencies for each ArtCube over three months.

For more information and to apply for a residency, please visit:

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Fish Creek pushes back against streetworks on Falls Road

TWO petitions are circulating regarding the proposed works on Falls Road, Fish Creek, with Brad Anderson of Fish Creek Hardware, concerned about the negative impact these changes will have on businesses in town.

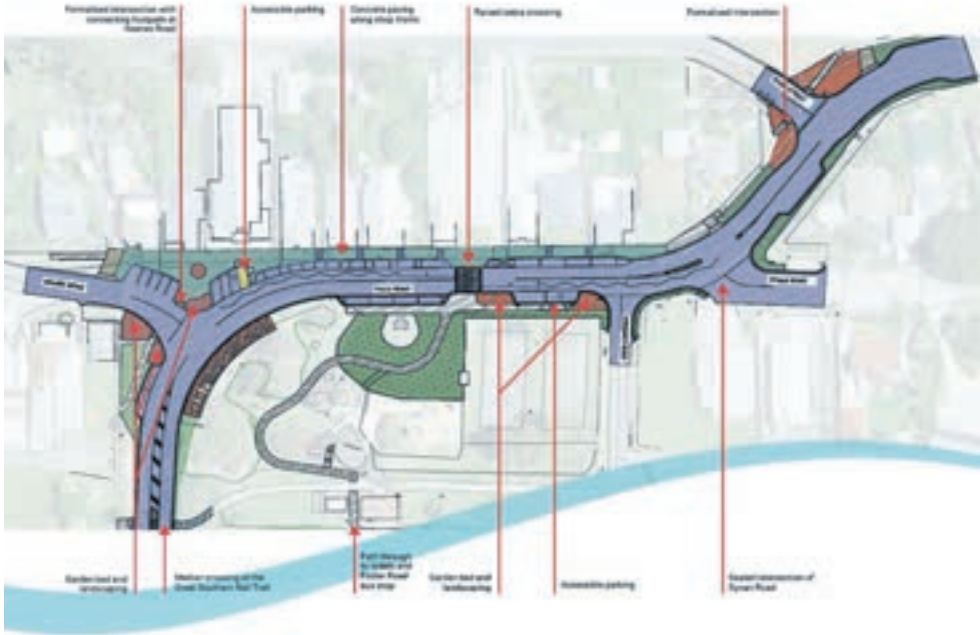
“We are facing six to nine months of disturbances for the construction of the works, and all that will do is drive away business. Last week we already lost internet, phone and EFTPOS for work that we didn’t agree to. It’s simply a waste of taxpayers’ money, because consultations haven’t been done right from the beginning,” said Brad.

The first petition is to stop the removal of car parking directly out the front of Fish Creek Hardware who are open 5.5 days a week, and the other is to reconsider the removal of the parking around the memorial (to turn into grassland), with Mr Anderson stating that, there is no consideration for trucks, tractors, trailers or caravans within the new parking bays.

“(South Gippsland Shire) are also changing the access to the street behind us, which will impede our truck deliveries,” said Mr Anderson.

Mr Anderson wrote to the South Gippsland Shire Council stating that, “While we appreciate the intent to improve infrastructure and accessibility, we continue to hold serious concerns regarding the negative impact these changes will have on our business, our customers, and the overall commercial viability of this part of town.

“In particular, we strongly object to the use of data obtained from the January 2022 parking survey as a key determinant in shaping



the new design.’

“That survey was conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic, when public health restrictions were still in effect and visitor numbers were considerably reduced. It is highly unlikely that the results of that survey accurately reflect current normal or peak trading conditions in Fish Creek.

“During January 2022, Victoria had COVID-19 restrictions in place that affected travel and public activities. While there were no strict lockdowns in regional Victoria at that time, certain public health measures were enforced statewide, including density limits, reintroduced on January 6, 2022, for hospitality and entertainment venues, limiting capacity to one person per two square metres, and mask mandates, where masks were required in all indoor settings, except private residences, from January 7, 2022.

Mr Anderson stated that, therefore, while travel to regional areas like Fish Creek was permitted, the presence of these restrictions likely influenced visitor behaviour and numbers during that period.

“I’ve stated to the council that we strongly ask that you consider commissioning an updated survey during a peak period to ensure the findings are representative and reliable.”

Mr Anderson confirmed that since launching the petition, he had gathered over 200 signatures from concerned customers and community members. “The response has been swift and significant, indicating widespread concern about the proposed changes, particularly regarding the removal of convenient parking and the effects on accessibility for tradespeople, elderly patrons, and those using larger vehicles.

We continue to believe that

the loss of critical parking directly outside our store, as well as around the memorial, will negatively affect local businesses, staff, and customers alike.

Fish Creek Hardware is a locally owned and independently operated store that employs local residents and services the broader region.

“We remain committed to supporting improvements to the township but believe it is essential to achieve a balance that supports, not compromises, the viability of long-standing local businesses.”

Mr Anderson is in discussions with Cr Scott Rae regarding a fair balance between the needs of various users of the town centre and supporting improved business outcomes with a modern, accessible and practical town centre district.

“We are just hoping for a good outcome, despite the works already underway.”

When nature calls plan in advance if you’re going to Leongatha

NEW public amenities at the heart of the Leongatha railway precinct on the Great Southern Rail Trail have fallen well short of community expectations according to local residents.

“It’s a long way from ALDI to go to the toilet,” said Lyn Tapscott of Leongatha.

Despite a significant upgrade to the station site at Leongatha, the public facilities are not considered convenient enough for people who have difficulty walking.

“People are forced to use the hotel toilets,” said Ms Tapscott.

“It is difficult for children, the elderly or disabled to use the hotel toilets and it’s a long way to the Municipal Hall or Leongatha Station,” Ms Tapscott complained.

“We need public toilets near ALDI or in the carpark at IGA.”

John Tapscott agreed that Leongatha needed better public facilities.

“This town’s growing,” he said.

“It’s a retirement town



Public amenities in the Leongatha railway precinct not convenient enough for local supermarket shoppers. B29_2325

with lots of people moving from the eastern suburbs.”

According to South Gippsland Shire the Great Southern Rail Trail Railway Precincts Development Project involved significant upgrades to the railway sites at Leongatha and Korumburra in order to improve the economic vitality of each town centre and to assist in attracting visitors to the towns and the overall shire.

The upgrades included building new public amenities.

“A unisex toilet is needed,” said Ms Tapscott.

“NDIS carers have trouble helping clients go to the toilet; it can be very difficult in a wheelchair; you need to park in the hotel carpark to go to the hotel toilet.”

Despite writing letters to South Gippsland Shire Ms Tapscott has received no satisfaction.

A new Public Amenities Policy adopted by South Gippsland Shire Council in 2017 formalised a co-ordinated approach to the management of public toilets.

The policy established Council’s responsibilities for the ongoing management of existing public amenities, guidelines to follow when considering whether or not to add a public amenity to council’s current cleaning and maintenance services, and guidelines to follow when considering a new public amenity.

“The new policy will ensure the standard of service continues to meet community expectations and will also provide clarity and direction for the community,” said South Gippsland Shire.

“Council prides itself on the provision of clean public toilets throughout the shire and often receives positive feedback on the high standard of the facilities and their cleanliness.”

Mayor’s Message



Cr John Schelling



V/Line Coach Service Engagement

I want to make sure you’re aware of an important opportunity to have your say. The Department of Transport and Planning is currently seeking community feedback on proposed improvements to the Yarram to Melbourne V/Line coach service. This consultation is open until June 29, and they want to hear from everyone — whether you currently use the service or would like to in the future.

We know how important connectedness is for our towns. Communities like Venus Bay, Tarwin Lower, and Dumbalk don’t currently have public transport options to help people travel within and beyond our region. That’s why it’s so important to have your say and make sure your voice is heard during this rare feedback opportunity.

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/Yarram-Melbourne-VLine>

You can also provide your feedback at their in-person drop-in session out the front of Leongatha Memorial Hall on Tuesday, June 17 from 11am to 12.30pm.

Yanakie Automated Weather Station

Council is also in active discussions with the Australian Government, advocating for funding to maintain and upgrade the Yanakie Automated Weather Station. This Station is a vital resource for our farmers and broader community, especially during these challenging drought conditions. It also has the potential to support future offshore wind energy projects, with Barry Beach likely to become a hub for operations and maintenance. We’re trying our best to secure the financial support needed to keep this important asset running.

Community Training Opportunity

We’re also offering a free community training session for anyone involved in a local group or organisation. **Safety, Risk and Insurance – Navigating Disasters** will be held at the Korumburra Community Hub on Thursday, June 26 from 6pm to 9pm. This practical session will help you understand your legal responsibilities, manage risks, and prepare your organisation for emergencies. It’s a great opportunity to build resilience and

confidence in your group’s operations.

Register your free spot at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/community-training

Emergency and Volunteer Services Levy

Last week, we met online with Peter Marshall from the United Firefighters Union to discuss the Emergency and Volunteer Services Levy. We’re continuing to push the State Government to reduce this cost and ease the burden on our community.

Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve Community Battery

Councillor Steve Finlay recently attended a public meeting at the Tarwin Lower Bowls Club, where the community celebrated the Venus Bay Community Centre’s success in securing State Government funding for a community battery at the Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve. This project will help reduce the impact of power outages and keep our community connected to energy. The meeting was a great chance for locals to share ideas and help shape this exciting new asset for the Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay district.

Port Welshpool Fishing Club Dinner

Over the weekend, Councillor Scott Rae and I had the pleasure of attending the Port Welshpool Fishing Club dinner — a fantastic evening celebrating our vibrant local fishing community.

Geraldine Hickey and Friends

It was also wonderful to see both shows of Geraldine Hickey and Friends at the Tarwin Lower Memorial Hall completely sold out. Proceeds from the night went to support local wildlife warrior Sue Moore and Bass Coast and South Gippsland Wildlife Rescue and Shelter — a great cause and a great night.

King’s Birthday Long Weekend

Despite the winter chill, South Gippsland was buzzing with activity over the King’s Birthday long weekend. Southern Lights was a huge success, and Loch Food and Wine on Sunday was absolutely brilliant. It’s fantastic to see our region alive with events and community spirit.

Financial Scams

- Protecting yourself and others

By David Caporale,
Chief Investment Officer of RELcapital

Every week in Australia, thousands of older people are targeted by scammers. Many of these scams are clever, convincing, and designed to steal life savings in just minutes. Sadly, the people most at risk are often those who have worked hard their entire lives, saved carefully, and now just want to enjoy retirement in peace.

Scams are not a new problem, but they are getting worse - and more dangerous. According to the National Anti-Scam Centre Australians lost over \$2 billion to scams in 2024 alone. Older Australians, particularly those over 65, made up a large portion of these losses.

The reason scammers target seniors is simple: they often have more money in savings, superannuation, or home equity, and may be less familiar with digital technology and fraud tactics. Many seniors also come from a generation that believes in trusting others, answering the phone, or helping someone in need - traits that scammers sadly take advantage of.

Scams come in many forms. Some arrive as emails or text messages pretending to be from a bank, the ATO, or even a family member. Others come as phone calls claiming you've won a prize or owe a fine. Some scams use fear - saying your bank account has been hacked and urging you to "act quickly." Others use romance scams with fake on-line relationships asking for money after building trust over months.

One of the most dangerous scams in recent years is the "investment scam." Here, people are tricked into putting money into what seems like a safe, high-return investment

- but it's fake. Victims only realise it when their money disappears and the scammers vanish.

So what can be done?

Firstly, we need to raise awareness. Family members, friends, and carers should talk openly about scams with their older loved ones. Just like we discuss health and wellbeing, we must talk about financial safety. No one should feel ashamed or silly for asking, "Is this real?" or "Should I click this link?" Scammers are skilled liars - not victims' fault.

Secondly, banks and government bodies must make reporting scams easier and offer more support to those who fall victim. Some banks are already improving their fraud detection systems, which is good, but more can be done - especially in training staff to recognise and assist older clients who may be at risk.

Thirdly, the government should invest in more education targeted at the senior community. Free workshops, simple guides, and public service ads can help. Digital skills training - even basic lessons on recognising suspicious emails or texts - can make a big difference.

Finally, it's vital that we, as a society, remove the shame around being scammed. Too many people keep quiet after losing money because they feel embarrassed. This silence allows scammers to continue winning. If someone you know has been targeted, support them, help them report it, and encourage others to speak up too.

Older Australians deserve to feel safe - not just in their homes, but also online and over the phone. They've contributed so much to our country. Let's do our part to protect them from those trying to take advantage of their trust.

If you suspect a scam or have been affected, contact Scamwatch (www.scamwatch.gov.au) or speak to your bank or local police. Help is available - and no one should feel alone in facing this problem.

Finding solutions to the toll of wildlife on our roads

By Courtney O'Brien

FROM the Waterline to Phillip Island across to Mirboo North and Foster many locals voiced their opinions, offered solutions and told their stories as part of written submissions into Victoria's ability to tackle wildlife road strike incidents.

Increased urban development, decreased efficiency of current measures and a lack of wildlife prioritisation prompted the inquiry.

Exploring preventive measures and establishing proper incident reporting services are another key focus.

While Wildlife Victoria keep a record of incidents they attend, with 184 cases reported in the Bass Coast and 87 reported in South Gippsland, these numbers represent a skerrick of the true toll.

Drivers of our regions highways highlight the amount of roadkill witnessed on a daily basis with one anonymous submitter writing, "Consistently along the Bass Highway kangaroos, wombats, native birds, ringtail and brushtail possums are struck, the area lacks signage with warning."

Jennifer Rutherford, from the Waterline suggested creating wildlife reserves in or around Corinella, Coronet Bay, Grantville and Tenby Point to protect and preserve wildlife.

"Create marketing campaigns to raise awareness of the rights of wildlife to be here and provide safe habitat. Construction of barriers on Bass Highway to reduce road toll."

While Adam Mitchell from Phillip Island commented that the increase of protection of native wildlife has increased numbers, contributing to increased road strikes; and decreasing speed limits being put in place to address



Yellow warning signs are not sufficient to stop the toll on our wildlife and many locals submitted their thoughts and ideas to the parliamentary inquiry into wildlife roadstrikes. ob02_2325

this, has become a problem for some.

"Unfortunately, this makes it difficult to get around and has a big impact on productivity for those businesses that rely heavily on travel," wrote Adam. "I want the inquiry to take into account not only the wildlife implications but the broader society and economic impacts."

Another anonymous submitter from Phillip Island points to urbanisation as the problem and planning for bushland reserves and corridors alongside housing developments could help.

Stephen Koci from Mirboo North, stated that he also witnesses wildlife road strikes every day, including koalas, wombats and kangaroos, wallabies, lizards and snakes. He proposes a number of solutions including dropping speed limits in areas where wildlife is abundant, signs to warn drivers, banning trucks on back roads during the night, higher fines or loss/suspension of licence for deliberate road strikes, or 'dob in a driver' campaigns, and trialling technology on problem areas.

"... I would say be fearless and recommend trials of new technology as what do we

have to lose, nothing, what we have to gain is safer roads for animals and road users."

Linda Giddy of Foster North wrote that barely a day goes by without seeing another animal dead by the side of the road and attributes this primarily to large vehicle operators.

"In areas such as this, where there is so much wildlife, it would be great to have wildlife tunnels or bridges to enable them to traverse the district without having to come into harm's way with traffic."

Other solutions suggested from across Victoria include providing signs with wildlife rescue numbers and having a dedicated number such as 1800 ANIMAL, implementing wildlife bridges, crossings/tunnels on roads, virtual fencing, better lighting, speed reductions, education in primary school, educating drivers, managing animal numbers and using technology such as digital mapping where wildlife is prevalent. The parliamentary inquiry has now closed for submissions and will proceed to the next phase of hearings before a final report and recommendations are released later in the year.

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Newhaven College students recognised in international engineering competition

A TEAM of five dedicated Year 11 students from Newhaven College has achieved international recognition for their outstanding work in the Real World Design Challenge (RWDC) – an annual STEM competition that engages high school students (Years 9–12) in solving real-world engineering problems faced by leading industries.

This year, teams were tasked with designing an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) capable of flying into fire zones to deliver and retrieve supplies. Students were required to use professional engineering software to develop their solutions and submit an academic paper, alongside a presentation detailing the design, functionality, and impact of their proposed UAV.

Their paper was of such a high standard, that the group was to present it at the RWDC finals in Washington, D.C., however, they were unable to attend. Mathematics Teacher Melinda Kelly and aeronautical engineer Clint Heinze mentored the group.

“The physics involved in the preliminary design of an aircraft is at the university level. This type of project introduces secondary school students



The Newhaven College Innovation Team's submission was of such a high standard, they were invited to present it at the RWDC finals in Washington, D.C. From left, Freya Berry (Project Mathematician), Clint Heinze (Mentor), Issy Mahon (Project Manager and Project Scientist), Melinda Kelly (Maths teacher), Tilly Stecher (Systems and Test Engineer), Jasmine Ruffin (Communication Analyst and Strategist) and Eli Bowker (Software Engineer).

to problems and challenges they will encounter in their professional careers,” said mentor, Clint Heinze.

“The fact that the team was able to so easily deal with the complex physics and mathematics involved in aerofoil selection and energy consumption was very impressive. The students were optimistic, committed and hard-working. It was an absolute pleasure to

work with them.”

Year 11 student, Eli Bowker, said of the experience, “We were the only Australian team in the Real World Design Challenge. We assigned ourselves roles to tackle different parts of the challenge, and our mentor, Clint Heinze, guided us through the design process and helped us with the aeronautical engineering involved. The team put in lots

of work and ended up with a design we are very proud of.”

Mathematics teacher and mentor, Melinda Kelly, was thrilled with the team's efforts and the final result.

“We congratulate the students and commend them for representing Newhaven College with such innovation, determination, and professionalism on the international stage,” she said.

Community groups call for urgent protection of living gem

COMMUNITY groups and conservationists have welcomed recognition of the Western Port Woodlands in the Victorian Government's long-awaited land use blueprint for the Bass Coast, becoming just the fourth area in Victoria to go through the process.

While the blueprint acknowledges the national ecological significance of the Western Port Woodlands, it stops short of implementing robust planning controls to prevent further habitat destruction.

“Recognition is a good first step. But the plan falls short of giving remnant coastal woodlands and their rare wildlife lasting protections,” said Jordan Crook from the Victorian National Parks Association.

The Western Port Woodlands, stretching from Lang Lang to Grantville, is the largest remnant of intact coastal woodlands in the region.

Home to threatened wildlife like Southern Brown Bandicoots and Powerful Owls, alongside the Strzelecki gum, tea-tree fingers and thick-lip spider orchid this corridor faces significant challenges from sand mining operations and other development pressures.

The recently released Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), part of the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) program initiated in 2019, outlines a 50-year vision for the Bass Coast.

Catherine Watson from Save Western Port Woodlands said the final SPP recognised the long-standing community concerns about the potential impacts of expanded extractive industry activity on the biodiversity values of the woodlands.

“We've made real progress from the initial draft SPP which did not even mention the woodlands or the land use conflict. Now we need urgent

action to ensure conservation of this area for all time.”

The SPP states that further investigative work is needed to understand the intrinsic values of the woodlands and the efficacy of protections under existing planning and extractive industry regulations.

“We already have a large body of evidence relating to the values of the Western Port Woodlands,” Catherine said.

“Given the recent identification of massive sand resources on cleared farmland in Cardinia and Baw Baw shires, there is no longer a rationale or excuse to clear areas of high biodiversity to extract sand.

“Let's get on with including the necessary protections in our planning scheme.”

Mr Crook echoed Ms Watson's comments.

“It's fantastic to see the Western Port Woodlands recognised as the living gem it is, but we can't stop now. More work needs to be done to halt the raft of threats that risk

these amazing woodlands. They managed to survive this long, let's make sure we keep these habitats safe forever”.

Despite the designation of new Strategic Extractive Resource Areas on cleared farmland, existing sand mining operations continue in the Western Port Woodlands with new applications posing ongoing threats, according to the groups.

Conservationists are urging the State Government and Bass Coast Shire Council to adequately fund ecology and citizen science survey work in the woodlands to help local communities collect vital information.

VNPA and the Save Western Port Woodlands Alliance will press for a joint working party with the council and Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action representatives to scope what remains to be done, and a deadline for the work.

Volunteer equipment grants open

APPLICATIONS for the 2025-26 round of the Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) are now open.

This year, the government has announced an additional \$15 million in funding for VESEP.

Under the program, the Victorian Government matches every \$1 paid by volunteer groups with a \$2 co-contribution to a maximum contribution of \$250,000 (up from \$150,000).

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said brigades and groups from across the state are encouraged to apply for the life-saving equipment, which helps protect communities.

“VESEP supports volunteers by providing funding to replace or purchase equipment such as vehicles, trucks, tankers, watercraft, trailers, and can also include minor facility improvements,” Jason said.

There are five categories under which funding is available:

- Tankers
- Specialist and Support Vehicles
- Operational Equipment
- Volunteer amenities costing less than \$5,000
- Minor works costing less than \$250,000

“One of the key focuses of the program will be aiding those brigades that have not previously benefited under VESEP and may face challenges with fundraising,” Jason said.

Brigades/Groups can only apply for one project per funding round as per Emergency Management Victoria guidelines.

Application documents, vehicle flyers, the program guidelines, and further information are available on Members Online.

Applications for the 2025-26 funding round close July 28, 2025, with the announcement of successful projects expected later in the year.

A moment of “thank you” to first responders

THANK a First Responder Day is today, June 11; a day to shine a light on the extraordinary work of Australia's first responders.

From police, paramedics, and firefighters to marine rescue volunteers and emergency call operators, these individuals show up every day in the most challenging of circumstances to keep our communities safe. Yet, one in three first responders experiences high levels of psychological distress, a rate far higher than the general population.

Concerningly, PTSD affects between 10 and 23.2 per cent of first responders, and nearly one in seven (15 per cent) are impacted by anxiety and depression. These alarming figures highlight the urgent need for greater support and appreciation of the sacrifices first responders make.

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Kilcunda Hall is now an emergency hub

OVER recent years, Kilcunda has experienced long-term power outages following severe storms. These power outages are exacerbated by the subsequent loss of communications for mobile devices and internet access; the communications towers appear to have limited power back-up.

This has a significant impact on our community.

Over the past year, the Kilcunda Community Association has been working toward improving the energy resilience to enable the Kilcunda Community Hall to be used as an Emergency Hub.

During this period they have:

- Installed a solar battery back-up to provide short-term power backup. Many thanks to the Bass Coast Shire Council Community Strengthening and Resilience team for the supply and installation of the battery.
- Installed a diesel generator to provide longer-term power backup. This was enabled by a generous grant from AusNet.
- Installed Starlink satellite internet connection to remove our dependence on local communications towers.

This will enable the community hall to provide emergency support to the community, as a minimum, to allow people to charge their devices and communicate with the “outside world” and to act as a support and information centre. Other support, such as temporary shelter for the elderly, sick and the young, plus the storage of critical refrigerated goods such as medicines, may be provided on a case-by-case basis.

Kilcunda community, keep the hall in mind if experiencing power outages in the future.

Kilcunda makes waves, as top tourism finalist

KILCUNDA has been announced as a finalist in a major tourism award, proving Kilcunda isn't just a town you drive through, it's a place worth hitting the brakes for. And Bass Coast Shire Council are encouraging our community and all who love Kilcunda to vote now and help steer Kilcunda into the winner's lane.

Each year the Victoria Tourism Industry Council (VTIC) hosts the Victorian Top Tourism Town Awards to showcase the value of tourism to the towns and communities across Victoria, celebrating the diversity and outstanding regional destinations our state has to offer.

Bass Coast Shire Council is proud to celebrate Kilcunda's nomination as a finalist in the Top Tiny Tourism Towns category alongside other towns with a population below 1500 people such as Flinders, Marlo, Halls Gap and Noojee.

Known for its iconic trestle bridge, surf beach, and the George Bass Coastal Walk and the Bass Coast Rail Trail right on its doorstep, Kilcunda is a haven for nature lovers, active travellers, and those seeking an authentic seaside escape.

With its vibrant local events like the Kilcunda Lobster Festival and Running Festival, friendly community, and laid-back charm, the town offers visitors a perfect blend of adventure and relaxation.

It's also a big moment for the passionate local businesses who help shape the visitor experience and are celebrating being featured in the official award itinerary. Highlights include the Kilcunda



Mayor Halstead encourages all who love Kilcunda to vote and showcase the magic of this seaside gem. With its iconic trestle bridge, coastal trails, and welcoming community, it's no wonder Kilcunda is up for Victoria's top tourism honour.

General Store, The Sticks, and the Ocean View Hotel, where sweeping views pair perfectly with a seasonal menu. Visitors can fall asleep to the sound of the ocean at the Kilcunda Ocean View Motel or the family-friendly Kilcunda Oceanview Holiday Park.

According to the Shire, the nomination reflects the exciting growth and renewed energy in Kilcunda. Recent business booms, important government investments, and the passion of local business owners, tourism operators, community groups, and residents are all coming

together to create something truly special.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead said the nomination is something the whole community should be proud of.

“It's fantastic to see Kilcunda recognised as a finalist in these awards,” Mayor Halstead said.

“Over the past few years, we've seen real changes driven by your voices, from the safety and accessibility improvements on the Bass Highway to the new skate park and play-space that families are already loving. I'm incredibly proud of what's happening here, and I

hope everyone gets behind Kilcunda and casts a vote.”

Public voting is open now and individuals who cast a vote will automatically go into a draw to win One Perfect Melbourne Stay, a two-night stay at the luxurious Sofitel Melbourne on Collins and dining vouchers redeemable at some of Melbourne's best restaurants.

Voting for the VTIC Victorian Top Tourism Town Awards is now open until Friday, June 27, 2025. To learn more and to cast your vote visit vtic.com.au/toptourismtown.

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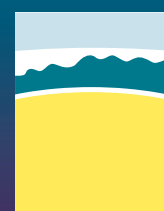
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Order of Australia (OAM) Esme Rash

Recognised for her extensive local contribution

DESPITE her immense local contribution, Esme Rash was stunned to be named in the King's Birthday honours as a recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her service to the community of Yarram.

She was "dumbstruck" by confirmation of the news, after dismissing the initial notification message as a scam.

"It's nothing extra for me to do the things I do because I thoroughly enjoy doing them," Esme said.

Originally from Yarram, she left at the age of 12 during WWII, returning in 1987 with her husband and settling on an old family farm, the pair going on to agist cattle.

With the kids grown up, she soon found herself volunteering, joining the Yarram Genealogy Group where she continues to be the secretary, having served many years in that role, and at one stage being president.

Her involvement with the group ties in well with being part of the Yarram and District Historical Society, her interest in history also led her to the Port Albert Maritime Museum where she was a long-term secretary and is a Life Member.

"I love being able to show people things and do things for them," she said of the enjoyment she gets from helping people piece together their family history or learn about the past of Yarram, Port Albert and surrounds.

Esme is a Life Member of Yarram Football Netball Club, her initial involvement sparked by the fact her grandson played there, being a keen football follower also helping.

She was renowned as the 'lolly lady', preparing mixed bags of sweet treats to sell to kids, and no doubt some adults, on game days, still having wonderful memories of the pleasant lolly smell filling her spare room as matches approached.

Esme managed the club's canteen for 17 years, her devotion to excellence acknowledged with an Outstanding Service Award.

She joined the Yarram Cemetery Trust in 2005, later being its Chairperson for a decade until last year.

While her contribution is undoubtedly celebrated within her community, Esme was concerned not to be portrayed in too much of a glowing light.

"I'm just an old chook who thoroughly enjoys what she does," she said, surprised but chuffed to get the recognition she has.

Order of Australia (OAM) David Iser

Foster doctor awarded an OAM

HIGHLY-regarded and universally acclaimed Foster doctor, David Iser, has been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division of this week's King's Birthday honours.

Dr Iser, now of Barwon Heads, where he moved in recent times to support his daughter and son-in-law after they opened a medical centre in the area still gets back to Foster regularly to see patients, while also contacting locals via Telehealth.

Speaking about the honour after a celebration lunch with family on Monday, Dr Iser admitted he was something of a reluctant recipient.

"When I was advised about it by email, my initial thought was there are so many unsung contributors to the community who do what they do without recognition, who deserve it more than me.

"But then I thought I've taught a lot of students over the years and felt it might encourage a few more of them to come out and practice in the country," said Dr Iser.

"Plus, there are a lot of people who support you with what you do and it's recognition for them as well.

"So, it's great, yeah. And when I got home this evening there were more than 50 messages there waiting for me. I've tried to keep up with them but failed so far."

David joined the practice at Foster at around the same time as another OAM recipient Dr Peter Baquie. They came in support of legendary local medico Dr Robert Fleming who had for many years done the job largely on his own.

"We shared the role between us, but it was probably still unsustainable the amount of nights we worked, and weekends. Occasionally we'd work two or three nights and days in a row which really destroyed you.

"My daughter and her partner wanted to set up a practice in Barwon Heads and I said I'd go down there and support them, but I still get back to Foster regularly."



David still keeps fit, riding to work, running and swimming, although he admits it's on an electric bike now!

Officially, he received the honour for "service to medicine as a general practitioner" but for his leadership role in the local community and his efforts in education, not to mention going above and beyond for many years, it's an award that's richly deserved.

Comments on social media confirm that:

- Congratulations! Dr Iser is such a very special doctor. Well deserved.
- Congratulations, well-deserved recognition of your dedicated care of our community for many years
- Congratulations David... delivered both my boys 39 and 41 years ago.

Order of Australia (OAM) Megan Vuillermin

Making big impacts in a small community

MEGAN Vuillermin, a Sandy Point local, has been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in recognition for her outstanding service to the Corner Inlet Community.

"It's all a bit uncomfortable and a bit overwhelming," declared Megan, adding that it was also an honour and a tribute to a community of volunteers.

"There's always a team; it's never just one person. There are so many amazing people in our community and I imagine I do more than some and not more than others."

Megan is a self-confessed "serial committee person," with a love of organising, which began when she was just a teenager, yet she downplays her skills, stating,

"I've just followed my children through kinder and school, not unlike many before me and many that will come after me."

Since officially making Sandy Point her home 24 years ago, after a lifelong connection to the area, Megan has been a committee member (and president) for Fish Creek Kindergarten, Foster Basketball Association, Relay for Life

Fish Creek, and on the Lead, Rebuild Committee.

She is the founder and administrator for various community social media groups including 'Sandy Point/Waratah Bay Community Noticeboard' and 'Save the Alberton League Clubs'.

Megan was a carer for Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative and president of the Southern Business Women's Network for three years, the school councillor at Fish Creek Primary School for six years and has been fundraising for breast cancer for 25 years.

"Whether it's a function or it's just a mini fundraiser I would raise money at the Fish Creek Pub on a Friday night, in their raffle - do something to put money towards it," said Megan, who is a two-time survivor of breast cancer.

Her greatest accomplishment, however, and one that Megan feels the proudest of, is establishing the Prom Coast Centre for Children - all the while running her own business and raising two young children.

"The only thing that

was available was an occasional care centre which you could have access to for five hours, twice a week. That's all. And when I needed it, we were told it was closing down," explained Megan.

"Lots of businesses were having trouble getting staff because there wasn't childcare, and one of them was the hospital.

"I led several groups and lobbied governments and organisations and worked steadily to get what was then the first childcare.

"I worked on that for years and I knew when I started that, by the time it was finished, my kids would be too old for it, which was the case, but it was well needed."

"That was something I poured my heart into at the time," said Megan.

Currently, Megan is a committee member, secretary and umpire for the Fish Creek Football and Netball Club after being a coach and player, and has been working to secure the rebuild of the club rooms after they were burnt down in an arson attack; commenting that this project has been her biggest challenge yet.



Order of Australia (OAM) Wendy Pope

Honoured with OAM for service to Yarram

LIKE many avid volunteers, Yarram's Wendy Pope loves what she does and the chance to mix with people in the various community groups in which she is involved, not feeling she is doing anything out of the ordinary and pleasantly surprised to be named as a recipient of an OAM for her service to Yarram.

"I'm shocked but honoured to receive this reward," Wendy said of her reaction to the King's Birthday announcement.

The joy she gets from doing her bit for the community is illustrated through the diverse organisations in which she continues to play an active role.

She's been an Australian Red Cross volunteer since 1968, originally with the now defunct Woodside Unit and now with the Yarram Tarra Unit.

"I can still help at 91 and enjoy baking for special events and attending meetings every month," she said, quick to point out she's just one member of a successful team. Wendy is a former vice president and secretary as well as having been a Regional Representative and a leader of the Junior Red Cross School Program.

Her late husband Clive was also strongly involved in the community, including his service to the Woodside Fire Brigade, the couple having lived on a farm there before moving to the Yarram township in 1977.

It was his commitment to the Port Albert Yacht Club that drew Wendy to that organisation, where she is a Life Member and continues to handmade trophies.

She remains an enthusiastic member of the Rotary Club of Yarram, being a former president and having filled other executive positions, still relishing the chance to help raise funds for important initiatives such as Mercy Ships as well as local Rotary projects.

"I enjoy being part of supporting all these wonderful organisations," Wendy said, still an enthusiastic attendee at Rotary's weekly meetings where she hears from interesting guest speakers.

She is keen to continue her variety of community roles for as long as possible.

At Rotary, she is always happy to pitch in with barbeque duties and remains a part of the success of the Yarram Rotary Art Show through her cooking for the event. Yarram Golf Club has had Wendy as a member for over 60 years, and she still loves getting out on the course for nine holes. When not playing, she creates handmade prizes and fills various volunteer duties, having been the club's secretary in the past.

Through her membership of Holy Trinity Anglican Church Yarram, Wendy was a co-founder of the town's aptly named 'Twice Blessed Op Shop' where she still fills in for the odd volunteer shift.

Previous recognition bestowed on her includes being named Wellington Shire Council's Citizen of the Year in 2016, and a Service Award Laurel Wreath through the Australian Red Cross in 2018.

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Erin used the ‘kinder’ plate

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That morphed into further questioning on Friday by Dr Rogers about what medical issues may or may not have existed before the meal.

“But you weren’t confronting any medical issues, were you; correct?” asked Dr Rogers.

Erin gave a “yeah, no, yeah” answer, saying she was going to have surgery soon, for gastric bypass surgery, for which she had a pre-surgery appointment in September at the Enrich Clinic in Melbourne, a response to her weight loss worries, she said.

Fast-forward to Tuesday this week, and Dr Rogers put it to Mrs Patterson that the Enrich Clinic in Howitt Street South Yarra was a cosmetic dermatology clinic, that they don’t offer gastric by-pass or gastric sleeve surgery, nor do they conduct assessments for such procedures.

Erin admitted to being “puzzled” by that, claiming that the appointment had something to do with weight loss surgery.

“That’s a lie,” suggested Dr Rogers.

“No,” said Mrs Patterson.

Dr Rogers followed up with questions about Erin Patterson’s research into death cap mushrooms on the internet, including an allegation that she was searching the iNaturalist website at about 7.20pm on May 28, 2022, within three minutes of ordering a family dinner from the Middle Pub in Korumburra.

Dr Rogers also asked Erin Patterson about the colour and size of the plates used to serve the meal, putting it to Mrs Patterson that she served her guests meals on four grey plates, and her own meal on a smaller orange or tan plate to make sure she didn’t get one of the poisoned meals.

Erin Patterson denied it.

Dr Rogers suggested to Mrs Patterson that she served herself a meal that didn’t contain any death cap mushrooms and that she took the precaution of using a different coloured, smaller plate to be sure she wouldn’t get a poisoned meal.

“And that’s why you didn’t get as sick as Don, Gail, Heather and Ian because you didn’t get sick from the toxins in amanita phalloides mushrooms,” alleged Dr Rogers.

“No, I didn’t,” said Erin.

Dr Rogers pressed Mrs Patterson on the sorts of plates used, with Erin saying that she didn’t have five plates the same colour in the house or even four plates the same, so the one she had could have been a different colour to the others.

Mrs Patterson has previously given evidence that there were no grey plates in the house.

“I had the kindergarten plate which was nothing like the one that Ian described,” said Erin, a reference to the evidence given by her estranged husband Simon Patterson’s uncle, Ian Wilkinson, on Day 6 of the trial.

Mr Wilkinson, the only one of the lunch guests to survive the meal, said there were four large, grey dinner plates and one smaller plate “orangey-tan” in colour.

Erin Patterson’s evidence aligns with testimony provided by the informant, Detective Leading Senior Constable Stephen Eppingstall on Monday, June 2 (DAY 24), that police found six dinner plates in the house; two black ones, one black and red one, two white ones and a colourful one (made by Erin’s daughter).

They didn’t find any grey ones on their search of Erin Patterson’s home on Saturday, August 2, 2023, a week after the family lunch.

Erin Patterson, 50 of Leongatha, has been charged with three counts of murder and one of attempted murder arising out of the meal of Beef Wellington including death cap mushrooms in July 2023. Mrs Patterson maintains that the mushrooms got into the meal by accident and what happened on that day was a tragedy. She has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

If she loved them, why didn’t she help them?

“SURELY, if you loved them, you would have immediately notified the medical authorities about there being a possibility that the foraged mushrooms had gone into the container with the Chinese mushrooms?” said Dr Rogers.

“Well, I didn’t,” said Erin Patterson.

It was Friday, June 6, Day 28 of Erin Patterson’s marathon murder trial in Morwell and the woman accused of three counts of murder and one of attempted murder was in the witness box for a fifth straight day.

Erin Patterson has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The cross-examination was mostly about why Mrs Patterson had lied to doctors, public health officials and the police about foraging for wild mushrooms in the weeks leading up to that fateful lunch of Beef Wellington at her home on Saturday, July 29, 2023.

And why, on her own evidence, after finally acknowledging to herself on August 1, that there could have been poisonous mushrooms in the meal, she still didn’t tell anyone.

Under questioning by Crown Prosecutor Dr Nanette Rogers last Thursday, Mrs Patterson agreed she foraged for mushrooms in the weeks between April 28, 2023, when she purchased a food dehydrator from Hartley Wells in Leongatha, and the day of the family lunch on July 29, 2023.

However, until her lawyer Colin Mandy SC revealed to the court in his opening remarks on Day Two of the trial that his client had “lied to police about foraging for mushrooms”, no one knew for sure, for the best part of two years, how they got into the meal; not the doctors treating the sick patients from her Beef Wellington lunch, not the health department officials chasing down a possible food safety breach in the days after the mass poisoning event, not the police investigating the case and not her estranged husband Simon Patterson.

But, on her own evidence, Erin Patterson knew she had been foraging for wild mushrooms prior to the lunch, when Simon phoned her at 11.18am and 2.30pm on Sunday, July 30, telling her that his parents, Don and Gail Patterson, were sick in hospital.

On the evidence of Lisa Shannon, the after-hours coordinator at Korumburra hospital, Don and Gail Patterson presented at the hospitals’ urgent care department at 10.10am on Sunday, July 30, 2023.

The clock was already ticking on their exposure to the deadly amatoxins in amanita phalloides mushrooms, but it wasn’t until sometime after 6.50am on Monday, July 31 that they were finally administered the potentially life-saving amanitin antidote, Silibinin, the most widely used inhibitor of the effects of death cap mushrooms.

Silibinin interrupts the secretions from the liver to the intestine that enable the recirculation of amatoxin,



The prosecution has suggested to Erin Patterson that she got the death cap mushrooms she included in the meal of Beef Wellington on July 29, 2023, from Loch on April 28, 2023, after seeing a post of the mushrooms at that location on the iNaturalist website some days earlier. Mrs Patterson has denied the claim.

ultimately facilitating amatoxin clearance.

Even then, doctors were still unsure of the source of the poisoning.

If Simon and Erin didn’t speak until the later of those two time slots, at 2.30pm on Sunday, July 30, it was still more than 16 hours before the doctors started the patients on Silibinin in what was a time-critical situation.

The phone call on Sunday between Simon and Erin was the subject of much questioning by the prosecutor last Friday.

“But you accept that he told you about Don and Gail being ill?” said Dr Rogers, having already put it to Mrs Patterson that Simon had told her about Don, Gail, Heather and Ian all being sick in hospital.

Erin denied Simon had said anything about Ian and Heather, but she agreed he did say Don and Gail were in hospital.

“He did do that,” said Erin.

“And in hospital?” asked Dr Rogers.

“Correct,” said Erin.

Dr Rogers went on to suggest to Mrs Patterson that she did not ask about Don and Gail’s condition, but Erin replied that the phone conversation was clearly about them being in hospital.

In his evidence, on Day Four of the trial, Simon Patterson acknowledged that Erin may not have known how badly ill his family members were at that stage.

“It intrigued me that she never actually asked,” said Simon during cross-examination by defence counsel for Erin Patterson, Colin Mandy SC.

“That wasn’t the question, Mr Patterson.”

“So, the answer is yes, I didn’t. We didn’t have that conversation, I don’t think, at any time,” said Simon.

“Is it your position that on August 1, 2023, that Erin was aware about your family members being sick, but she wasn’t aware about how bad they were?”

“Yeah, that’s quite possible,” said Simon.

However, it was the evidence

of Tanya Patterson, Simon Patterson’s sister-in-law, who visited Erin at Monash on the morning of Tuesday, August 1 that Erin already knew Don and Gail were in a coma.

“To begin with, Erin asked me how everybody was, and I told her that things were going downhill quickly but I didn’t have the latest information,” Tanya said in her evidence on Day Eight of the trial.

“Did she indicate to you what she knew?” asked junior counsel for the prosecution, Sarah Lenthall.

“Yeah, she told me that she knew that Don and Gail at least were in a coma and I said that was the latest I knew and if she wanted to know more, it’s better probably to wait for Simon to tell her.”

Pressed on her recollections by Mr Mandy’s junior counsel Sophie Stafford, Tanya Patterson repeated that Erin had told her she knew Don and Gail were in induced comas but acknowledged it was at least possible she could be wrong.

Last Friday, Dr Rogers probed Erin Patterson about why she didn’t tell the doctors on August 1 about foraging, after a realisation that day that poisonous mushrooms may have gone into the container of Chinese mushrooms, and with them into the meal.

Dr Rogers: “No, you didn’t but even though you had the realisation on August 1, 2023?”

Erin Patterson: “That’s correct, but I had been told that people were getting treatment for possible death cap mushroom poisoning. So that was already happening.”

Dr Rogers: “But you didn’t feel the need to tell any medical authorities about the possibility that the dried foraged mushrooms, on your evidence, that you had found had gone in the container with the Chinese mushrooms?”

Erin Patterson: “That’s correct. I did not tell anybody.”

Dr Rogers: “On your evidence, you never once told a medical professional that



Crown Prosecutor Dr Nanette Rogers will resume her cross-examination of Erin Patterson in the Supreme Court in Morwell this week. It will be Erin Patterson’s second week in the witness stand.

foraged mushrooms were involved or might have been involved, correct?” asked Dr Rogers again.

“That’s correct.”

When Erin Patterson left hospital later that day, on August 1, 2023, she acknowledged being frantic that child protection was now involved but she went home with the kids, took them to school the next day, and dropped the food dehydrator off at the Koonwarra tip.

Meanwhile, her in-laws were deteriorating in hospital in Melbourne.

Erin Patterson was also probed on her statements to police and others that she loved her in-laws Don and Gail Patterson when she told her Facebook Messenger friends otherwise.

“In fact, you had two faces: a public face of appearing to have a good relationship with Don and Gail, as shown to people like Simon, Anna, Tanya, Matt, Ruth Dubois, Professor Stuart and police in your record of interview; agree or disagree?” asked Dr Rogers in cross-examination on Friday.

Erin Patterson: “I had a good relationship with Don and Gail.”

Dr Rogers: “I suggest that your private face was the one you showed in your Facebook Messenger use; correct or incorrect?”

Erin Patterson: “Incorrect.”

Dr Rogers: “And how you truly felt about Don and Gail was as you expressed it in your Facebook messages?”

Erin Patterson: “No.”

As a result of preparing a meal of Beef Wellington with death cap mushrooms in July 2023, Erin Patterson has been charged with three counts of murder and one of attempted murder. She has pleaded not guilty to all charges, saying what happened on that day was a tragedy and a terrible accident.

The trial continues into its seventh week in the Supreme Court in Morwell.

See also the hospital timeline on the Sentinel-Times’ website at sgst.com.au.



Sunrise reporter Teegan Dolling gets set to make a live cross to Channel 7 during Erin Patterson's murder trial at Morwell last week. Media interest in the case is intensifying as the trial draws slowly to a close.

Big moments in the trial

DAY 27 of the marathon mushroom murder trial at Morwell last Thursday, was a day of big moments.

Here's one of them from Crown Prosecutor Dr Nanette Rogers SC.

"I suggest that you never thought you would ever have to account for this lie, about having cancer, because you thought that the lunch guests would all die?"

"That's not true," said the Leongatha mother of two, Erin Patterson, who is facing three counts of murder and one of attempted murder arising out of a poisonous lunch of Beef Wellington at her home in July 2023.

Mrs Patterson was into her third day in the witness box, swapping the sage-green jumper of the day before for a favoured paisley shirt in subdued colours.

"You told this lie, I suggest, as part of your efforts to get the lunch guests, and Simon, to attend your lunch; correct or incorrect?" asked Dr Rogers.

"Incorrect," said Erin.

"And, further, that you intended to serve one of those Beef Wellingtons to Simon Patterson, had he turned up for lunch that day?"

"If he'd come, I would have given him a Beef Wellington too, yes. But not one with death cap mushrooms in it intentionally, if that was your question," said Mrs Patterson.

Defence lawyer for Erin Patterson, Colin Mandy SC, had a few of his own.

"Did you intentionally include death cap mushrooms in the Beef Wellingtons you prepared on July 29?" he asked.

"No," said Erin Patterson.

Mr Mandy followed up with a series of "formal questions" at the end of Erin Patterson's evidence-in-chief, underscoring the gravity of the situation.

"Did you intend to kill or cause really serious injury to Donald Patterson by serving that meal?"

"No, I didn't."

"Did you intend to harm him in any way at all?"

"No."

Mr Mandy intoned the same serious refrain for Gail Patterson and Heather Wilkinson, slightly altered for Ian Wilkinson, the only person other than Erin Patterson herself to survive the deadly meal.

Erin Patterson answered "no" or "no I didn't" each time, sobbing more deeply as Mr Mandy named each of the four victims, watched by members of the Patterson and Wilkinson families, including Ian Wilkinson seated as they have been each day in the body of Courtroom Four.

Dr Rogers had taken up her cross-examination of Erin Patterson an hour into the day and immediately addressed the issue of the dehydrator and the now-accepted fact that Mrs Patterson did forage for mushrooms in the period leading up to the Beef Wellington lunch.

Dr Rogers: "You knew the dehydrator reduced mushroom mass by 90 per cent because you'd weighed the mushrooms before and after you dehydrated them. Is that correct?"

Erin Patterson: "I did."

Rogers: "You were interested in how much mushrooms weighed before and after being dehydrated, correct."

Patterson: "That's obvious from this post? Yes."

Dr Rogers put it to Mrs Patterson that she also experimented with hiding dried mushrooms in her children's food, including muffins, spaghetti, lasagne, stew and brownies on Erin's evidence, to see if she could successfully hide mushrooms in the food that she served.

And after showing Erin Patterson a series of photos of mushrooms set out on trays being weighed, Dr Rogers drew her attention to one particular tray of mushrooms.

Rogers: "It was Tom May's evidence that the mushrooms in these images were consistent with amanita phalloides to a high degree of confidence. You heard him say that?"

Mrs Patterson agreed.

Dr Rogers went on to suggest that these were mushrooms foraged by Erin Patterson at Loch, on or after she purchased the dehydrator from Hartley Wells in Leongatha on April 28, 2023, collected from Loch after seeing Christine McKenzie's post on the iNaturalist website.

Erin Patterson disagreed.

Rogers: "I suggest that you were weighing these mushrooms, these death cap mushrooms, so that you could calculate the weight required to administer a fatal dose for one person and the weight required for five fatal doses, for five people. Do you agree or disagree?"

Patterson: "I disagree."

Erin Patterson has pleaded not guilty to all charges arising out of the Beef Wellington lunch with death cap mushrooms, maintaining that what happened was a tragedy and a terrible accident.



After eating half of her Beef Wellington lunch and two-thirds of Gail Patterson's orange cake, Erin Patterson vomited the lot into the toilet.

Sick of the trial? You will be!

ERIN Patterson's triple murder trial took a twist on Day 25 last Tuesday, and the centrepiece was the late Gail Patterson's orange cake.

Together with one whole Beef Wellington pastie, lots of beans and mashed potato, and most of the fruit platter, two-thirds of the cake still remained to be eaten at the end of the meal.

While cleaning up after the fateful lunch at her Leongatha home on Saturday afternoon, July 29, Erin told the court last week that she stopped and had a piece of the delicious-looking cake sitting on the kitchen bench.

Then she had another, and another and another until what remained of the cake was gone.

Erin felt so sick after eating the cake that she went to the toilet and spewed up the contents of her stomach.

It's not the first time she'd had issues with bulimia-like behaviour.

As she told the court on Tuesday, her poor eating habits started at an early age, feeding into poor body image and ultimately her decision to have gastric bypass surgery to control her weight.

Defence counsel for Erin Patterson, Colin Mandy SC probed his client's eating habits.

"I mean it's been a rollercoaster over the years. When I was a kid, mum would weigh us every week to make sure we weren't putting on too much weight," Erin Patterson told the court.

"I went to the extreme of barely eating at all then but during adulthood, going the other way and bingeing, I guess."

"I never had a good relationship with food."

Mrs Patterson said it was a private thing, however, binge eating when no one else was around to the point of feeling sick.

"Then what would you do?" asked Mr Mandy.

"Bring it back up again."

Fast forward to July 29, 2023, and the poisonous Beef Wellington lunch and... the orange cake.

On her evidence, Mrs Patterson said that while she couldn't remember

what she said about having ovarian cancer to the group after the meal, she was ashamed of lying to the lunch party but claimed she was thinking about the weight loss surgery she didn't want anyone to know about.

"In my mind was thinking I might need help with the kids," she said, if she needed to go to hospital for an embarrassing operation.

"Did you mislead them?"

"I did."

Erin was asked by Mr Mandy, on Day 26 of the trial on Wednesday, about the portions people ate.

"Ian and Heather ate all of theirs. Don ate all of his and a piece of Gail's."

"I ate a quarter or a third, something like that," said Erin.

Mr Mandy said there had been statements by others that she said she had eaten half.

"I mean it was about that. I wasn't measuring."

So, half a Beef Wellington pastie, some beans and mash... and two-thirds of the orange cake and then a bout of vomiting in the toilet.

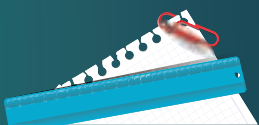
"I felt sick. I felt overfull, so I went to the toilets and brought it back up again," she said, noting that she felt better until early evening when she started to feel sick again, and as the court heard earlier, had diarrhea on and off for most of the night.

Erin Patterson has been charged with three counts of murder and one count of attempted murder arising out of the meal of Beef Wellington and death cap mushrooms, which Erin now acknowledges accidentally included some of the mushrooms she had foraged in the Korumburra area.

An issue throughout the trial has been the question about why her lunch guests became so sick while Erin recovered after little more than a day in hospital.

Mrs Patterson has pleaded not guilty to the charges maintaining that what happened on that day was a tragedy and a terrible mistake.

The trial continues in the Supreme Court in Morwell this week.



Behaviour monitored outside of school hours

EFFECTIVE day one, term three of this year, Victorian school principals will have the authority to suspend or expel students when their behaviour outside school or online puts fellow students and staff at serious risk, a power currently restricted to within the school gate.

The changes bring Victoria into line with NSW and South Australia and will address concerns around harmful behaviour that happens outside school hours, particularly online, but affects student and staff safety.

School principals will use these expanded powers only when necessary to protect their school community. With these expanded powers, the State Government is putting in place the appropriate framework to ensure school leaders have the authorisation to act where necessary.

The changes strengthen the Government's existing school safety measures, including the nation-leading 2020 mobile phone ban and the Safe Socials resources to help students and families use technology safely.

The new powers build on the school-wide Positive Behaviour Support program.

The program helps schools teach students how to behave appropriately, create safe spaces for learning, support students who need extra help with behaviour, and ultimately keep teachers and staff safe from violence.

The Labor Government is also investing \$4.2 million to ensure students who have experienced sexual harm and abuse from another student, including online, receive targeted therapeutic support through Sexual Assault Services Victoria, with support also provided to students using these behaviours to prevent further harm.

These new measures ensure that harmful behaviour – no matter where it happens – doesn't disrupt the safe, supportive environment every student deserves.

Focus on reconciliation at Wonthaggi North Primary School



Grade 5 student Ocean displays a leaf with Indigenous symbols. A02_2325



Grade 1 student Marcus wears the jewellery made during a session run by Koorie Engagement Support Officer Sonya Hunt at Wonthaggi North Primary School.



Grade 5 student Harmony holds a Marngrook possum skin ball, in this instance used like a 'talking stick', its holder being the one to speak.

WONTHAGGI North Primary School students played their part in National Reconciliation Week, having a busy schedule on Monday, June 2.

The initial session consisted of classroom learning and Indigenous-inspired artistic creativity, followed by Koorie Engagement Support Officers Sonya and Kiarra running a whole of school activity, Sonya also holding a special session for the school's five Koorie students.

Students in Beth Kavanagh's Grades 5 and 6 class created a wreath using leaves on which they drew Aboriginal art symbols, choosing symbols that might relate to reconciliation and togetherness such as campfires, meeting places and waterholes.

Grades 3 and 4 teacher, Becky Parsons spoke to her students on the meaning of reconciliation and the importance of mending friendships, with a couple of the kids talking about what a proper apology consists of, including saying what you are sorry for, who you are apologising to and the importance of eye contact.

Becky mentioned the aim of repairing problems and moving forward.

Students watched a video outlining reconciliation.

Assistant principal Toby Mahoney described the whole of school activity, explaining its purpose.

"We broke up into House groups to build connections across our school from the younger students through to the older students, and they worked on decorating a handprint that was unique to themselves, using different types of Indigenous symbols," he said.

That uniqueness was created through the choice of symbols and individual styles, with everyone having the same handprint pattern to cut out.

While originally intended for an outdoor display, it was decided to shift that indoors, with the expectation of rain and the fact the hands were made of cardboard.

Koorie students were brought together to make jewellery, encouraging them to connect as a group.



Prep student Cruze Phelan and Mack Flint, Year 1, enjoy reading "The Truck Cat" together.

Storytime with two million students

STUDENTS at St Paul's Anglican Grammar School's Drouin Campus joined over two million other students nationwide for the 25th annual National Simultaneous Storytime.

Pre-Kinder to Year 3 students gathered in the library classroom to listen to this year's story, "The Truck Cat" by Deborah Frenkel, illustrated by Danny Snell. This was the first whole-campus activity for St Paul's Drouin, and all the students listened intently to the story being read, all of them invested in the story about Tinka, the 'truck cat'.

National Simultaneous Storytime highlights the importance of literacy and reading in primary schools across the country, and each year it is an event that students eagerly anticipate.

Building a stronger community through resilience

OUR Lady Star of the Sea Primary School is a proud partner with The Resilience Project (TRP). Students participate in weekly lessons from TRP's evidence-based whole school wellbeing program, focusing on gratitude, empathy, mindfulness and building emotional literacy.

Students also have the opportunity to strengthen their resilience every day, with daily Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM) chats in every classroom. This journey to build resilience in young people is a combined community effort with the youngest community members participating in TRP at Island Kids, and after completing the TRP program at Our Lady, students have the opportunity to continue their resilience journey at Bass Coast College.

In recently published findings from an independent evaluation by Monash University, it's now clearer than ever

that a long-term, whole-school approach makes a meaningful and lasting difference to mental health and wellbeing.

The study found that after six years, students at The Resilience Project schools saw, higher scores across all positive mental health outcomes, including life satisfaction, hope and coping skills. Participants also saw significantly lower odds of mental illness (34 per cent lower for anxiety and 47 per cent lower for depression).

This research shows that when well-being is embedded in school culture, there are incredible long-term results. A dedication to supporting youth mental health is more crucial now than ever before. Staff, parents and students are all involved in building a culture of Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM) at Our Lady Star of the Sea, and the teaching staff couldn't be prouder!



Our Lady Star of the Sea students Eve, Ella and Jippa are participants of The Resilience Project (TRP) focusing on better wellbeing for themselves and others.

Bass Highway (M420), Grantville

Traffic Signals Installation

New traffic signals will be installed at the Dandy Premix Quarries intersection to reduce truck traffic through Grantville and improve safety for pedestrians and motorists using the Bass Highway.

Works start mid-June 2025, approx. 4-month duration
Lane closures, reduced speed limits, contra-flow traffic
Deep Creek St and Bass Hwy Service Rd access impacted
Two bus stops temporarily relocated

COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF ROADWORKS

Roadworks will commence mid-June 2025 for approximately 4 months on the installation of Traffic Signals at the Dandy Premix Quarries (Regional Group Australia) quarry intersection, 1381 Bass Highway, Grantville.

During roadworks there will be reduced speed limits, lane closures and contra-flow traffic through the Bass Highway construction zone with modified traffic layouts in place.

ROADWORK TIMES AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Roadworks across four (4) stages will generally be undertaken Monday to Saturday (6 days/week) between the hours of 7.00am – 7.00pm. Some short-term roadworks may be carried out overnight.

Traffic controls including Variable Message Signs (VMSs), Safety Barriers, Portable Traffic Lights, Traffic Controllers and Truck Mounted Attenuators (TMAs) will be in operation. Periods of contra-flow traffic operation – traffic transferred from usual carriageway across median to share part of the other carriageway, with traffic moving in the opposite direction – will also be required.

Stage 1 Roadworks are confined to the existing quarry intersection median strip and the access/egress lanes.

Stage 2 Roadworks (Northbound) **Stage 3** (Southbound) & **Stage 4** (Sealing Course to both) will involve Bass Highway carriageway closures and contra-flow traffic.

ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

Deep Creek Street and the Bass Highway Service Road traffic will be temporarily impacted during Stages 2, 3 and 4.

Deep Creek Street: temporary use of Bonney Road for Bass Highway access and egress, including for Smith Street, Broome Court, Stewart Street, Malcolm Drive and Panoramic Drive traffic.

Bass Highway Service Road (western side of Bass Highway): temporary northbound egress to Bass Highway under traffic controller supervision. This will also impact on traffic from Blackwood Drive, Swan Street, Vision Lane and Lang Street using the Bass Highway Service Road for northbound entry to Bass Highway.



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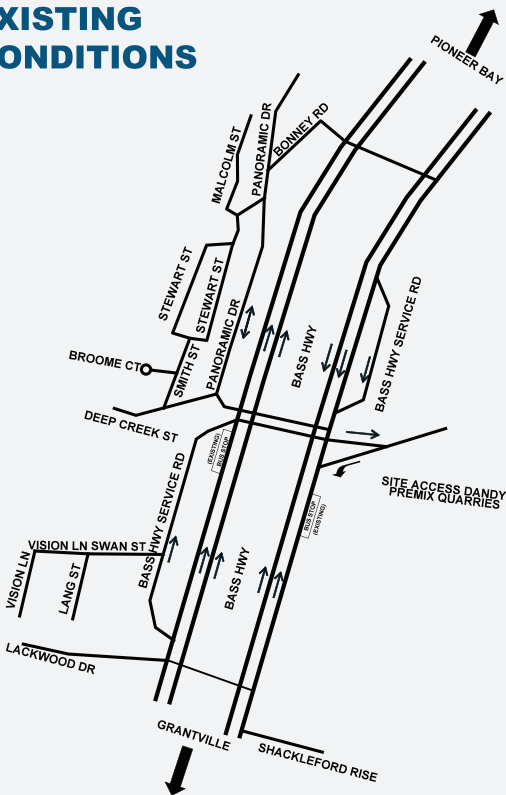
BUS STOPS

Two (2) Bus Stops in the construction zone (northbound & southbound) will be temporarily relocated north (approx. 100m & 200m respectively) with signage, waiting area provision and pedestrian protection provided.

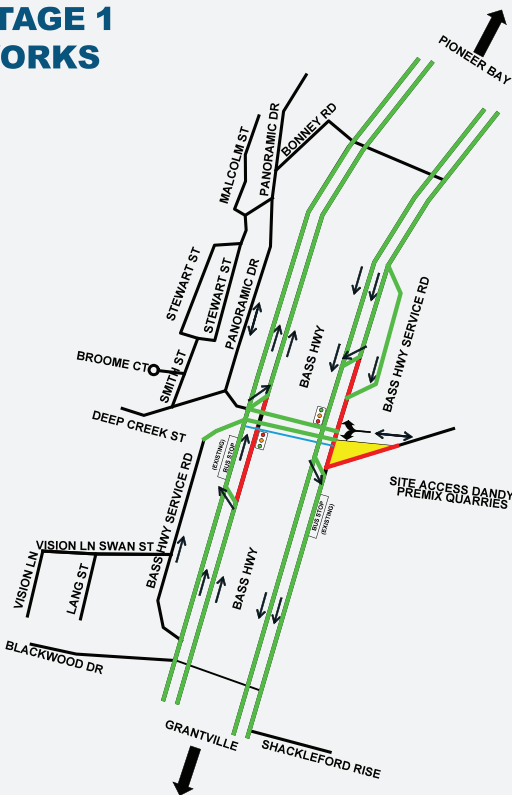
PROJECT OUTCOMES AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Installation of the Traffic Signals will enable trucks to turn right, northbound onto Bass Highway, resulting in a major reduction in quarry trucks through Grantville. The Traffic Signals will also improve Bus Stop pedestrian safety and assist safer Deep Creek Street traffic flows onto Bass Highway.

EXISTING CONDITIONS



STAGE 1 WORKS



Motorists are urged to obey speed limits and traffic controls during the roadworks. Your cooperation will greatly assist the safety of workers, pedestrians & other motorists.

Please contact us for further information or to share your feedback.

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Wonthaggi local finally claims win

A MAN from Wonthaggi has unwrapped the surprise of a lifetime, realising almost six months after the draw the TattsLotto ticket his wife slipped into his Christmas card was worth a jaw-dropping \$2.1 million.

The South Gippsland resident held one of the 14 division one winning entries nationally in TattsLotto draw 4535, drawn Saturday, January 4, 2025. He looks forward to a total prize of \$2,142,857.15.

The winning entry was unregistered, which meant officials from The Lott had been unable to reveal the exciting news to the ticketholder and had been eagerly waiting for the ticketholder to come forward.

The winning man shared the winning ticket, tucked inside the festive card, went unchecked for months as “life got in the way”.

“Thank you very much! It’s very surreal,” he exclaimed.

“My wife always buys a lottery ticket for everyone in the family for Christmas.

“We’d been away on holiday for a month over summer, and with everything else going on when we got back, I completely forgot about the ticket.

“I only thought the other day that I should check the ticket. I couldn’t believe it.

“Things like this never happen to us.”

With \$2.1 million about to land into his bank account, the generous Victorian said his thoughts immediately turned to how he could support his nearest and dearest.

“We’re going to divide it with in the family.; share the prize around and help others,” he shared.

“It will help many people!”

His winning entry was purchased at Lucky Lotto Wonthaggi Plaza.

Lucky lotto Wonthaggi Plaza owners Gio and Robyn said they’re absolutely thrilled to hear their mystery division one winner has checked their ticket and come forward to claim their prize.

“We were so excited to have sold a division one winning entry and make someone’s dreams come true. Even better to hear the winner has now discovered their multi-million-dollar prize!” Gio said.

“Before this division one winning entry, we hadn’t sold a division one winning entry since January 31, 2022. This is our fifth division one prize sold over an 11-year period.

“Congratulations and thanks heaps for buying your lucky ticket from our outlet. What an amazing prize to win!”

The winning numbers in TattsLotto draw 4535 on January 4, 2025 were 33, 19, 8, 23, 10 and 31, while the supplementary numbers were 42 and 13.

Across Australia, there were 14 division one winning entries in TattsLotto to draw 4535 – six each in Victoria and New South Wales, and two in Queensland.

The Lott’s division one winning tally has now reached 192 so far in 2025, including 76 won by Tatts customers.

Whilst there is no denying tourists are an important part of the local economy during the festive period, it’s fantastic to see the win be picked up by a local. Here’s hoping he had a great King’s Birthday long weekend, and no doubt the deluge of rain didn’t dampen any spirits. Congratulations.

Southern Lights Festival succeeds despite weather concerns



Local Kaylah Thomas and band perform at the Southern Lights Festival. A39_2325



Locals Noah and Ash Snooks enjoy the Southern Lights Festival at Coal Creek. A38_2325



Kyle, Tamara and Rocco Fabro enjoy the Southern Lights Festival. A43_2325



Stunning butterflies flutter at Coal Creek. A44_2325



CJ Commerford & The Supertones perform. A48_2325

By Andrew Palocz

HEAVIER rain held off until about 7.30pm allowing for lots of family fun at the Southern Lights Festival, with many people arriving at Coal Creek early and enjoying live music before darkness arrived.

Most of the musicians were from South Gippsland or Gippsland more broadly, with Korumburra locals such as Kaylah Thomas and Jenny Taylor in the lineup, both appearing on the Rotunda Stage.

South Gippsland band The Stony Six helped set the mood, hitting the Mechanics Stage at 4pm.

Hot Tub performed popular covers, keeping people’s minds off the cool conditions.

There were two lots of fireworks, the first at 7.30pm allowing families to take in the spectacular show before heading home to dry out.

While the bonfire was on a smaller scale than that of a couple of years ago, it still appeared from lower vantage points the Coal Creek bushland was ablaze.

With the Festival a sellout, 2500 tickets snapped up, and many braving the cold and damp, event manager Shirley Arestia was delighted with how everything went, pleased to add to Korumburra’s winter entertainment that tends to be sport-dominated.

“We were pretty lucky with the weather,” she said, remarking that concerns of worse conditions failed to put many off.

“Lots of people still turned up and they all had a great time and there was no negative feedback.”

People explored the grounds of Coal Creek, seeing bright butterflies and other giant glowing insects, wandering through a lit archway and checking out the patterns on artistic lanterns.

There was a great selection of food, helping minimise queues, and attendees took any waiting in their stride.

Friends of Coal Creek and Korumburra Lions Club provided volunteers who helped make the Southern Lights Festival a great success.

Leongatha RSL thanks its volunteers with morning tea

THE Leongatha RSL hosted a heartfelt morning tea to express gratitude to the dedicated volunteers who are the backbone of its community initiatives on May 22.

The event brought together volunteers and community members for a morning of camaraderie, delicious treats and well-deserved appreciation.

Volunteers are crucial to the Leongatha RSL’s mission of supporting veterans and the wider community.

They take on a variety of roles that significantly impact the lives of many.

The volunteers engage in the selling of appeals merchandise, a vital fundraising activity that aids programs and services, and assist by driving vulnerable members to medical appointments, ensuring that those in need receive the care and attention they deserve.

This service provides peace of mind to families and strengthens community bonds.

During significant events such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, volunteers play an indispensable role.

Their efforts help to organise and manage these commemorative events, ensuring the community honours and remembers the sacrifices made by the veterans.

The Leongatha RSL is proud to

be deeply embedded within the community, driven by compassion and dedication to the volunteers.

Their selfless service embodies the spirit of camaraderie and community service, making a tangible difference in the lives of many.

“Volunteers are the heart of our organisation,” Leongatha RSL president Bill Verboon said.

“Their unwavering commitment and passion for helping others inspire us all.”

The Leongatha RSL extends its heartfelt thanks to all volunteers for their incredible dedication and service.

If you’re interested in becoming part of the volunteer family, the RSL welcomes you with open arms.

Volunteering with the Leongatha RSL is a rewarding experience that offers the chance to make a meaningful impact.

For more information on how to become a volunteer, visit the website leongatharsl.com.au or contact 5662 2747.

Join the Leongatha RSL on its mission to support veterans and the community through service and commitment.

Together, a stronger, more connected community can continue to be built.



Leongatha Secondary College students at the volunteers’ morning tea at the Leongatha RSL.



The Leongatha RSL recently hosted a morning tea to thank its dedicated team of volunteers.

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Talking openly about palliative care

NEW support services are available locally to help people have palliative care in their own home and stay out of hospital, and a presentation on this topic will be given at the Korumburra Hub on Friday, July 4 from 10am to 12pm.

Dr Floyd Gomes, founder, GP and managing director of Atticus Health will be talking on the topic alongside his colleagues and professionals from the Korumburra Medical Centre.

Dr Gomes believes that in their last few days, not everyone needs to go to hospital and being institutionalised isn't something that should be normalised.

"There are ways that – working between the medical clinic and linking that to the community services – in this case, social services or various community palliative care services – that people are able to spend their last days in their own home.

"Everyone can be different, but on average, about 80 per cent or so of people want to do all of this stuff in their own home."

The Palliative Care Talk may be helpful for anyone with an interest in or already caring for an older person, as well as volunteers who might be unpaid carers and or people who are community-inclined volunteers.

"There's a lot of volunteers that might benefit from coming along, just understanding how they can support the person they're caring for to stay at home; and maybe we can be a connector for

them if they ever need or they're stuck and wondering how to connect the dots," said Dr Gomes.

Understanding how to access services and advocating for someone with palliative care needs can be helpful for carers, as services are not always available in one place or 24/7.

"After-hours stuff, it can be tricky. So, we can talk about what sort of things can be done after hours as well. What support services there are, because oftentimes even these sort of things tend to be in-house."

Talking about palliative care is not an easy thing, acknowledged Dr Gomes, but discussing it can help to make someone's final weeks or days the best they could be or how they want it to be.

"It's a very special thing to try to achieve at the tail end of someone's life. It's not easy to grapple with, it's difficult, but it's actually a really important time to round off someone's life."

"It can be scary for people. There are different emotions there and people can feel naturally afraid of confronting these sorts of things," admitted Dr Gomes.

"The thing is, if people are thinking about it anyway, when you give people a chance to talk about that – and there is a sort of black humour about it – it does lighten that load."

To book a place for the Palliative Care Talk in Korumburra on Friday, July 4, call 1300 888 256 or email contact@mshomecare.com.au.

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Carol Pontil, Director of Nursing at Korumburra Hospital, is excited to see the impact of new funding on Gippsland Southern Health Service's aged care homes.

Fresh approach to aged care

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service's three aged care residential homes have a fresh look and fresh faces at the top.

All three homes, Alchera House, Koorooman House Nursing Home and Hillside Lodge Hostel, have received a leisure and lifestyle grant from the Department of Health for more equipment to improve the lives of residents.

Koorooman House is also undergoing a major upgrade after receiving a Model of Care grant from the Department of Health, which includes new flooring.

Director of Nursing Korumburra Hospital, Carol Pontil, who oversees the three aged care homes, said the projects would contribute to better homes and activities for residents.

The leisure and lifestyle grants have been used for the purchase of lifestyle and dining equipment, including new furniture, equipment for use in activity sessions and physio and entertainment equipment.

"It's all about improving the lifestyle and dining experiences for residents," Ms Pontil said.

The three homes all have new nurse unit managers.

Lisa Shannon has been confirmed as manager of Alchera House after acting in the role for some time. Ms Shannon has been nursing for more than 20 years in a career that has taken her to many countries before settling in Leongatha seven years ago.

"I am very passionate about rural nursing and providing good quality care close to home and providing holistic, person-centred care for aged care residents," she said.

Ms Shannon is also the nurse unit manager for the multifunction ward.

Originally from Dunedin, New Zealand, Pamela Nisbet has joined Koorooman House to build on an impressive career that has crossed several countries, including time spent working in Canada. Ms Nisbet has formal qualifications in psychogeriatric nursing and is especially skilled in supporting older adults with complex

mental health needs.

Jannel Escueta has taken on the Hillside Lodge role, bringing a rich and diverse background in aged care, having worked as both a clinical manager and unit coordinator in New Zealand.

Ms Escueta's career began in the Philippines, where she completed her nursing training before relocating to New Zealand and later moving to Australia with her young family.

With her compassionate approach, strong clinical leadership and commitment to resident-centred care and team collaboration, she is already making a positive impact at Hillside.

Koorooman House has 36 nursing home beds on the grounds at Leongatha Hospital, Hillside Lodge 30 hostel beds and Alchera House 20 nursing home beds at Korumburra.

There are vacancies at the homes. People interested in finding out more can contact GSHS or visit myagedcare.gov.au to get the process started.



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Prioritising hearing health for wellbeing and healthy ageing

HEARING is an invaluable sense that profoundly impacts our daily lives, fostering communication, enhancing social interactions, and supporting overall wellbeing. Unfortunately, hearing loss is on the rise, fuelled by factors like ageing populations, noisy environments, and untreated ear conditions. This growing prevalence poses significant challenges, particularly in older adults, but also presents opportunities for prevention and proactive care.

Importantly, research has revealed a clear link between untreated hearing loss and cognitive decline, with hearing loss now considered a modifiable risk factor for dementia. Addressing hearing loss through the use of hearing aids in older people may help reduce the risk of dementia by keeping the brain's auditory pathways active and engaged.

Locally, About Bass Coast Hearing (ABC Hearing) is committed to providing high-quality, accessible ear and hearing care services. Audiologists Grant Hill and Braden Betley are experienced in assessing hearing issues and guiding clients



Audiologists Grant Hill and Braden Betley raise awareness on the importance of hearing, providing hearing assessment and rehabilitation. Z02_0923

through the latest hearing-aid technologies, ensuring the best possible outcomes. They start with a thorough hearing test to assess whether a problem exists, how significant it is, and how lifestyle factors may be contributing.

For those who need hearing aids, ABC Hearing offers fittings and a free one-month trial to ensure clients are comfortable, confident, and truly benefiting from their devices. Follow-ups after the fitting check that the aids are properly set up, comfortable to wear, and delivering clear sound – maximising the benefits and boosting quality of life.

Hearing loss is one of the top 10 medical issues recognised by the World Health Organisation, yet it's one of the easiest to manage. By addressing it early, older adults can enjoy richer social interactions, reduce their risk of cognitive decline, and continue living active, connected lives.

If you or a loved one has concerns about hearing, visit Grant or Braden at About Bass Coast Hearing to learn more about the latest in hearing health and rehabilitation. Let's work together to ensure that every ear is cared for and every voice is heard – because good hearing is essential for healthy ageing and wellbeing.

No time for boredom at Woorayl Lodge

WOORAYL Lodge residents Faye Lyons and Floyd Smith made this scribe feel welcome when he stopped in for a chat, both saying they don't have time to be bored with all the available activities and opportunities for learning. Floyd remarking they had just been learning about the many types of shark.

"I like all the activities here and we're lucky to have all the different carers," Faye said.

Both she and Floyd recently enjoyed a solo performance by a bagpipe player, Floyd remarking that before commencing the show he was quick to advise everyone to take out their hearing aids.

A trio of singers who visit the Lodge to entertain residents are keen to persuade Faye to take the microphone, but she's so far been content to sing along in less noticeable fashion, knowing all the words.

She enjoys playing cards, particularly UNO.

Faye is entrusted to look after the Woorayl Lodge fish, their healthy condition and clean tank suggesting



Floyd Smith and Faye Lyons relax in the sunroom at Woorayl Lodge. A06_2325

she's doing a great job of feeding them, something she does after breakfast each day.

The key is being disciplined, giving them just a couple of pinches and feeding them once a day.

Floyd spoke of an upcoming bus trip to Nyora where residents will enjoy spending time at the café in the local pub, with monthly excursions planned.

He enjoyed a recent adventure to the State Coal Mine in Wonthaggi, albeit he deemed the condition of the highway less than satisfactory, joking he was

shorter by the time he got back to the Lodge after all the bouncing about.

During the Sentinel-Times' visit, Floyd reflected on his time working on the railways, having been in charge of maintenance machinery, saying he was fond of the steam trains that were still hauling passengers when he started his role in 1962, most of them by then burning oil to heat their boilers rather than coal.

This writer learned something too, not realising steam trains were still in service then.

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A view of the inside of the new Linton Court administrative area.

Further works completed at Linton Court

THERE is always a lot happening at Linton Court Retirement Village (LC) in Foster. They have just completed an extension to the village Community Meeting Room to add a separate but adjoining administrative area. Since formation in 1971 all administrative work has been done by the volunteer workforce from their own home offices off-site, but with the ongoing growth and needs for records storage an on-site administrative area and private space for confidential discussions is now essential. The new extension was built by Brent Casbolt and LC are very pleased with outcome.

Another project also nearly complete is an extension to the existing equipment shed – to add a small workshop area that can be used by the residents as well as the volunteers who deal with all maintenance issues at LC. This work is being done by Bud Prain.

These improvements are made possible in large part by the funding provided to LC by Prom Aged Services Fund Raising Inc (PASFRI), and the great group of volunteers who assist PASFRI in the operation of the Op Shop in Foster.

LC is also progressing its development plans for the construction of a further five new units in stages over the next 10 years or so. They are hopeful of completing an initial stage for a further two or three units in the next two to three years.

LC has a great group of volunteers who deal with all issues that arise where tradesmen are not required, and the residents also chip in to help wherever they can. As all administration and most of the maintenance is done by community volunteers this means that maximum funds are available for further improvements at the village for current and future residents.

Surrounded by natural bushland on two sides, and only 300 metres from the centre of town, residents can enjoy all Linton Court has to offer whilst remaining close to the services that matter.

Anyone interested in learning more about Linton Court can call the honorary manager Lloyd McKenzie on 0439 559 579, or have a look at the Linton Court website at lintoncourt.com.au.

Rose Lodge sets the standard in aged care

FOR over 60 years, Rose Lodge has been a cornerstone of aged care in Wonthaggi, offering high-quality support in a warm, family-oriented environment.

"We are community-focused," said Carolyn Thompson, Rose Lodge's lifestyle manager.

"We always put family first, and it's always been an environment where that is very important. We've been established since 1961, and it all came about because there was a need in the community for a place that's going to care for our elderly like they're at home."

That deep-rooted community connection continues to guide the care Rose Lodge provides today.

"We're a community within a community," added director of care Michelle Denman.

Strong relationships between staff and residents are at the heart of Rose Lodge's culture.

"I think you essentially just treat them like your own parents," said Carolyn.

Staff also receive extensive support and training to maintain high standards.

"We have a 12-month calendar where we cover off all compliance training for every single



Staff and residents come together at Rose Lodge. From left: Michelle Denman, Louisa Sibley, Nicole Hrvatin, Daphne Nelson, Rae Haines, and Carolyn Thompson. W03_2325

staff member," said people and culture manager Nicole Hrvatin.

Michelle said staff are encouraged to learn from feedback and continually improve.

"We always look at best practice and how we can upskill," she said. "A lot of it is encouraging residents to provide feedback, as they're the ones who will be receiving the care."

Nicole added that informal training is just as important.

"The caring and the kindness often comes from the family-oriented environment that we

try to provide."

Michelle agreed: "You can have 10 years' experience, but you need a kind heart and passion. You can't teach that."

This ethos extends to the way residents are supported to maintain their independence.

"It's around that person-centred care," said Michelle. "Being with them and doing things with them rather than for them or to them."

Daily life at Rose Lodge is vibrant and inclusive whilst diversity and accessibility are also key.

"We offer a variety – it's about

being inclusive, which is a big part of the standards that we have here," said Carolyn.

Rose Lodge is currently preparing to open Rose Cottage.

"It's a dementia-friendly environment where residents with reduced cognition can feel safe and thrive," said Michelle. "We can match staff accordingly and provide residents with a sense of belonging."

With decades of trusted service, a dedicated team and a heartfelt approach to care, Rose Lodge continues to set the standard for aged care in Wonthaggi.

Finding comfort, connection and care at Carinya

FOR many, the decision to move into aged care can be filled with uncertainty. For residents like Lorraine and Hilda, their experience at Carinya has been one of support, comfort, and new beginnings.

Lorraine recently made the move into residential care, with her husband Clyde close by in the retirement village. Like many, she admits the transition took some adjustment but was quickly reassured by the welcoming environment and caring staff.

"It was a bit hard to get used to at first, but everything is beautiful here," Lorraine shared. "I can't fault the staff; they've made the transition so much easier."

One of the biggest benefits for Lorraine has been the relief from daily household tasks and managing medications.

"I don't have to think for myself as much, and that's a comfort," she said.

The couple has also found



Carinya personal care assistant Jade with resident Hilda.

peace of mind in knowing that Lorraine is well supported, with Clyde feeling more at ease knowing his wife is receiving attentive care.

Lorraine has also found friendship within her new home, describing it as a "home away from home." She enjoys taking part in daily exercise programs, which not

only keep her active but help maintain a sense of routine and engagement.

"If anyone was thinking about moving into aged care, I'd tell them it's a good place to be. It helps take away the stress of trying to manage everything on your own."

Hilda, another resident at Carinya, found her way into

aged care under difficult circumstances when her husband became unwell. Moving into care gave her the support she needed at a challenging time.

"The caring staff and friendly nurses couldn't have done more for me," she said.

For Hilda, the variety of activities offered has been a highlight, with favourites including "Chase the Ace" card games, word games, and regular exercise classes.

"And if I don't feel like joining in, that's okay too, it's always my choice."

Both women speak highly of the warm, respectful, and supportive environment at Carinya. Their stories serve as a comforting reminder that aged care is not simply about receiving assistance, but about finding new connections, peace of mind, and a sense of belonging.

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Pharmacists supporting older residents independence

FOR over a century, Wonthaggi Miners' Dispensary has stood as a pillar of community care. Originally founded to serve miners and their families, the dispensary has evolved to welcome all residents of Wonthaggi and surrounding areas – while staying true to its original purpose: providing accessible, high-quality healthcare.

"We were originally set up to benefit mine members and their families," explains general manager and pharmacist Sally Cairnduff.

"Since the mine closed, we've broadened our focus, but our commitment to the community has never changed."

As a not-for-profit pharmacy, every dollar earned is reinvested back into the business or donated to local causes – from health services to sporting clubs and community events.

With more than 4500 active members, the Miners' Dispensary offers a 10 per cent discount on front-of-practice items, while continuing to support the region's health and wellbeing in practical and personal ways.

One of the pharmacy's stand-out aged care services is the Webster pack system. These weekly blister packs clearly outline medication times – morning, afternoon, evening, and bedtime – across each day of the week.

"Webster packs are incredibly helpful for older patients, especially those managing multiple medications," said Cairnduff.



Pharmacists Sally Cairnduff and Michael Andrews ensure older patients get the support they need to stay well. W01_2325

"They help prevent missed or double doses, reduce the risk of accidental overdose, and take the confusion out of complex regimens."

The benefits of Webster packs are far-reaching, particularly for older residents. They support improved medication adherence by ensuring patients take the right medication at the right time, while also enhancing safety for those with memory issues or cognitive decline.

The packs save time and offer convenience for both carers and families managing daily routines. With regular pharmacist oversight – through weekly or fortnightly reviews – any potential issues such as drug

interactions or duplications can be identified early. Ultimately, this system contributes to better health outcomes and may help reduce hospital admissions caused by medication mismanagement.

This system has proven especially valuable for aged care clients and their families.

"It's one of the most helpful tools we can offer to support older patients' independence," Cairnduff notes.

But Webster packs are just one of the many services the Miners' Dispensary provides to support older residents.

"Our government-funded medication checks are also free to eligible patients," she adds.

"They allow for a one-on-one review with a pharmacist, which is incredibly helpful in managing long-term health conditions."

The pharmacy also offers a growing range of vaccinations, including influenza, COVID-19, shingles (free for over 65s), and pneumococcal (free for over 70s).

For those needing extra help at home, the dispensary hires out crutches, wheelchairs, and walkers. And for patients managing diabetes, a visiting diabetes educator is available every Thursday to provide tailored strategies and guidance on the latest tech and treatments.

"Everything we do is driven by the question: 'Will this benefit our members?' That's how our board makes every decision," Cairnduff said. "It's about providing the best service we can."

For those new to the area or unfamiliar with the Miners' Dispensary, Cairnduff extends a warm welcome.

"I'd urge them to come in and have a look around. We're much more than just a pharmacy. The role of pharmacists has changed, and we're doing our best to bring those expanded services into the community."

Whether it's through personalised medication support, preventative care, or hands-on service, the Wonthaggi Miners' Dispensary continues to lead with care, compassion, and a commitment to better health – especially for older residents.

Residents enjoy the good mushrooms

LLOYD McKenzie has been collecting mushrooms in season from his friend Paul's organic farm property near Foster and providing them to the Linton Court Retirement Village residents and others for over 40 years – and he definitely knows which ones are the good ones.

Though the local field mushroom season has been very late this year, the mushrooms have been very prolific in the last six weeks or so with Lloyd making a delivery to retirement village residents on Sunday, June 8.

Lloyd has got so many mushrooms this year that his wife has told him she does not want to see another one for the rest of the year. Lloyd highlighted that it now takes longer to deliver the mushrooms to his many "customers" than it does to pick them.

**Important: Victorians are reminded to be vigilant, with poisonous mushrooms present at this time of year, this includes death cap mushrooms and yellow-staining mushrooms. The Victorian Chief Health Officer Dr Christian McGrath has urged people to not pick and eat wild mushrooms unless they are an expert, and to remove wild mushrooms in their home gardens wearing gloves and carefully placing them inside a bag before disposing of them in landfill rubbish bins.*



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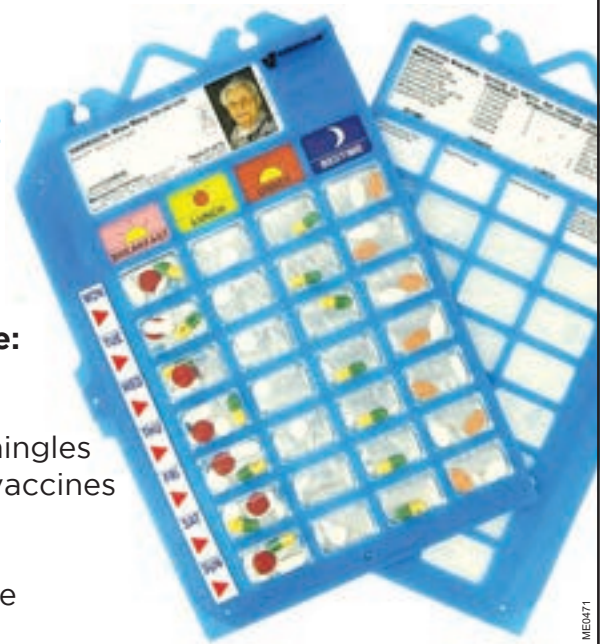
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The forgotten victims of DV

CARRIED out by someone they know and trust, elder abuse victims are often described as the forgotten victims of domestic violence, and Sergeant Mick Fawcett and the Family Violence Division of Bass Coast PSA (Police Service Area) are looking to change that, giving voice and raising awareness for the senior members of our community.

“(Older persons) can be particularly vulnerable,” Sgt Fawcett explained. “They can be facing cognitive decline, they can be more frail, and they may not have the best reflexes, which is why we have many different ways of investigating elder abuse, simply because it can be very wide-ranging.”

The abuser can be a son or daughter, a grandchild, a partner, another family member, a friend or a neighbour. Often, Sgt Fawcett explained, the victim is dependent on the abuser.

“The abuse can be financial – it can relate to inheritance – inheritance impatience and money children feel they are owed. Abusers can access bank accounts and take control of the victim’s finances.

“It can be ageist – where the abuser prevents the victim from making decisions about their own care. It can involve neglectful care – rough handling, withholding medications and mobility aids.

“We know the victims are often dependent upon the perpetrator and the victim can have feelings of shame, they can also feel like they will not taken seriously due to their age and if they have cognitive decline, including Alzheimer’s and dementia.”

Sgt Fawcett acknowledged that whilst it can be harder to investigate, particularly in cases where there is cognitive decline, police will always investigate, no matter what.

“Perpetrators can use these vulnerabilities to their advantage, and in some cases, the victim doesn’t even realise they’ve been a victim of abuse. That’s why it’s so important that if other family members or friends notice anything suspicious, they step up and speak with us.

“We look into the role of the child/carer – how do they care for the person? What role do they play in that person’s care?”

“We look at the financials and work with the banks, has money been accessed from Super accounts – when it’s financial, the money trail will always lead to the perpetrator.”

The division has also found that elder abuse can be intergenerational, and can involve emotional or psychological abuse, neglect, physical, social and sexual abuse.

“If victims, if other family or friends, neighbours have any concerns we urge them to reach out to local police,” Sgt Fawcett said. “If they notice unexplained injuries – whether the individual is prone to falls or not, ask questions– do their injuries match what has been reported? Some injuries can be explained, some cannot.”

As highlighted in the Sentinel-Times’ Men’s Health Week feature last week, community connections are vital, particularly as individuals get older.

“It’s important to have multiple points of contact in the community and within family,” Sgt Fawcett said.

Not only does it mean more eyes and ears to protect you, but hopefully a larger support network when you need it most. The statistics show that four to six per cent of older people experience elder abuse.

“Have someone you trust to help you report concerns; someone you can confide in if you feel something’s not right.”

The Bass Coast PSA is fortunate to have a dedicated Family Violence Division. If something doesn’t add up, don’t hesitate to ask questions – it’s never too late to speak up.

Community Groups: There are plenty of community groups across Bass Coast and South Gippsland, including men’s sheds, neighbourhood houses, the library, and more. There is also Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club, Leongatha Senior Citizens Centre, Wonthaggi Senior Citizens Club and Warrawee Seniors Club.



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Aged Care Packages set to change under delayed reforms

LAST Wednesday the Government announced they would delay implementing changes into the Aged Care Sector until November, rather than the scheduled July 1, to allow a smoother transition and ensure aged care users are fully informed.

It was the same morning Laura Corbett from La Trobe Community Health Service was holding a free session on Home Care Packages at the Leongatha Library.

“There will be lots of changes and they will happen quickly,” commented Laura, who admits the organisation are not entirely sure how the system will work once changes have been implemented.

Laura explained the major changes that would, however, be made to Home Care Packages, namely that there will be increased fees for some services for all new users as of November.

There are currently two different home care packages, one is called a Commonwealth Home Support Program in which people receive entry level services which includes domestic and garden services.

There is no fee and the client does not get a choice about who provides the service. This program will be phased out by 2027, under the new legislation.

While the other is called Home Care Packages which will have a name change to Support at Home Packages.

Clinical services such as nursing and allied health will



Stan, Robert and Colin at the free Home Care Packages session held at the Leongatha library with Laura from La Trobe Community Health Services. ob01_2325

remain free for all users under the changes.

However, all other services, such as domestic and garden care, personal care, transport and OT, shopping and meals, for example, will all incur a fee.

Fees will depend on services and will be between five and 17.5 per cent of the total package funding for full pensioners, between five and 50 per cent for part pensioners and between 50 and 80 per cent for self-funded retirees.

Four new levels of service are being introduced, taking it to a total of eight Support at Home Packages, with funding increasing by \$20,000 for the highest level.

Under the changes, amounts

will be paid quarterly and the accumulation of funding for larger items or services will no longer exist and will be planned for at the assessment stage.

Currently, a Care Advisor takes care of client packages and provides professional advocacy for the client, plans needs, completes monthly check-ins, yearly reviews and manages funds.

When changes come in, the Care Advisor role will no longer exist and will be rolled into the package funding themselves.

“How that’s going to work, we don’t know,” said Laura.

“There will only be package fees rather than care management fees.”

Laura advises all elderly to register for myagedcare to get ahead of the queue for when they might need to take up a package, as it can take between three months and two years for them to be implemented depending on priority.

If someone has pre-registered, care can start within two weeks.

The initial phone call can take a couple of hours and there will be many questions. Laura advises to have Medicare card, medical conditions and tasks no longer able to be performed at the ready.

Once registered a referral will be made to an organisation and an appointment for a phone or face-to-face assessment will take place.



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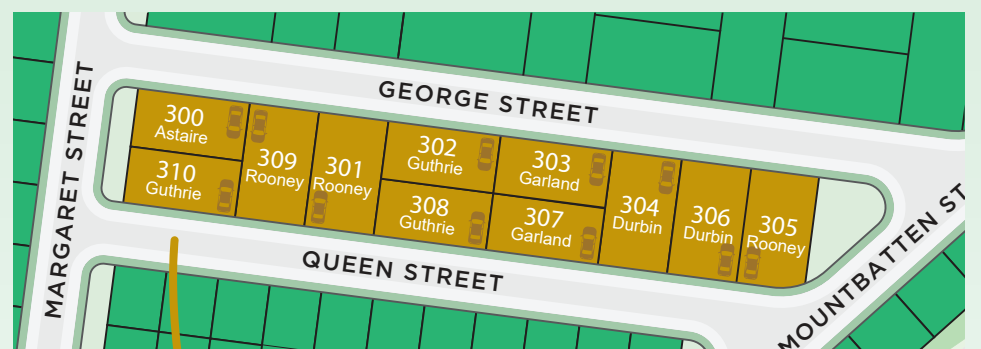
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New partnership supports siblings of children with CoHD

HEARTKIDS and Siblings Australia have entered a new partnership to improve support for siblings of children impacted by childhood-onset heart diseases.

The partnership has a particular focus on those experiencing grief following the loss of a sibling.

Through a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), both organisations have committed to working together to provide compassionate, coordinated support to families across Australia.

The partnership will strengthen referral pathways, promote access to specialist resources and create new opportunities to co-design initiatives that address the unique mental health needs of siblings.

Siblings Australia brings more than two decades of experience in supporting children and young people who grow up alongside a brother or sister with disability or chronic illness.

HeartKids, as the only national not-for-profit solely focused on people impacted by childhood-onset heart disease (CoHD), provides practical, emotional and peer support from diagnosis through to adulthood and beyond.

“When a child is diagnosed with CoHD, the impact extends across the entire family – especially siblings. This partnership strengthens our ability to support those who may not always be front and

centre but are deeply affected. By working together with Siblings Australia, we’re helping ensure that siblings have access to specialised support they need and deserve,” HeartKids CEO Marcus Sandmann said.

The agreement includes mutual promotion of services, the establishment of referral processes, and joint collaboration on research, forums and campaigns.

Resources developed through this partnership will be informed by lived experience and delivered in ways that are accessible and appropriate to the needs of siblings across different life stages.

“Siblings often carry quiet grief and unspoken worry when a brother or sister faces serious illness. This partnership ensures their experiences are not invisible. Together, we can create space for their stories, support their healing and recognise their vital place within the core of the family,” Siblings Australia CEO Dr Shannon Schedlich said.

This partnership reflects a shared commitment to ensuring that the needs of siblings are not overlooked during times of hospitalisations, loss and beyond.

By combining the reach and expertise of both organisations, the initiative aims to reduce isolation, improve mental wellbeing and provide a stronger safety net for families navigating the complex realities of CoHD.

ArtCubes coming to Leongatha

AFTER two years of travelling around South Gippsland, the ArtCubes are making their way to Leongatha.

South Gippsland Shire Council is excited to announce that the trio of portable creative spaces – the ArtCubes – will be installed in the eastern corner of the Woolworths (Safeway) carpark, near Council offices and Bendigo Bank, from July 18 to October 29, 2025.

During this time, Council is offering month-long creative residencies in each ArtCube, providing a unique opportunity for artists and creatives to showcase, create, and connect with the community.

South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, John Schelling, said, after a long journey around the region, it’s great to see the ArtCubes make their way to Leongatha.

“Like they have done time and time again, the ArtCubes will increase our community’s creativity and invite local artists to activate these unconventional artistic spaces in ways that know no bounds. I encourage all creatives to complete the expression of interest for a truly unique and exciting creative opportunity.”

Whether you’re a visual artist, sound artist, performer, writer, photographer, or maker of any kind – we invite you to apply for an ArtCubes residency.

Each residency includes:

- Use of an ArtCube to

activate as a studio, gallery, or creative space.

- A \$600 monthly stipend per Cube.
- Support from Council, including induction, setup materials, and promotional assistance.
- Solar-powered facilities (with mains power available if needed).

Residencies are available during the following periods:

- August 4 to September 1, 2025.
- September 1 to September 29, 2025.
- September 29 to November 6, 2025.

Artists are encouraged to propose engaging and interactive uses of the space. While static installations are welcome, proposals with higher levels of public interaction will be prioritised.

Who Can Apply?

ArtCubes residencies are open to individuals and groups with a feasible creative proposal. Preference will be given to:

- Leongatha-based creatives.
- South Gippsland residents.
- First Nations artists.
- Young creatives (aged 18–25).

All applicants must hold Public Liability Insurance up to \$20 million. Council can provide guidance on this requirement.

Applications close Monday, June 16 at 5pm.

For more information and to apply for this exciting creative opportunity, please visit: southgippsland.vic.gov.au/artcubes-leongatha.



Basketmaking teacher and fibre artist Meg Viney with some of her students, Glen, Deb, Jen, Ann and Dot whose work is on display at Inverloch Community Hub. A12_2325

Local basketry exhibited at Inverloch Community Hub

By Andrew Paloczi

WITH inspiration from local fibre artist Meg Viney, an enthusiastic group of people new to basket making used their learned techniques to create a variety of basket types, their work now on display at the Inverloch Community Hub.

Such has been the success of the sessions, in which participants use natural materials from the environment to create their baskets, Inverloch Community House is keen to start a monthly basketry group under Meg’s guidance.

Meg described the different kinds of baskets made over the weeks.

Twig baskets are easy to distinguish with twigs poking out the top, some with closed tops and some open, closed examples sometimes resembling the home of a case moth, twigs being the predominant material used in their construction.

“A melon basket is basically two circles cross linked and then woven,” Meg said, pointing out some of the melon-shaped examples on display.

“They’re made out of flexible grasses and twigs,” she explained,

those flexible grasses including Cumbungi (Papyrus), Red Hot Poker, and flax.

Random weave baskets were the next style tackled.

“You start with a couple of circles and then you weave randomly in and out until you’ve got a shape you like,” Meg said, an example featuring circles made with willow sticks, raffia being used in the construction process before being removed.

Pine needles exhibit intricacy, literally made with pine needles stitched with raffia derived from raffia palm trees in Madagascar.

“You start off with a tiny circle and then you keep building out until you’ve got the base the size you want and then you stitch upwards until you’ve got the height that you want,” Meg said of the approach taken to create pine needle baskets.

Her basket-making sessions have been attended by a total of about 15 students.

Dot Kiantos of Inverloch is one of those learning new skills, saying

she enjoys the creativity.

“You appreciate people’s work now,” she said of understanding what the basketmaking process entails.

Meg remarked that learning how to use the materials around you helps you experience the environment with a different awareness.

Her basket making sessions have been part of the Community Art Project at Inverloch’s Warrawee Seniors Club that was run with the support of a \$2000 Quick Response Grant through Bass Coast Shire Council.

While Meg also ran classes in felt-making, papermaking and print-making, others came on board to teach other artistic skills.

Kate Stuart taught students to work with clay, while Susan Hall ran painting sessions.

For those keen to see the ingenuity of the basket making group, the Inverloch Community Hub is open between 10am and 4pm seven days a week with an official launch and meet the artists this Friday, June 13 at 3.45pm.



Tim Smith, Julie Wallace, Phill Dempster and Eileen Tanaka from Burra Brewery were enjoying selling lots of beer to lots of people in weather that was pretty perfect. ob40_2325



Wendy, Tash and Cheryl from South Gippsland Wines were happy to talk about their varietals with new and existing customers. ob41_2325

Loch Food & Wine Festival a succulent success

IT WAS every foodie’s dream on Sunday as Loch held their annual food and wine festival in weather that was near perfect.

Predicted to rain and with a raft of red umbrellas on hand, organisers and festival goers were relieved to find it was actually sunny on the morning of the festival and while heavy clouds threatened rain, it stayed dry.

The biggest problem attendees had, was what to try first and then what to try next.

Over 50 food vendors including local restaurant pop-ups and

international street food vans enticed festival goers with an array of mouthwatering smells and dishes from across the globe.

With sweet treats like fresh cinnamon doughnuts, crepes, poffertjes, danishes, cannoli, cupcakes and savoury dishes like paella, pasta, Thai street food, American BBQ, Vietnamese delights, dumplings, bratwurst, it was a delightful struggle.

Then what to drink with each dish?

An array of wine, beer and spirits from South Gippsland

wineries, breweries and distilleries was on offer, with the makers on hand to discuss the nuanced facets of their craft with anyone interested.

A kid’s corner with farm animals and fair rides kept the little ones happy and live music created a fun-filled festival vibe.

After getting their fill at the festival many headed to the Loch Winter Market to peruse the other local makers, bakers and crafters wares before exploring everything else the historic Loch village has to offer.



Removing the stigma surrounding men's mental health

IN A time when men's mental health is being more openly spoken about across Australia, the Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) is proving that community, connection, and the ocean can be powerful tools for healing and resilience.

For decades, PIBC has been a cornerstone of Phillip Island's surf culture and longest-running club in Australia – not just a place to compete, but a home for generations of young men (and women) to find rhythm, purpose, and belonging. Now more than ever, this role has taken on deeper meaning.

"We've seen it firsthand," said president Jake Eisen.

"There have been tough times over the past few years – moments when our PIBC community has banded around young men and families who were struggling."

The waves around Phillip Island are more than a playground – they are therapy. For many young men, especially those navigating life's uncertainties, surfing offers a sense of routine and purpose.

"There's something powerful about shared experiences in the ocean," said PIBC committee member Jo O'Reilly Stubbs.

"As a coastal community and grassroots board riders club, we're here for each



Phillip Island Boardriders Club members Blake Green, Dylan Thomas James, PIBC President Jake Eisen, and Tate Russell raise awareness for Men's Mental Health Week.
Photo: Geoff Russell.

other and our families – and that's what creates community resilience."

In response to recent mental health challenges and the devastating impact of suicide within the local surf community, PIBC will be hosting a specialty surf event in October focused on raising awareness for mental health in the region. The day will combine competitive surfing with an MC, wellbeing activities, and a chance for the broader community to show up and support each other.

Recognising the value of a holistic approach to wellbeing,

PIBC also offers yoga for surf performance, mindfulness, and mental health, open to both club members and the wider community.

Led by Dominique Salerno, the affordable sessions are held at the newly renovated PIBC clubhouse, providing a safe, welcoming space for everyone to breathe, stretch, and reconnect – both physically and mentally.

PIBC runs yoga classes on:

- Mondays from 6pm to 7pm
- Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm
- Thursdays from 9.30am to 11am
- Fridays from 6am to 7am

Prices: \$15 for non-members, and \$10 for PIBC members.

All levels are welcome, from first-time yogis to seasoned surfers looking to enhance their performance and focus.

Dominique brings a calm, grounded energy that's made a real impact, with participants saying the sessions help them feel "lighter," "stronger," and "more in control" both in and out of the water.

PIBC's 25/26 competition season will begin after the next AGM, the AGM date is due to be announced next month.

Lions Community Eye Health awareness and fundraising dinner

AGE-RELATED macular degeneration is the leading cause of serious loss of eyesight for people over 50 according to a world-renowned authority on age-related macular degeneration Professor Robyn Guymer AM.

Deputy Director of the Centre for Eye Research Australia, Professor Guymer AM was joined by Associate Professor Rick Liu (CERA) at a Lions Eye Health fundraising dinner in Wonthaggi.

Inverloch Lions President Max Disting welcomed Lions District Governor Ian Davies and other Lions Club dignitaries before introducing the MC for the evening Louise Martin Litchfield Director of Inverloch Community Bank Bendigo.

Sharon Oates, a passionate advocate for the Lions Ride for Sight and a member of Team Sisters (the Willmott girls), paid tribute to the work of Professor Guymer and Associate Professor Liu.

"Our parents, Colin and Pam Willmott both suffer from Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD)," said Sharon.

"Dad is legally blind and has been for 10 years with the dry form of AMD called Geographic Atrophy (GA).

"Mum has the wet form and fronts up for injections every six to eight weeks."

Professor Liu spoke on



Associate Professor Rick Liu, Sharon Oates and Deputy Director of the Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA) Professor Guymer AM at the Inverloch & District Lions Club Eye Health Night in Wonthaggi. B27_2225

the research being undertaken to transform the clinical management of wet AMD from injections into an eye drop as part of groundbreaking gene-therapy research which could one day eliminate the need for frequent eye injections.

"It's incredibly exciting for Mum," said Sharon Oates.

Aiming to donate \$50,000 this year to the Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA) Team Sisters began their impressive fundraising journey three years ago raising a record-breaking \$30,000 in their first ride.

All funds raised go directly to CERA which is ranked among the top five ophthalmology research centres in the world and is entirely

reliant on donations.

Because of the strong family history, Professor Guymer offered to look into the eyes of Sharon and her three sisters when they visited CERA in Melbourne.

"We all have early stages of AMD with my eyes being the worst," said Ms Oates.

The 31st Lions Ride for Sight was held in May and was Team Sister's best effort yet.

"To date we have raised a whopping \$43,200," said Sharon.

Team Sisters have raised over \$100,000 since their first ride three years ago an amazing effort with all monies raised going directly to CERA for eye health research.

The Willmott sisters fundraise for CERA because they believe in the power of research.

"If we can help stop someone else from losing their sight it's worth every kilometre."

Lions District 201V3 began raising money for CERA over 20 years ago through Lions Ride for Sight an annual multi-day endurance cycling event in Gippsland.

Sharon Oates thanked sponsors Yulong Investments, Elders Australia, The Community Bank of Inverloch, Bass Coast Embroidery & Printing and Bass Coast Printing, and also acknowledged a grant of \$2000 from the Inverloch Community Bank to the Inverloch and District Lions Club to assist with the running of the evening's function.

"One in seven Australians over the age of 50 have signs of AMD and a significant number of those people will become legally blind," said Ms Oates.

"We are blessed to have the Centre for Eye Research in Melbourne which is ranked in the top five ophthalmology research facilities in the world."

For more information about fundraising for CERA email community@cera.org.au or call 1300 737 757 to speak to a member of the CERA Philanthropy & Fundraising Team.

CONVERSATION with Claire



Winter Wellness

By author Claire Chitty

NOTWITHSTANDING the stunning autumn and drought conditions, the days have remained unseasonably warm.

Surfers, myself included, continue to grace the coastal beaches taking full advantage of this beautiful weather.

As the daylight hours become shorter, the nights chillier and the smell of log fires permeates the air, it's important to take preventative measures to stay healthy.

Reputed to be the season of colds and flu, strengthening the immune system is key.

Think about seasonal produce and vitamin-rich foods, such as oranges and mandarins which provide natural defence against viruses. Add in dark leafy greens and herbal teas for vital nutrients for digestion and viral resistance.

Personally, I look forward to bowls of steaming hot soup served with cheesy bread, root vegetables roasted with garlic and a rich cocoa sauce cascading out of a hot velvety chocolate pudding.

*Should you have the sniffles or a sore throat, natural remedies that can help ease symptoms and support your body's healing process include:

Ginger, lemon and honey in hot water is gentle for a sore throat.

Ginger: Anti-inflammatory and antiviral properties.

Garlic: Antimicrobial effects may help fight off viruses.

Honey: A natural cough suppressant that soothes the throat and reduces irritation.

Elderberry: Antiviral properties help reduce the severity and duration.

Echinacea: Used to boost the immune system and potentially shorten the duration.

Saltwater gargle: Helps reduce throat irritation and clear out bacteria.

Steam inhalation: A few drops of eucalyptus oil in hot water can help open nasal passages and ease congestion.

Rest and hydration: Stay warm, drink plenty of fluids, and get adequate rest are essential for recovery.

Stay hydrated, as winter air can be drying.

It goes without saying to wear warm clothing, including natural fibres from wool and fleece to regulate body temperature. Cozy socks, gloves, scarves and beanies keep hands and fingers toasty but remember to get regular sunlight exposure. Consider a Vitamin D supplement to combat Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) and mood balance.

Despite the chilly air, maintain an exercise routine to keep circulation flowing, prevent stiffness and avoid weight gain.

Winter can also be a time of introspection, making it ideal for reflection and journaling.

Consider meditation, reading a paperback novel or pursuing a creative interest when the rain and wild winds keep you indoors.

In my opinion, sitting beside an open fire or gazing into a candle flame, whilst snuggling under soft blankets, surrounded by the warming aromas of ginger, cinnamon, and clove in an air diffuser, is the best.

Winter, rather than being something to 'endure,' is a season of transformation and rest.

By nurturing yourself in alignment with nature's rhythms, eating well, and maintaining a good social support network, you will be ready for the renewal that spring brings.

**Always check with your medical practitioner for advice.*



Meet the new team members at Wonthaggi Allied Health Centre

WONTHAGGI Allied Health Centre offers a variety of health-care services including physiotherapy, hand therapy, exercise physiology, allied health assistance and dietetics.

The expert team of health practitioners at Wonthaggi Allied Health Centre consist of physiotherapists, dietitians, occupational therapists, exercise physiologists, nurses and allied health assistants who are committed to providing exceptional care to their clients.

Several new team members have joined the team at Wonthaggi Allied Health Centre ensuring clients achieve their goals with the latest advancements and techniques.

Occupational therapist Lucas Neale provides client-centred assessment and intervention for a range of functional challenges, with a special interest in upper limb rehabilitation including hand, wrist, elbow, and shoulder conditions.

Occupational therapy services include support for injury recovery, post-surgical rehabilitation, custom splints and braces, waterproof casting, telehealth consultations, and goal-driven strategies to improve participation in daily activities at home, work, or in the community. Lucas treats both paediatric and adult clients.

Another recent addition to the team at Wonthaggi Allied Health Centre is Beth Barrett an accredited exercise physiologist (AEP,



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Graduating in Exercise Physiology from Deakin University in 2021, Beth has experience treating clients for musculoskeletal rehabilitation and injury prevention, athletic development, strength and conditioning, and neurological and metabolic conditions.

Exercise physiology services include health and fitness assessments, individualised exercise programs, management of chronic conditions, rehabilitation after injury or surgery and exercise for mental health.

Accredited practising dietitian

Evline Franco graduated with a Master of Dietetic Practice from Australian Catholic University and specialises in chronic disease management, heart disease, weight management, and general healthy eating.

Evline is passionate about translating the science of nutrition into practical, everyday strategies that empower her clients, whether it's managing a medical condition, navigating food intolerances, or building a healthier relationship with food.

Dietetic services include healthy eating, managing nutritional deficiencies, weight

management or obesity, malnutrition or poor appetite and eating on a textured modified diet.

Massage therapist Sophie Whiteside is another new team member currently studying a Bachelor of Health Science/Bachelor of Applied Science (Osteopathy) at RMIT.

Equipped with a thorough understanding of how the body functions and heals Sophie is dedicated to helping you move with confidence integrating her knowledge into massage therapy practices.

To further enhance recovery and holistic wellbeing Sophie

provides dry needling, cupping, and therapeutic massage laying the foundation for more advanced manual therapies.

Wonthaggi Allied Health Centre is pleased to announce a new physiotherapist and exercise physiologist-led group exercise program specifically designed for individuals in the early stages of neurological conditions such as Parkinson's Disease (PD).

This class draws on the evidence-based principles of the PD Warrior program with a focus on high-intensity effort and task-specific functional training.

The primary objective is to stimulate neuroplasticity and improve exercise capacity, cognitive function, and quality of life through challenging and purposeful movement.

Research increasingly supports the role of high-intensity exercise in not only managing but potentially slowing neurodegenerative changes.

Exercise has proven benefits in improving motor symptoms, cognitive function, and psychosocial wellbeing in people with Parkinson's and similar conditions.

Wonthaggi Allied Health Centre is located at 218 White Road, North Wonthaggi.

For more information go to wonthaggialliedhealth.com.au or search for Wonthaggi Allied Health Centre on Facebook.

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'Let's talk menopause' forum at SGH

'LET'S talk Menopause' was the topic of the forum delivered to a full house, last Thursday at the South Gippsland Hospital (SGH) in Foster.

Special guest presenter Doctor Sarah Whitburn, a Medical Director with a wealth of expertise in the area of sexual and reproductive health, delivered an informative session on perimenopause, menopause and post-menopause.

While regional areas typically have less accessibility and availability to sexual health clinics and GPs specialising in women's health, Dr Whitburn commented that this is slowly changing as more attention, focus and funding is being placed on women's health.

"We are talking about endometriosis and pelvic pain – there is promised funding. There have been announcements around education for GPs on menopause and menopause Medicare items to support a holistic health assessment. There are numbers for improving our long-acting reversible contraception – used at times through perimenopause and menopause," said Dr Whitburn.

"We're talking about it. It's in the media. There's money promised. I just hope we can actually use it, but if it leads to empowerment and discussion – it's a great thing."

Dr Whitburn discussed the stages of menopause and symptoms that can arise, pointing out that 20 per cent of women experience little or no symptoms, 60 per cent of women experience mild to moderate symptoms and 20 per cent experience severe symptoms.

The onset of perimenopause is typically 45 years of age and often spans a decade to 55 years of age. However, symptoms can start much earlier than this and go on for longer, with cyclic phases rather than linear.

Perimenopause is categorised as having irregular periods with gaps, and it is considered menopause when a woman (or person with a cervix) hasn't menstruated for 12 months or more.



Catherine Enter, Annie Terese, Kate Graham and Dr Sara Whitburn shared information and personal insights on perimenopause, menopause and wellbeing at a well-attended forum in Foster last week.

Dr Whitburn explained that is like a reverse puberty – with hormones turning off rather than on and highs and lows can be experienced through this transitional period as estrogen, progesterone and testosterone levels all fluctuate.

Indications of when to see a health professional is when there are prolonged heavy painful periods, symptoms are interfering with daily life, or there is new vaginal bleeding after menopause – which can be a risk factor for cancer.

To help alleviate symptoms Dr Whitburn recommended changes to diet, regular exercise, decreasing intake of alcohol, decreasing stress levels, getting family involved so they understand what's going on and treatments such as hormone replacement therapy, treatments for vaginal dryness and complementary therapies.

Having support at work and adapting reproductive leave policies can also help.

Having good cardiovascular health is also important as it is the leading cause of death in women, yet is preventable and treatable.

Dr Whitburn also commented that she will only do a blood test for hormone levels for those under 45 experiencing symptoms as they otherwise fluctuate extensively between 45 and 55, so is not a reliable diagnostic tool.

A personal journey

Annie Terese a local community member and Manna Gum Community House staff member spoke about the trials and tribulations of her own personal journey going through menopause.

Alongside the black summer fires, COVID, family upheavals and fluctuating symptoms, Ms Terese spoke about knowing something was wrong but not figuring it out until seeing the right health professionals and getting treatment.

"Perimenopause is a window of vulnerability for women and when things happen you don't cope as well. It is a time when past trauma revisits and further trauma during this time only increases the impact," said Ms Terese, recounting what a specialist said to her and added,

"I think it's really important

that you understand that your family, your partners, your siblings, your friends, your children all have some idea of what's going on with you. Having these conversations and talking openly about it is the only way."

Local services

Catherine Enter, the SGH's Sexual Reproductive Health Clinic nurse of 21 years gave a rundown of the extensive services they offer.

Including hour-long appointments, with kids and partners welcome to go along, self-screening services, a host of resources and a welcoming, unhurried environment, at a cost of only between \$10-\$20.

Some of the menopause resources recommended by these experts include the Jean Hailes website and two books, *Where Did My Libido Go?* by Rosie King and *Come as You Are* by Emily Nagoski.

The event was a collaboration between Gippsland Women's Health, Sexual Health Victoria, South Gippsland Hospital and Mental Health and Wellbeing Local.

DTA launches Dementia Training Framework

DEMENTIA Training Australia (DTA) has introduced Australia's first free National Dementia Education and Training Standards Framework aimed at improving outcomes for people living with dementia. The framework was developed in response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care, ensuring that aged-care services, healthcare workers, and first responders have access to high-quality, consistent training, no matter their location, economic position or stage of career.

The new Standards Framework offers a clear, structured approach that assists anyone supporting a person living with dementia in evaluating their existing knowledge, identifying gaps, and enhancing their skills.

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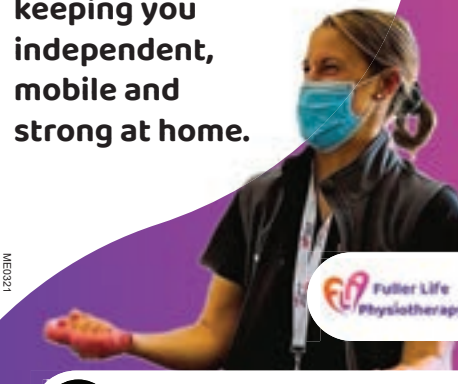
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San Remo to do the heavy lifting

YOU probably heard something about it last week, how residential development in Cape Paterson will no longer be allowed to extend beyond Seaward Drive.

But what's going to happen, or more precisely, what's not going to happen in Cape Paterson over the next 50 years is only a small part of what's contained in the new Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) coming out of the State Government's very long-winded Distinctive Areas and Landscapes process for this area.

Far from just being a document that sets out where residential growth can take place in the shire's 24 settlements, indications from the 136-page glossy brochure which accompanied the Planning Minister Sonya Kilkenny's announcement last week, are that it will have a hand in almost everything we do here in the future.

From the self-determined transfer of decision-making powers to the Bunurong traditional owners, adaptation to climate change, rising sea levels and coastal erosion, and the establishment of strategic biolinks, to reducing agricultural run-off, stopping access to some areas for fishing, providing community infrastructure such as public transport and new building envelope rules... it's a lot!

And the jury is still out on the success or otherwise of the government's response to the DAL process.

For example, we've already seen what political intervention has done at Cape Paterson, where the Standing Advisory Committee could see no reason why "further urban development will lead to adverse environmental impacts on the land or the Bunurong Marine Park".

But it's a done deal now. Cape Paterson will stay pretty much the way it is right now for the next 50 years, except for infill housing and where beach shacks are pulled down and replaced with updated homes.

There's no doubt that the devil will be in the detail of the regulations rolled out for development and protection of our significant landscapes and we haven't yet seen what exists beyond that glossy brochure.

But it's mostly good news.

Housing growth will be directed towards Wonthaggi, the Waterline towns will be protected, as will Cape Woolamai, and while there's modest expansion at Newhaven, in general terms, Cowes and Phillip Island must grow within existing limits.

The exception is San Remo which according to the independent planning panel, is going to be doing "the heavy lifting for the Phillip Island and lifestyle market" as available blocks there start to dry up.

San Remo will effectively be doubled in size under the new scenario which extends the town boundary to Punch Bowl Road.

And while it's good news they're not allowing housing over the ridgeline to the south, towards the George Bass Walk, and are calling for more sensitive development of housing in the new area than we've so far seen in San Remo; there'll need to be some serious investment in infrastructure and community facilities before the flag drops on 900 additional homes.

And it's also becoming obvious that \$50 million to patch up the concrete cracks in the Phillip Island Bridge is not going to cut it.

Vox Pop

What is your go-to winter recipe?



Jack Stephenson

Leongatha South

"Tomato soup because it's nice, warm and nourishing."



Meg Viney

Inverloch

"Italian soup dinner because it's got vegetables, meat, stock and cheese on top, it's fabulous and very healthy and you won't have room for a main course."



Penni Ellicott

Leongatha

"Chicken and vegie soup with turmeric and lemon because it keeps the colds away and is healthy and hearty."



Andrew Ross

Leongatha

"Chilli Con Carne because it is hearty with lots of chilli and is a good one to put in the freezer ready to heat on cold days."

Nominate a mental health leader in your community

THIS year marks the 10th anniversary of the Australian Mental Health Prize – a decade of recognising important Australians changing lives through their work in mental health.

From researchers and clinicians to lived experience leaders and local community advocates, past recipients have helped shape policy, challenge stigma, and deliver better mental health support across Australia.

Yet significant challenges still remain.

Mental ill-health continues to affect one in five Australians each year, with young people, Indigenous communities, and LGBTQIA+ individuals among the most impacted.

Proven, community-led approaches and prevention still struggles for funding and recognition.

The Australian Mental Health Prize honours those creating real change – often quietly, and with great impact.

Nominations are now open across four categories: Lived Experience, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, Professional, and Community Hero.

I encourage you to nominate someone in your community making a difference.

Visit australianmentalhealthprize.org.au. Nominations close July 23, 2025.

Adjunct Professor Sophie Scott OAM, Chair, Australian Mental Health Prize Advisory Group

It's been the topic for generations

THERE is much talk and concern regarding Inverloch's coastline.

I am over 90 years old, and I remember clearly when there was a jetty, people used to dive off that jetty.

That jetty was where there is now a car park, there was a stone wall all along the beach, we had fun walking along it.

We had school picnics each year at a shelter along towards Cape Paterson, well past the well-known "Pine Lodge" – this area is now all sanded up with much vegetation, water is a long way out.

I clearly remember older people slinging off when the clubhouse and bowling green were built, that those buildings would get washed away in years to come.

Surely there must be photos and records of those days somewhere. I know there are not many locals left like myself that can remember all this.

Name and address supplied

How times have changed, and not for the better

AS I grew up all the rainwater was caught, we had three tanks at the house, and overflow went to a machinery/tool shed. That overflow went to the cow shed, and that overflow went to a nearby dam.

Have a look around today's huge buildings, car parks, roads, etc., rain just

goes down the gutters to the sea, sometimes to a reservoir, and then we pay for what we use.

Very few people have a vegetable garden the blocks are too small, kids have to go to parks to run and play, and dogs are walked around the streets like the kids – "no room to play in their yards".

How times have changed.

One elderly friend said, "We eat outside, and the toilets are all inside."

Ha ha, how true.

Name and address supplied

Scrap the tax

I AM very disappointed that the local member for Bass Coast, Jordan Crugnale, has voted "Yes" to the Emergency Services Levy.

Politicians should represent and serve their community above their own agendas.

We are not responsible for the reckless spending of the State Government.

This tax is a cash grab that robs all of us directly or indirectly.

Some farmers have committed suicide as a result of this cash grab.

Shame on anyone who voted for this tax.

Small businesses ruined and Victorians punished unfairly and struggling financially.

Repeat this disgraceful tax now. Scrap the tax.

Pamela Tucker, Wonthaggi

Vox Pop

What do you think about the plan to double the size of San Remo?



Donald Christou

San Remo resident for 60 years

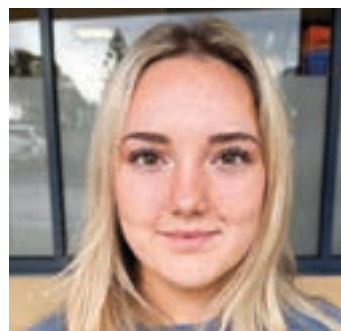
"I'm nearly 90, I'll take it as it comes, it's going to grow anyway. I'm not that worried. We could do with more shops though. You've got to go to Wonthaggi for the things they don't have here."



Mark Farrelly

San Remo resident for three years

"There's lots of property for sale in the town now, but no jobs, no infrastructure and only one way in and out. They'll need to put a lane on Phillip Island Road or there'll be an even worse traffic snarl."



Elle Karon

San Remo resident for three years

"We already get a lot of power failures. We don't have the infrastructure. They need to improve the infrastructure first before they expand the town outwards."



Alan McKinnon

Newhaven resident for 30 years

"They don't want any more development on the Island because the road system can't handle it and VicRoads don't want to build another bridge. They can use the sporting facilities at Newhaven."



Allan Pheeney, Brian Enbom and Matt Williams enjoying the Jumbunna Bush Market sausage sizzle. B01_2325



Paula, Ivy and Maddie at the Bush Market on the first Sunday of each month in the Jumbunna Community Hall. B02_2325



Camilla Wilson and Jenny Vidler from Jumbunna and Korumburra supporting the monthly Jumbunna Bush Market. B03_2325



Russell and Bettina Davies with her spinning and knitting at the monthly Bush Market in Jumbunna. B04_2325



Frank Hirst and Peter Levy from the Strzelecki Lions Club helping to support the Loch Food & Wine Festival. ob30_2325



Andrew and Steph from Leongatha love coming to the Loch Food & Wine Festival. ob32_2325



Danny and Robyn from Korumburra have been to the Loch Food and Wine Festival every year and weren't going to miss this one either. ob33_2325



Summer and Michael from Wollongong were down to visit family in Koonwarra and left the kids with their grandparents to check out the Loch Food & Wine Festival. ob34_2325



Rod from Cape Paterson with friend Peter were easing into the day and keen to sample the different fares on offer at the festival. ob35_2325

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Jumbunna Bush Market, Southern Lights Festival, Basketmaking at Inverloch and the Loch Food & Wine Festival.



Makaela, Sam, Darlene, and Ashlee from Nyora were looking forward to indulging in some good food. ob31_2325



Nathan and Megan enjoy the Southern Lights Festival at Coal Creek. A08_2325



Milli and Julie run one of the bars at the Southern Lights Festival. A09_2325



Drouin's Nicole and Madison Hinton enjoy a night out at the Southern Lights Festival. A10_2325



Diane and Bernard Sheedy of Leongatha relax at the Southern Lights Festival. A11_2325



Rene with Marilyn from New Zealand, who meet up once a year specifically in Loch so they can come and enjoy Gippsland's best fare. ob36_2325



Asher with Dad Nathan are from a family of foodies and love sampling all the different cuisines on offer. ob37_2325



Local Jen Cox enjoys basketmaking, being one of the students currently exhibiting their work at the Inverloch Community Hub. A07_2325

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Kingswood is set to rock the Riverview Hotel in Tarwin on Saturday, 5 July.

Rockin' the Riverview with Kingswood

AUSTRALIAN rock band Kingswood will bring their signature blend of country-infused rock to the Riverview Hotel in Tarwin Lower on Saturday, July 5.

The Melbourne-based group promises an "eat your heart out good times country rock'n'roll extravaganza," with big guitars, big harmonies and singalongs that are sure to leave a lasting impression.

Known for their energetic performances, Kingswood is no stranger to Gippsland – and no stranger to the Riverview either.

"We've played the Tarwin pub before and had a ball," the band said.

"We even had our beer on tap behind the bar."

Formed in 2007, Kingswood has released multiple studio albums and built a loyal following across the country. While they've performed at major venues and festivals, they say regional gigs have a unique magic.

"Regional shows have a special energy. The fans are a little more starved for live music than city folk, and they always bring a greater enthusiasm," they said.

The band also had a message for locals ahead of their return: "Firstly, I hope they're aware they live in one of the most beautiful parts of the world. It's always a treat to visit and see a few familiar faces. We can't wait to come back."

The Riverview Hotel offers a family-friendly atmosphere with classic and modern pub fare, C.U.B. beer on tap, live entertainment every weekend and a welcoming space for locals and visitors alike.

Pencil in this evening for what promises to be a lively night of music and community spirit.

Phillip Island Jazz Club presents Grenadilla Wood

THE name of the band Grenadilla Wood comes from the "Grenadilla Wood (Dalbergia Melanoxylon) from Mozambique. This type of wood has been used since the end of the 19th century, the beginning of the 20th century, and is quite possibly the most popular wood used in the making of clarinets.

Graeme Pender of Grenadilla Wood will be performing live at the Phillip Island Bowling Club on June 15 from 2pm until 4.30pm and the Phillip Island Jazz Club recommend booking early for clarification on numbers.

Performing in Grenadilla Wood are Graeme Pender on clarinet, Frank Carter on trombone, Peter Hooper on banjo, Peter McIntyre on sousaphone and Graham Michel on drums.

Jill Boyce of the Jazz Club said, "We all remember the very talented Ashton Vaz, who also played on piano, and yes, it will be great to see Ashton performing once again.

"Last year Ashton Vaz played the clarinet. Boy, was he great."

The Phillip Island Jazz Club are hoping that Ashton will play the clarinet in June for a couple of tunes.

Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for visitors.

For more information, please contact Jill Boyce on 0417 416 300.

From high school sax to Gippsland's big stage

AHEAD of the upcoming Orchestra Victoria performance at Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, the Sentinel-Times caught up with dynamic young conductor Carlo Antonioli to take audiences behind the man whose centre stage.

"I haven't been to Gippsland before, so I'm most looking forward to exploring the region," Carlo said.

"I love discovering new towns, and especially bringing beautiful music to regional audiences."

Carlo's love of music began at an early age, nurtured in a home filled with an eclectic range of sounds.

"While my parents weren't professional musicians, I did grow up surrounded by music of one kind or another – a broad range including rock, classical, jazz, or my dad fumbling around with a guitar. We also had an upright piano, which I started playing from a young age. But things really kicked off in high school. I had a really inspirational music teacher who engendered an eternal love and curiosity for music."

Playing saxophone in the school band opened a whole new door for Carlo and the joy of making music in a group was unleashed.

When asked why he stepped into the conductor's shoes, Carlos noted it would take far too long to answer comprehensively but did give a tasteful insight.

"Conducting is quite a niche career, and nowadays there's not really one well-defined path to get there. I gradually realised that my skill set – listening well, enjoying working in a team, analytical, wanting to create well-structured interpretations of music – all aligned well with the role a conductor has with an orchestra.

"I was given a small taste



Get set for an exhilarating evening on Saturday as Orchestra Victoria under the baton of Carlos Antonioli take to the stage.

of what conducting was like when I was in high school, and from there, the idea that this was what I wanted to pursue professionally slowly grew."

On the podium the feeling is exhilarating.

"Although I'm not making a single noise, it really feels like I'm part of the sound which I have to mould across the span of the performance. Conducting is a bit like being a coach of an elite sports team – you guide the overall vision and strategy, while giving space for the professionals to do what they do best. Bringing everything together after many rehearsals is a privilege of being a conductor – you get to see the big picture, from arguably the best seat in the house!"

Interpreting each piece is an intricate process, according to Carlos.

"This is a fun process which starts with a lot of

score study! I will pore over all of the scores for weeks before the rehearsals, so that I can understand how the pieces are constructed down to their smallest details, and then I'll try and discover a compelling narrative arc that takes the listener through the piece. Often, I'll play through the score at the piano as well. Rehearsal time with orchestras is always at a premium so everything needs to be figured out at home before the first rehearsal begins!"

And there are challenges...

"There are so many unique challenges a conductor faces, but probably the most important is to make sure that all of the musicians in front of you feel taken care of. We want to make sure that everyone is able to perform at their best."

For this concert, Carlos is particularly excited about Arturo Márquez's Danzón No.2,

describing it as guaranteed to bring the house down.

"There's something for everyone in this program," Carlos explained.

"A dramatic operatic overture in the form of Verdi's La Forza del Destino, a beautifully meditative work by Australian composer Ella Macens, Marquez's party piece Danzón No.2, and then the sweeping majesty of Vaughan Williams' Symphony No.5. Whatever it is you turn to music for, you're sure to find it somewhere in our program."

"I hope that the audience feel transported and moved by the beautiful music-making of Orchestra Victoria!"

Don't miss An Evening with Jacinta Parsons and Orchestra Victoria this Saturday, June 14 at Gippsland Performing Arts Centre at 6pm. For more information, visit Orchestra Victoria's or GPAC's websites.

It's Showtime for South Gippsland Singers on June 22

A MUSICAL extravaganza is heading your way when the South Gippsland Singers present "It's Showtime!" on June 22 at the Dakers Centre, at 2pm in Leongatha. Their guest artists are Solace.

Solace is a nine-member vocal group based on the Bass Coast. They perform an eclectic mix of music, ranging from early classical music – the Renaissance and baroque – to more recent music as well as folk and popular songs.

They sing in a diverse array of languages. Their music is mostly arranged by musical director Martin Cox who accompanies them on piano. They have collaborated with various local instrumentalists and will be performing with the local string group: Stringz



Deep in rehearsals the South Gippsland Singers are preparing for "It's Showtime" at the Dakers Centre on June 22. Don't miss out.

Costero on July 6 at the Dalyston Hall.

Jennifer Holm (musical director) and Dorothy Warren (accompanist) choose the repertoire for the South Gippsland Singers and to celebrate the 60th anniversary of

"The Sound of Music", they have included a medley of choral highlights from the show.

Other familiar musical numbers are "Mack the Knife", "Over the Rainbow" and "Lullaby of Broadway". Two songs

from "Wicked" are also featured – "Dancing Through Life" and "For Good".

Learning these newer works has been fun!

The concert's program contains a few more wonderful musical numbers to entertain and delight!

A donation from the proceeds will go to the Leongatha RSL Club for the Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge.

All are invited to come along and enjoy a very stimulating musical Sunday afternoon.

Following the concert, please join the South Gippsland Singers and their guest artists, Solace, for afternoon tea! There'll also be a raffle so don't forget your small change.

Admission price is \$20 and children under 16 are free.

Spellbinding sounds of Gippsland: GSO celebrates 10 years

THE Gippsland Symphony Orchestra (GSO) is celebrating a major milestone this month, with a special anniversary concert titled 'Symphonic Journeys: The First', to be held at the Yarram Regent Theatre on Sunday, June 15, at 2pm.

The performance marks 10 years since the orchestra's inaugural concert in 2015 and will feature a program that revisits some of the original works played during that first event, including Beethoven's 'Symphony No. 1' and 'King Stephen Overture'. The concert will also include Barber's emotionally charged 'Adagio for Strings' and vocal works performed in collaboration with the Gippsland Chamber Singers.

Founder, president and conductor David Williams OAM said reaching the 10-year mark with the orchestra was one of the proudest moments of his musical career.

"It's one of the greatest achievements of my life as far as working in community music goes", Williams said.

"We started in 2015, and it's become a real passion project. No one gets paid. I don't get paid. We all do it for the love of music."

Williams' own journey into music began in childhood and was shaped by a lifelong commitment to performance and education. In addition to establishing the GSO, he spent 35 years as a music teacher, having first trained as a carpenter before retraining.



Conductor David Williams says he is "constantly in awe of how good the players are in Gippsland".

"The love of teaching and seeing that 'light bulb' moment in students – there's just nothing that matches it," he said.

"They say if you find a job you love, you'll never work a day in your life. That held true for me right up until I retired".

The idea for the GSO first came to Williams after conducting a 34-piece orchestra for 'Phantom of the Opera' with the Warragul Theatre Company in 2014.

"I thought, we have a full orchestra here. Why not keep it going?"

A few phone calls and text

messages later, the Gippsland Symphony Orchestra was born.

Since their first concert with just 22 musicians and a modest string section, the GSO has grown significantly, at times featuring almost 50 players on stage. For this upcoming performance, around 35 musicians will take part, with members traveling from across Gippsland – including Bairnsdale, Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Metung, Warragul and Drouin.

Bringing the orchestra together is no small task. Williams leads weekly rehearsals in Warragul

over a seven-week period leading up to each concert and drives to Bairnsdale each Sunday to rehearse separately with East Gippsland players. A full group rehearsal typically takes place the week before each concert at Moe Town Hall.

"We rehearse hard, but there's such dedication. I challenge them musically, and they never let me down," he said.

"The commitment is incredible – and the camaraderie is just as impressive. There are no egos in this orchestra. Everyone supports each other."

This year's concert also marks a new chapter for the GSO as it welcomes the Gippsland Chamber Singers, a recently formed vocal group based in Warragul. Their inclusion reflects the orchestra's broader mission to showcase local talent.

"One of the Chamber Singers also plays double bass with us and suggested the idea," Williams said.

"We didn't have the space for them last year, but this concert was the perfect fit. We've always tried to feature local musicians – pianists, violinists, soloists – and we're thrilled to include this group."

The choice to return to the Yarram Regent Theatre was an easy one. "We've played there before and absolutely loved it," Williams said.

"It's got the charm of an old-style theatre, but the acoustics are incredible – better than many other venues we've used."

For Williams, the magic of conducting lies not only in the performance but in the rehearsal process.

"There's nothing better than when the penny drops and the players suddenly feel confident. In one rehearsal, the violins played the Barber, and it was spellbinding. Moments like that are why I keep doing this."

Tickets for 'Symphonic Journeys: The First' are \$25 for adults, \$20 for concession, and \$15 for those under 18.



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The Wonthaggi Acoustic Music Festival is back bigger this July



Bass Coast Pickers will open Saturday evening ahead of the Davidson Brothers.



Strat and Lyndal kick off the festivities on Friday, July 4 from 6.30pm.

IT'S bigger and brighter than ever! The Wonthaggi Acoustic Music (WAM) Festival 2025 is set to take over Wonthaggi from July 4 to 6, promising three days of thrilling acoustic music and vibrant performances.

Kicking things off on Friday night, the festival welcomes Strat and Lyndal with Jim Green to create a crackling folk atmosphere, followed by the timeless harmonies and heartfelt lyrics of John Flanagan. It's the perfect start to kick off the second festival after the inaugural event last year exceeded expectations!

Saturday will see the Invy Horn Jam parade through the streets of Wonthaggi, bringing infectious African, Latin and jazz rhythms to life. It's a morning not to miss – beginning at Apex Park at 9.30am and making their way up McBride Avenue to the Town Hall it's a wonderful opportunity for kids, families, young and old to follow along and join in the fun.

The excitement continues with a standout lineup of emerging and established talent. Young local band Mojodreaming will bring their country-rock authenticity to the stage, while the crowd will be treated to a guest performance by Inti Khari (Men of the Sun), direct from Argentina with their Andean melodies.

Karavana Flamenca, the Gippsland-based group that's taken their exhilarating flamenco rhythms across the globe, will transport audiences to Spain and back with

duelling guitars and soaring vocals. It's a performance that will have the whole room dancing.

Did we mention open jamming? Of course, Saturday night belongs to the award-winning Davidson Brothers. With five Golden Guitars and a well-earned reputation in Australia's bluegrass scene, these local legends promise a night of soaring harmonies and foot-stomping tunes. They're a crowd favourite and set to raise the Town Hall roof!

But it's not just about the big names.

Sunday brings a different energy with a gospel singing workshop led by Jacqui and Dani Paulson, followed by an open jam session inviting everyone to join in the fun. In the afternoon, the festival will showcase the local WAM Band and Italian group Canti Popolari, adding a touch of European flair to the proceedings.

Whether you're a long-time music lover, a closet singer or just keen to soak up the atmosphere, the WAM Festival has something for everyone, we haven't even listed all the events here. Bring your instruments, your friends, your dancing shoes, drinks and nibbles – and don't miss your chance to join a celebration of music that keeps getting better.

Remember it's never too late to pick up that instrument.

For tickets and the full program, visit trybooking.com/CYERU. Let the music take you away at WAM Festival 2025 – see you there!



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Ocean Sounds Festival 2026 lineup revealed

THE Ocean Sounds January 2026 lineup has landed! Ocean Sounds is returning to Churchill Island on Saturday, January 10, 2026.

The Hills Are Alive Group presents... The Teskey Brothers, The Presets, Thelma Plum, Steph Strings, Playlunch, Holly Hebe, The Foxy Junes and a special performance from Milowl Dreaming.

These acts are heading to Phillip Island, and pre-sale tickets went on sale Thursday, June 5 at 8am with general tickets on Friday, June 6.

Get ready to soak up the summer sounds and join in for a day of Australia's best live music. Bring a picnic rug and gather with a vibrant crowd to enjoy some of the top local wines and gourmet eats.

Back for its ninth festival, the annual family-friendly, music-lovers' all-day concert series is set for locals and tourists alike to enjoy a day of quality music in a relaxed, atmospheric, and picturesque environment.

Mark Saturday, January 10, 2026, in the calendar and get ready to sing along with some of Australia's most iconic live acts! oceansoundsfestival.com.au.



The Teskey Brothers will headline Ocean Sounds Festival in January 2026.



The Presets will present a DJ set to keep the crowd on their feet into the night.



Beck Stoops displays some of her delightful props that will feature in Footloose.

Creative flair on show in lead up to Footloose

PREPARATIONS continue for Leon-gatha Lyric Theatre's upcoming energetic show, Footloose, props manager Beck Stoops is among the busy crew as she draws on her imagination to create realistic-looking jukeboxes and food suited to the era in which the production is set.

The jukeboxes feature materials such as foam, pool noodles, plaster and cardboard cake boards.

Food props such as hamburgers, milkshakes and hotdogs are brought to life with materials including foam, Spakfilla and air-dried plasticine.

"It's like art and craft for grownups," Beck said of the enjoyment she gets from making the props and drawing on her imagination to do so.

She outlined the inspiration behind the tabletop jukeboxes.

"I found an image of the style that I wanted, that was fitting for the era and the colour," she said, adding it was then a matter of planning the process and determining what suitable materials she could get.

"I just come up with stuff; I'll think on it for a bit and then just see how it goes," Beck said, having previously created props for other Lyric Theatre productions such as The Producers, and Into the Woods.

YouTube clips sometimes offer inspiration.

Beck is happy in her current role, rather than taking to the stage.

"I'm much better behind the scenes," she said, suggesting she'll leave the performing to the "clever, intelligent people".

However, a glance at her props suggests she is selling herself short, having to be clever to create them from materials many wouldn't think to use, and ensuring the items she makes complement the work of the performers.

Beck spoke of the strong community of volunteers that play their part in bringing Lyric Theatre shows to life.

With opening night on Friday, July 11 fast approaching, there is much to be done, including the construction of a suitable stage and installation of tiered theatre-style seating.

As far as the props go, organisation will be the key to ensuring everything needed is at hand for the show.

"We have the table set up really clearly and every prop has a place on there, so the cast members can easily find what they need," Beck said.

Cannes-nominated docudrama brings censored truths to screen

THE Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proud to present "An Unfinished Film", a Cannes nominated and multi-award-winning docudrama which has been banned in China, from Chinese director, Ye Lou.

Weaving haunting real footage throughout the film, it explores cultural and social issues central to its compelling narrative, providing a nuanced reflection of China's societal landscape during the COVID-19 crisis.

Lou Ye intricately weaves themes such as government control, public health responses, and individual resilience into the storyline, highlighting the complexities faced by ordinary citizens. For example, the film vividly portrays the tension between personal freedoms and collective safety, illustrating how societal norms are challenged during times of crisis.

These elements serve to deepen the viewer's understanding of the social fabric



From acclaimed director Lou Ye (Suzhou River), An Unfinished Film blurs the lines between reality and fiction to craft a creative and absorbing portrait of resilience and courage.

in China, emphasising the far-reaching impact of the COVID pandemic beyond mere health concerns. In doing so, the film invites audiences to consider the broader implications of social policies and individual agency, making its commentary both timely and thought-provoking.

Lou Ye employs a distinctive

visual and narrative style to evoke deep emotional responses from viewers, seamlessly blending documentary realism with poetic storytelling. The film's aesthetic choices, such as the use of handheld cameras and split screens, reinforce its sense of immediacy and intimacy, immersing audiences in the chaos and quiet moments alike.

Narrative techniques like non-linear storytelling and the incorporation of personal testimonies create a layered experience that captures the emotional turbulence of the early lockdown days. This approach not only heightens empathy but also allows viewers to connect more profoundly with the characters' struggles and hopes. Consequently, the film's style serves as a powerful conduit for conveying complex emotions amid a tumultuous social landscape.

Screening at 10.30am, on Sunday, June 15 at The Union Theatre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi. BCFFG members entry free, with general public welcome at usual box office prices.

To find out more, visit the website: basscoastfinefilmgroup.weebly.com/current-season, and follow the links to the film.

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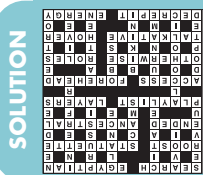
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- 15** Strata (6)
- 16** Entry (6)
- 18** Above the eyebrows (8)
- 23** Or else (9)

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1. Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman co-starred in which 1942 film?
2. Which country is the flattest on Earth?
3. What was the name of Archduke Franz Ferdinand's wife?
4. In a 2022 biopic, Austin Butler portrayed which musical legend?
5. Name the three zodiac signs associated with the element earth.
6. In which part of the body is the cuboid bone located?

7. Which World War I battle was responsible for the most deaths?
8. *The Secret History*, *The Goldfinch* and *The Little Friend* are works by which US novelist?
9. Which athlete became the most decorated Australian Olympian after competing in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics?
10. What is the westernmost county of Ireland?



ANSWERS: 1. *Casablanca* 2. The Maldives 3. Sophie 4. Elvis Presley 5. Capricorn, Taurus and Virgo 6. Foot 7. The Battle of the Somme 8. Donna Tartt 9. Emma McKee 10. County Kerry

Can you find all the words listed?
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Help protect Giant Gippsland Earthworms

THE Giant Gippsland Earthworm is only found in south-west Gippsland, growing up to two metres long, this underground giant is a natural wonder, but the future of this threatened species is uncertain. For the first time since 1980, a large-scale census survey is being conducted to map where GGEs are found. Landholders can complete the survey online or fill in a paper version (coming soon to mailboxes in areas within the species' range). A mobile phone app has also been developed, to help people record the location of GGE habitat on their properties. With almost the entire GGE population found on private land, landholders play a critical role in its survival. By reporting where they occur, the community can help scientists understand whether GGEs are thriving or declining in response to climate change – and help guide future conservation efforts. GGEs spend their entire life in underground burrows, usually near streams or drainage channels, or on south or west-facing slopes. Many landholders first notice them by the gurgling sound they make underground.

How to get involved: Complete the survey at survey-monkey.com/r/GGECensusSurvey. Download the app: Search 'Giant Gippsland Earthworm' in the Apple or Android app store (select the image of a cartoon worm). Learn more at gianteearthworm.org.au for habitat maps and more details. This project is led by the Gippsland Threatened Species Action Group in partnership with the South Gippsland, Bass Coast and Latrobe Catchment Landcare Networks, GGE expert Dr Beverley Van Praagh, and a local plant ecologist. The 'Census of the Giant Gippsland Earthworm in South and West Gippsland' is funded by the Australian Government under the Saving Native Species Program.

Burra Foods treats milk suppliers to fascinating China excursion

By Andrew Paloczzi

GIPPSLAND dairy farmers enjoyed a recent visit to China, taking in some of the famous tourist sites such as the Great Wall and the Forbidden City, as well as seeing dairy farming and processing on a grand scale, Burra Foods running the trip for some of its milk supply partners.

Sentinel-Times chatted to three of the 26 participants who commented on the high standards of animal care adhered to at the farms they visited, their cleanliness and stunning size.

"It wasn't a country I had on my wish list to go to, which was similar to a lot of the other farmers," Krowera dairy farmer Lisa Monson said, having gone on the trip with her husband Sean.

Lisa said preconceived ideas the couple had of what China might be like didn't reflect the reality, finding it a clean and safe country, and impressed by the extensive new construction taking place.

Loch dairy farming couple Andrew and Lisa Holman also found their expectations of China to be off the mark and enjoyed the experience so much that they may well go back for a future holiday, commenting on the friendliness and helpfulness of the people. Having gone with a sense of excitement, they also felt a sense of the unknown.

The Holmans commented on the delightful food they experienced and its freshness.

The Chinese enthusiasm for ice cream was a surprise and it was a delight to try different flavours such as a green-coloured savoury bean variety.

Like the Monsons, the Holmans were awestruck by the immense scale of everything, be it



Krowera dairy farmers Lisa and Sean Monson in Shanghai.

buildings or farming infrastructure.

Both couples were impressed with the condition of the cattle and the high-quality care they received, having heard stories of cows being underweight and not well cared for, and wondering what had become of Australian heifers sent to China.

"The ones we saw were in beautiful new barns, well fed, with good milking facilities," Lisa Monson said.

The cattle received a mixed diet, including maize, lucerne and various additives, the maize and lucerne grown in China, while oaten hay is imported from Australia, the exact dietary balance provided to the animals depending on the stage of lactation.

"What those cows were eating is what we'd like to be able to provide our cows, but I think the costs here would be too high for us to do what they are doing; they've got a lot of cheap labour and a lot of investment from

outside," Lisa Monson said.

As well as being impressed with the condition of the cows, she commented on seeing calves in individual hutches, with each pen featuring a QR code, something that made it easy to seek required treatment for a specific calf and track its individual circumstances.

The Holmans remarked on the size of a dairy farm they visited in Bengbu that housed 40,000 animals, with 22,000 being milked three times a day, noting the pride that is taken in getting milk from cow to packaged UHT product within two hours, and the efficiency required to achieve that.

Numerous half-a-kilometre-long sheds, the insides of which were kept impressively clean, and the use of 'methane digesters' that the Burra group was told produce about 70 per cent of the facility's power needs were other points of interest.

The Burra contingent initially

flew into Shanghai, later visiting Bengbu, and Inner Mongolia where they toured the vast headquarters of Mengniu Dairy in Hohhot.

"They grow a heap of Maize," Andrew said of the setup at Hohhot, noting they do so under plastic, a lot of that crop being planted at the time of the Burra visit.

"We went to another place that grew a lot of lucerne; they had centre pivots," he remarked.

Even bales of silage were of grand size, a stationary baler used to create bales of up to 1.5 tons each, which were then wrapped in six layers of plastic, compared to perhaps four layers in Australia.

"Just the scale of everything they did was not mucking around," Andrew said.

He observed that Australian milk production has diminished from about 12.1 billion litres in 1999/2000 to 8.1 billion litres a year now, while China's has risen from about 12 billion in 1999/2000 to an expected and astounding 44 billion litres this year.

The Burra Foods trip was made possible with the support of sponsors, those being Burra's major shareholder Mengniu, McColl's Transport, Lely Center Gippsland, Gardiner Foundation, MADCAP dairy supply chain software and Evans Petroleum.

Burra Foods runs dairy study tours every year for interested Milk Supply Partners, the previous adventure being to New Zealand.

Travelling overseas offers the chance to see how others in the dairy industry do things differently and view some of the technological advancements in use.



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VFF welcomes progress but calls for drought support

THE Victorian Farmers Federation welcomed the State Government's announcement of draft regulations to enable the legal use of virtual fencing in Victoria.

The announcement follows years of advocacy by the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) and the farming community.

However, the organisation says more must be done to ensure farmers can access and implement the technology, particularly in the face of deepening drought conditions.

The draft regulations, now open for consultation, would pave the way for the use of GPS-enabled virtual fencing collars for livestock, which are already legal and widely used in other Australian states to support productivity, animal welfare and improved land management.

VFF president Brett Hosking said the announcement was a long-overdue recognition of the need to modernise Victoria's outdated rules.

While recognising this is a positive step, the



The use of virtual fencing in Victoria has been welcomed by the VFF.

VFF is urging the State Government to make existing drought preparedness funding eligible for virtual fencing and stock containment infrastructure once the regulations are finalised.

The VFF also reiterated its disappointment over recent policy decisions, such as the Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund levy, which

has added pressure to rural communities already managing severe cost and climate pressures.

The VFF will continue to work closely with the government and industry to ensure the final virtual fencing framework is safe, practical and aligned with the needs of Victorian producers.

Scholarships available for young people

INDIVIDUALS aged 25-40 across the agriculture supply chain looking to elevate their skills, broaden their horizons and embrace innovation are invited to apply for the National Farmers Federation: AgriEmpower Scholarship.

The AgriEmpower Scholarship Program is an investment in the future of the next generation of changemakers, dedicated to helping young people enhance their capabilities and unlock new opportunities for growth.

The AgriEmpower Scholarship Program offers an unparalleled opportunity for young agricultural leaders to elevate their skills, broaden their networks and embrace innovation.

Open to the whole ag-

ricultural supply chain aged 25-40 years old, the program aims to build impactful networks and drive forward-thinking solutions that enhance productivity, profitability and sustainability in the ag sector.

The scholarship can be used for a wide range of opportunities and applications are encouraged from those who seek to enhance the Australian Agricultural industry.

The program is more than just financial support – participants will join a network of collaborative thinkers, changemakers and access a greater network in the ag industry through NFF and Woolworths networks.

Over the 18-month program, there are multiple opportunities for scholarship recipients, from

speaking to a room full of ag leaders to going behind the scenes of Woolworths and meeting their team who work with producers to feed Australian shoppers.

As part of the \$400,000 program, 20 scholarships of \$20,000 each will be awarded. The AgriEmpower Scholarship Program runs for 18 months allowing individuals an opportunity to deep dive into developing themselves and with the support of NFF and Woolworths.

The National Farmers' Federation are funding the program and are the peak national body representing Australian farmers and agriculture.

Applications close on Monday, June 30, to apply go to: nff.org.au/agriempower-scholarships.

Talking trees webinar for better farming

TREES do a lot more than just take root. Trees on farms improve biodiversity, enhance soils, and sequester carbon all while improving farm productivity and health.

Join Landcare Victoria for their next webinar to learn more about how trees can benefit farms while being used to generate additional revenue through agroforestry, carbon farming, or biodiversity markets.

Dr Hugh Stewart will join Mike Robinson-Koss and Josh Rigg from the Otway Agroforestry Network to talk about their experience planting and protecting trees on their properties. Bringing together farmers and experts from Agriculture Victoria, this webinar is a chance to learn more about different species and have questions answered by experts with decades of experience.

Complementing our Carbon Farming Outreach Program, this is the second of five webinars in 2025, designed to look deeper at carbon farming and how it can complement farmers on-farm goals for sustainable farming now and into the future.

Questions can be submitted for the webinar at the time of registration.

On Thursday, July 3 from 5.30pm – 7pm. Register at: bit.ly/4mOWqax.

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, June 2, 2025

Jersey & Jersey x	\$15 to \$25
Friesian Bulls	\$26 to \$57
Beef Bulls	\$36 to \$155
Beef Heifers	\$38 to \$85
Friesian Heifers	\$32 to \$50
Number of Calves:	273
Number purchased to rear:	73
Steer & Heifer Store Sale	
Steers	\$104 to \$1100
Heifers	\$1104 to \$770
Number of Calves:	131

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Northern and feedlot orders dominate

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded another very good offering of just over 4000 head at Thursday's VLE Leongatha store sale.

Prices for the heavy feeder steers remained very strong to be fully firm with medium weights and good Angus steer weaners lifting another 10 – 15 cents with another couple of extra northern buyers and orders operating alongside the regular field.

The better end of the heifers generally remained around firm for quality pens with a bit of weight.

Secondary and dairy cross types not suitable for northern orders remain harder to attract competition.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, June 5, 2025			
Steers			
Kama Dean P/L 11 Angus	572kg	\$4.43	\$2540
N Angen 19 Hereford	552kg	\$4.00	\$2210
N Littlejohn & Son 18 Angus	527kg	\$3.96	\$2090
Central Station 20 Hereford	525kg	\$4.07	\$2140
D Handley 10 Angus	520kg	\$4.41	\$2300
Fleming Holdings 12 Angus	495kg	\$4.38	\$2170
Aquila Audax 12 Angus	495kg	\$4.04	\$2000
K Stothers 14 Angus	492kg	\$4.26	\$2100
D Kuch 15 Angus	489kg	\$4.37	\$2140
Hillside Pastoral 18 Angus	486kg	\$4.31	\$2100
Kelly & Macdonald 11 Angus	483kg	\$4.30	\$2080
N Angen 17 Hereford	475kg	\$3.57	\$1700
B & I Gale 15 Angus	474kg	\$4.55	\$2160
G & V Lane 21 Angus	465kg	\$4.49	\$2090
M Zenz 25 Angus	463kg	\$4.44	\$2060
G Lambert 10 Angus	459kg	\$4.33	\$1990
J Reilly 11 Angus	458kg	\$3.53	\$1620
G & K Connors 10 Angus	441kg	\$4.28	\$1890
C Murphy 44 Angus	410kg	\$4.51	\$1850
K Davis 12 Angus	407kg	\$3.97	\$1620
Von Pace Pastoral 16 Angus	404kg	\$4.05	\$1640
J Coleman 16 Angus	393kg	\$4.41	\$1740
I & D Affleck 19 Angus	376kg	\$4.13	\$1560
R Hopkins 13 Angus	374kg	\$3.20	\$1220
J Coleman 16 Angus	371kg	\$4.32	\$1610
J Reilly 10 Hereford	333kg	\$3.71	\$1240
Bulleondurra 17 Angus	330kg	\$4.32	\$1430
Vere Investments 23 Angus	326kg	\$4.53	\$1480
Cambridge & Carter 23 Angus	311kg	\$4.33	\$1350
McLeod Partnership 63 Angus	307kg	\$4.18	\$1285
AW & CM O'Mara 20 Angus	305kg	\$4.52	\$1380
Bulleondurra 16 Angus	297kg	\$4.03	\$1200
Southside Past 15 Angus	294kg	\$4.38	\$1290
J & S Kelly 14 Angus	289kg	\$4.45	\$1290
Bulleondurra 19 Angus	288kg	\$4.54	\$1310
N Leppin 30 Angus	271kg	\$4.61	\$1250
J Coleman 16 Angus	393kg	\$4.41	\$1740
W Caldwell 10 Angus	269kg	\$3.42	\$920
Cambridge & Carter 21 Angus	255kg	\$4.99	\$1250
Heifers			
I & G Liley 12 Angus	458kg	\$3.60	\$1650
Central Station 15 Angus	457kg	\$3.91	\$1790
C & L Stewart 15 Angus	447kg	\$4.02	\$1800
Central Station 14 Angus	437kg	\$4.08	\$1790
B & M Farming 13 Angus	408kg	\$4.06	\$1660
Alexander & Nicholson 12 Her	389kg	\$3.46	\$1350
Alexander & Nicholson 14 BB	385kg	\$3.87	\$1490
D Kuch 20 Angus	382kg	\$3.79	\$1450
L & R Di Dio 18 Angus	360kg	\$3.80	\$1370
Alexander & Nicholson 14 BB	359kg	\$3.56	\$1280
SP Conway 22 Angus	355kg	\$3.71	\$1320
Bulleondurra 32 Angus	313kg	\$3.38	\$1060
Hazelview 19 Angus	262kg	\$3.50	\$870

Heavier straight-bred cattle continue to perform well at Leongatha Store Sale

WELL-bred cattle with some decent weight continued to go for strong prices at Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale, northern buyers and the healthy export market ongoing drivers of the solid prices in a poor season locally.

Lighter weight and cross-bred cattle and boutique breeds such as Speckle Park didn't perform so well.

"You could throw a blanket over a lot of straight-bred cattle from 280 to 500 kilos making between \$4.20 and \$4.50 a kilo and probably at least 80 per cent are in that range," Simon Henderson of Phelan & Henderson & Co said.

He remarked that quality overall was very good, with a lot of younger cattle in the market as spring drop weaners appear, but still plenty of heavier cattle up to 500 kilos, the ideal entry weight for feedlots.

With those heavier cattle making up to \$4.50 a kilo, about 30 cents a kilo up on prices of a fortnight prior, farmers running out of feed and water are seizing the chance to offload animals and make some good money in the process.

As cold weather stunts grass growth locally and it becomes increasingly difficult and expensive to buy in feed, that is an appealing option.

A couple of pens of Cantwell & Murphy Angus steers from Welshpool, totalling 44 animals at an average weight of 410 kilos, came in at an average of \$4.51 per kilo or \$1850 per head.

"We had cattle go as far as Nyngan in New South Wales," Simon said of the northern buyers boosting Thursday's sale figures.

While there was plenty to be positive about price-wise, he elaborated on the section of the market that is proving more challenging.

"There was still a lot of cross-bred and small cattle making between \$200 and \$500 and a lot of those sales are only around \$2 a kilo," he said, explaining that is a grass-driven market and is poor because of the lack of available grass.



Simon Henderson of Phelan & Henderson & Co sells during Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale. A03_2325

Big numbers at Leongatha Prime Sale

Tuesday's Leongatha Prime Sale again attracted big numbers, with almost 3500 head available, following improvement in prices after the recent dip.

Simon Henderson of Phelan & Henderson & Co noted the rebound of the cow market after the recent major downturn that was triggered by an oversupply, commenting things have picked up dramatically price-wise after rain up north and some locally.

"We're back to larger yardings because the price has stabilised," he said, remarking it is higher now than prior to the collapse.

He added there'll come a point when cattle numbers decline, saying "We can't keep turning out 3500 in a fat sale every week."

As for Tuesday's sale, Brendan Fletcher of Meat and Livestock Australia reported gains of up to 20 cents a kilo for well finished trade lots, while prices for plain light-weight cattle eased.

An improvement of 35 cents a kilo for better quality "steers to feed" was a highlight.

Brendan reported a rise of six cents per kilo for heavy beef cows, most cow prices remaining firm.



Auction attendees on Thursday await the sale of pens of Herefords. A04_2325



There doesn't seem to be a cost-of-living crisis at the Leongatha saleyards. A05_2325

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Stakeholder input is critical to ensure the plan reflects the real needs, challenges and priorities of the industry.

“We’re committed to ensuring the next RD&E Plan is shaped by those who know the industry best – beekeepers, researchers, and stakeholders working on the ground every day,” said Amanda Olthof, Senior Manager, AgriFutures Honey Bee and Pollination Program.

“Stakeholder insights will help us develop a plan that’s not only robust and relevant, but also future-focused – ready to tackle the challenges and opportunities ahead.”

The AgriFutures Honey Bee and Pollination Program supports a productive, sustainable and profitable beekeeping industry while securing the pollination of Australia’s horticultural and agricultural crops.



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- A/c A & P Anton & Son's (ELDERS)
50 Angus steers, 18-22 mths, Pinora blood, GF & ABF
- A/c Eddington Holdings, Loch (ALEX SCOTT)
45 Angus steers, 14-16 mths, by stud Angus bulls
- A/c Gibson Farm, Hallston (Elders)
32 Angus steers
- 10 Angus/Hereford X steers
- 16-17 mths, Western District & East Gippsland Bred, GF & ABF
- A/c Koonwarra Pastoral Co, Koonwarra (ELDERS)
30 Angus steers, 20 mths, GF & ABF
- A/c TC Nicholas, Outtrim (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers, 20 mths, GF & ABF
- A/c GC& RA Robinson (ALEX SCOTT)
13 Hereford steers, 2 yo GF & ABF
- 7 Hereford steers, 18 mths, GF & ABF, East Gippsland bred
- A/c T&A Schleur, Fumina (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers, 20 mths, Ademaluca blood
- A/c T&H Maclean, Shoreham (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers, 19-20 mths, Landfall blood
- A/c B Nicholls, Narre Nth (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers 17-18 mths, Pure Lawson blood
- A/c B East, Hedley (ELDERS)
15 Angus X steers, 18 mths
- A/c NJ & SL Allott, Welshpool (ELDERS)
15 Angus steers, 15-16 mths, VB, GF & ABF
- A/c Liviesth P/L, Vesper (ELDERS)
15 Angus steers, 14-15 mths, Tibooburra blood
- A/c Churchill and Sly, Kilcunda (ALEX SCOTT)
12 Angus steers, 18 mths, by stud Fernleigh bulls

- A/c Vuiller Poll Shorthorn, Yanakie (ALEX SCOTT)
11 Poll Shorthorn steers, 14-16 mths, by stud Royalla and Vuiller Poll Shorthorn bulls
- A/c M Stirling, Ellinbank (ELDERS)
10 Speckle Park steers, 22 mths
- A/c B & R Marshall (ALEX SCOTT)
10 Hereford steers, 20 mths, Marwarra blood

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- A/c Yanakie Pastoral (ELDERS)
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- 18 mths, GF & ABF
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- A/c D Henwood, Tuerong (ELDERS)
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- A & P Anton & Son's (ELDERS)
20 Heifers, 18-22 mths, Pinora blood, GF & ABF
- A/c Northside Pastoral, Inverloch (ALEX SCOTT)
40 Angus heifers, 14 mths, Vendor bred, NE Accred, GF & ABF
- A/c Keska Management, Caldermeade (ELDERS)
20 Angus Heifers, 14-15 mths, Kelly Angus blood
- A/c NJ & SL Allott, Welshpool (ELDERS)
15 Angus heifers, 15-16 mths, VB, GF & ABF
- A/c B & R Marshall (ALEX SCOTT)
10 Hereford heifers, 20 mths Marwarra blood
- A/c Wildman Land Management, Flinders (ELDERS)
10 Hereford/Angus x heifers, 16-17 mths, N.S.M

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- A/c HD Middleton, Trafalgar (ELDERS)
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- A/c Barragunda Est P/L, Cape Schank (ELDERS)
"Annual Draft"
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- A/c G.S Pastoral (ELDERS)
60 Angus heifers, 12 mths, weaned, Western district bred, NE Accred
- A/c Glendale P/C, Torwood (ELDERS)
45 Angus mixed sex, 13-14 mths, Te Mania blood
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- A/c Fuller Downs, Foster (ALEX SCOTT)
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- A/c Breeder, Melville Past Co, Tynong (ALEX SCOTT)
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- A/c JL Branca, Moorooduc (ELDERS)
27 Angus mixed sex, 12-13 mths, Pure Francis blood, Dectomax 2.6.25

- A/c Wine Valley Investments (ELDERS)
25 Angus mixed sex weaners, 7-8 mths, Te Mania blood
- A/c C King, Lillico (ELDERS)
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- 12 Angus heifers
- 14 mths, Te Mania blood, Ivomec Gold, B12 & Sel and Booster 5in1 On 5/6, VB, GF & ABF
- A/c Cubor P/L, Flinders (ELDERS)
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- A/c P&R Butera (ELDERS)
10 Angus steers
- 10 Angus heifers
- Harris blood
- A/c Lisa Blackman (ELDERS)
16 B/B mixed sex weaners, GF & ABF
- A/c Keska Management, Caldermeade (ELDERS)
15 Angus steers, 13-14 mths, Millah Murray blood
- A/c J & B Gathercole, Glengarry (ALEX SCOTT)
15 Angus steers, Sparta blood
- A/c P Fleming, Flynn (ALEX SCOTT)
15 Angus steers, Rosskin & Kunuma blood
- A/c J&K Clark (Elders)
12 Sim & Sim /Angus steers
- 3 Sim/Angus X heifers
- A/c Breeder, JS & SM Anderson, Lang Lang (ALEX SCOTT)
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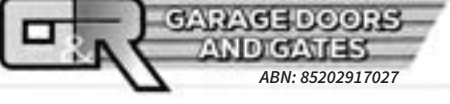


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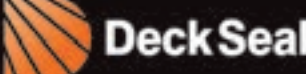
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Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Dept of Energy, Environment and Climate Action office or at the meeting, hope to see you there.

For further enquiries please contact the Secretary, Marie Creed on 0409 783 619.

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

Will this planning application affect you?

The land affected by the application is located at: **82 McKenzie Street, WONTHAGGI**

The application is for a permit to:

- Vary the restriction on title by removing that part which requires the land be used as a site for one residence only.

A permit is required under the following clauses of the planning scheme:

Clause 52.02 Easements, Restrictions and Reserves: Vary a restriction on title.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application Number: **PDPLANPER-2025/000164**

Address: **82 McKenzie Street, WONTHAGGI**

Applicant: **Raso Consulting Surveyors**

For further reference contact: Annette

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The responsible authority must make a copy of every objection available for any person to inspect free of charge until the end of the period during which an application may be made for review of a decision on the application.

The responsible authority will not decide on the application before: Wed, June 25, 2025

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NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

Will this planning application affect you?

The land affected by the application is located at: **80 McKenzie Street, WONTHAGGI**

The application is for a permit to:

- Vary the restriction on title by removing that part which requires the land be used as a site for one residence only.

A permit is required under the following clauses of the planning scheme:

Clause 52.02 Easements, Restrictions and Reserves: Vary a restriction on title.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application Number: **PDPLANPER-2025/000163**

Address: **80 McKenzie Street, WONTHAGGI**

Applicant: **Raso Consulting Surveyors**

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WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

LAST week we mentioned the new Qigong class starting this week. QIGONG – pronounced chee-gong – is a moving meditation that comes from Ancient China and is connected to traditional Chinese Medicine. It is a mind/body exercise and meditation that promotes slow and precise body movements. With controlled breathing and mental focus, Qigong aims to improve balance, posture, flexibility, muscle strength and overall health. The new program is on Tuesdays from 12.30pm to 1.30pm.

We have two craft groups – the Monday Needleworking Group from 10am to 12.30pm and on Fridays the Craft and a Cuppa from 10am to 12pm. Both groups have regulars who if asked, will be glad to share tips, ideas and skills; so, bring your supplies and your crafting project. It doesn't matter whether your project is hand or machine crafted; you will be warmly welcomed by these friendly crafters – what a great way to spend these chilly winter mornings. If classes aren't your thing, you might be interested in one

of the issues-based groups that meet here at Mitchell House. Bass Coast Housing Matters is made up people who, like most of us, are concerned about the current housing crisis. They meet monthly and work with and lobby council, state government and others to create local solutions to address the lack of public, social and other affordable housing. Check out their Facebook page at housingmattersbasscoast.weebly.com. Another great group of people working to create a better Bass Coast is the Bass Coast

Refugee Sponsorship Group. This band of energetic, community minded people provide support to refugee families selected to settle and to begin rebuilding their lives in Wonthaggi. You can find out more on their web site bcrsg.com.au or email bcrsg2021@gmail.com Have a great week and check us out again next week to find out what else is going on.



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LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

LEONGATHA Community House is thrilled to announce a fantastic lineup of programs and workshops. Join us to help Build Our Story, a project with the goal of preserving the history of Leongatha Community House by compiling stories, photos and memories from the community that future generations can cherish in the form of a book. If you're looking to stay active, we are introducing a new walking group, the Friday Walkers, which is for all abilities and has shorter walks to encourage people of all demographics to get fit and healthy. Why not also try our new

Hatha Yoga class run by Nicki on a Wednesday from 11.30am – 12.30pm. Hatha Yoga involves a series of poses that help improve flexibility, strength, and balance, combined with controlled breathing to enhance concentration and relaxation. It's suitable for all levels. For the more artistically inclined, we have an Alcohol Ink Workshop with Maree Blore on June 14, perfect for beginners and seasoned artists. We are also holding a Painting with Acrylics class every Friday from 10am – 12pm, it's a fun and casual group for all levels of skill. Additionally, we're looking for

new people to participate in our Book Club, which meets on the second and fourth Wednesday from 1-2.30pm every month, where one fortnight you talk about the assigned book and the other you can discuss anything you've been reading lately in this friendly group. We also have some interesting Bus Trips coming up, including a visit to the Traralgon Op Shop Tour on the 10th of June, as well as a trip to the Noojee Hotel on June 17. As usual, we offer a Personal Day Bus Service every Wednesday with a small fee for pick-up/drop-off you're your home in Leongatha, Korumburra, and

surrounding areas. If you're interested in making a positive impact and to learn new skills, we're looking for volunteers! We need bus drivers to assist with our exciting trips and volunteers to support our daily operations. Join our team and make a difference within the community. For more information please contact us at: Phone: 5662 3962 Email: info@leongathacommunityhouse.org.au.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

BCAL is again partnering is the YES Youth Hub to present the Job Ready Skills course to people between the ages of 14 and 19. The free one-day course will include barista skills, safe food handling, hospitality industry tips, all with hands-on activities and discussions. The course also features tips on applying for jobs, including interview preparation, résumé and cover letter advice, and professionalism in the workplace. The aim is to help prepare young people for the workplace with a key focus on customer service. All the skills are transferrable to a wide range of workplaces. The Job Ready Skills course

will be on Wednesday, July 2 from 9.30am to 2.30pm. For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit the new-look bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more. ■ WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN There are some beautiful lettuces popping up across the garden but other cool season vegies are looking less reliable. Broad beans, carrots, broccoli and parsley are just plodding along. And volunteers, planting red onion seedlings last week, were surprised to find fairly dry subsoil despite moisture on the surface and some recent rainfall.

Getting nourishment into the soil is now a priority. Volunteers used the garden's own compost and donated manure to give the slower growing plants a boost. Many thanks to the volunteers who help each week and to the garden friends who drop off manure and other essentials for compost making. For info about the garden contact tgordon@westnet.com.au of BCAL on 5672 3115. Visitors are always welcome on Thursdays from 10am to noon. ■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS Woodworking may seem like a traditional pursuit but the Woodies are well and truly

a part of the digital age. Their resource library, mentioned recently, is being catalogued online in order to track what members borrow, and find publications easily. They are also preparing a system to take digital payments at displays and sales. Each item will have a code that customers can scan to be taken directly to the payment site. It will be great for keeping track of stock too. For more information, visit wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au or pop in to the workshop.



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Strengthening response to elder abuse

SENIORS Rights Victoria (SRV), COTA Victoria, and Safe and Equal have launched a new partnership to build the capacity of The Orange Door and specialist family violence sector across Victoria in recognising and responding to elder abuse. Supported by funding from the Victorian Government's Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, the organisations will deliver the Elder Abuse Capability Development Program over a two-year collaboration. If you are in Victoria and experiencing elder abuse, help is available through Seniors Rights Victoria's confidential helpline on 1300 368 821. Its website, seniorsrights.org.au, also features resources for concerned friends or family members. If it is an emergency, call 000.

• FAITH FACTOR

Mercy, Mercy

By Janet Snashall-Woodhams, Ministry Team Uniting Church Wonthaggi-Inverloch

I HAVE been thinking a lot about mercy and forgiveness lately. Recently, someone asked for my forgiveness. I've got to be honest, I didn't really know what to say in response to their request. Though 100 per cent welcomed, their request caught me a little off guard. Forgiveness is a tricky thing. Well, it is for me at times. My natural response is to quickly say; "Sure, I forgive you!" But, other times I lean towards; "Hang on a tick, you really hurt me, can we please deal with that first." My husband would probably add that sometimes I go on the attack when he is trying to apologise. At those rare moments, I am in a take-no-prisoners mood. I am the first to admit this is not a good response. I applaud people who have the courage to sincerely say they are sorry and seek forgiveness. In a sense, they are stepping into the unknown. It is a very vulnerable place to be. Reconciliation is hard but essential work we do as individuals, couples, families, communities and nations. Reconciliation is the work of putting things right. We apologise hoping that the response from the other is going to be mercy-filled. Mercy is defined in the Oxford Dictionary as compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone who it is within one's power to punish or harm. In other words, you think someone has done wrong by you and you extend forgiveness, understanding and kindness rather than attack or punish them. We see the lack of mercy all around us. The customer that spits obscenities at the supermarket worker because the groceries aren't packed right. The parent who takes out their own frustration on a young child who has clumsily spilled something on the new carpet. The boss who sacks the worker who also cares for their elderly parents because they cannot work overtime. Mercy is for all and can be practiced by all. Whether we are the one saying sorry or the one being asked to forgive, the work of reconciliation will be based of mercy, compassion and justice. In the Hebrew scriptures (Old Testament of the Bible) there is a book called Micah. Micah was a prophet with a clear message to the people of the time. When asked what God wanted, Micah said the people must: Act justly Love Mercy Walk Humbly with their God Micah 6:8 And to that I say Amen – let it be so.

Study praises surfers in rescues

A FIRST of its kind study by La Trobe University has shown the critical contribution surfers make to beach safety in Victoria.

The Bass Coast area is no exception, with surfers actively taking part in rescues across our coastline from Phillip Island to Kilcunda, Cape Paterson to the Prom and everywhere inside and out.

The research, published this week in Safety Science, collected data from 562 recreational surfers from 2020 to 2023.

Research found that for every 100 surfs, respondents on average gave beachgoers safety advice 11.6 times, first aid 0.4 times and assistance in the water 1.1 times.

With more than 6.3 million surfs carried out each year in Victoria, researchers estimate this could equate to more than 70,000 assists and almost 25,500 cases of first aid provided by surfers annually.

This is the first study to quantify surfer beach safety actions, providing real-world implications of their impact.

It also showed the benefits of first aid and board rescue training on their ability and willingness to assist.

While more than 45,000 active volunteer surf lifesavers and 1350 professional lifeguards provided services at beaches across Australia in 2024, an estimated 740,000 surfers were on the coastline, across patrolled and unpatrolled locations.

This study was supported by Surfing Victoria through a grant from the State Government and Emergency Management Victoria.

Janice competes at Great Barrier Reef Masters Games

WHILE many of the South Gippsland Bass swimmers are shivering with their early starts at home in Gippsland, South Gippsland Bass Masters swimmer Janice Goudie has been competing in Cairns at the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games.

Janice, who has recently returned to competitive swimming after a long break since competing as a child, is really loving the competitions and is looking forward to racing at the World Masters Aquatic Championships in Singapore later this year.

Janice enjoyed her time in Cairns, especially experiencing the racing at this higher level.

The past few months have been a huge learning curve, and she will continue training locally and competing at the Masters events in Gippsland and Melbourne in preparation for the World Championships.

Results: Second: 50m Breaststroke 4.39s PB. Fifth: 50m Backstroke 4.31s PB. Eighth: 50m Freestyle 1.82s PB. Second: 100m Breaststroke.



South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club coaches Hannah and Sam celebrate the Wednesday race night success.

Local swimmers enjoy Junior Race Night success

THE South Gippsland Bass junior squads and local swim schools participated in the NAB Term 2 Junior Race nights last week at the Leongatha and Wonthaggi pools.

Fifty swimmers took to the water to compete in races in all four strokes and individual

medleys.

The event allows the younger swimmers to have a go at racing in a relaxed environment and they are timed as they race over 25 metres.

At the end of the night, the swimmers went home with ribbons and certificates with their

race times to compare against their term one times.

With no stroke judges, the aim of the night is to have fun and to have a go and overcome any nerves.

The event, watched on by proud parents, gives swimmers a taste of racing before they race

in the upcoming short course meets at the Leongatha pool on June 21 and 22.

A big thank you to the local NAB branches for supporting these race nights, their contribution covers the running costs, including the ribbons and certificates.



Vicki, Shane, Yeti and Corin competed in Wonthaggi Table Tennis' B Grade grand final.

Bat wins B Grade table tennis final

B GRADE Thursday night: preliminary final.

Bat (Yeti and Corin) defeated Ball (Trish and Cameron) three to two.

Team Ball got off to a solid start leading two to one with evergreen Trish winning her singles match and doubles with Cameron.

However, Team Bat made a superb comeback, clinching a grand final berth with two stirring victories by Yeti and Corin.

Trish defeated Corin three to zero; Yeti defeated Cameron three to zero.

Doubles Ball defeated Bat three to one.

Yeti defeated Trish three to one; Corin defeated Cameron

three to zero.

Grand final: Bat (Yeti and Corin) defeated Serve (Shane and Vicki) three to one.

Bat dominated the grand final in stunning style, sweeping the first three games without dropping a set.

Yeti's variation unsettled Serves rhythm.

Corin showed wisdom beyond his years with clever decision-making around when to attack and when to defend. Congratulations Team Bat.

Yeti defeated Shane 11-5, 11-4, 11-7; Corin defeated Vicki 11-9, 11-3, 11-7; Doubles Bat defeated Serve 11-6, 11-6, 12-10.

A Grade finals start on Monday, June 16.

King's Birthday fish were biting

THOUGH the weather may have dampened some fishing spirits, other keen folk popped on the wet weather gear and headed out for the annual Venus Bay Angling Club King's Birthday Fishing Competition.

Matthew Bell won first prize with a 520g perch and takes home a \$50 voucher for The Cavity, a local sponsor.

Rob Barlow landed second prize with a nice flathead and won a BCF voucher donated by ARMA Window Tinting.

Venus Bay Angling Club would like to thank all their sponsors 4Shore Pizza, Agapi Fish and Chips and Cruza Electric Bikes.



Matthew Bell won first prize with his perch in the Venus Bay Angling Club King's Birthday Competition.



Rob Barlow's flathead landed him second place in the long weekend competition.

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

WEDNESDAY June 11

- 5.21am 0.52m
- 12.35pm 1.62m
- 6.04pm 1.01m
- 11.45pm 1.38m

THURSDAY June 12

- 6.05am 0.48m
- 1.15pm 1.67m
- 6.48pm 0.97m

FRIDAY June 13

- 12.32am 1.41m
- 6.47am 0.44m
- 1.53pm 1.70m
- 7.28pm 0.92m

SATURDAY June 14

- 1.18am 1.44m
- 7.25am 0.42m
- 2.30pm 1.73m
- 8.05pm 0.88m

SUNDAY June 15

- 2.01am 1.46m
- 8.01am 0.42m
- 3.08pm 1.73m
- 8.43pm 0.84m

MONDAY June 16

- 2.44am 1.46m
- 8.36am 0.43m
- 3.45pm 1.72m
- 9.19pm 0.80m

TUESDAY June 17

- 3.26am 1.46m
- 9.11am 0.46m
- 4.22pm 1.70m
- 9.57pm 0.76m

Email us your fishing photos

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Local flavour at Motocross Championships

NEWHAVEN College Head of Senior School, Mr Brett Torstonson, was honoured to be invited by Chris Townsend and his son, Baylin, to attend one of Baylin's National Motocross Championship events recently at Loy Yang, near Traralgon.

"One of the most extraordinary sporting events I have ever had the pleasure of witnessing. Not for the sport itself, but for the exhilaration and meaning that this sport brings to the life of so many, but in my world, to the lives of three of our current students, and one of our past students.

"Now I am not a motorsport fan. I am the proud owner of a fully electric BMW I4 and very much enjoy touting the joys of "going electric" and being able to fully charge my car overnight at home for a little more than \$13.50 for a full charge. I was entering a world that was foreign to me," said Brett.

The event was astonishing as the track itself changes with every race, indeed every lap, with the dirt shifting around the track making a racing line useful in one lap and dangerous in the next. Each rider had to adapt to the conditions as the race unfolded.

There to watch the U18 race, Brett saw Baylin Townsend flying around the track.

"I later found out that in his first race of the day (the first race I watched), Baylin fell from his bike twice, and yet managed to finish the race in 14th place," said Brett.

After taking in the sights



National Motocross Championship Riders, from left, Oscar Fox (former Newhaven College student), Nelly Fox (current Newhaven College Year 9 student), Mr Brett Torstonson (Head of Senior School) and Baylin Townsend (current Year 12 Newhaven College student).

for a while after Baylin's first race, Brett eventually found the Fockertown Racing Team at their base – an exhausted Baylin resting and the team looking at his and other bikes.

Baylin's dad, Chris, welcomed Brett into their base, where he also caught up with Newhaven College Year 9 student Nelly Fox, the only female rider to race on the day in any category, and her older brother Oscar (a former Newhaven student), who races in the same category as Baylin.

"Nelly and Oscar's mum immediately cooked me lunch and invited me in so that I could better understand what I had been watching. Baylin's younger brother, Lawson, I didn't see, but he was there – not a rider, but a worker in the Honda Racing Team's hospitality and engineering trailer.

"What amazed me most on this day was the commitment required by not only the young racers in this sport but also their families."

Baylin, Oscar and Nelly's

families commit considerable time and finances to ensure they can compete in the sport that they very clearly love.

"I cannot thank Chris Townsend, Steven and Megan Fox enough for their hospitality and generosity on this wonderful Sunday. The joy that this sport brings to both families, not just the riders, was palpable. Baylin himself is a modest young man who does have professional aspirations in the sport, and he may well succeed in this cut-throat arena; he is that good."

King's Birthday a treat at Grand Ridge parkrun

WHAT a royally awesome way to kick off the King's Birthday long weekend.

Thirty-seven finishers tackled the Grand Ridge Rail Trail with gusto – and loved every minute.

Fast and fabulous:

- Blade Baxter made a blazing debut in 19:29 – welcome, Your Majesty.
- David Logan also smashed his first Grand Ridge with a tidy 19:59.
- New personal bests went to Wesley Mapleson, Johnny Horrocks, Jack Stickney, Riley Smith, and Elspeth Kiddell.

A royal applause goes to this week's volunteers: Des Farley, Robert Gray, Dave Knowles, Mark Lynch, Carmel Quirk, Steve Quirk, and Val Smith – thank you for holding the crown and making it all possible.

See you all next Saturday for more Grand Ridge magic.

Leongatha Small Bore Rifle Club

2025: 50m Bench Pennant - Section A:

Round six: Leongatha A 747.43 defeated FPTRC A 746.41.

Jack Sargent 250.14; Christopher Sargent 249.13; Kenneth Hart 248.16; David Garrett 248.16.

Round seven: Leongatha A 747.39 defeated Albury A 739.32.

David Garrett 250.13; Jack Sargent 249.15; Christopher Sargent 248.11; Kenneth Hart 245.13.

Round eight: Leongatha A 746.39 defeated Ballarat East 1 741.37.

Christopher Sargent 250.12; Jack Sargent 248.14; David Garrett 248.13; Kenneth Hart 244.12.

Ladder: FPTRC A 28; Leongatha A 28; Benalla 20; Ballarat East 1 8; Albury A 8; Kyabram A 4.

2025: 50m Bench Pennant - Section D:

Round six: Leongatha B 735.32 defeated FPTRC C 725.26.

Bradley Hall 249.18; Peter Gallus 248.09; Allan Ross 238.05; William Ross 234.02.

Round seven: Wangaratta 2 734.26 defeated Leongatha B 720.25.

Peter Gallus 249.13; Allan Ross 236.06; William Ross 235.06; Cameron Davidson 232.07; Bradley Hall x248.10.

Round eight: Sale B 734.36 defeated Leongatha B 720.18.

Peter Gallus 247.09; William Ross 237.03; Cameron Davidson 236.06; Allan Ross 230.07; Bradley Hall x250.16.

Ladder: FTTRC C 24; Sale B 24; Wangaratta 2 20; Leongatha B 16; Kyabram B 12; Numurkah B 0.

The club shoots on Friday nights at 8pm at the rifle club on the Leongatha Recreation Reserve.

Any inquiries, please call R. Spratt 5664 2358.

Winter Pairs kicks off

THIS week marked the start of the Winter Pairs Bridge competition, with John Farr and Bronwyn Sund emerging victorious with an impressive 61.21 per cent.

On Wednesday, the nationwide competition saw Shirley Stewart and Jill Short winning with a remarkable 65.48 per cent.

In other news, president Caroline Shaw embarked on a journey to Melbourne on Friday to participate in the Australian Bridge Federation's President's Day.

The club extends its best wishes to her and partner Jill Short for their performance in the competition.

Podium finish at the Rocky Trail Academy Championship

THE Newhaven College MTB Academy made the trek to Red Hill on Friday, May 30 to deliver a strong and spirited performance at the Rocky Trail Academy Melbourne School Championship, with 25 students taking on the challenging course in a day full of fun, thrills and outstanding results.

Competing against schools from across the region, Newhaven riders made their mark with podium finishes in all three categories they entered. Lucy Thompson led the charge with a commanding first-place finish in the Years 7-8 Girls division, showcasing both technical skill and superior fitness. In the Years 7-8 Boys, Maxen Mills' strong performance secured a place on the podium with a well-earned third place, while Hamish Dakers-Hock also placed third in the ultra-competitive Years 9-10 Boys category.

Thanks to outstanding individual performances and a strong team effort, Newhaven College achieved an impressive second place overall in the school standings, surpassing several schools with long-established mountain biking programs. With momentum building, Newhaven's MTB students are already setting their sights on the top spot as the series continues, with the next event scheduled for early September in Silvan, Yarra Ranges.

Congratulations to all riders, supporters, and coaches who made the day a success.



Newhaven College MTB Academy made their mark with podium finishes at Red Hill.



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's winners were Amanda Bozelle (2), Alan Weeden (L), Jay A.D. (3) and Louis Magri (S).



The best one game winners on a score of 19 for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group were John Nicholson (S), Margaret Hoy (3), Gillian Harper (2) and Tony Morris (L).



Di Selby, John Hallas (skip) and John Cook were the Thursday social bowls winners at the Inverloch Bowling Club.



Ross Wheeler, Rosa Raiti, Bev Tyers and Mark Taylor won indoor bowls at the Foster Bowls Club on Wednesday night.



Lia Smith, Fred Demenech, Pam Russell and Josephine McIntyre were the winners with +10 at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls on Friday.



Winners of the Korumburra Bowls Club's Monthly Triples sponsored by Williams Edwards and Findlay were Lyn Thomas, Jaye Allen-Dayle and Claire Sheers.



Jan Murphy and Graeme McAlpine were the Monday winners at Breakaway Bowls.



Peter Grenville and Pat Novak won Breakaway Bowls on Friday.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners were Denise Silver and Trevor Teer.

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

IT WAS a quiet day on Monday as a few members have joined others for the trip to Bright for the week.

The winners were Jan Murphy and Graeme McAlpine.

They had a very respectable score of +15 – well done.

Another enjoyable day with friends was had on Friday.

The club was down a few players, but back to full strength for Monday.

The winners were Peter Grenville and Pat Novak.

They had a very respectful score of +19 – well done.

FOSTER

SOCIAL bowls is going okay on Saturdays, although some days can be not so good weatherwise.

When all goes well, the club has a great roll-up.

Twelve players hit the green Saturday a week ago for a great afternoon of pairs play with a 2x4x2 format.

The winners for the day were Ian Park and Frank Raiti.

Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and look forward to more.

Last week's Wednesday night indoor bowls was a bit down on numbers, but the club still had a great evening with lots of laughs.

The winning team was Ross Wheeler, Rosa Raiti, Bev Tyers and Mark Taylor, who took home the Kit Kat and Smartie prizes.

The club welcomes you all to join in the fun.

INVERLOCH

DON'T forget the Bowl Over Cancer Day event will be held on Thursday, June 12.

The day will be different with four games of five ends.

Lunch will be after the second game.

Homemade soup and bread will be available.

After the last game, the club will be holding an afternoon tea. Please bring a plate to share.

A trading table will also be available on the day as well as a raffle.

Wear something pink to show your support.

Last Thursday saw more than 36 bowlers attend.

The hard luck story for the day was the team of Reg Varty (skip), Gary Scott, Peter Gentsch and Shirley Turton.

Runners-up were Laurel Lee (skip), Jenny Haydon, Ryan Luke and Harry Evans.

The eventual winners with two wins were John Hallas (skip), Di Selby and John Cook.

Those members that are intending to play pennant this season should register their name on the sheet in the clubroom.

This will help the club to enter the correct number of teams based on interest.

SW GIPPSLAND MIDWEEK

WHAT a great day to start back at Koo Wee Rup.

It was a freezing cold morning where warm jumpers were the order of the day.

Tim prepared the green for the bowlers to play on, and made sure everything ran without any problems.

The bowlers were welcomed in by John who does such a great job week in and week out.

Forty-five bowlers turned up to play as well as Tony who broke a rib yesterday, but still turned up to watch his friends play.

Once on the green, everyone had fun as friends became adversaries for the duration of the matches.

Lots of laughter as always with the occasional friendly banter being heard from the rinks.

Over the course of the day, the bowlers went from being rugged up to throwing the coats away as the day turned into what seemed like a beautiful spring day.

The club has been so lucky with the weather so far this year.

The winners on a magnificent score of 39 were Amanda Bozelle (2), Alan Weeden (L), Jay A.D. (3) and Louis Magri (S).

Runners-up on a great score of 37 were Michael Sheers (2), Bev Elliott (3), Richard Kerr (L) and Bill Sherriff (S).

Best one game winners on a score of 19 were John Nicholson (S), Margaret Hoy (3), Gillian Harper (2) and Tony Morris (L).

A big thank you to Tim from Koo Wee Rup for all his hard work preparing the green as well as behind the bar and in the kitchen.

What a great job he did.

Next week, the club will be meeting up at Lang Lang to once again challenge friends for team of the week.

Please, be on site by 10am as the numbers are getting quite high and if you are in after the books are full then you may have to miss out.

Meanwhile till then, have fun and stay safe.

WONTHAGGI

THE weather had a say about bowls this week.

Wednesday was a fine but cold day to greet 24 bowlers.

Three bowl pairs were the order of the day.

There were three teams that were two game winners.

The teams that were unlucky were Stan Noad and Fred Kellow, along with Rob Westbrook and John Migliorisi.

The winners were Denise Silver and Trevor Teer with a score of two wins and 35 points.

Saturday was a wet and cold day.

It was not a hard decision to call the bowls off for the day.

Friday night was a good night even with numbers down a little with it being a long weekend.

Rod was a very happy winner of the meat tray plus a brekky pack.

The other brekky pack went to Allan.

The members' draw did not go off with Jim Mitchell not in the room.

Next week, the members' draw will be \$80.

Bowls this week:

Wednesday: Social bowls at 12.30pm.

Friday: Coaching at 10am.

Saturday: Social bowls at 12.30pm.

Just a reminder about the Pennant sheets.

Put your name or names on the lists so the club can plan for the next pennant season.

Friday is going well with meat trays plus other prizes.

The member's draw this week stands at \$80 – another good reason to be there.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

ON TUESDAY, the club had 22 players compete.

The winners with a plus 18 were Jenny Bakker, Max Sweetnam, Allan Ireland and Steve Rosenberg.

Runners-up on plus 13 were Pam Russell, Sylvia Mattock, Ray McCurry and Jim Wilson.

Friday saw another good turn-up of 21.

The winners on plus 10 were Lia Smith, Pam Russell, Josephine McIntyre and Fred Demenech.

Runners-up on plus two were Judy Sweetnam, Ray McCurry, Allan Ireland and John Ferguson.

The club welcomed two new members to the club this week – Sean and Josephine, welcome to you both.



Heather Sullivan was the A Grade winner and Monthly Medallist, and B Grade was won by Bev Bridge at the Woorayl Golf Club.



Jaarl Enbom was Tuesday's A Grade winner at the Korumburra Golf Club.



Runner-up Dot Christie with winner Irene Holm at Meeniyan Golf Club's June Monthly Medal.



Winners of the Evans Petroleum Stableford event at the Leongatha Golf Club were Jenny Teasdale, Dot Stubbs, Jill Moor and Nan Meagher.

FOSTER

UNDER grey skies and at times, heavy rain, Will Cashin (35) had a brilliant round of 105/70 nett to win the men's June medal which was sponsored by the Exchange Hotel. Will's round secured him the B grade trophy along with the June medal from Jake Pilkington (18) by just one shot. Jake won a ball down the line and his round of 89/71 nett won the B grade scratch along with nearest to pin on the 15th hole. Simon Barwick (11) was the best of the A graders to complete his round and won with a modest 89/78 nett, his round also claiming the A grade scratch. Neil Henry was the best player with the short stick with 28 putts. Neil also won nearest to pin on the 15th, while Mitchel Dyke was nearest on the sixth. It was a tough day for most, the rain kept many at home in front of the fire and forced some to pull out of their rounds after nine holes.

The best weather for the week was probably on Wednesday when 13 of our ladies played off for the June medal with Shirley Cook generously donating the trophies. Kylie Collins (11) won with 80/69 nett. She also won A Grade and nearest to pin on the sixth. Shirley Cook (31) played sensationally with a round of 105/74 nett to win her trophy back for B grade. Robyn Galloway (10) was amongst the four players in the ladies' nine-hole competition who played on the back nine, winning with 16 points as well as nearest to pin on the 17th. In Geraldine Sinclair's (23) last medal at Foster before she moves away, she won a ball down the line with 98/75 nett as well as winning the putting with 30 putts. Di Walker (26) claimed the final ball down the line with 102/76 nett. Next week there is a Par event with Trudi Prue sponsoring the trophies.

A small yet keen group of eight players took to the course on Tuesday for our usual Stableford event. Amongst the eight, we welcomed Mark Huntington to his first competition round at Foster GC. The winner for the day was Peter Jordan (26) with an excellent 35 points. There was only one ball down the line, Pat McKay (7) took it out on a three-way countback with 33 points. Mick Connellan had

a very impressive tee shot that saw him finish within a metre of the 13th hole and earn himself nearest to pin.

Thirteen players tackled the course on Thursday under blue skies. The morning started very fresh with heated vests on full to combat the brisk air. Peter Dight (8) mastered the course and played to his handicap with 36 points. Both John Stone (18) and Elisa Nudelman (21) found themselves two points behind on 34 points and both received a ball down the line. Dave Hutchinson's tee shot on the 17th won him the only nearest to pin for the day. None of the field could hit the fourth green in one shot.

As we have now headed into Winter, it's a timely reminder to carry those sand buckets and be wary of where you drive on the course.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, June 3. Stableford: 23 players. A Grade: Jaarl Enbom (14) 39 points. B Grade: John Kerr (19) 34 points. NTPs: first Blayke Spokes, seventh Blayke Spokes, 10th Steve Rose and 13th David Enbom.

Thursday, June 5: Stableford: 21 players. A Grade: Barry Kerr (10) 33 points. B Grade: Peter McMaster (26) 35 points. NTPs: first Steve McNamara, seventh Shayne Harland, 10th Murray Fowles and 13th Robert Litchfield.

Saturday, June 7: Sponsor: Noel and Barb Walker. Monthly Medal: 20 players. Winner: Ray Ludenia 70 net.

A Grade: Roy Fleming (8) 74 net. B Grade: Ray Ludenia (14) 70 net. Scratch winner: Matt Wrigley (0.0) 77 off the stick.

NTPs: first Barry Kerr, seventh Ray Ludenia and 13th Dale Wyhoon.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, June 3: Stableford. Tuesday's event was a Stableford event with 63 members/guests taking to the course.

Overall winner: Michael O'Rafferty (14) with a high score of the day of 34 points.

A Grade winner: Michael O'Rafferty (14) with a score of 34 points on a countback.

A Grade runner-up: Craig Hams (9) with a score of 34 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Bernard Skerys (17) with a score of 33 points.

B Grade runner-up: Gordon Allan (17) with a score of 32 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Gary Sharrock (19) with a score of 31 points.

C Grade runner-up: Rene Zeller (22) with a score of 29 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Frank Kauhausen. NTP 14th: Nicholas Byrne. NTP 16th: Hans Hoefler.

Thursday, June 5: Stableford.

Thursday's event was a Stableford round with a field of 77 members/guests with a shotgun start.

Colder conditions with the faster greens made high scores more challenging.

Overall winner: Stuart Harry (14) with a high score of the day of 39 points on a countback.

A Grade winner: Stuart Harry (14) with a score of 39 points.

A Grade runner-up: Steve Foster (14) with a score of 35 points.

B Grade winner: Ian Trease (19) with a score of 37 points.

B Grade runner-up: Timothy McCarthy (19) with a score of 35 points.

C Grade winner: Russell Pentland (21) with a score of 39 points.

C Grade runner-up: Peter Omond (22) with a score of 33 points on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: Stuart Harry. NTP 14th: Denis McDonald. NTP 16th: Josh de Groot.

Saturday, June 7: Monthly Medal Stroke Event.

Saturday was the Monthly Medal Stroke round with a field of 72 members/guests taking to the course in wet and cold conditions.

Overall winner: Daniel Jolley (13) with a net low score of the day 64.

A Grade winner: Tony Morganti (9) with a net score of 69.

A Grade runner-up: Richard Price (10) with a net score of 73 on a countback.

B Grade winner: Daniel Jolley (13) with a net score of 64.

B Grade runner-up: Ken Smirk (14) with a score of 72.

C Grade winner: Sean Munley (26) with a net score of 70.

C Grade runner-up: Kevin Snell (20) with a net score of 73.

NTP fifth second shot: Phil Douglass. NTP 14th: Mark Billows. NTP 16th: Chris Indian.

Ladies

EVANS Petroleum was the sponsor of the women's Stableford event last week.

All winners and runners-up received a generous voucher for their efforts.

It was great to see a good roll-up for presentations managed very capably by vice-captain Chris Lay.

Jenny Teasdale, no stranger to the winning circle, won A Grade with 32 points.

Dot Stubbs was the runner-up with 29 points.

B Grade was won by Jill Moor with 30 points and Nan Meagher was the runner-up with a score of 28.

Balls down the line went to 24 – Anna de Bondt, Bronwyn Debenham, Anne Gibson, Di Williams, Joc Howson and Cheryl Borg.

Nearest the pin on the 16th was won by Bronwyn Debenham.

Robin Smith had a win this week in the nine-hole competition, finishing with 17 points.

Marie Sands earned a ball down the line with 15 points.

MEENIYAN

UNDER cloudy skies, a chilly breeze and conditions changing the June Monthly Medal was played for with Jan Trease the sponsor.

Irene Holm was the winner with 78 net from Dot Christie 79 net.

Down the line balls went to Susan Straw and Veronica Park.

Veronica also won the putting with 28 putts.

Last week's results for the 4BBB sponsored by Jenny Cope saw Tanya Thorson and Irene Holm pairing up well to win with 43 points with the runners-up Heather Poletti and Sue Hoskin having 38 points.

A big thank you goes to the Bendigo Bank Toora, Foster and Welshpool for the grant money that Meeniyan Golf Club received for new outdoor furniture.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, June 3: Stableford.

A Grade: T. Whitelaw (9) 44 points

B Grade: N. Whichello (14) 39 points.

DTL: B. Wells, G. Renwick and N. Baker 35.

NTP: fourth B. Wells, sixth P. Cummaudo and 16th J. Hughes.

Birdies: 16th N. Whichello.

Saturday, June 7: Stroke.

A Grade: P. Smart (8) 72 net.

B Grade: N. Whichello, (14) 76 net.

DTL: M. Payne 73, M. Snell, S. Duff 74 and R. Scurlock 75 c/b.

NTP: fourth M. Payne, sixth R. Scurlock and 16th Tim Traill.

Birdies: fourth M. Payne and R. Scurlock.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: June 5, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole. Winner: Richard Luykx 42. Runner up: Michael Hetherington 41.

Ball sweep: Tim Skate 40, Philip McCrimmon 36, Jonathon Wade 35 and Gary Youtlen 35.

Results: June 5, SR. 34.5.

Competition: Stableford front nine-hole.

Winner: Richard Luykx 26.

Ball sweep: Norm Burne 19, Secondo Tiziani 17 and Willy Williams 16.

Results: June 7, S.R 72.

Competition: Monthly Medal Stroke. Monthly Medal: Scott Williams 72. A Grade: Peter Dell 73. B Grade: Brendon Stapleton 75 C Grade: Rohan Todd 73. BDTL to 81.

Ball sweep: Michael Hetherington 76, Alister Pike 77, Jarrod Brusamarello 77, Max Ahearne 78, John Walsh 78, Daniel Buckthorpe 79, Francis Loughran 79, Ben Martin 79, Andrew Fraser 81 and Hamish Burns 81.

NTPs: Brendon Stapleton second. All other nearest the pins were not claimed.

WOORAYL

WEDNESDAY was Monthly Medal Day.

Nine ladies competed on a day that turned out to be lovely weather-wise.

Monthly Medallist and A Grade winner was Heather Sullivan with 78 net.

B Grade was won by Bev Bridge with 81 net.

Balls down the line went to A Graders Pauline Lancaster 81 net and Anne Grist 82.

Ann Poole just missed out with 83.

Nearest the pins were Kath Davis eighth, Pauline Lancaster 11th and Heather Sullivan 17th.

Heather had an amazing gobler on the eighth.

The putting was very close with Jo Fennell winning on a countback from Heather with 27 putts.

Other highlights were Barb James's turnaround on the second nine and Inge and Kath's vying for the highest score.

Sponsor of the day was Jenny Riseley.



Mystics defeated Fever in the U12 girls' grand final.



Fire won the U14 girls' premiership, defeating Comets.



The Master premiers were Black Sax over Mixtures.



Knicks enjoyed a grand final win in the U14 boys over Lakers.



Rebels won the A Men's premiership over Bright Bombers.



U12 boys' premiership Nets with runners-up Pistons.



Pearls were the premiers over Gems in the U17 girls' grand final.

Thrilling finals see out basketball season

FOLLOWING a highly successful season, Korumburra Basketball Association's domestic competition held its grand final on June 1.

In some closely contested games, the results were as follows:

U12 Girls: Mystics 35 defeated Fever 27. U12 Boys: Nets 53 defeated Pistons 20. U14 Girls: Fire 35 defeated Comets 26. U14 Boys: Knicks 50 defeated Lakers 40. U17 Girls: Pearls 48 defeated Gems 36. U17 Boys: Magic 47 defeated Cavaliers

44. Masters: Black Sax 41 defeated Mixtures 24. A Men: Rebels 38 defeated Bright Bombers 33.

The most valuable players (MVP) were also announced.

Congratulations to the following players:

U12 Girls Season MVP: Paige Wyatt. Grand Final MVP: Evie Rodwell.

U12 Boys: Season MVPs: Oliver Buttigieg and James Wallis. Grand Final MVP: Tyson James.

U14 Girls: Season MVPs: Shylah Coote and Pearl Cruickshank. Grand

Final MVP: Pearl Cruickshank

U14 Boys: Season MVP: Kye Fisher. Grand Final MVP: Brax Byrnes.

U17 Girls: Season MVP: Billie Peterson. Grand Final MVP: Lacy Fennell.

U17 Boys: Season MVPs: Angus O'Connor and Alistair Buckland, Grand Final MVP: Archie Evans.

Masters: Season MVP: Jason Blackmore. Grand Final MVP: Brett Guy.

A Men: Season MVPs: Boyd Robertson and Angus Kemper, Grand Final MVP: Angus Kemper.



Magic defeated Cavaliers in the U17 boys' grand final.



The GSL were awarded the Corrie Koppen Fair Play award.

GSL reps compete in Country Championships



U16 Boys captain and centre back Peera Panyo goes in for the slide tackle in the U16 Boys semi-final.

OVER the long weekend the Gippsland Soccer League Representative Squads made their way up to Albury Wodonga to participate in the annual Country Championships.

This event brings together all the regional soccer associations with 100 teams and over 1500 players competing for three days full of soccer.

This year the GSL submitted a record six teams into the tournament, U12s, U14s and U16s in both gender competitions.

Following a selection process earlier in the year the teams have been diligently training with their coaches in preparation for the weekend.

Despite being the second smallest association in attendance and facing some incredibly strong competition, every team notched up at least one win and multiple draws.

With the U12 Girls team and U16 Boys teams making it into the semi-finals. Though they both went down to the ladder leaders and eventual winners of their competitions, they played strong, competitive games.

The Gippsland Soccer League was also honoured to be awarded the Corrie Koppen Fair Play award for the region that best embodies the values of sportsmanship, respect and integrity throughout the tournament.

This was a great acknowledgement of the character of our players and coaches across the weekend.

The GSL would like to thank the coaches and team managers for their tireless efforts in the lead-up and during the tournament. Their enthusiasm and passion is greatly appreciated. The GSL would also like to commend their representative squads for their quality play and conduct across the weekend.



U16 Girls centre back Michaela Marr clears the ball from defence against her Latrobe opponent.

Southern Gippsland's juniors dominate in the All Stars clash

IN A thrilling round 3 of the Gippsland All Stars football competition, Southern Gippsland's under-15 boys showcased their talent with a commanding victory over Latrobe Valley, finishing with an exciting score of 120 to 18. Displaying remarkable skill and teamwork, the Southern Gippsland side dominated the match, with standout performances from William Hurlick, Finn O'Halloran, Angus Oats, Charlie Burgess, James Martin, and Noah Bradley. Notably, Noah Bradley was a key player, scoring four goals, while Cruz Maund and Oscar Tuchtan contributed significantly with three goals each.

The match took place at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve on the King's Birthday long weekend. The Southern Gippsland squad's impressive strategy and execution were evident throughout the match, enabling them to maintain a strong lead on the scoreboard.

In the girls' division, Southern Gippsland also triumphed over Latrobe Valley, securing a convincing 35-point win. Key players in this match included Bethany Grenness, Casey Johnson, Savannah Bergmeier, Harlow Reed, Khali Trewin, and Ellison Bickerton, whose efforts were instrumental in their success.

However, it wasn't all perfect for Southern Gippsland, as the under-13 mixed team faced a challenging match, ultimately falling to Latrobe Valley by 33 points. On a brighter note, the under-14s clinched a nail-biting two-point victory, showcasing their resilience and competitive spirit.

Overall, it was a good result for Southern Gippsland, with strong performances and significant wins across the juniors, making it a memorable round in the Gippsland All Stars competition going into the grand final.



Tijian Coldora lines up for a kick. Photo: Jo O'Reilly Stubbs @joanna_oreilly_stubbs.

GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE	
ROUND 7 - SUNDAY, JUNE 115	
Senior Mens:	
P-Island Breakers v Drouin Dragons Maroon	
Wonthaggi United v Leongatha Knights	
Korumburra City v Trafalgar Victory	
Senior Womens:	
P-Island Breakers v Drouin Dragons Maroon	
Wonthaggi United v Leongatha Knights	
Mirboo North United v Lang Lang United	
Korumburra City v Trafalgar Victory	
Mens Reserves:	
Inverloch Stars v Leongatha Knights	
P-Island Breakers v Drouin Dragons Maroon	
Korumburra City v Trafalgar Victory	
Under 17 Mixed:	
Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow	
P-Island Breakers v Drouin Dragons Maroon,	
Wonthaggi United v Leongatha Knights Blue	
Mirboo North United v Leongatha Knights White	
Under 15 Girls:	
P-Island Breakers v Drouin Dragons Maroon	
Wonthaggi United v Leongatha Knights	
Korumburra City v Drouin Dragons Yellow	
Under 14 Mixed:	
Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow	
P-Island Penguins v Drouin Dragons Maroon	
Wonthaggi United v Leongatha Knights	
Mirboo North United v Lang Lang United	
Korumburra City v Phillip Island Stingrays	
Under 12 Girls:	
P-Island Breakers v Drouin Dragons Maroon	
Wonthaggi United v Leongatha Knights	
Under 12A Mixed:	
Inverloch Stars v Drouin Maroon Yellow	
Phillip Island v Drouin Dragons Maroon	
Wonthaggi United v Leongatha Knights Blue	
Mirboo North United v Lang Lang United	
Under 12B Mixed:	
Inverloch Stars v Phillip Island Stingrays	
Phillip Island Penguins v Drouin Dragons Yellow	
Wonthaggi United v Leongatha Knights White	

A female netball player in a blue and yellow uniform is running with the ball on an outdoor court. She is wearing a blue jersey with yellow accents and a blue skirt. The background shows a chain-link fence and some storage containers.

WEST GIPPSLAND

Corra Lynn	302.74	36
Inverloch-K	300.00	32
Koo Wee Rup	254.88	32
Garfield	300.00	28
Phillip Island	120.75	22
Nar Nar Goon	106.02	18
Kor-Bena	96.55	16
Tooradin-Dal	75.69	12
Dalyston	25.83	8
Warragul Ind	17.76	8
Kilcunda Bass	14.35	4



Elicia Garnham passes for Leongatha during its C Grade win over Wonthaggi. A18_2325



Jade Cashin looks ahead for Leongatha during its B Grade win over Wonthaggi. A29_2325



Goalkeeper Bianca Monson gets hands to the ball in the A Grade match between Poowong and Ellinbank. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Wonthaggi and Leongatha compete in the final quarter of the C Grade match. A15_2325



Leongatha's Jade Cashin strives to prevent Wonthaggi's Jess Blair from taking possession during the B Grade game. A32_2325



Brooke Anderson prepares to fire off a pass for Wonthaggi during its B Grade loss to Leongatha. A27_2325



Poowong's Mackenzie Fort puts the pressure on Ellinbank's goal shooter in Saturday's A Grade match. Photo: Jeff Tull.



A Grade netballer Mia Blackwood looks to make a pass for Poowong. Photo: Jeff Tull.

ELLINBANK			
RESULTS			
A GRADE		17 & UNDER	
Catani 23 lt Neerim Sth 87		Yarragon 30 d Buln Buln 23	
Lang Lang 40 d Bunyip 31		Lang Lang 45 d Bunyip 19	
Poowong 36 lt Ellinbank 51		Longwarry 47 d Trafalgar 24	
Longwarry 44 lt Trafalgar 55		Poowong 35 d Ellinbank 13	
Yarragon 45 d Buln Buln 23		Catani 32 d Neerim Sth 22	
Nyora 37 lt Nil-Darn 74		Nyora 7 lt Nil-Darn 53	
B GRADE		15 & UNDER	
Catani 29 lt Neerim Sth 57		Catani 30 d Neerim Sth 17	
Longwarry 55 d Trafalgar 38		Nyora 9 lt Nil-Darn 29	
Lang Lang 14 lt Bunyip 57		Yarragon 16 lt Buln Buln 25	
Poowong 12 lt Ellinbank 48		Lang Lang 19 d Bunyip 9	
Yarragon 34 lt Buln Buln 45		Longwarry 20 d Trafalgar 12	
Nyora 7 lt Nil-Darn 71		Poowong 29 d Ellinbank 20	
C GRADE		13 & UNDER	
Catani 36 lt Neerim Sth 42		Nyora 5 lt Nil-Darn 38	
Poowong 14 lt Ellinbank 44		Catani 17 drew Neerim Sth 17	
Lang Lang 25 lt Bunyip 33		Yarragon 10 lt Buln Buln 31	
Nyora 1 lt Nil-Darn 48		Lang Lang 25 d Bunyip 9	
Yarragon 32 lt Buln Buln 34		Longwarry 7 lt Trafalgar 27	
Longwarry 44 d Trafalgar 41		Poowong 16 drew Ellinbank 16	

LADDERS			
A GRADE		%	pts
Neerim South	231.09	36	
Nilma Darnum	154.10	32	
Ellinbank	152.14	28	
Longwarry	126.70	24	
Trafalgar	126.68	24	
Lang Lang	88.53	20	
Poowong	82.89	16	
Yarragon	78.19	12	
Catani	77.43	12	
Bunyip	75.18	8	
Buln Buln	57.61	4	
Nyora	52.58	0	
B GRADE		%	pts
Ellinbank	189.21	36	
Neerim South	159.55	28	
Nilma Darnum	146.35	28	
Bunyip	132.46	28	
Lang Lang	98.20	24	
Catani	115.19	16	
Buln Buln	97.53	16	
Poowong	89.89	16	
Trafalgar	84.06	8	
Yarragon	74.03	8	
Longwarry	84.81	4	
Nyora	32.91	0	
C GRADE		%	pts
Ellinbank	164.78	32	
Buln Buln	163.22	32	
Neerim South	112.79	28	
Trafalgar	141.64	24	
Longwarry	130.74	24	
Nilma Darnum	126.19	20	
Catani	120.15	18	
Yarragon	111.44	18	
Bunyip	85.37	8	
Lang Lang	65.96	8	
Poowong	77.45	4	
Nyora	10.00	0	
17 & UNDER			
Longwarry	183.57	36	
Nilma Darnum	166.37	32	
Poowong	123.44	28	
Catani	115.54	24	
Lang Lang	145.32	22	
Yarragon	124.20	22	
Trafalgar	122.94	20	
Neerim South	90.88	12	
Buln Buln	84.56	8	
Bunyip	64.29	6	
Ellinbank	52.44	6	
Nyora	19.41	0	
15 & UNDER			
Catani	260.00	36	
Poowong	200.76	32	
Lang Lang	168.03	28	
Neerim South	147.90	24	
Bunyip	116.32	24	
Buln Buln	125.15	20	
Longwarry	111.25	16	
Nilma Darnum	105.65	16	
Yarragon	77.23	12	
Ellinbank	61.36	4	
Trafalgar	50.56	4	
Nyora	11.51	0	
13 & UNDER			
Lang Lang	598.33	36	
Trafalgar	320.43	36	
Bunyip	257.94	28	
Buln Buln	255.00	24	
Nilma Darnum	119.25	20	
Longwarry	75.62	16	
Poowong	70.16	14	
Catani	58.19	14	
Neerim South	63.03	10	
Ellinbank	46.77	10	
Yarragon	73.87	8	
Nyora	5.76	0	

GIPPSLAND			
RESULTS			
A GRADE		17 & UNDER	
Drouin 62 d Maffra 18		Drouin 44 d Maffra 37	
Moe 63 d Warragul 57		Moe 33 lt Warragul 39	
Sale 40 lt Morwell 55		Sale 50 d Morwell 19	
Leongatha 48 d Wonthaggi 31		Leongatha 27 d Wonthaggi 10	
Bairnsdale 50 d Traralgon 28		Bairnsdale 41 d Traralgon 38	
B GRADE		15 & UNDER	
Drouin 60 d Maffra 29		Drouin 29 d Maffra 22	
Moe 49 d Warragul 44		Moe 43 d Warragul 28	
Sale 38 lt Morwell 48		Sale 47 d Morwell 16	
Leongatha 43 d Wonthaggi 27		Leongatha 73 d Wonthaggi 4	
Bairnsdale 34 lt Traralgon 57		Bairnsdale 39 lt Traralgon 56	
C GRADE		13 & UNDER	
Drouin 30 d Maffra 21		Drouin 24 lt Maffra 26	
Moe 42 d Warragul 19		Moe 41 d Warragul 4	
Sale 30 lt Morwell 40		Sale 47 d Morwell 18	
Leongatha 42 d Wonthaggi 23		Leongatha 60 d Wonthaggi 10	
Bairnsdale 32 d Traralgon 28		Bairnsdale 33 d Traralgon 27	

LADDERS			
A GRADE		%	pts
Moe	178.19	32	
Warragul	173.17	28	
Morwell	116.62	24	
Drouin	132.35	20	
Bairnsdale	95.85	20	
Leongatha	94.66	16	
Traralgon	79.35	8	
Wonthaggi	75.45	8	
Sale	61.89	4	
Maffra	50.00	0	
B GRADE		%	pts
Leongatha	169.47	32	
Moe	148.73	28	
Wonthaggi	146.86	28	
Traralgon	119.88	20	
Drouin	92.48	16	
Warragul	103.42	12	
Morwell	83.50	12	
Maffra	65.59	8	
Sale	65.23	2	
Bairnsdale	62.56	2	
C GRADE		%	pts
Morwell	156.88	30	
Leongatha	146.57	30	
Wonthaggi	143.10	24	
Bairnsdale	120.00	20	
Drouin	98.63	16	
Moe	92.65	16	
Traralgon	110.78	12	
Sale	84.85	8	
Warragul	55.52	4	
Maffra	48.25	0	
17 & UNDER			
Bairnsdale	200.43	32	
Traralgon	237.02	28	
Sale	116.78	28	
Maffra	90.07	16	
Leongatha	89.17	16	
Drouin	85.00	12	
Moe	82.20	12	
Warragul	76.13	12	
Wonthaggi	65.01	4	
Morwell	53.82	0	
15 & UNDER			
Traralgon	259.89	32	
Sale	174.46	32	
Moe	118.30	22	
Warragul	121.95	20	
Drouin	107.42	16	
Leongatha	108.92	12	
Bairnsdale	107.22	12	
Maffra	79.62	10	
Morwell	51.94	4	
Wonthaggi	8.38	0	
13 & UNDER			
Leongatha	337.37	32	
Sale	189.44	26	
Moe	132.67	22	
Traralgon	161.04	20	
Bairnsdale	151.59	18	
Maffra	139.90	18	
Morwell	73.46	12	
Drouin	62.75	8	
Wonthaggi	29.91	4	
Warragul	12.50	0	

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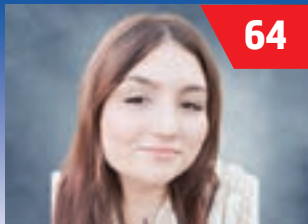
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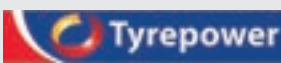
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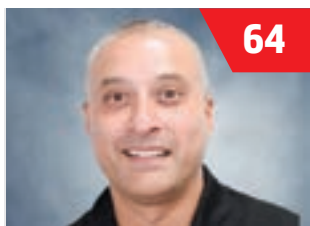
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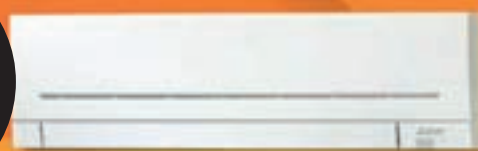
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POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB



22



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POOWONG	ELLINBANK
Poowong 2.1 3.3 3.3 3.4 (22)	Ellinbank 3.7 8.12 17.14 22.16 (148)

GOALS, Poowong: Z Gray, C Ives 1, T Lord 1 each
BEST: J Blackwood, C Cunningham, Z Gray, B Peters, R Schulz, A Henshall
GOALS, Ellinbank: L Pratt 7, A Battista 4, M Urie, J Cole, J Armstrong 2, R Carpenter, L Joyce, L Anderson, C Jolly, A Scott 1 each
BEST: M Urie, L Pratt, B Joyce, A Battista, T Jessup, J Armstrong

RESERVES

Poowong 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 (1)	Ellinbank 3.2 8.6 12.9 16.17 (113)
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BEST, Poowong: J Cawcutt, T Smethurst, B Moyce, T Moyce, J Graue
GOALS, Ellinbank: M Quigley, T Wright 5, B Dixon 2, M Goodwin, S Paynter, M Dare, J Tylee 1 each
BEST: A Quirk, T Wright, M Dare, A Campbell, R Pyle, M Quigley

THIRDS

Poowong 1.2 1.2 1.2 1.2 (8)	Ellinbank 0.2 1.2 3.7 5.11 (41)
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GOALS, Poowong: T Nieuwerth 1
BEST: G Monson, B Camp, J Foote, K Gilliatte, B Broadmore, M Cook
GOALS, Ellinbank: B Handley, H Cunningham 2, C Armour 1
BEST: C Armour, N Murphy, T Halloran-Lavelle, R Butters, B Handley, L Klason

FOURTHS

Poowong 2.2 5.2 6.4 8.5 (53)	Ellinbank 0.2 1.3 1.7 1.8 (14)
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GOALS, Poowong: L Moriarty 3, K Zealley 2, C Deal, L Wilson, T Dowel 1 each
BEST: L Moriarty, C Dorian, T Dowel, O Patterson, D Canavan, L Wilson
GOALS, Ellinbank: P Alger 1
BEST: P Alger, R Davidson, O Jenkins, C Pritchett, B Bingham

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB



84



77

NYORA	NILMA DARNUM
Nyora 2.0 6.3 8.5 13.6 (84)	N-Darnum 4.6 6.8 9.13 10.17 (77)

GOALS, Nyora: O Paora 3, J Hewitt, R Lazaros, L Lee, C Crestani 2, C Lucas, T Hotchkin 1 each
BEST: T Kirkbride, O Paora, T Hotchkin, C Crestani, C Lucas, L Lee
GOALS, N-Darnum: S Tapner 3, L Maffei 2, K Rossborough, H Morgan-Morris, B Fries, B Campbell, M Hunter 1 each
BEST: N Campbell, S Tapner, O Huson, S Crowle, B Campbell

RESERVES

Nyora 0.2 3.3 4.6 8.7 (55)	N-Darnum 2.1 2.3 5.4 6.4 (40)
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GOALS, Nyora: S Till 3, A Dike 2, M Hughes, T Shiell 1 each
BEST: L Brock, A Dike, I Boswell, S Till, M Hughes, S Gallagher
GOALS, N-Darnum: S Mitchell 2, J Jarred, J Wishart, B Mooney, N Mackey 1
BEST: B Egan, C Demicoli, E Carlile, C Cupples, R Feil, T Ayama

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Buln Buln 16.6.102	d	Yarragon 6.9.45
Longwarry 14.7.91	d	Trafalgar 6.6.42
Lang Lang 6.17.53	d	Bunyip 5.10.40
Neerim Sth 24.13.157	d	Catani 7.9.51

RESERVES

Buln Buln 6.4.40	d	Yarragon 4.1.25
Trafalgar 7.1.43	d	Longwarry 5.12.42
Lang Lang 16.13.109	d	Bunyip 1.0.6
Neerim Sth 9.10.64	d	Catani 3.6.24

THIRDS

Buln Buln 9.10.64	d	Yarragon 1.2.8
Longwarry 16.23.119	d	Trafalgar 6.2.38
Lang Lang 14.16.100	d	Bunyip 1.0.6

FOURTHS

Yarragon 6.9.45	d	Buln Buln 3.5.23
Trafalgar 13.18.96	d	Longwarry 2.1.13
Bunyip 5.9.39	d	Lang Lang 2.2.14
Catani 8.13.61	d	Neerim Sth 2.3.15

Poowong’s lack of commitment exposed

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG welcomed Ellinbank on Saturday in overcast, cold conditions, though there was no rain during the senior game and the ground stood up well.

Early in the day, the netball girls drew in the U13s, 16 each. The U15s won 29-24, and the U17s won 35-13.

The Fourths football team had a good win, 8.5.53 to Ellinbank’s 1.8.14.

Unfortunately, Poowong lost the U18s, as many players were playing seniors and were not asked to play in both games given the conditions.

I understand that last season, an interstate club was looking at a young Poowong footballer.

You never know who is watching games and I’ve seen these people at many matches I have attended in various competitions.

Sometimes they come back with other possibilities.

Young players should always ensure they have a good fitness level and strong hands for marking.

I’ve seen so many young sportsmen waste the opportunity to play at higher levels due to a lack of commitment.

Remember to give yourself every chance because there’s no point saying in ten years, “If I had only worked harder, I might have made it.”



Poowong’s Micah Williams boots the ball under pressure in the seniors match. Photo: Jeff Tulll.

The seniors made three changes: In: Connor Cunningham, Ben Peters (first game for the year), and Jett Blackwood from the U18s.

Out: Troy Nieuwerth and Hayden Hessels (both back to the U18s) and Fiachra Staunton (injured).

Poowong kicked to the Drouin Road end, but it was Ellinbank who kicked the first goal.

Poowong replied with a goal off the ground by Tyran Lord.

Both sides added points before Ellinbank kicked their second goal.

Then Zac Gray, who battles hard every week, kicked Poowong’s second.

Ellinbank added a late goal and a couple of points to finish the first quarter with a 12-point lead.

Poowong worked hard in the

first quarter, but with so many players unfit to play Senior football, how long would their first-quarter effort continue?

Connor Ives kicked the first goal for Poowong – their third – but from then on, the game was all Ellinbank. They kicked five goals in the second quarter to lead at halftime.

It’s disappointing to see senior players with ability not training and embarrassing themselves in contests – failing to put pressure on Ellinbank players going forward, not giving the Poowong defence a chance to make a contest, and allowing Ellinbank players to mark in the clear and kick truly.

The coach comes to each game with a plan, but with players unfit due to a lack of training, they are not able to carry out simple instructions like manning up one-on-one or even attempting to punch the ball away in a marking contest.

It was such a disappointing effort after halftime – probably the worst in my 60 years of involvement in football, especially from a proud club like Poowong.

Ellinbank kicked nine goals in the third quarter and five in the last, while Poowong managed just a single point in the final term.

Poowong plays Bunyip at Bunyip next Saturday.

Fourth-quarter momentum wins the game for Nyora

NYORA clung on to a seven-point victory against Nilma Darnum on Saturday.

It was a battle between ninth and 10th at the Nyora Recreation Reserve, with Nyora’s percentage now inching towards that ninth position.

Nilma Darnum got the ball rolling with two early goals, but Marley Huet managed to open Nyora’s account at the eight-minute mark.

Another goal to Jono Hewitt kept Nyora in it, but Nilma Darnum had taken an early command with a three-goal lead.

Although Nilma Darnum kept its lead in the second term, Nyora fought back to win the quarter.

Tough conditions made for a slow start to the quarter, but Nyora was the first to hit the scoreboard when Dylan Heylen kicked truly to send the ball through the goalposts 13 minutes in.

From there, Caleb Crestani and Lucas Lee contributed to the tally in a matter of minutes,

and Rex Lazaros kicked the last goal of the quarter to bring the margin within five points at halftime.

A behind to Nilma Darnum launched the third quarter, and Nyora was quick to respond with a goal by Crestani.

Nilma Darnum continued to rack up the behinds before getting another goal 12 minutes in, which would safeguard its lead for another quarter.

With just one quarter left in it, Nyora had fallen 14 points behind.

Nyora gave everything it had to bring it all together with a powerful final quarter.

A five-goal haul heading towards the dying minutes of the game pushed Nyora ahead of Nilma Darnum.

A final behind to Nilma Darnum to close the game saw Nyora celebrating a victory.

The best players for Nyora were Tyler Kirkbride, O’Pili Paora, Tyler Hotchkin, Crestani, Corey Lucas and Lee.

Nyora will be playing Ellinbank next week.



Tane White sinks his boot into the Sherrin.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 9

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Neerim South	9	0	388.86	36
Longwarry	8	1	247.88	32
Trafalgar	7	2	253.42	28
Buln Buln	6	3	149.26	24
Lang Lang	6	3	133.76	24
Yarragon	5	4	85.82	20
Ellinbank	4	5	143.35	16
Catani	3	6	90.33	12
Nilma Darnum	3	6	52.95	12
Nyora	3	6	52.73	12
Bunyip	0	9	36.57	0
Poowong	0	9	23.30	0

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Jason Wells (Longwarry)	72
Mason McGarrit (Neerim South)	64
Marc Holt (Lang Lang)	37

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Lang Lang	8	1	676.10	32
Longwarry	8	1	545.96	32
Neerim South	7	2	398.32	28
Ellinbank	7	2	311.74	28
Trafalgar	7	2	256.94	28
Catani	5	4	97.86	20
Buln Buln	3	5	53.08	14
Yarragon	3	6	91.23	12
Bunyip	2	6	50.08	10
Nyora	2	7	26.87	8
Poowong	1	8	7.39	4
Nilma Darnum	0	9	19.90	0

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Bradley Blazevic (Longwarry)	34
Toby Bayne (Neerim South)	29
Kurt Batt (Lang Lang)	27

THIRDS	W	L	%	MR
Ellinbank	9	0	360.49	100.0
Longwarry	5	2	163.77	71.43
Buln Buln	6	3	203.56	66.67
Lang Lang	5	3	200.36	62.50
Neerim South	5	3	172.51	62.50
Nilma Darnum	5	3	157.48	62.50
Poowong	3	4	77.10	42.86
Trafalgar	2	6	59.31	25.00
Yarragon	0	8	21.48	0.00
Bunyip	0	8	10.55	0.00
Catani	0	0	0.00	0.00
Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.00

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Charlie Armour (Ellinbank)	23
Tai Liddiard (Lang Lang)	17
Blake Macdonald (Neerim South)	17

FOURTHS	W	L	%	MR
Bunyip	8	0	447.62	100.0
Trafalgar	6	2	244.73	75.00
Poowong	6	2	188.93	75.00
Yarragon	6	2	174.10	75.00
Ellinbank	6	3	121.97	66.67
Lang Lang	4	4	50.00	64.66
Buln Buln	3	5	89.32	37.50
Catani	3	5	80.76	37.50
Neerim South	2	7	62.41	22.22
Longwarry	1	7	44.68	12.50
Nilma Darnum	0	8	18.08	0.00
Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.00

LEADING GOAL KICKERS	
Hudson Grujic (Trafalgar)	26
Cruze Deal (Poowong)	24
Dylan Strating (Neerim South)	21



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Tess Angarane boots it downfield. ob24_2325



Jenna Russo for Breakers drop punts it down the field. ob22_2325

Breakers battle hard but fall to fast-finishing Edi-Asp

WITH heavy rain predicted the clouds parted and the wind dropped just in time for the women's match at Inverloch on Saturday evening.

The Breakers were celebrating the 50-game milestone for Grace Hope who has really developed her game in her second season with the team.

The contest started pretty tight with both midfields not giving an inch.

The Breakers were first to attack with a goal to Tayla Stahl. Edithvale-Aspendale responded late in the quarter with a second goal just before the siren giving the visitors momentum going into the second quarter.

With Edi-Asp on the attack, Brooke McKean did a great job at full-back to shut down her opponent, however, they still managed to find two goals for the quarter. The Breakers

added just one – again through Stahl.

The fast-running Edi-Asp team enjoyed the big ground and got on top in the second half. Molly Conroy and Sophie McCracken-Evans continually made a contest across half back with Katie Cornish providing great drive out of defence.

Tess Wingfield and Cloe Booth battled it out through the middle with the forwards working

hard but unable to create scoring opportunities.

Overall, it was a great contest and a great chance for the Breakers to identify some areas for improvement moving into the second half of the season.

Final score: Edi-Asp 7.4-34 def Breakers 2.1-13

Goals: Tayla Stahl 2

Best: Sophie McCracken-Evan's, Cloe Booth, Molly Conroy, Tess Angarane, Gaby Hynes

Consider road safety and 'be the difference,' they say

THE State Government is calling on grassroots football and netball clubs to promote road safety in their communities for a share of \$700,000 thanks to the Transport Accident Commission's (TAC) Club Rewards Program.

This year's program aims to empower clubs to develop a culture where all players and members consider road safety before getting behind the wheel.

Now in its sixth year, the TAC Club Rewards Program allows AFL Victoria-affiliated football and netball clubs to apply for rewards of up to \$10,000 to spend on club initiatives like club transport, new equipment and uniforms or facility upgrades.

A further \$100,000 has been added to this year's funding pool to support more clubs in spreading the message.

More than 230 clubs earned a share of last year's pool, with many motivated to take part after being affected by road tragedy.

As part of this year's program, clubs will be asked to start conversations and be part of the campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding, with the tagline – "Be the difference".

More information on the Club Rewards Program can be found at play.afl/victoria/tacclubrewards.

Kids go free for round 21 football

MINISTER for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos last Tuesday joined AFL CEO Andrew Dillon at Marvel Stadium to announce that tickets will be free for all kids aged 14 years and under for Round 21 in Victoria this year.

Round 21 begins on Thursday, July 31 and kicks off the final month of the home-and-away season. The round includes five blockbuster matches across Melbourne and Geelong. Kicking off on Thursday night, the Western Bulldogs host GWS Giants at Marvel Stadium, which will also welcome Melbourne and West Coast on Saturday afternoon. A rematch of the 2023 Grand Final takes centre stage at the MCG on Saturday night as Collingwood takes on the Brisbane Lions. On Sunday, the Saints and Kangaroos meet at Marvel Stadium and Geelong Cats face Port Adelaide at GMHBA Stadium.

Kids also go free during rounds 16 to 19.

According to the State Government over 6000 kids benefitted from the initiative last year, however, they wouldn't disclose the overall cost sighting a commercial in confidence agreement between the Victorian Government and the AFL; though at a usual \$15 a ticket for kids, that adds up to over \$90,000.

Mid Gippsland prepares for high-stakes round nine

THIS weekend marks the half-way mark of the Mid Gippsland League's home and away season.

Whilst there remains another month before each team has had a look at every other, you can really start to get a gauge at what teams are on track to lock away a top-six spot and a finals campaign.

Here's the thing, outside of Fish Creek, Foster and Yinnar who appear to be definite top three sides, there remains another nine clubs still very much in contention for the remaining three positions.

Fish Creek v Newborough

Fish Creek has been brilliant. The premiership side of 2023 and 2024 appear to be on track for yet another shot at the title, finding a way to win against all comers.

The past fortnight, the Kangaroos inflicted Foster's first defeat of the season by a solitary point.

Last week, MDU also went close but fell short by just a goal, the champs always find a way to be in front at the final siren.

This week it's the Bulldogs turn to have a shot at the title.

Fish Creek are good, but remains respectful and ready for all opposition, no matter their position on the ladder.

"Last week was a gutsy win for us, but now this week against Newborough at home will prove another tough test. Looks like

By Rob Popplestone

they've been a bit up and down this year, but with most of our recent results being very close it's sure to be a tight contest," Fish Creek coach Jarrod Walker said.

Foster v Toora

As tough as the trip to Foster is expected to be, Toora will approach the Tigers as one in which they can achieve something special, especially given their surprising but impressive victory against MDU in round eight.

"We are really looking forward to the challenge of playing Foster who in recent times have really gotten a hold of us," Toora coach Jay Accardi said.

"Playing them on their home deck is always a challenge as it's quite unique. Hopefully, we can bring the energy and enthusiasm required to disrupt their ability to control the ground."

One win can make a side, but just what the Magpies got from their latest victory will be put to the test against the Tigers.

Make no mistake, Foster is a very good side, and its latest and only loss of the season, a one-point defeat at the hands of Fish Creek will serve as motivation as they prepare to bounce back to the winners list.

"We have a really big game against Toora post bye with our

president's lunch on and guest speaker Justin Leppitsch stopping in. Toora have made rapid improvements throughout the year, beating MDU and pushing other top teams for two to three quarters consistently. I don't think there are any easy games in the competition right now and this will sure be a cracker that will be worth the entry fee," Foster coach Sam Davies said.

The match sets up as a must-watch, and in many ways will also set up the trajectory of a Toora side that has proven they can trouble the best, but the question remains can they do it two weeks in a row?

MDU v Stony Creek

They say a week is a long time in football, but a fortnight will have seemed like forever for MDU after suffering a shock defeat to Toora followed by a one goal loss to Fish Creek in the King's Birthday Weekend.

The pressure has quickly built on the Demons who must bounce back this week against the Lions.

"I was super proud of the guys and the effort they gave against Fish Creek, something we were well short of the week prior," MDU coach Rhett Kelly said. "We are really looking forward to Stony Creek on the home deck next week."

MDU looked to be a lock for a top-four spot, but after succes-

sive losses are now in a fight for a finals position, just like its Lions opponent this weekend.

"We have got our cross-town rival this week in Meenyian, we are looking to stay on the winner's list and take a big scalp. Rhett will have his team eager to keep their strong start to the season going," Stony Creek coach Troy Shephardson said.

It will be these exact games, against evenly matched teams where a win or loss can send a club's trajectory either up or down the ladder.

Tarwin v Hill End

Tarwin is just one of many, battling as best it can to stay in touch with those valuable top six positions on the ladder, unbelievably only one win separates fourth from 12th, and this weekend the Blues welcome a Rovers side yet to register a win, but certainly capable of upsetting the Tarwin season if the home side is not on song.

"We take on Hill End at home this weekend. They have pushed sides and showed signs throughout the first part of the year so we will look to nullify what we need to and play our style," Tarwin coach Lachie Jones said.

As winter sets in, the challenges to train, perform and back the efforts up week to week become greater and greater.

Tigers prep for battle with the Hawks

By Rover

MIRBOO North travels to Ronald Reserve, Morwell East, this Saturday to tackle the Hawks, following the King's Birthday holiday weekend break.

After a bye in the previous round, it's the mighty Tigers' first senior football outing since defeating Stony Creek by seven points at Tigerland on May 24.

If Mirboo North comes up trumps against the Hawks, it will be the Tigers' third win on the trot and their fifth victory this season.

Playing coach Damien Turner will be hoping the solid 2025 form of Rhys Kratzat, Beau Peters, Taj Wilkins, Harry Mahoney and Jesse Chila continues.

It's been a tough year thus far for Morwell East, with a one-goal victory against Hill End on April 12 – its only triumph to date.

Although experiencing six consecutive losses since, Kyle Hearn, Michael Diaz and Dylan Field have been consistent performers for the Hawks.

Rover's seven vital football lessons for this week – as broadcast on South Coast FM's 'Mirboo North Magazine' radio program:

- 1. Early to bed and a good Friday night's sleep, make a footballer ready for action every Saturday.
- 2. Make it your practice to always practise being a slave to training drills during the week.
- 3. Whoever is careless with his kicks, is less likely to be effective with them.
- 4. When a football team is flailing, chances are it's failing to limit the opposition's scoring capacity.
- 5. A team that struggles to defend, cannot depend on its forwards to kick a winning score.
- 6. A coach who takes tight losses in his stride, may, however, be strident towards his players after a heavy defeat.
- 7. There is no compromise for keeping your eye on the prize of premiership glory.

Parrots impress with powerful 72-point win

LEONGATHA came on strong after a solid opening quarter by Wonthaggi to run away with the first 'South Gippsland Showdown' of 2025 in impressive style at Leongatha on Saturday.

The Parrots and the Power were sitting equal top after seven rounds, 6 and 1, and the game shaped as a ripper between two evenly matched teams.

But the inclusion of Dyson Heppell for his second game of the season proved crucial as he used his elite running power and skills to set up the hometown win.

But he wasn't on his own with Luke Bowman equally impressive on the ball and there were plenty of others besides, front and back, as the Parrots hit their straps in the second quarter and went away with it from there.

The sun popped out for the start of the game but there had been enough rain prior to make it a slippery-ball opening and the in-form Ryan Sparkes summed it up from the outset, toeing the ball forward from the very first centre bounce.

Cooper McInnes was alert to the opportunity and ran onto the loose ball and slotted it through for Wonthaggi's first goal within 30 seconds.

Only a few minutes later, Jarryd Blair got the ball away from another stoppage and combined well with Kaj Patterson and Jaxon Williams, also with Brodie Mabilia making a good contest when the ball came in. Jai Williams was ready and got it to brother Jaxon who



Dyson Heppell's elite fitness and skills were on full display as he anchored a hometown win for the Leongatha Parrots against archrivals Wonthaggi Power at Parrot Park on Saturday. A21_2325

was looping around for a well-worked goal.

Tallin Brill was busy around the ball and combined with Luke Bowman to get the ball forward for the Parrots but just as Isaac Chugg and Ethan Dickison looked like sweeping it away from the danger zone, Ty Hall threw himself in for a great smother and followed up with the Parrots' first goal, a much-needed one, bouncing through, out of reach of the chasing Power defender.

The 150-gamer Shannon Bray was taking a turn in the

ruck, sharing it with Jasper Shone, while Ben Willis was the mainstay for Leongatha with Jacob Warne pitching in now and again.

Luke Bowman, Kim Drew and Dyson Heppell were the other Parrot on-ballers against Ryan Sparkes, Kaj Patterson, Kyle Yann and a few others rolling through there.

In a purple patch from him, Jai Williams might have kicked a couple more for the Power, but his first shot resulted in a point, and he missed a sitter running free towards goal after

good work by Noah Anderson and Cooper McInnes.

The Parrots were trying to get their defence sorted but despite their talented personnel back there, including Kade Maskell, Sam Forrester, and Sean Westaway, Wonthaggi was creating plenty of opportunities.

Wonthaggi's forward pressure was good not only from the likes of Josh Bates and Jarryd Blair but also with Shannon Bray coming in off the ball.

Jye Gilmour was nicely into his work down back following his return this week, Isaac Chugg and Kyle Reid, at his intercept best, were winners for Power as the Parrots had trouble penetrating the scoring zone.

Wonthaggi's McInnes, Jai Williams, Sparkes and Mabilia combined to bang it forward again, but Cade Maskell was camped under the ball and took a pressure mark to relieve.

The Williams brothers combined well for another goal at the 25-minute mark, while Leongatha was blazing away into the forward line, without an obvious target making it easy for the Power defence. An adjustment was going to be needed at quarter time.

Dyson Heppell and Ryan Sparkes were facing off at the stoppages and it was interesting to see two quality footballers plying their trade. Both Bowman and Brill were doing well for the Parrots.

Quarter time Leongatha 1.1.7 to Wonthaggi 3.2.20.

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Roos survive Demon scare in King's Birthday thriller

By Rob Popplestone

THE standalone game over the King's Birthday weekend was billed as a clash between two very good sides, but with each coming off contrasting fortunes from just seven days earlier.

Fish Creek had achieved one of their more memorable wins of 2024, defeating rival and the previously unbeaten Foster, while MDU had suffered one of their most disappointing losses, a shock defeat at the hands of Toora.

The Demons wanting immediate redemption against one of the league's best was never going to be an easy task, but as tough as it was, the Demons came within a kick of achieving a reward for effort.

Fish Creek fell by a single kick 8-13-61 to MDU 8-7-55.

"A gutsy win for us," Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach said. "Conditions actually stayed pretty good for the game after looking very wintry in the morning. It allowed for both teams to start using the footy better and when MDU get their kicking game on they are hard to stop."

There was never much in the game between the two sides, an eleven-point lead at quarter time, many thought would set the tone, but the Demons refused to go away.

"I was super proud of the guys and the effort they gave something we were well short of last week," Rhett Kelly,



There ain't nothing going to slow Sam Wilson down as he charges away. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.

Demons coach said.

"We will look to adjust a few things and continue to keep putting in the hard work."

MDU, were never far away, even when the Kangaroos thought they had the game in their keeping, they didn't, the game going down to the wire.

"There were ebbs and flows all day. I thought we had done enough at the start of the last quarter to kick away but MDU

dug deep to get back within a kick. We were able to kill the game a bit in the end but had a lot of nervous defending for the final 5-10 minutes," Kangaroos coach, Walker stated.

Good sides find a way to win, and no one questions how good Fish Creek are, not even the Demons.

"It was a great game of footy, Fish Creek was too strong a real quality team and looked

very well structured. We look forward to another hit out with them later in the year," Kelly said.

The Demons will get their chance at the reigning premiers later in the year, but between now and then, they first have to get back on the winners list after successive losses has them back to a pack of clubs all as desperate as them to climb further up the ladder.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 7

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

	55		61
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MDU	1.3	3.4	5.5	8.7 (55)
Fish Creek	3.2	4.5	6.9	8.13 (61)

GOALS, MDU: S Walsh 3, T McRae 2, T Harris, W Stewart, S Wilson 1 each

BEST: J Hickey, S Walsh, W Stewart, K Bohn, J Hoy, J Leeden

GOALS, Fish Creek: D Berryman, H Shaw 2, T Gavenlock, J Lamers, J Shaw, L Williams 1 each

BEST: L Gale, K Dorling, J Lamers, R Lewis, S McGannon, J Hayes

RESERVES

MDU	3.3	4.5	7.7	11.10 (76)
Fish Creek	1.1	1.1	1.1	2.2 (14)

GOALS, MDU: A Kemper 2, B Cantwell, A Casey, B Fennell, T Harris, K Helms, L Hibberson, E O'Loughlin, M Smith, R Weaver 1 each

BEST: B Arnup, A Trease, A Kemper, B Cantwell, L Hibberson, S Murphy

GOALS, Fish Creek: O Bright, O Schnoor 1 each

BEST: O Straw, O Schnoor, B Perks, T Millton, O Bright, B Boyd

THIRDS

MDU	2.5	5.9	5.9	5.9 (39)
Fish Creek	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2 (2)

GOALS, MDU: L Hamilton 2, H Scrimshaw, B Smith, B Taylor 1 each

BEST: C Bruce, L Hamilton, T Hibberson, A Casey, B Smith, W Campbell

BEST, Fish Creek: B Cocksedge, W Edgelow, R Cicero, M Thomson, N Sheehan, J Rysko



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Parrots impress with powerful 72-point win

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At the first centre bounce after the break, it was Ben Willis opposed to Jasper Shone, Ryan Sparkes and Dyson Heppell with an arm across, Luke Bowman and Tom Marriott in there, Josh Bates and Kyle Yann for Wonthaggi as Leongatha went into attack first via Heppell.

Heppell's work rate was elite and he continued to get to contests. Luke Bowman to Jenson Garnham was a better look for the Parrots and they closed the margin after three minutes.

Not to be outdone, Sparkes got the next centre clearance and with Blair, Bates and Mabilia getting a hand in and McInnes kicking it out of the air, the ball finished up in the arms of a fast-leading Shone in a promising attack that ultimately amounted to naught.

Leongatha had lifted the tempo and after Justin Pelicano took a shot for a point, Tom Marriott used his strength around the packs to snap a beauty for the Parrots to make it one point the difference in a tight contest at a packed Parrot Park.

Leongatha were pressing again soon after and when Garnham earned a free 25 metres out and slotted it through, the home side had hit the front.

Dyson Heppell, Ben Willis, Bowman, Drew, Brill and co had lifted and the Parrots were suddenly running in twos and threes, finding space and looking the team most likely to score halfway through the term where they had previously been on the defensive.

Luke Bowman wrapped up Kaj Patterson, was awarded a free and his long shot for goal capped off a great quarter and a half by the Leongatha on-baller, getting back to some of his very best footy.

Now Leongatha's forward pressure was in evidence as they held the ball in the scoring zone against the top-flight Wonthaggi Power back six including Kyle Reid, Isaac Chugg, Jye Gilmour, Josh Schulz, Eathan Dickison and co.

Reeve Moresco, Sparkes, Tom Macmillan and Hunter Tiziani teamed well to get it forward, but the long ball was easy pickings for Kade Maskell and with Westaway and Travis Nash switching to Sam Forrester the ball was away again.

Jarryd Blair inserted himself into the fray and his well-weighted pass found Jai Williams on the lead, taking a fine contested mark overhead and kicking a pressure goal.

At the next centre bounce, Brodie Mabilia was taking a



Dyson Heppell turned back the clock to his junior days when he had the ball on a string at Leongatha on Saturday, capping it off with this classy goal on the run. A25_2325



Leongatha's Tallin Brill is pursued by his Wonthaggi opponent. A22_2325

turn in the ruck against Ben Willis, Luke Bowman was opposed to Ryan Sparkes, Dyson Heppell was being closely checked by Kyle Yann and the two number '8s' Tom Marriott and Kaj Patterson were closing in on the ball together.

But it was Leongatha who got it forward next to where Garnham and Nick Argento combined for the answering goal within seconds, Argento something of a contortionist as he screwed it around.

The high-level talents of Dyson Heppell were on show next as he got on the move away from the stoppage, received the ball on the jumper logo from ruckman Ben Willis and

kicked a beauty to round out the first half with Leongatha's sixth for the term, against one from Power.

Leongatha were in charge going into the long break and Wonthaggi all-of-a-sudden had the task in front of them.

Halftime: Leongatha 7.3.45 to Wonthaggi 4.2.26.

It was more of the same after halftime with the Parrots in full command of the contest, going on to kick 10 goals to two, to run away with an impressive 72-point win.

Highlights of the second half included first-gamer Aydan Williams marking at halfback and being on the string of possessions to kick his first goal at



Defender onballer Shannon Bray battled hard all day for Wonthaggi Power in a typically stoic performance by him in his 150th senior game.

the other end.

And a super impressive strike by Dyson Heppell late in the game as he looped around behind a classy handball from Nick Argento to slot one on the run.

But there were many more besides, see full story on the Sentinel-Times' website at sgst.com.au.

Leongatha named Luke Bowman, Dyson Heppell, Aaron Heppell, Tallin Brill, Ben Harding and Ben Willis among the best with Bowman and Dyson Heppell the standouts, but with Ben Willis dominant in the ruck, Harding part of an impressive display down back once the Parrots settled, Tallin Brill everywhere with a four-quarter effort and three goals, and Aaron Heppell creative in a fine team game from him.

Final score Leongatha 17.10.112 to Wonthaggi 6.4.40.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 8

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

112 40

LEONGATHA WONTHAGGI

Leongatha 1.1 7.3 12.4 17.10 (112)
Wonthaggi 3.2 4.2 5.4 6.4 (40)

GOALS, Leongatha: J Garnham 4, T Brill 3, A Williams, L Bowman, N Argento, D Heppell 2, T Marriott, T Hall 1 each
BEST: L Bowman, D Heppell, A Heppell, T Brill, B Harding, B Willis
GOALS, Wonthaggi: C McInnes 2, J Williams, J Williams, N Anderson, K Patterson 1 each
BEST: R Moresco, N Anderson, K Reid, J Blair, C McInnes, E Dickison

RESERVES

Leongatha 2.1 4.4 6.5 10.7 (67)
Wonthaggi 0.1 0.1 2.2 2.2 (14)

GOALS, Leongatha: B Davidson, F Materia 2, R Butler, B Fort, T Gannon, L Marshman, J Walker, C Watson 1 each
BEST: X Bolge, B Davidson, N Fixter, I Fox, C Rump, J Walker
GOALS, Wonthaggi: O Dawson, J Lewis 1 each
BEST: R Lindsay, J Lewis, E Joma, S O'Halloran, T Davey, A McNeel

THIRDS

Leongatha 2.1 4.5 7.6 7.7 (49)
Wonthaggi 1.0 1.0 3.2 4.2 (26)

GOALS, Leongatha: J Brown 3, A Logan 2, M Carter, J Deering 1 each
BEST: F Donohue, A Logan, J Brown, A Fixter, C Richards, H Bowler
GOALS, Wonthaggi: S Carter 3, M Ori 1
BEST: J Burns, N Patch, S Carter, H Smith, O Feather, L Lidstone

FOURTHS

Leongatha 3.0 6.6 7.8 10.9 (69)
Wonthaggi 1.3 1.3 2.4 3.7 (25)

GOALS, Leongatha: E Berryman 4, J Holt 3, C Bickerton, L Misale, L Read 1 each
BEST: E Berryman, J Holt, A Mahoney, E Reardon, L Chila, F Livingstone
GOALS, Wonthaggi: W Hullick 2, A Jobe 1
BEST: A Jobe, R Tack, H Bowen, E Larsen, B Wyhoon, B Eden

IN OTHER GAMES.

SENIORS

Moe	17.13.115	d	Warragul	12.10.82
Traralgon	13.8.86	d	Bairnsdale	11.6.72
Maffra	13.12.90	d	Drouin	8.6.54
Sale	13.10.88	d	Morwell	12.7.79

RESERVES

Moe	14.17.101	d	Warragul	1.2.8
Traralgon	17.15.117	d	Bairnsdale	2.7.19
Maffra	7.9.51	d	Drouin	2.3.15
Sale	13.9.87	d	Morwell	6.3.39

THIRDS

Warragul	9.0.54	d	Moe	2.11.23
Bairnsdale	7.9.51	d	Traralgon	4.12.36
Maffra	10.3.63	d	Drouin	4.3.27
Sale	9.7.61	d	Morwell	5.6.36

FOURTHS

Moe	8.3.51	d	Warragul	5.9.39
Traralgon	24.14.158	d	Bairnsdale	3.2.20
Maffra	8.9.57	d	Drouin	2.5.17
Morwell	4.12.36	d	Sale	4.11.35

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

GIPPSLAND ROUND 9

Maffra v Leongatha
Morwell v Bairnsdale
Traralgon v Sale
Wonthaggi v Moe
Warragul v Drouin (**Sunday, June 15**)

MID GIPPSLAND ROUND 9

Fish Creek v Newborough
Foster v Toora
MDU v Stony Creek
Morwell East v Mirboo North
Tarwin v Hill End
Yinnar v Thorpdale
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GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS										ROUND 8				
SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts
Moe	7	1	188.75	28	Leongatha	7	1	436.88	28	Leongatha	7	1	172.16	28
Leongatha	7	1	178.04	28	Traralgon	7	1	407.44	28	Bairnsdale	6	1	120.44	26
Wonthaggi	6	2	125.72	24	Moe	7	1	224.00	28	Warragul	5	2	202.67	22
Traralgon	5	3	131.55	20	Maffra	6	2	218.34	24	Traralgon	5	2	177.13	22
Morwell	3	5	112.43	12	Wonthaggi	5	3	125.78	20	Moe	5	3	206.01	20
Bairnsdale	3	5	94.08	12	Sale	4	4	118.14	16	Maffra	4	3	171.38	18
Warragul	3	5	84.38	12	Bairnsdale	2	6	65.01	8	Sale	3	5	60.22	12
Maffra	3	5	81.86	12	Morwell	1	7	61.48	4	Drouin	2	6	84.27	8
Sale	3	5	75.56	12	Warragul	1	7	29.07	4	Wonthaggi	1	7	47.81	4
Drouin	0	8	38.99	0	Drouin	0	8	6.33	0	Morwell	0	8	20.05	0
LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
Ben Crocker (Moe)				44	Oliver Haberl (Traralgon)				21	Rylie Baker (Drouin)				26
Jenson Garnham (Leongatha)				24	Damien Hough (Traralgon)				17	Beau Cottrell (Maffra)				16
Brandon McDonald (Morwell)				23	Brendan Holt (Moe)				17					
LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
Brody Stevenson (Traralgon)				27						Bill De Araugo (Warragul)				26
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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION	
Nar Nar Goon 14.20.104	d Korumburra-Bena 3.5.23
Phillip Island 21.12.138	d Koo Wee Rup 11.4.70
Warragul Industrials 8.16.64	d Cora Lynn 9.6.60
Inverloch-Kongwak 16.19.115	d Dalyston 6.6.42
Tooradin-Dalmore 9.9.63	d Garfield 5.15.45

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 9

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

	
INVERLOCH-K	DALYSTON
Inverloch-K 2.3 5.8 9.10 16.19 (115)	Dalyston 2.3 3.4 4.5 6.6 (42)
GOALS, IK: J Nowell 5, H McInnes, T Dickie, A Finsterer 2, J Soumilas, J Ginnane, A Hewitson, J Soumilas, C McCaughan 1 each	
BEST: J Nowell, J Soumilas, L Rankin, H McInnes, J Sullivan, C McCaughan	
GOALS, Dalyston: M Hallahan 3, B O'Toole 1,	
BEST: K Kirk, B Lewis, F West, K Thomas, D Karamoshos, M Marotta	
RESERVES	
Inverloch-K 2.1 5.2 5.3 5.7 (37)	Dalyston 0.0 0.0 0.3 0.3 (3)
GOALS, IK: R Dal Pozzo 2, X Hughes , P Jobling, L O'Neill 1 each	
BEST: A Cross, J Strickland, T Leonard, C Scott, P Jobling, L O'Neill	
BEST, Dalyston: B McRae, T Alford, S Silver, A Reid, R Cargill, J Legione	
THIRDS	
Inverloch-K 1.2 3.3 6.7 6.7 (43)	Dalyston 0.0 2.1 2.1 3.1 (19)
GOALS, IK: J Cousins 2, J O'Neill, A Terlich, J Dugard, L Allen 1 each	
BEST: A Terlich, L Allen, J Cousins, M Scott, J O'Neill, A Mankhong	
GOALS, Dalyston: J Howell, L McNally, Z Bowman Kissane 1 each	
BEST: J Robinson, L Harris, C Shepherd, B Anderson, N Shepherd, Z Hughes	
FOURTHS	
Inverloch-K 2.1 3.1 4.5 4.7 (31)	Dalyston 0.0 3.2 3.2 3.3 (21)
GOALS, IK: M Tonkin 2, L Aungier, J Martin 1 each	
BEST: J Martin, J Brown, H Bell, C Bergmeier, H Sorensen, T Debono	
GOALS, Dalyston: R Pickard, J Joma, H Hender 1 each	
BEST: R Pickard, J Howell, Z Hughes, T Karema, F McNally, L Franks	

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS			
Warragul Ind	8.16.64	d Cora Lynn	9.6.60
Tooradin-Dal	9.9.63	d Garfield	5.15.45
RESERVES			
Cora Lynn	7.10.52	d Warragul Ind	2.4.16
Tooradin-Dal	11.15.81	d Garfield	0.0.0
THIRDS			
Warragul Ind	14.10.94	d Cora Lynn	4.2.26
Tooradin-Dal	5.4.34	d Garfield	0.4.4
FOURTHS			
Tooradin-Dal	12.13.85	d Garfield	0.0.0

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

ELLINBANK	ROUND 10
Buln Buln v Catani	
Ellinbank v Nyora	
Neerim South v Longwarry	
Nilma Darnum v Lang Lang	
Trafalgar v Yarragon	
Bunyip v Poowong	

WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 10

Nar Nar Goon v Phillip Island
Koo Wee Rup v Inverloch-Kongwak
Kilcunda Bass v Tooradin-Dalmore
Dalyston v Warragul Industrials
Korumburra-Bena v Garfield
Cora Lynn - BYE

Sea Eagles storm home for a win



Ruckmen Joseph Newell for the Sea Eagles and Kurt Thomas for Dalyston contest the boundary throw-in. ob11_2325



Harry Howell for Dalyston kicks it down the field as Inverloch players give chase. ob122_2325

A SCRAPPY game between rivals Inverloch-Kongwak and Dalyston resulted in a 73-point win to the Sea Eagles.

Played at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve, it had rained throughout the day, but the weather had cleared up by the time the seniors had taken to the ground.

Captain of Inverloch-Kongwak's U18 side Patrick Dwyer made his senior debut on Saturday and held his own throughout the game.

The Sea Eagles were happy with the first quarter, which saw level scores at the first siren.

However, Dalyston was disappointed with the opening efforts, as it failed to make the most of its opportunities and the wind advantage.

The Magpies through Kyle Kirk kicked the opener in the first 30 seconds of the game but needed to get four or five goals on the board early to stay in contention.

Play was scrappy through the second quarter, and Inverloch-Kongwak found it difficult to use the wind advantage.

The Sea Eagles put three goals on the board, holding Dalyston to just one to establish a lead.

Jayden Sullivan was dominate across Inverloch-Kongwak's back-line and onballer Joe Soumilas was crucial throughout the day.

For Dalyston, Kyle Kirk was their best player on the day, playing through the middle in conditions that really suited him and proving to be an important target.

Onballer Michael Marotta also played a good game, finding his touch against the Sea Eagles.

Inverloch-Kongwak came back from the halftime break in good form, leaving Dalyston behind.

The Sea Eagles followed it up with a dominate fourth quarter, which saw seven goals added to the tally.

The Sea Eagles showed their skill and fitness to power through to the end of the game.

Inverloch-Kongwak's goal scoring efforts were led by Joseph Nowell, who kicked a bag of five.

Dalyston's Ben Lewis and Fraser West held up well in the back-line but despite their determination Inverloch-Kongwak's attack came on too strong in the second half.

It was ultimately a tough result for Dalyston in a game that they should have been competitive in.

Inverloch-Kongwak travel to take on Koo Wee Rup next week at the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve.

This will be the first of two important games in a row, with Garfield scheduled for the following week.

Dalyston is set to take on the Warragul Industrials at home.

The Dusties had a narrow win this week, coming off successive losses, and Dalyston is looking forward to showing their supporters a four quarter effort.



Gemma joins elite swimming squad

AFTER swimming a personal best in the girls' 12-13 year old MC 50 metre freestyle at the recent National Championships, s6 swimmer Gemma Cook not only placed third, receiving her first ever national bronze medal, but she has qualified with a MCPS score for Swimming Victoria Performance Pathways Program – Emerging Abilities Squad.

Her coach Lorri is so proud of her efforts.

“Gemma trains so hard and has been really working on some small changes with her technique and it has made a great difference. I was so thrilled to be a part of her nationals success and hear she was accepted for the Performance Pathways program,” she said.

Gemma is the second South Gippsland Bass (SGB) swimmer to be selected in one of the current Performance Pathways squads, with Archie Smyth in the Victorian Junior Talent Pathway Squad.

The Emerging Abilities Squad is a dedicated program for multi-class swimmers (s1-14) working towards Paralympics and World Championships, Deaflympics (s15) and Virtus Games (s19).

Gemma will attend dedicated multi-class training sessions in Melbourne and extra coaching sessions on stroke from Paralympic coaches, diet and other aspects of competing at a higher level like a filmed biomechanics session in a VIS pool and mentoring from current Paralympians.

Gemma has been training with SGB for three years and is part of the growing multi-class squads.

She loves being part of the multi-class program at the higher level, where she gets to compete against others in the same classification as her.

There are so many opportunities and pathways for multi-class swimmers – from all levels of school swimming competitions, local Gippsland Championships, Country Victoria, State and National Championships, where Gemma has participated in them all.



Local swimmer Gemma Cook has enjoyed her share of success recently, including qualifying for the Swimming Victoria Performance Pathways Program – Emerging Abilities Squad.



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