



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Newhaven rallies together to fight jetty closure

“WHAT’S next?” one resident exclaimed on Friday, June 7, as the community gathered at Newhaven Jetty vowing to continue the fight until the state government restores and reopens the beloved community asset. Their statement highlighted not only the closure of the Newhaven Jetty but lack-of-funding for San Remo Primary School in the recent budget, with 100 new schools to be built elsewhere in the state, and the Wonthaggi Environmental Audit

Overlay fiasco. Facilitating the meeting on Friday were Women in Recreational Fishing & Boating advocate Amanda Keilar, Saltwater Phillip Island Restaurant owner, Ben Dennis and The Nationals Melina Bath, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Public Land Use. “The Bass Coast community has today demonstrated its resolve to not let their jetty become another one that simply disappears,” Ms Bath said.

“Newhaven Jetty has great social, economic, and educational value – dropping a line and going for a walk is all about connecting with the landscape which actively supports the Bass Coast’s visitor economy. “Being a non-commercial jetty it has unique appeal for our land-based anglers to enjoy a positive and accessible fishing experience with their family, making it all the more important to save.” Highlighting the importance of

the jetty as a space all abilities can access and use, Ms Bath also shared her own personal connection to land fishing sites, not least memories of fishing with her son. “My grandfather fished. He was a land-based fisherman all his life – fly fishing, surf, jetty and pier fishing. He got seasick. Onshore land-based fishing is so important, and that is one of the things that happens here on a regular basis.

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“It’s quite devastating.”
The community’s call to action was for the Allan Government to commit to fully funding the jetty upgrade and a timeline for its construction and reopening.
Fifth-generation fisher, Fishing Nanna, Amanda Keilar, spoke of her connection to Western Port Bay and fishing Newhaven Jetty.
“In 2018 we were saddened to see the southern section of the jetty closed off – we thought it must need renovation. This ticked over in the back of our minds – ‘haven’t they fixed that yet? When are they going to fix it?’ I feel guilty that we didn’t start making noise back then and start asking questions,” Amanda said.
“Newhaven Jetty has a massive economic impact for the community when tourists choose to play and stay in our region. Every time you cross the bridge, there’s people fishing off this jetty and in summer, it’s standing room only.
“You can cast in the channel out the front and pick up a myriad of species that come from the eastern entrance and out to Bass Strait.”
Attending the World Rec Fishing Conference last year, Amanda highlighted that a national survey showed ‘one in five Australians participate in fishing every year, improving their wellbeing and contributing \$11 billion to the Australian economy.’
“Newhaven Jetty represents our community slice of that pie... and caters to foot traffic, photographers and anglers.”
Saltwater Restaurant owner Ben Dennis spoke briefly before he was overcome with emotion noting the time, energy and money invested into a business that is being severely impacted by closure, but moreover the people who pass by the glass doors, the children who head down for a fish.
In vowing to back the Bass Coast community, Ms Bath said she will continue to advocate for the historic Newhaven Jetty to be fixed.
“It is shocking that the Government’s only move was to erect unsightly mesh fencing, lock people out and state it would be closed ‘indefinitely’, rather than communicate any plans that provides certainty for its upgrades and future.
“While Labor claims concerns for the jetty’s structural integrity, the south arm has been fenced off for six years without any investment to rectify its underlying issues – the government has known of the problem for years and failed to act.
“Newhaven Jetty joins an ever-growing list of Parks Victoria assets

falling into disrepair.”
Over 70 attendees were invited to sign the Save Newhaven Jetty parliamentary petition sponsored by Melina Bath MP and join the community Facebook group.
Residents came from near and far, Oonagh and recreational fisherwoman Granny Maz from Cape Woolamai highlighted the jetty’s importance as an accessible site for little kids and the disabled. Whilst Russell’s love affair with Newhaven Jetty was read aloud by Amanda.
“I started fishing on Newhaven Jetty with my father, before the new bridge was built,” Russell said.
“Every school holiday we would come down. I didn’t much care for fishing, but it was my father’s main enjoyment and I enjoyed spending time with him fishing,” Russell recounted, catching his first flathead off Newhaven Jetty and even a Hammerhead shark once.
“When you are disabled it is very hard to find places that you can fish that have reasonable access and have a chance of catching a fish. Jetties are the best option, but good ones are few and far between. Newhaven is a great one so please don’t close it, repair or replace as needed so the people of Victoria can do something useful and fun. I have found lots of friends of all ages and genders that I have met fishing on a jetty.”
There were many others like Russell who spoke of injuries, age, seasickness or sheer funding that prevents them from taking to the water in a boat, and the importance of Newhaven Jetty.
Ms Bath said if the Allan Government had delivered funding for pier and jetty maintenance, then Newhaven Jetty and others like it would not be left to rot.
“There is a dedicated funding stream from marine registrations and fees to maintain jetties, it’s a shame the public must hold a demonstration to get attention to fix neglected public assets.”
Councillors Rochelle Halstead and Geoff Ellis were also in attendance, whilst Craig Edmonds of Jim’s Bait and Tackle and Councillor Ron Bauer made their apologies. You can read Councillor Bauer’s message in full on our Your Say page.
“We all need to speak up, sign the petition and seek a firm announcement from a Minister and a timeline for its reopening. Make some noise and I hope that you can take your grandchildren fishing here,” Amanda concluded.
Head to bit.ly/4bTEx4F to sign the petition.



Anne and Wayne Jones recalled their first visit to the jetty over 15 years ago with Wayne often fishing at the jetty since catching his first snapper on that very same first visit. C19_2424



Fishing Nanna, Amanda Keilar, is demanding immediate action to reopen the Newhaven Jetty for foot traffic and anglers. C15_2424



The Nationals Melina Bath, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Public Land Use vowed to back the community and demanded answers and timelines from the government and Parks Victoria. C12_2424

POLICE BRIEFS

Operation Regal
OPERATION Regal saw police targeting high-risk driving behaviour across the state from 12.01am Friday, June 7 until 23.59pm on Monday, June 10, in an effort to drive down road trauma.
There were 68 offences detected within the Bass Coast Police service area alone, consisting of two drug drivers, one disqualified driver, 53 speeding offences, one seatbelt offence, one mobile phone offence and 10 unregistered vehicles.
With wet weather and poor visibility increasing as winter sets in across Victoria, police are urging motorists to take extra care on the roads and be on the lookout for vulnerable road users – particularly motorcyclists and pedestrians.
Police will remain highly visible on the roads across the state, with targeted operations to take place over the coming weeks focusing on vulnerable road user safety.

Spate of thefts in Korumburra
A SPATE of thefts in Korumburra has left residents and businesses angry and dismayed. On Monday night and in the early hours of Tuesday morning, cars, tools and trailers were stolen including: a blue Ford FG Ute from Kellys Bakery at 8.30am Tuesday morning, Burra Electrical Services workshop and ute was broken into with everything taken from the vehicle, a tool trailer was stolen from Mine Road in Korumburra, a local male’s car was stolen, a Korumburra ladies daughter had her new car stolen, and a brazen thief pulled up beside a car in Korumburra, got out, stole his chainsaw and sped off.
Local police are making ongoing inquiries in relation to the identity of the offenders and are reaching out to the community for any information they may have.
“In Korumburra we’ve definitely had a spate of thefts in the last 24 to 36 hours. At this point in time, we’re reaching out for members the public to provide any information they possibly can, particularly around descriptions or any information they’ve got in relation to the offence,” said Senior Sergeant Brad Steer.
If anyone has any information please contact Senior Sergeant Brad Steer or Leading Senior Constable Carl Baido at the Korumburra police station.

Polaris stolen from Inverloch
POLICE are appealing for information in relation to a vehicle that was stolen during a burglary that occurred at Inverloch at approximately 5.30am on June 7. The green Polaris Ranger was last seen driving along Wentworth Road, Wonthaggi at approximately 12.55pm that same day.
Police are seeking any information from the public in relation to this vehicle, including any sightings of the vehicle between Inverloch and Wonthaggi in the early hours of the morning and any possible dashcam footage.

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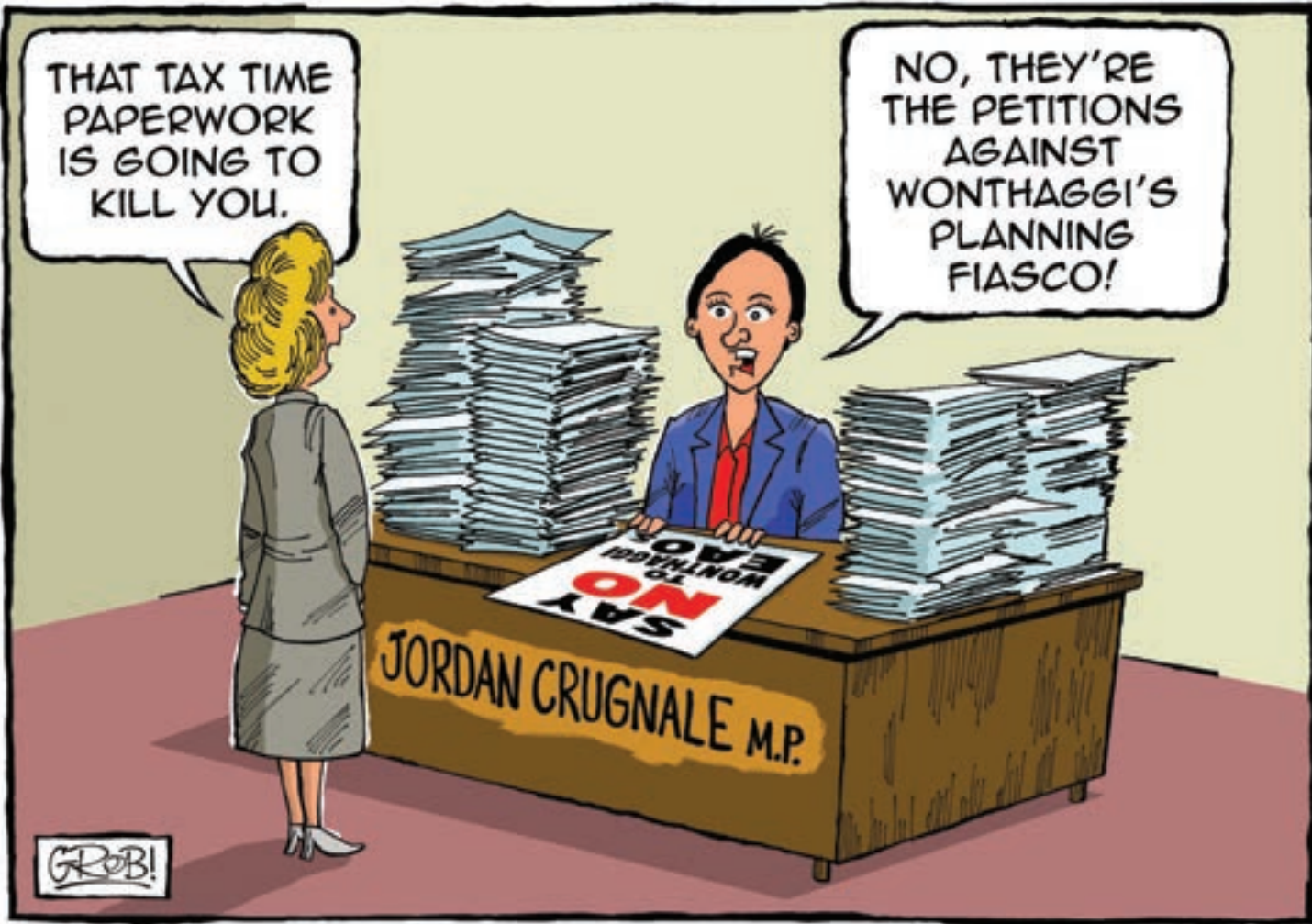


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Cartoon by Glenn 'Grob' Robinson.

IN BRIEF

Council releases Business and Industry Survey

BASS Coast Shire Council is excited to announce the release of the 2024 Business and Industry Survey.

A comprehensive survey, conducted every two years, the survey invites all businesses within the Bass Coast region to participate and share their insights and experiences.

The survey is designed to gather vital information on the current state of local businesses, identify challenges and help council tailor workshops and networking events to local business needs.

By participating, businesses contribute valuable data that will help shape the council's business support services over the coming years.

Key areas of focus for the 2024 survey include:

- Identify trends.
- Understand business sentiment.
- Identify business training and development needs.
- Identify key issues for advocacy.

The survey is open to all businesses operating in the Bass Coast Shire and can be accessed online through council's Engage page – engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/businesssurvey.

Responses can be completed confidentially and will be used for the purpose of enhancing local economic development initiatives.

Business owners are encouraged to complete the survey by Sunday, July 14, to ensure their input is included in the final analysis report.

For more information, please contact the business support team at business.support@basscoast.vic.gov.au.

Call to help those in need in Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower

WHILE appreciative of everyone who has already contributed items to its food cupboard, Venus Bay Community Centre (VBCC) is encouraging people to donate more non-perishable items to help those in need.

As well as food, that includes other useful goods such as nappies.

The outdoor pantry allows people to take what they need without having to ask.

While someone had generously donated packets of pasta and jars of sauce not long before the Sentinel-Times visited VBCC, the cupboard has been a little bare lately, with the well-publicised cost of living crisis adding to challenges faced by many people.

VBCC is located at 27 Canterbury Road, with its outdoor pantry on the front verandah.

Tarwin Lower Community Health Centre also collects donations of non-perishable items for those in need, and people wanting to donate can do so at 19 Walkerville Road between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday.

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Improving mental health thanks to Australia Post

APPLICATIONS have opened for Australia Post's 2024 Community Grants program, which funds community-led, local projects across Australia. Eligible not-for-profit groups can apply for grants of up to \$10,000 to support projects which have the primary purpose of improving mental health and wellbeing in local communities.

Last year's program saw 72 projects awarded funding across the country, totalling over \$500,000, with half of the successful applications awarded in rural and remote locations.

Organisations interested in applying are encouraged to review the Community Grant guidelines carefully to check eligibility requirements, with eligible community organisations able to apply until 11.59pm on July 1, 2024. To check eligibility, visit: [2024.AustraliaPostCommunityGrantsGuidelines\(australia.gov.au\)](https://2024.AustraliaPostCommunityGrantsGuidelines(australia.gov.au)).

Successful applicants will be notified in September 2024.

More spots for a rest

TRUCK drivers will soon be able to stop at new and upgraded rest areas on the Bass, South Gippsland and Strzelecki Highways thanks to nearly \$6.7 million in Australian Government funding. This funding is the first tranche of the Australian Government's Heavy Vehicle Rest Area Program (HVRAP), which aims to increase heavy vehicle user safety and productivity through vital new and upgraded rest areas across their journey.

Under the program, 35 Truck Informal Rest Areas will be sealed and green reflectors installed on four Gippsland highways across the Bass Hwy, South Gippsland Hwy, Strzelecki Hwy and Hyland Hwy.

The Australian Government is providing \$2.168 million for this project, with \$542,000 from the Victorian Government.

For more information on the program visit: investment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/local-initiatives/heavy-vehicle-safety-and-productivity-program

Always got to lock your car

SEEMS you can't even leave your car unlocked when you're at home during the day.

The victim of a brazen theft posted this on the Korumburra Community Noticeboard on Monday afternoon:

"Omfg, Korumburra is getting worst! A small black car just pulled up beside my car and (someone) got out and stole my chainsaw, then sped off. Just now in Hawkins Street."

A timely reminder to us all.



Local nurses are supported in their industrial action by family, friends and peers. From left, Georgia Sharp, Claire Akers, Meg Fitzgerald, Alyssa Hughes, Fiona Foon, Chloe Vella, Rachael Bott and front, Hazel Sharp. C05_2424

Victorian nurses demand fair pay

VICTORIAN public healthcare nurses are currently spurring change in the healthcare system to push for a raise in nursing and midwifery wages.

Healthcare workers across Victoria feel that they are undervalued and underpaid, and due to the rising Living Cost Index (LCI) and working conditions it appears they could be right.

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) alongside nursing unions, are working toward increasing pay through industrial action and Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBA). As of yet results have not been promising but ANMF has a series of steps that are underway.

In our community, healthcare workers are some of the most important individuals, providing comprehensive patient care and safety, yet their efforts are still overlooked. Local nurses continue to care for the Gippsland community and do so with poor working conditions.

As Bass Coast Health Nurse, Meg Fitzgerald said, "We always strive to provide the best patient care, ensuring safety and promoting patient health for the better."

This is difficult to do when so many nurses are exhausted

By Charley Fitzgerald

from the long hours.

In 2022, the Australian Bureau of Statistics year-over-year inflation rate was 7.1 per cent, however the nursing wage didn't change to accommodate the inflation surge. Overall, their wages have only increased three per cent since then. In comparison other occupations have an average wage growth of 4.1 per cent each year.

Studies show that 18.5 per cent of nurses and midwives suffer from the symptoms of post-traumatic stress due to overworking, exhaustion, burnout, and working conditions.

"I think as a nurse you're always putting your mental health at risk, with the rising nursing demands across the board, increasing our pressures to work harder, smarter, and continuously think critically," Meg said reflecting on the situation.

Particular situations progress to patients getting violent with healthcare workers.

"Nurses are also verbally and physically abused by patients, and that's something people forget. They think that we are just doing tasks, but we're doing so much more than that."

In May Victorian nurses initiated the first stage of action by closing 800 beds after members of ANMF rejected an offer from the government for a three per cent annual pay rise. Whilst the closing of hospital beds is not a concern locally, the industrial action is still happening regionally. These actions are driven by widespread concerns about the rising cost of living and inflation surges.

While the movement is still negotiating conditions for improvement, nurses are taking various individual actions to support the cause. These include wearing shirts to show solidarity, denying overtime, refusing redeployment, closing beds, and spreading awareness about their cause.

"Our staff work incredibly hard to deliver health services for our community and working in the health sector does bring with it some unique challenges," Christine Henderson, Executive Director of People & Culture & Acute Clinical Services, Bass Coast Health said. "The way our staff navigate these challenges and remain committed to providing care is outstanding and highly valued. With this in mind, we have asked the broader organisation to remember that every staff

member has the right to (within the rules) ensure that their workplace has conditions by which we can all safely work and that this is continually improving.

"We are confident that we can work together to make sure our nurses and midwives can have their say if they want to, while we continue to provide our community the very best care that they require when seeking care from our services."

Other local hospitals, including South Gippsland Hospital are also stepping back to let nurses and midwives speak freely.

"Our nurses and midwives have a right to voice their view and they can articulate that through the permitted actions," South Gippsland Hospital CEO Paul Greenhalgh said on Friday. "That said, we haven't seen or heard much here in Foster."

"Our nurses and midwives are valued members of the healthcare team and they have a very strong union advocating for them. It's a shame a deal still hasn't been reached, but from what I hear progress is being made, albeit slowly."

"I imagine it's a very complex conversation, and the sooner the EBA is signed off, the better for everyone."

Vaccination shortage plagues medical clinics

THE cold weather has settled in, and like many medical clinics around the region Wonthaggi Medical Group are grappling with a severe vaccine shortage, particularly the Shingrix vaccine (for shingles), confirming they're restricted to ordering only 60 per fortnight, and have quite the waiting list.

Business Manager Cameron Pepper, Practice Manager Gayle Bloch and the nursing staff at the medical group criticised the inefficient ordering limitation process in place under the National Immunisation Program.

"We are a very large rural medical practice with three clinics and 30 doctors, yet we are only able to order the same number of vaccines as a one doctor clinic," Cameron stated.

"We have hundreds of people on our waitlist," Gayle added, explaining that a second dose of Shingrix is required, which impacts the availability of first doses.

"We are encouraging all our patients to get vaccinated wherever they can – go somewhere else if you need to, head to your local pharmacy. We know patients want to be loyal, but when it comes to vaccinations, where there's opportunities to get vaccinated, do."

But it's not just the Shingrix vaccine that is lacking in supply with the flu vaccination and Bexsero two other vaccinations caught up in low supply to clinics. While some childhood vaccine limitations have eased, there still remains some challenges

"The start of the flu season was a nightmare," Gayle explained.

"Our first order this year was restricted to 300 doses, normally it's 600. We started with half the order a month into the start of the season, and we're responsible for local nursing home residents too, making the shortage even more critical."

"Every year we face the same dilemma – people are urged to come in and get their flu vaccination, but our supply is limited, not to mention the delays."

"We are restricted on how often we can order, how much we can order and often we run out before we can order again."

Systemic flaws plague the National Immunisation Program.

"Three hundred (doses) goes a long way in some practices but for us it's barely a drop in the ocean," Gayle asserted.

"The way the program is run is one of the problems, we can order the same amount as a solo practitioner."

Recently, Wonthaggi Medical Group secured more flu vaccines, especially for those over 65. However, they can only order every two weeks, causing frequent stockouts.

"If you are waiting for a flu vaccination, it is important to call every two weeks, perhaps ask when the next order will be placed and call around then. Calling daily is only going to tie up the phone lines and make it difficult for everyone," Cameron explained.

The clinic also has a supply of COVID vaccinations for those requiring a booster.

For high-risk patients unable to get a limited-supply vaccine, Wonthaggi Medical Group recommends purchasing from a pharmacy and contacting local MPs to address the issue and push for future change.

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Mayor's Message



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EAO Statement – positive and paying

AS I have previously discussed, Council have been continually working with a range of government bodies to get a positive outcome for the stressful situation at Wonthaggi North East Precinct with the Environmental Overlay Audit.

This week we have distributed letters to all affected land owners. Bass Coast Shire Council, the Victorian Planning Authority and the Environment Protection Authority are working together to resolve this matter as quickly as possible.

A dedicated website page is regularly updated with frequently asked questions and other information you may find useful: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/building-planning/wonthaggi-north-east-growth-area/environmental-audit-overlay.

Our planning team is available to discuss this matter with you. I encourage you to contact them by phone or email if you have any questions, and they will include you on our mailing list if you aren't on that already. I have spoken with many of you individually over the last couple of months and am very happy to continue taking queries.

Equal Local Government Project

A new collaborative local project aims to create safe inclusive workplaces by ending work-related gendered violence including sexual harassment through gender equality education and promotion.

Bass Coast Shire Council are partnering with a range of providers and encourage all Gippsland businesses and organisations to visit the project webpage to engage with the project's progress and utilise project focused resources

for their own initiatives in creating safe and inclusive workplaces. Find out more via the Gippsland Women's Health website: <https://gwhealth.asn.au/our-equal-local-government/#our-equal-local-government-project>

Environmental tourism

Bass Coast Shire Council in partnership with Destination Phillip Island is proud to be hosting a suite of inspiring events for the Festival of Big Ideas during June.

Berninneit will be the focal point of this festival and we are delighted to be hosting an inspiring evening with keynote speaker Barney Swan, eco explorer and founder of charity, ClimateForce.

Learn about local initiatives driving regenerative tourism and how you can play a part to make an impact. You can book tickets for this and other local events at <https://tourismandthegreeneconomy.eventbrite.com.au>

Harmony Bells

I was honoured to join acclaimed artist Dr Anton Hassell last week to look at the reimagined Harmony Bells.

Some of you may recall the beautiful Harmony Bells sculpture that Dr Hassell created in 2012 in Phillip Island. The story goes that on one dark night, they were stolen yet to be found months later on a ship heading overseas. Not all the goods were recovered but what was, has been expertly re-created by Dr Hassell himself and they now take pride of place back in Phillip Island in front of Berninneit. The bells have been reinforced onto concrete filled steel poles and we hope they will remain there for generations to come and for all to enjoy.

Berninneit takes the win at top architecture honours

BERNINNEIT Cultural and Community Centre in Cowes has taken out The William Wardell Award for Public Architecture last Friday in the 2024 Victorian Architecture Awards.

Recognising excellence in collaboration, sustainability, and innovation, this year's awards highlight the transformative power of architecture in shaping our communities.

A total of 15 named awards, 24 architecture awards, and 22 commendations were presented following rigorous assessments by independent juries, celebrating 228 projects that demonstrate a commitment to environmental, economic, and social sustainability.

Victorian State President, David Wagner FRAIA said "This year's awards recipients have indelibly shaped our built environment, showcasing the world-class ingenuity and expertise that resides in our state. The impressive range and diversity of winning projects are a testament to the strength of the architectural profession in Victoria, illustrating architecture's broad reach in urban, suburban, and rural contexts."

According to the architects, Berninneit is designed to evoke 'the region's natural geology and topography, the design feels inherently connected to and of its place. Warm, pink-cream brick references nearby sand dunes and beaches, whilst internal timber columns speak to the island's jetties and pier structures.'

"Winners of this year's Victorian Architecture Awards represent a milestone in the field, showcasing the importance of sustainable design principles in the best projects," Victorian State Manager (Australian Institute of Architects), Daniel Moore RAIA said.



Berninneit has been awarded The William Wardell Award for Public Architecture at this year's Victorian Architecture Awards. Photos: Berninneit, Jackson Clements Burrows Architects, Peter Clarke.



The theatre at Berninneit has already hosted multiple performances since opening last year.

Rhyll play space honoured in landscape architect awards

THE Rhyll Foreshore Play Space, by Orchard Design, has won a Landscape Architecture Award in the Play Spaces category at the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Victorian State Awards.

The Rhyll Foreshore Play Space, situated on Phillip Island's north-eastern edge, honours its rich cultural and environmental history. Integrating seamlessly into the landscape, the play space draws inspiration from the site's established banksia trees, Rhyll's angling history as a fishing village and marine wildlife.

"The Rhyll Foreshore Play Space is a true celebration of landscape, culture and community," the jury stated in handing down the award.

"This play space on Phillip Island

protects and enhances indigenous vegetation, drawing inspiration from banksia cones, angling history, 'gunyah' shelters and marine wildlife. Custom play elements and natural materials reinforce the importance of place. The jury commends Orchard Design's approach to collaborating with local artists and the community, and thoughtful material choices to stretch the budget while maximising its play value."

The majority of the play elements were designed in-house and fabricated by local artists, strengthening ties to the community and contextual landscape. The play experiences reflect a balance of active, social, cognitive, imaginative and creative play for all ages and abilities.



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Ambos vote to step up industrial action

PARAMEDICS and ambulance workers have voted overwhelmingly in favour of escalating industrial action. After 100 meetings, Victorian paramedics and ambulance workers still don't have a deal that improves longevity in the job and work/life balance. "We've still got no agreement," Advanced Life Support Paramedic, and Wonthaggi's delegate to the Victorian Ambulance Union Samantha Nicholls stated. Over 97.5 per cent of members have voted to escalate industrial action and introduce 70 new work bans targeting every pocket of Ambulance Victoria where members work. Members working in patient transport, communications centres, air ambulance, triage services, rosters department, management, and education will be banning practices and refusing tasks in the areas they work in. This includes refusing to utilise automated processes, bans on information collection and sharing across departments, bans on booking taxis, bans on training and competency sign offs, and bans on using digital systems for medication checks, tracking equipment, and deploying resources.



Local paramedics will be stepping up industrial action as meetings surpass the 100 count with no agreement on the table as yet. C22_2424

"Roughly 60 out of the 70 new actions are not even paramedic specific, it's internal administrative tasks," Samantha explained. Actions will not affect the safety of the patients or the public. They are carefully aimed at the massive amount of additional administrative duties that are put onto paramedics and ambulance workers who just want to respond to emergencies in the community. Overtime has again escalated for paramedics in the

last week, with Samantha explaining that nine ambulances were tied up for multiple hours at one hospital. "Wait times have blown out, Thursday we faced four-and-a-half hour wait times. Wednesday was similar. (There are) excessive delays in getting patients off stretchers, and back into the ambulance system so we can respond to the community again." And whilst these wait times are reflective of current delays paramedics face, the writing is on the wall.

"Performance data has been released for the 2022 – 2023 period for Ambulance Victoria. Only 58 per cent of people are getting an ambulance in time in Bass Coast and 47 per cent in South Gippsland. "There are not enough resources in our area, and resources are being over utilised for things they shouldn't be, for example, high acuity paramedics tied up with low acuity cases. High acuity cases are being forced to wait significantly longer for emergency ambulances." With cold, flu and COVID cases on the rise, the morale amongst paramedics is low. "It's demoralising – we're at 100 meetings. It's a problem here and now, affecting ambulances locally. "And we're standing behind our nurses – together we might be able to get the government to see that we're an important structure in the health system and we need to be funded adequately." You can help support our local paramedics by simply keeping emergency ambulances for emergencies. "If you require after hours care, Virtual ED, Doctor Doctor and Nurse on Call are fantastic resources."

Support for women in renewable energy

THE Allan Labor Government has announced Gippsland Women's Health as a successful recipient of a grant to support their work helping employers attract and retain women in traditionally male-dominated workforces and to advance gender equality. On Friday May 24, Minister for Women Natalie Hutchins joined Gippsland Women's Health Chief Executive Officer Kate Graham at local business Elecsome's Solar Panel upcycling plant in Kilmany to announce the grant. Gippsland Women's Health is extremely proud to be a successful recipient of this grant program with our aim of breaking down barriers to women's entry into and advancement in industries such as energy and manufacturing. These industries have often historically included inflexible working arrangements, a lack of paid parental leave, gender discrimination, sexism and sexual harassment which has led to their underrepresentation in these workforces. Gippsland Women's Health will receive a \$100,000 grant to collaborate with employers in Gippsland's renewable energy sector. The grant to Gippsland Women's Health is part of a second round of grants to develop strategies to boost women's participation and equity in manufacturing and energy, which forms a key part of the Labor Government's response to the Inquiry into economic equity for Victorian Women. "I would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to Minister Hutchins and the Allan Labour government for this grant," CEO, of Gippsland Women's Health Kate Graham, said. "It is a tremendous opportunity for us to continue our work with the renewable energy sector in Gippsland through learning and development, contemporary policy and practice application, and a framework to not only bring women into the renewable energy industry but to retain and advance them."





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Small businesses feeling effects of tightening belts

TOTAL household spending on goods has fallen by 0.6 per cent compared to the March quarter 2023, and this tightening of belts is having a flow on effect to small businesses and traders in Inverloch.

While there is a mixed reaction from locals as to how their businesses are faring, many agree that trading is either flat or on a downward trend.

One retail business stated their customer count had dropped by over 25 per cent, heading into the last month of the financial year, and sales were down by just under 20 per cent.

A second retailer noted that for the first time since COVID their rolling last three-month sales were down 18 per cent, their customer count was down 13 per cent and their average order value was down by eight per cent.

Lara from Paperplay Inverloch Newsagency believes that current economic conditions are forcing people to be more careful with how they spend their money.

"Business is down because I think people are tightening their belts. We have definitely noticed it in the last six months."

Staff at the newsagency have also noticed that while the town remains busy in peak periods, people aren't coming in and spending money like they traditionally have.

Lara is thankful that the business maintains some consistency in trading with daily regulars and



Lara from Paperplay Inverloch Newsagency has noticed that people are tightening their belts and it is having a negative effect on trading. ob07_2424

weekend tourists coming in to buy the paper.

While Roxanne Thompson from Cafe Al Mare, commented that trading is the worst it's been in the five years.

"I don't pay myself an income. It's a labour of love," she states.

The business is trying a variety of value adds just to get customers through the door and is currently offering free donuts in the mornings just so people will come in and buy a coffee.

Roxanne states that hiked costs of items such as milk also impacts them, yet the business bears these extra expenses rather than passing them onto the customer.

Accommodation occupancy numbers also largely indicate



Taryn Currie from Soleil Skin and Beauty has seen an increase in businesses since moving to a bigger and more central spot in Inverloch. ob08_2424

there are less tourists and visitors in the town. One key accommodation provider noted they are down 10 per cent on bookings compared to last year over the same long weekend. Another has implemented a Friday night 'one night stay' to encourage bookings, while comparatively, a third provider commented that guest bookings are steady to almost being up on last year.

Trading has also been steady for Soleil Skin and Beauty who moved from the industrial area to the main street in Inverloch.

"We've been here for six months and business has increased a lot. Some weeks are good some weeks are patchy, but its been pretty steady," said Taryn

Currie, who also mentioned much of their weekend trading comes from visitors to the area.

While trading will invariably vary amongst the different businesses, it doesn't appear that it will be getting any easier soon.

Outgoings remain high. Spending on gas and electricity rose by 4.9 per cent in the last quarter, according to the Bureau of Statistics and Victoria's payroll tax is up to a rate of 4.85 per cent.

The Inverloch Tourism Association (ITA) is battling for these businesses and is focusing on raising awareness of the town and the benefits of visiting and staying longer, including developing digital projects.

The ITA state that individual stores are also adapting product ranges, offering more value adds, adjusting pricing strategies where possible and improving services such as free local deliveries.

"The ITA is focused on a three pillar strategy to assist businesses to remain viable and more resilient through any challenging economic or operating environments," explained ITA President Glenn Morris. The three pillars are Collaboration, Promotion to increase the visitor economy and Regeneration.

The ITA has also developed and implemented online forums and networking events for local businesses to share highs and lows of recent trading and current issues impacting their businesses, to help keep business owner's morale high.

We're seeking customers to rate our performance

WESTERNPORT Water is excited to announce the formation of a Customer Assessment Panel and is seeking enthusiastic and community-minded individuals to join.

The organisation is looking for a diverse group of 16 to 20 individuals from across our area who are passionate about water services and community engagement.

The panel will play a crucial role in reviewing Westernport Water's performance and is being asked to provide commentary from a customer perspective. This commentary will be included in the Annual Watermark, which is provided to every customer.

"The Customer Assessment Panel is a fantastic opportunity for a customer-led performance assessment on how we performed against our customer commitments," Managing Director Dona Tantirimudalige said.

"Your experiences and opinions matter to us, and we are committed to creating ways for you to participate in shaping the future water services and enhancing service delivery."

The Panel will meet twice annually for two hours, aligned to the end of the financial year. Meetings may be held in person or virtually in July/August annually and panel members will be remunerated for their time.

If you are interested in joining Westernport Water's Customer Assessment Panel to provide feedback on their performance and your experience in dealing with them, please visit their website and complete the expression of interest form by June 28, 2024.



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South Gippsland Shire Council News

The Great Southern Rail Trail

Connecting South Gippsland to Wellington Shire

The extension of the Great Southern Rail Trail from Welshpool to Alberton is now open!

Last Thursday, our Mayor, Clare Williams and Wellington Shire Council Mayor, Ian Bye, visited the recently completed section, to view the finished works first hand.

The new extension means the Great Southern Rail Trail now spans a whopping 129 kilometres, making it the second longest in Victoria.

The extension was made possible through \$6 million Regional Infrastructure Grant funding from the Victorian Government, via the

Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry, and Regions.

An official opening of the Trail will be celebrated in September, just before the school holidays, when the splendour of the season will be enjoyed by all.

The extension adds an extra 21 kilometres to the Trail. Heading east from Welshpool, you can travel to Port Welshpool, Alberton, Port Alberton and Yarram. Along the journey, enjoy the view from the impressive 80-metre bridge over Albert River.

When embarking on your next Rail Trail adventure, be sure to check out the new section of the Great Southern Rail Trail.

Korumburra Projects



There is so much happening in Korumburra!

From skateparks and murals, to refurbishments and reconstruction.

To stay in the loop with the latest project happenings in Korumburra, check our designated homepage:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/korumburraprojects

Here you'll find the latest project updates and information.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 26 June 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

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

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We also have opportunities for work experience students and volunteers.

To apply and stay up to date with our latest vacant positions, please visit:

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REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

RFT/407 – Panel of Suppliers for Provision of Catering Services

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 2 July 2024.

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal, please visit:

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Protesters halt work on Strzelecki Highway

OUTRAGED protesters forced work to stop last Wednesday on the Strzelecki Highway, Mirboo North, in a bid to save vitally important native forest being removed along the verge.

Police officers from Leon-gatha attended the scene at midday to negotiate with the protesters.

Contractors began logging along the roadside Wednesday morning, initiating the start of what is reportedly set to be a 1.6 kilometre stretch of forest removal along the highway between Mirboo North and Morwell.

The logging includes both sides of the highway, equating to approximately 3.3 kilometres of forest being removed, several metres in from the road, to make way for an additional overtaking lane.

The removal of native forest reportedly includes up to 84 trees with hollows, that take between 100 and 150 years to develop and provide important habitats for wildlife.

“The community wants to know what’s going on and what is happening. There has been no community consultation,” Irene Proebsting, a Field Naturalist from Tyres told the attending police officer.

“This is absolutely traumatic for the people who have already gone through this.”

“We’d like to see work stop until the community has had a meeting with the Departments. We have not seen ecological or environmental reports about what’s happening. There has been nothing in writing.”

The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) is responsible for the work being undertaken, in conjunction with the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

Information released to the Sentinel Times from DTP state:

“We have worked closely with the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to seek the necessary approvals, as well as to ensure appropriate environmental con-



Protesters Angie Thomas, Graeme Wilson – SOS – Save Our Strzelecki - and Irene Proebsting forced work to stop on the Strzelecki Highway, in protest of the removal of a substantial amount of important native forest. ob01_2424

trols are implemented prior to and during the construction works.

“We’ve also undertaken targeted surveys and investigations to identify the required native vegetation offsets and controls to be implemented to minimise flora and fauna impact.”

When questioned by the Sentinel Times about whether community engagement or consultation took place, DTP stated:

“We have engaged with both Latrobe and South Gippsland Councils about these works, as well as Traditional Owner groups.”

In response, the South Gippsland Shire stated:

“The project – and related community engagement – is being undertaken by the Department of Transport and Planning. We understand that this has involved meeting and stakeholder updates.”

Convener of Preserve Our Forests Mirboo North, Marg Thomas, told the Sentinel-Times that the local community only found out about the work about a

week prior to it starting.

“The problem is that it’s been sprung on our communities. Usually there’s community consultation. There’s been none of that, so nobody really knew about it.”

While the group subsequently wrote a letter to the involved government departments, Marg fears that it may be too late and the loss of native flora and fauna will be devastating to the people and the area.

“The Strzelecki Highway sits in the Strzelecki Ranges bioregion, and this bioregion has less than two per cent conserved, in forests, which is well below the 15 per cent federal requirement.”

The roadside forest also forms an important wildlife corridor for multiple animals as well as a continuous canopy for the threatened Greater Glider to safely move across. It is also home to the iconic and vulnerable Strzelecki Koala.

“Now they’re taking a huge chunk out, and it’s very relevant to what’s happened in Mirboo

North of course, with the loss of two of our reserves plus swaths of the rail trail and it’s only left a small area,” explained Marg.

“We feel that there are other options. We could have had it in a different spot, we could have perhaps acquired a little bit of HVP plantation land and diverted the highway through there. I mean it costs more money but our biodiversity is extremely important.”

Marg feels the Government Departments have treated the local people with disdain and is deeply disappointed that their decision making processes have not involved the community.

The protesters were allowed to continue their peaceful protest, providing they were 150 metres from the zoned work site which is classed as the entire road signed site from end to end and removal works subsequently continued throughout the week.

DEECA has been contacted for comment, however did not respond in time for print.

Positive outcome as Grow Lightly is granted reprieve

KORUMBURRA’S Grow Lightly is staying put until an appropriate new home is found, with a productive meeting between representatives of the organisation and South Gippsland Shire Council on June 4.

Grow Lightly Board Chair Becky Banks and a couple of other committee representatives met with council CEO Kerry Ellis and Director of Sustainable Infrastructure Tony Peterson.

Both Becky and Kerry made it clear they are happy with the positive outcome.

“Effectively, what we agreed was that we will provide them with a bit longer in the building they’re in, and they’ve agreed in principle to move to a new location, and we’ve committed they won’t move until we’ve worked through and identified a new location together that they’re comfortable with,” Kerry said.

“There was no having to argue the case,” Becky said of the meeting, noting council promptly offered to extend the lease and is committed to helping Grow Lightly find



Grow Lightly Board Chair Becky Banks is pleased to be working with South Gippsland Shire Council to find a suitable new home for the supplier of fresh produce. A03_2424

a suitable replacement building.

“I appreciate council coming to the party with a positive solution and we’re happy to keep working with them, and we very much appreciate the support that the public gave,” she declared.

Kerry said written feedback from the local

community was generally constructive and helped council understand the importance of Grow Lightly and that people didn’t want to lose the service.

“In terms of meaningful and thoughtful feedback, we did receive quite a bit and that was great, and we really appreciate that,” Kerry said.

However, she observed that some others who wrote letters or made posts on Facebook had no connection with Grow Lightly and there were instances of abusive and nasty messages.

Korumburra Railway Station is one of a number of possible sites for Grow Lightly but that would depend on negotiations with the building’s owner VicTrack.

“We have undertaken to support Grow Lightly with those conversations and also to look at some other options if that one’s not successful,” Kerry said.

Becky feels a positive can come out of the attention drawn to Grow Lightly when it appeared in danger of being homeless, saying more people have realised its importance.

She encouraged them to show continued support by buying from Grow Lightly, volunteering there or supplying produce.

“We’ve already got four or five new volunteers,” Becky said, noting the dedicated few the organisation has could do with an occasional break.

Mayor’s Message



Cr Clare Williams



HELLO South Gippsland.

I hope you all have had a lovely long weekend.

It was great to see so many visitors in our region, even though winter is definitely upon us. All of them supporting our local businesses through their purchases of food, accommodation, experiences and more. It is fantastic to see people exploring South Gippsland.

VEC Boundaries

Earlier this year, the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) gave residents the opportunity to provide their feedback on their review of the ward boundaries for the South Gippsland Shire. This review has now finished and the changes have been published to the VEC website. You can find out how it affects you by visiting: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/vec-boundaries-update

This year, there has also been a change come in for non-resident ratepayers who would like to vote. If you are a non-resident ratepayer and would like to vote in the South Gippsland Shire election, you will need to enrol even if you have previously voted. All non-resident ratepayers have been sent an application form which will need to be returned to Council. More information about the election can be found at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/election

VR Road Safety event

Last week, students from Foster Secondary College and Korumburra Secondary College spent the day filming with Virtual Reality cameras to create road safety videos.

This event was the culmination of two months work, where the students prepared storylines and scripts to do the videos.

The program was funded by the Department of Transport and Planning’s Community Road Safety Program with support from Mindflight7. I hope the students have gained some valuable insights into the dangers of driving distracted and how important it is to take care on the road, especially once they are driving alone.

Draft South Gippsland Biodiversity Protection Plan

A Draft South Gippsland Biodiversity Protection Plan has been created by the South Gippsland Landcare Network and is open for consultation. The Draft Plan aims to guide a coordinated response to improving the natural environment of our region with a focus on collaboration. The Plan is available at www.sgln.net.au/BPP if you would like to provide feedback. The engagement closes June 12.

Leongatha Primary School Visit

You may recall in my last message a visit to Fish Creek Primary School where I spoke about local government. I was lucky enough to also do that again to a group of Grade Six students from Leongatha Primary School. Students were excited to learn more about local government and how Council runs, with some even wanting to become Mayor one day! There has been so much positive feedback coming through and I would like to thank everyone who has shared that with me. I can’t wait for the next one!

Thousands back increased police presence petition

LOCAL communities have backed calls for increased police presence throughout Gippsland amidst escalating crime rates in the area, and after Loch police station remains unmanned.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien has tabled a petition with 2324 signatures calling for greater police presence and resources following the state government's failure to combat a growing crime rate right across the region.

"I have raised the subject of the manning of one-officer stations many times with the government and have repeatedly been advised that they will not be closed," said Mr O'Brien.

"The lack of police presence in our local communities is often top of mind for locals when I am out and about in the electorate. I launched this petition in February, so to see over two thousand signatures in such a short time is a real indication of the level of concern in the community."

Mr O'Brien stated that Loch must be manned, and the current vacancy filled as soon as possible.

"Our local police do an amazing job with the limited resources available to them, but it is clear that they are overworked, understaffed and under-resourced."

Mr O'Brien said he was compelled to launch the petition following reports of a spate of crime throughout

the electorate, and concerns from the community, including Fish Creek local, Terry Ryan who helped distribute the petition in South Gippsland.

"On top of that, statistics from Crime Statistics Agency Victoria prove criminal incidents are on the rise across all three municipalities that form Gippsland South – South Gippsland, Wellington and Latrobe.

"Car break-ins across Latrobe City have risen more than 50 per cent over the last 12 months, while criminal damage continues to spike across both Wellington and South Gippsland Shires.

"This is in addition to hoon driving and other anti-social behaviour which continues to plague our small country communities."

Mr O'Brien said it is clear that a greater police presence is crucial to deter would-be criminals.

Victoria Police confirmed that the position at Loch has not been removed and there are no plans to permanently close the station. Anyone who needs to attend a police station in person can go to Korumburra Police Station which is 10 minutes from Loch.

A 24-hour police station is available at Wonthaggi. If you require immediate police assistance always phone Triple-0.

Revitalisation efforts surge forward for Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute

TARWIN Lower Mechanics Institute Memorial Hall's extensive restoration is expected to be completed soon, with the final stage of the project about to get underway thanks to the assistance of a \$15,000 Bald Hills Wind Farm 'District Grant'.

Secretary of the hall's Committee of Management Margaret de Wolff said its members are very grateful for the support.

"They know how much effort and time we've put into this project," she said.

Work on the front of the building is all that remains, with that repair and painting expected to cost about \$20,000.

It won't be certain exactly what needs doing until weatherboards are removed from that section of the building.

While there is some rotting, it is hoped that part of the hall's exterior has copped less of a battering from the weather due to its orientation.

There is a heritage overlay on the front façade of the hall, presenting a challenge in trying to establish the building's original colour.

"If you scratch under the surface, you'll possibly find a number of different colours," president of the Committee of Management for the hall, Brian Hetherton said.

He outlined the extensive restoration that has been undertaken so far.

"The weatherboards on the outside of the hall had become rotten and we were having blackbirds nest in the wall," Brian said, with that prompting the decision to replace the weatherboards.

Their removal revealed that most of the studs were also rotted and needed replacement or repair.



President Of the Committee of Management for Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute Memorial Hall, Brian Hetherton, looks forward to the final part of the building's restoration now that a grant has been obtained. A05_2424

"The building had become out of square, so we had guttering running uphill," Brian said.

While it was initially thought about \$80,000 would be needed to fix the hall, that quote was provided prior to the pandemic and to the realisation more needed doing than initially thought.

In addition to the general rise in building material costs sparked by COVID, the price for the hall refurbishment began to blow out from the time the weatherboards were removed and the extent of the issues involved became apparent, reaching \$142,000 prior to the upcoming final stage of the project.

Funding for the completed works has included \$40,000 from the building's owner the Department of

Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), \$25,000 from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and \$10,000 through a South Gippsland Shire Council Community Grant.

An additional \$67,000 came from the hall committee's fundraising efforts over eight years.

It is hoped the remainder of work required will be completed by mid July but that will depend on whether any unwanted surprises await, and on the South Gippsland weather.

The Tarwin Lower Hall was built in 1890 at a cost of 235 Pounds and has been well used by the community ever since, something that will long continue thanks to the generosity of all those who have enabled its restoration.

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Mirboo North Storm Cell Volunteers Libby, Dave, Katrina, Tish and Gary continue the important cleanup after February's destructive weather event.

Help for Mirboo North storm cell volunteers to complete jobs

MIRBOO North Storm Cell Volunteers recently received a major boost through a \$19,000 grant that will help them complete their remaining jobs, with much of that money coming from Esso Australia's \$30,000 donation to the Mirboo North Community Recovery Fund.

The Recovery Fund is held by the Mirboo North & District Community Foundation, with the organisation's Executive Officer Ruth Rogan expressing her appreciation for the funding that will assist the community-led post storm recovery.

"The funds are already in action targeting local clean up works managed by our Storm Cell Volunteers," Ruth said.

The grant is supplemented by donations from community organisations both inside and outside the local area, including the Friends of the Mirboo North Aged Care and Leongatha Secondary College, and

will assist property owners who don't have the physical or financial capacity to manage their clean ups.

Since the storm event in February, the Storm Cell Volunteers, which are auspiced by the Mirboo North Community Shed, have assisted more than 300 property owners to clean up their damaged properties.

The volunteers have also provided a listening ear and valuable wellbeing support.

It has been a huge effort, with the team accessible to the community seven days a week since the event, initially at the RSL Hall and then at the Community Shed.

With Disaster Relief Australia (DRA) bringing volunteers to Mirboo North to carry out clean up work, the Storm Cell Volunteers have made the call to leave any new jobs to DRA, while they focus on using the grant and other donations to finish their final jobs.

With almost 30 houses uninhabitable and thousands of wind-blown trees, the recovery has taken significant financial support and long-term effort.

In addition to the Esso Australia funding, Mirboo North Community Recovery Fund has received donations from a range of generous donors, including large corporates, community organisations and individuals, both inside and outside the local community.

These donations continue to be valuable in supporting a range of recovery activities ongoing across the community, including replanting projects, mental health first aid training, and community events to bring people together.

If you want to find out more, email info@mirboodistrictfoundation.org.au or visit the Mirboo North & District Community Foundation website.

SAVE OUR WONTHAGGI NORTH EAST RESIDENTS COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

Time for action... time for answers!

THE Community Action Group continues to be incredibly busy, actively engaging with all levels of the community, government and media and has gathered great support and interest across Wonthaggi, the District and wider community. It has lobbied and strongly advocated for the removal of this "retrospective" overlay which has been a deplorable blight on people's lives, and it will not rest until it has achieved this goal.

As part of the Group's community engagement, it met with Bass Coast Council representatives where we learnt that the number of those affected was even greater, 627 properties, that Council had engaged Environmental Auditors to conduct site investigations and complete Environmental Risk Assessments and also that they had written to all affected property owners acknowledging the stress of the situation and steps to address the impacts of the overlay. All well and good but there is no commitment or agreement in place with the Government on who will foot the bill if more detailed or remedial work is required or how long will this take? Still too many unanswered questions! Any further delays would be a disaster and no relief from unwanted anxiety in sight.

The Committee did take the opportunity to request on behalf of the residents additional support from the Council

By John Duscher, Chair

through a range of counselling services they could provide. MP Jordan Crugnale, Member for Bass, has responded to an invitation to meet the Committee in the near future. We have also written to the Ombudsman requesting an investigation into how this all happened and was allowed to happen.

The Petition is still going well but more signatures are needed. It will continue online until June 17, but the other hand signed petition will close at 5pm on Tuesday, June 11. Make your voice heard loudly, sign the petition today. Your support is vital.

This serious issue will not go away, and the community was in crisis! It was lobbied on the residents unannounced, unexpected and certainly unwanted and we appreciate the terrible impact and cost it has had on these residents, their health and wellbeing, and future. All incredibly bad! We will not go away either! Our community certainly deserves better.

We have written to the Premier and Planning Minister again calling on the Government to announce by June 14 that it will be removing the overlay and thus overturning this great injustice. In the event this does not happen the campaign will no doubt escalate to a level not seen here before.

SAVE WONTHAGGI NORTH EAST RESIDENTS

AN UNPRECEDENTED CRISIS HAS ENGULFED AROUND ONE THOUSAND PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE WONTHAGGI NORTH AND NORTH EAST PRECINCTS. MANY PEOPLE HAVE HEARD THERE IS A MAJOR ISSUE BUT ARE NOT GENERALLY AWARE OF THE DETAILS. HERE ARE THE FACTS.

In 2016, the Bass Coast Shire Council received a report it commissioned from consultants to investigate if Environmental Audits should be required on farmland in the north and north east precincts of Wonthaggi which the Council was proposing to rezone from farming use to residential. The consultant's report recommended that as some of the land within the precinct had potential for contamination, further investigation should be undertaken. The current local State Member of Parliament, Jordan Crugnale, was Mayor of the Bass Coast Shire Council in 2016 when Council received that report. It is important to note that there was no known contamination on any of the farming properties under consideration.

Eight years later, on Thursday 18th of January 2024, the Victorian State Government, without consultation or notification, placed a retrospective planning blight on the titles of more than 600 properties in Wonthaggi which overnight, decimated the value of all those properties. No notification whatsoever to owners, that their property rights and value had been decimated. The blight is known as an Environmental Audit Overlay, is retrospective and winds the clock back five years. What an utter disgrace. This overlay can cost landowners tens of thousands of dollars to undertake. Jordan Crugnale is now the local Member of Parliament for Bass and is a member of the State Labor Government which implemented this action.

THE BLIGHT NOW ON PEOPLE'S PROPERTY TITLES IS RETROSPECTIVE, GOES BACK 5 YEARS, IS UNPRECEDENTED, AND HAS DECIMATED THE LIVES AND PROPERTY VALUES OF AROUND ONE THOUSAND WONTHAGGI LAND OWNERS AS MOST PROPERTIES ARE JOINT OWNED.

The overlay means that the affected property owners can now do nothing with their properties construction wise until an Environmental Audit is carried out which was to be at the full cost of the land owners.

No one knew of this scandal until three months following the Government placing the blight on properties when a local young couple who had been working hard and saving for years

to build their first home signed a Contract with a local builder to construct their new home. They were devastated when their builder applied to obtain a building permit only to be informed that all building applications in the affected precincts were blocked because of the Government action. Their dreams were shattered through no fault of their own. This young couple were the first to learn of this matter and to their credit, moved to inform as many other people as they could. Unbelievably, people with new homes now being finished in the affected precincts, cannot obtain a Certificate of Occupancy so they are barred from occupying their new home. All this madness, and the Government has to date refused to rescind their decision to implement the overlay.

With rising outrage and widespread anger throughout the local community a Public Rally was called on Saturday 11th May 2024 where over 200 people voted unanimously to appoint an executive committee to act on their behalf. I am one of the members of that committee and all five members have been working tirelessly on behalf of affected property owners to address all items of concern.

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE GIVEN BY THE COMMUNITY WAS TO HAVE THE GOVERNMENT REVERSE THEIR DECISION AND RESCIND THE OVERLAY IMMEDIATELY.

On Sunday 26th May 2024, John Pesutto, Leader of the Victorian State Opposition addressed a second Public Rally in Wonthaggi and gave an unqualified commitment that should he become Premier, he would overturn the action of the present Government should the blight still remain on peoples titles. Referring to the retrospective overlay, he said "We will rip it up." That week Mr Pesutto asked the Premier in the Parliament if she would do likewise and shamefully, she brushed the question off giving no commitment to rescind the Audit Overlay on people's properties.

Obviously the issue is now impacting the Government as it has directed the Bass Coast Shire Council to undertake Desktop Audits on all affected properties and that council will pay half the cost. This is outrageous as all the ratepayers of the Bass Coast Shire Council are now footing the bill for at least half the

cost to address the mess created by the Victorian State Labor Government. For those with a blight on their titles, it is a double hit as their rates are also paying to fix up this mess.

Local Member Jordan Crugnale has stated her view is that affected property owners should not have to foot the bill yet that is precisely what is now happening via their Council rates.

The Residents Action Committee Chaired by former Mayor and long term Councillor John Duscher has been very active and amongst other things, organised a Petition demanding the immediate withdrawal of the overlay on Wonthaggi properties. This petition has had wide distribution both online and paper version locally and will be presented to Parliament within the next two weeks. Residents who wish to be informed of the activities of the Action Group can go to Facebook at Wonthaggi Residents Affected by the Environment Audit Overlay.

To be clear, the Residents Action Committee was given the primary objective of having the Government rescind the retrospective overlay and blight on peoples properties immediately and in this regard, last week advised the Premier, State Planning Minister and Local Member Jordan Crugnale that if the Government does not announce by next Friday that they will rescind the Environmental Audit Overlay immediately then action will be undertaken to galvanise community support to participate by attending a major Public Rally in Wonthaggi. If the Government forces need for a third Community Rally, I predict they will see the largest display of people power held locally in the past seventy years since mass rallies were held in Wonthaggi to oppose the closure of the State Coal Mine.

I have no doubt that the legendary Wonthaggi spirit of solidarity and concern for others will again shine through as strongly as it did seven decades ago. I predict this community will readily support and embrace all those so terribly treated by the current State Labor Government.

Hon. Alan Brown, Wattle Bank.

Federal Budget 2024

- What's in it for me

By David Caporale,
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

The Budget was released last month with this year expected to show another surplus of \$9.3 billion, but with bigger spending in the medium term, future years are showing deficits.

For Australian families, the key cost-of-living relief includes a surprise \$300 energy rebate for all families (totalling a \$3.5 billion spend) as well as extending rent assistance at a cost of \$1.9 billion by lifting the maximum rates a further 10 per cent (on top of the 15 per cent announced last September) to increase the fortnightly amount by around \$70 for single parents or couples with one or two children.

\$9.6 billion will also be spent on a new 5 year national agreement on social housing and crisis accommodation including extra on related infrastructure - roads, sewers, energy, water - but only \$88.8 million over 3 years for 20,000 new fee-free training programs to boost the number of construction workers.

The Budget also reconfirms the commitment to the \$120 billion of investment for priority road and rail infrastructure projects. This Budget includes \$4.1 billion of projects over the next 7 years and \$10.1 billion over eleven years for existing projects.

The Government introduced a \$22.7 billion "Future Made in Australia" (FMIA) program aimed at encouraging domestic private sector investment in the transformation required for the country to achieve net zero emissions.

The investment will be a mix of subsidies, tax breaks, cheap loans, relaxed foreign investment rules and less red tape to boost investment in government chosen industries.

Stage 3 tax cuts were revised earlier this year and will provide taxpayers with an average of \$36 a week tax savings, or \$1,888 when lodging their tax returns. This will cost \$1.3 billion over five years from 2023-24.

The reworked version of the cuts will provide more money to those on low and middle incomes, in an effort to reduce bracket creep.

The government will also pay superannuation of \$1.1 billion over 4 years on Commonwealth government-funded paid parental leave for births and adoptions on or after 1 July 2025.

For student debt (HECS/HELP) there is

no cash hand out but instead the Budget confirmed that annual indexation will now be limited to the lower of either the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or the Wage Price Index (WPI) with a retrospective basis from 1 June 2023 (wiping off \$3 billion) due to the unprecedented increase of 7.1 per cent.

Health and age care has received commitment in the following areas: \$1.2 billion over 5 years towards strengthening Medicare measures; \$1.4 billion over 13 years towards medical research in Australia; \$888.1 million over 8 years to strengthen Australia's mental health and suicide prevention system; \$318.0 million has been committed over 5 years to freeze the cost of medicines with costs for prescriptions for pensioners and concession holders at \$7.70; \$3.4 billion over 5 years for new and amended listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme; \$480.2 million over 5 years to reduce patient costs and improve access to medicines; \$110.9 million to strengthen regulation of age care; and \$531.4 million to release 24,100 additional home care packages.

There was little for welfare recipients calling for increased payments, however \$2.8 billion over 5 years for Services Australia was committed including \$1.8 billion for additional staff to address the backlog of claims and improve service standards.

Nearly \$1 million will be invested over 5 years to permanently establish the Leaving Violence Program. This program will provide people fleeing domestic and family violence with up to \$5,000 in financial support.

As for other areas of human services; \$468.7 million over 5 years to support people with a disability and "get the NDIS back on track", following the NDIS Review; and \$227.6 million over 5 years to implement a new specialist disability employment program.

Lastly, the government is investing an additional \$50.3 billion over 10 years to implement the 2024 National Defence Strategy to meet Australia's strategic needs as well as \$206.4 million on Cyber Security and \$168 million to support the next tranche of anti-money laundering and counter terrorism financing reforms, enhancing Australia's ability to detect and disrupt illicit financing.

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Support available for those with disability service concerns

THE VICTORIAN Disability Worker Commission (VDWC) visited Leongatha on Wednesday, with commissioner Dan Stubbs leading a session on the important role the organisation plays in regulating disability workers throughout Victoria and resolving any complaints about them.

The VDWC is an independent statutory body, which also supports registration of disability workers with the Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria.

Dan said that as well as creating awareness of the VDWC's role, it is important to hear about the issues community members are experiencing in relation to disability services.

"We're here to let people know how the disability services sector is regulated in Victoria," he said.

Dan spoke about the types of complaints VDWC receives about disability workers.

Issues include poor quality services such as people not being given the right food and having their requests ignored, or workers not turning up.

Disrespecting those with disability through behaviour such as yelling at them, and abuse and neglect are other areas that prompt complaints.

Dan encourages people with disabilities and their families to contact the Commission if there is a problem with their service, with other community members also welcome to report concerns about any disability worker in Victoria, whether that worker is funded through the NDIS or another source.

He pointed out that only about 12 per cent of people with disabilities receive an NDIS package.

Disability support also gets funding through State Government, local government and charities.

"We want people to understand what we do and to trust us because complaining about your disability service, for a person with disability or their family, is sometimes the hardest thing they can ever do," Dan said.

That makes sessions such as that in Leongatha important, with face-to-face meetings helping to build that trust and to promote positive word of mouth about the commission's role



Commissioner of the Victorian Disability Worker Commission Dan Stubbs came to Leongatha to speak about the support the organisation provides to ensure those with disability receive appropriate services, and the Commission's regulatory responsibilities. A04_2424

and approachability.

Complaints to the VDWC may lead to a process of conciliation, or counselling or educating a worker.

"At the extreme, we can prohibit a worker from working in the sector as a disability support worker," Dan said.

The VDWC has been servicing the community since 2020, arising from a need identified by a 2016 parliamentary enquiry, with Dan commencing his position in 2019.

"As a person with disability who relies on services myself, I know what it's like and how important it is to make sure those services are quality, respectful and safe," he said.

People wanting to make a complaint about a disability worker can complete an online form through the VDWC website or call 1800 497 132.

Representatives of organisations providing disability services attended the Leongatha session.

They heard how the VDWC handles notifications about specific disability workers, lodged by concerned employers and other disability workers who are worried about behaviour they have become aware of.

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Wellington Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ian Bye and South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, Cr Clare Williams rode the new extension to the rail trail, crossing the border between Welshpool and Alberton.

Extension of the Great Southern Rail Trail now open

THE MUCH anticipated 21 kilometre extension of the Great Southern Rail Trail between Welshpool and Alberton is now open, welcoming walkers, runners, cyclists, horse riders and people of all abilities to explore the beautiful South Gippsland region, with a focus on the southern part of The Middle of Everywhere. The extension increases the total length of the trail to an impressive 129 kilometres.

Last week, Wellington Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ian Bye and South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, Cr Clare Williams took to the trail to ride the extension, crossing the border between Welshpool and Alberton, commending both councils for their collaborative efforts to achieve the much-anticipated project.

The milestone not only marks the completion of the Great Southern Rail Trail from Yarram to Nyora but also completes an eighteen-month journey, providing locals and tourists access to the eastern end that reaches the historically rich coastal area, known fondly by locals and visitors to Wellington Shire as 'The Middle of Everywhere'.

The extension was made possible through \$6 million in Regional Infrastructure Grant funding from the Victorian Government, via the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry, and Regions. The funding supported eighteen months of construction work across both shires. While the trail is now open, final interpretive and wayfinding signage is still to come, with installation and completion expected by the end of 2024.

Locals, visitors, and partners can expect an invite to an official opening ahead of the September school holidays, when the trail will be celebrated in all its glory. In late 2024, a new Great Southern Rail Trail website will be launched which will provide comprehensive information allowing users to plan ahead of their visit.

Out of the 21 kilometre extension, Wellington Shire Council covers 14 kilometres, with South Gippsland Shire Council managing the remaining seven kilometres.

Over the past eighteen months, the project has reconstructed nine small bridges and five large bridges, including an impressive 80-metre bridge over Albert River. The works involved constructing gravel paths

and extensive vegetation management between the towns of Alberton and Welshpool, including Hedley and Gelliondale.

Despite weather setbacks in late December 2023 and January 2024 causing extensive damage and delays, the trail is now ready for public use.

Wellington Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ian Bye expressed excitement over the project's completion, saying that everyone at council is thrilled to see the community and visitors alike enjoying this beautiful addition to our region.

"The trail is a testament to Council's commitment to providing recreational opportunities while boosting the local economy through tourism.

"Visitors can enjoy diverse landscapes, including farmland, forests, wetlands, and historic towns like Yarram, Alberton and Port Albert. The trail also offers opportunities to spot local wildlife such as kangaroos, birds, and other native animals as well as infrastructure remnants, adding a cultural and historical element to the journey, ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy," Cr Bye said.

"It is exciting to see this extension complete and our shared vision of a recreation asset connecting our two regions fulfilled" Cr Williams added.

"Rail trails are popular with local residents and are a drawcard for visitors. I know that many people have been asking about this section of trail and are keen to get out there and explore. This extension means that the Great Southern Rail Trail now extends 129 kilometres through a variety of beautiful Gippsland landscapes. I can't wait for visitors to discover what we are fortunate to have in our very own backyards."

At the time of grant application funding, a joint cost-benefit analysis between both Councils showed that the benefits of the extension would outweigh the construction costs in every way. The bulk of benefits were estimated to be linked with the attraction of tourist spending into the region (defined as South Gippsland and Wellington Shires). Other benefits included improved health and enhanced recreational opportunities for the local population.

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Korumburra Staying Strong member Noelene Cosson looks forward to welcoming community members to the group's open-door sessions during June.

Korumburra Staying Strong builds local connections

THE 'KORUMBURRA Staying Strong' group continues to connect people through its 'Helping Hands' project, benefiting individuals and the town, and is running open-door sessions during June to encourage more people to get involved.

Those keen to take on volunteer roles in the community but unsure what opportunities they are best suited to are encouraged to attend, with the team at Korumburra Staying Strong fostering connections with a wide range of community groups.

Coordinator of the Helping Hands project Craig Panagiris said that while Korumburra Staying Strong has a significant online presence through Facebook and its website, it is also keen to foster opportunities for face-to-face interaction.

He gave examples of volunteer opportunities the group can connect people with.

"Grow Lightly are looking for volunteers for packers and drivers, all the landcare groups are always looking for volunteers to do plantings and Gippsland Southern Health Service is always on the outlook for volunteers to do various things, including visiting older people in the aged care facilities in Korumburra," Craig said.

He explained it is simply a matter of sitting down with a person and chatting about their interests to help match them to available volunteer positions.

Korumburra Staying Strong, which was initially established through a grant

from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, also facilitates various projects, including maintaining its focus on ensuring new arrivals to town are made welcome, something that will again be the case at the open-door sessions.

The organisation has posted lots of ideas online for keeping the town strong, which have come through holding community forums, and it remains open to further suggestions.

A recent example was an online post from local business operator Evan Enbom, who is keen to create a community garden in Korumburra, with Craig pointing out that attracted lots of community feedback on ways to bring that initiative to fruition and possible locations.

That may lead to a future face-to-face session to work through ideas for establishing the garden.

Those keen to keep up to date with the Helping Hands project are encouraged to subscribe to the fortnightly newsletter available through the Korumburra3950.com.au website.

You can also email korumburrastayingstrong@gmail.com for further information.

The Korumburra Staying Strong open-door sessions throughout June will be held on Tuesday evenings from 5pm until 7pm and Thursdays from 10am until noon at the Korumburra Community Development Association meeting room located at 3 Radovick Street.

KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Emergency Services Medal (ESM) Georgie Wettenhall

A lifesaving gem



LONG time Woolamai Beach Surf Lifesaving Club member Georgie Wettenhall has been recognised with an Emergency Services Medal (ESM) as part of the King's Birthday awards.

Ms Wettenhall has been dedicated to the club for decades helping save numerous lives, holding key roles and supporting the next generation.

Starting off as a nipper, her passion flowed from there leading her to become a role model and respected leader.

She was one of the founders of the now state-wide initiative Pink Patrol, an all-women-led patrol, celebrating the past and present contribution of women in lifesaving and showcasing their operational capabilities.

When speaking with the Sentinel-Times, she was extremely humble in receiving the award stating there were more deserving people and had feelings of 'imposter syndrome'.

But not many people can say they've literally helped save someone's life.

In 1997, she was awarded the Woolamai Beach Surf Lifesaving Club (SLSC) - Darren Adams Memorial Award for Most Courageous Rescue, in recognition of a complex and challenging rescue she and her fellow lifesavers performed at Colonnades Beach, saving the lives of two patients under extremely difficult conditions.

"There were two brothers who were playing soccer and got into

trouble in the water," she said. "That was one of the first times when I realised this was serious (lifesaving)."

She has also held leadership roles at both Woolamai and Gunnamatta Beach clubs and state levels across training, patrols, and lifesaving services as president and as a director.

But overall, she's loved the close friendships that have been made over the years.

While she doesn't have an official role at the moment, she is still heavily involved helping out with nippers and other activities.

She also loves seeing the next generation develop and all the things that many of their members go on to achieve.

Dianne is French Island's shining jewel

THE Governor-General David Hurley announced Honours and Awards for 737 Australians, including awards in the Order of Australia (General and Military Divisions), meritorious awards and recognition for conspicuous service on Sunday.

"I would like to congratulate all those recognised in today's Honours List. Some names are well-known, but the vast majority are not – they are people who work tirelessly and selflessly to make a difference in our community," the Governor-General said.

"Through today's recognition we shine a light on their efforts, the impact they have and the difference they make.

On behalf of all Australians, I thank recipients for their service and congratulate them on their recognition."

In addition to the 493 recipients of awards in the General Division of the Order of Australia (six AC, 15 AO, 131 AM and 341 OAM), today's Honours list includes:

- 25 recipients of awards in the Military Division of the Order of Australia (three AO, seven AM and 15 OAM)
- 162 Meritorious awards
- 57 Conspicuous awards

This list also includes 34 Australians recognised for their contribution in support of Australia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Amongst those also honoured

in our region is Mrs Dianne Spark in recognition of her service to the community of French Island.

Mrs Spark is a life member of the French Island Cricket Club where she has served as secretary since 1978 and scorer since 1965.

She is also a member and former secretary of the French Island Community Association, secretary of the French Island Hall Committee since 1976, and served as secretary of the French Island Country Fire Authority, 1980-1985, school president of Perseverance Primary School, 1991-1999 and is a foundation member of French Island Landcare Group, 1989.

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Woorayl Lodge strives for crucial funding

THOSE in charge at Leon-gatha's Woorayl Lodge are ad-vocating for crucial government support for aged care in South Gippsland, with co-CEO Andrew Ross recently writing to local, state and federal politicians after the organisation was unsuccess-ful in obtaining funding for its in-tended Boags Road development.

"South Gippsland, like a lot of regional communities, is in ur-gent need of additional residen-tial aged care beds, and current-ly we have over 30 locals waiting to enter permanent aged care; however, we don't have the beds for them," Andrew wrote.

He added that Woorayl's re-spite care is fully booked until November this year, with book-ings halted for now.

It was revealed last month that the Lodge's application for a grant through the Federal Gov-ernment's Growing Regions Pro-gram (Round 1) failed.

"Woorayl was relying on this funding to enable us to begin the Stage 1 build of our new state of the art 30 plus bed facility on Boags Road, Leongatha," An-drew stated.

He explained that once the entire multi-staged project is completed, it is intended to ac-commodate up to 120 residents requiring various levels of care in pod style accommodation.

Andrew expressed concern about the impact of delays on the already long waiting list.

"Every day we have multiple people call looking for both permanent and respite care for their loved ones, and it breaks our hearts when we tell them there are 30 plus people on the



Woorayl Lodge co-CEOs Jaimee Brydon and Andrew Ross hope for success second time around in obtaining an important grant to enable the aged care home's Boags Road development to get underway. A02_2424

list in front of them; this is the hidden reality of aged care in our community," he wrote.

He noted other aged care facili-ties in Korumburra, Foster and Wonthaggi are in a similar situa-tion, with long waiting lists com-parable to Woorayl Lodge.

Andrew pointed out that the number of South Gippsland residents aged 80 plus is grow-ing rapidly and that while the recent Federal Government Bud-get increased home care package funding, which will help people

stay in their homes for longer, when they eventually enter the aged care system their needs will, by then, be higher.

While Woorayl will apply for a grant under Round 2 of the Growing Regions Program, there is no guarantee of success and other funding opportunities will need to be explored.

The Sentinel-Times visited Woorayl Lodge on Tuesday and chatted to Andrew and co-CEO Jaimee Brydon who both ex-pressed their disappointment

that the commencement of the Boags Road project has been delayed and will ultimately exacer-bate the aged care shortage in the region.

However, they are remaining positive as they determine the best way forward to achieve a much-needed boost in aged care availability.

"Sooner or later somebody's got to build more facilities be-cause the need's not going down anytime soon," Andrew said.

Both CEOs said South

Gippsland was overlooked in Round 1 of the Growing Regions Program, with \$14.5 million to-wards building a new library and learning centre in Warragul becoming the only project in the broader area to win support.

"It's a shame for the whole local community really," Jaimee said, noting that there was no assis-tance for anything in Bass Coast or South Gippsland Shires, not only in aged care but across the board.

However, she isn't discour-aged from striving towards what needs to be done.

"Woorayl Lodge and the board are committed that we are going to increase (capacity)," she said, adding it is a matter of resolving the funding challenge.

Stage 1 of the Boags Road proj-ect has been budgeted at \$22 million.

\$7.25 million is hoped to be sourced through the grant, if successful second time around, with that figure to be matched by Woorayl Lodge and the remain-ing approximately \$7.5 million to be generated through fund-raising.

Had the initial grant applica-tion been successful, work would have got underway by May this year, with a two-year time frame anticipated for stage 1 works.

That build time would allow fundraising efforts to continue during building, with money raised going towards the later fit-out costs.

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Slippery when wet

TO PROTECT parks and forests from damage during Victoria's wet and snow seasons, temporary road and track closures came into effect yesterday, June 11, following the King's Birthday long weekend.

Parks Victoria, the Conservation Regulator, and Forest Fire Management Victoria enforce seasonal closures between June and November every year when sensitive environments including waterways, cultural heritage and public access tracks are most vulnerable to damage.

These measures also safeguard critical road infrastructure used by firefighters during summer emergencies and protect motorists from accidents on remote roads softened by heavy rain or snow.

Last year, public land authorities recorded more than 380 breaches of gates or closed roads and 800 instances of illegal vehicle use across Victoria's parks and forests. Authorised Officers issued 181 infringements totalling more than \$60,000 to people caught driving cars or riding trail bikes illegally off-road or in restricted areas.

Offenders caught driving or riding on a closed road in Victoria's parks and forests face a maximum penalty of up to \$3846 if prosecuted in court.

Local conditions and weather can affect the timing and locations of road closures. If you are heading out for a drive or trail bike ride on public land, please take care by planning your trip and seeing which roads are open and suitable for your vehicle before leaving home.

You are also encouraged to check the weather forecast before you go and download the VicEmergency app for emergency information, including severe weather alerts and warnings.

The public can help protect sensitive environments by reporting any illegal vehicle use on public land to 136 186.

Pyjama day at Maru: Raising funds for the homeless

THE Maru business owner and CEO Ian Heffer will be participating in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout to raise funds for the homeless.

"On June 20, I will join other CEOs to experience sleeping outside on a cold winters night," said Ian.

With a goal of \$5000, The Maru Koala and Animal Park will also be donating entry fees from animal experiences on June 20 and the park are welcoming cash donations in the collection tin at reception.

"One night isn't a lot to be on the streets, but it can make a real difference. "Thank you for your support."



Wonthaggi SES doors close to opening

WONTHAGGI SES are excited – they're close to opening their new doors on White Road. Whilst final remedial works are still underway it won't be long until the official opening and community open days, when members of the public will be able to pop in and inspect the new abode, not to mention chat with existing members and find out how to join. Stay tuned for details in the weeks ahead.



Bass Coast police, paramedics and Wonthaggi SES have joined Bass Coast Group CFA members in this year's Push Up Challenge for mental health. C51_2424

Beating the challenges faced by first responders

IT'S the second year Wonthaggi firefighters have taken part in The Push Up Challenge for mental health, and this year their fellow emergency responders have joined the challenge.

Eight days in and first responders have already completed 13,866 push-ups (or alternative exercise) with a total count of 3249 to be completed over the 24 days until June 28.

Three thousand, two hundred and forty-nine is not a random number, it represents the number of lives lost to suicide in Australia in 2022.

"It was something good to do and promote mental health in firefighters and first responders," Wonthaggi Fire Brigade 2nd Lieutenant Kev-in Else explained.

"First responders repeatedly witness and respond to traumatic events, often

bottling this up, which takes an emotional and psychological toll. It's crucial to raise awareness, get the word out there and support appropriate resources available for first responders. This year we are supporting Lifeline Gippsland.

"We have 33 first responders taking part from SES, ambulance, police and firefighters in Bass Coast. Each day there is a different

target that represents a mental health fact.

"We are hoping to build on the event each year and next year have all local first responders participating."

Since 2017, The Push-Up challenge has raised over \$40 million for mental health.

So far \$1030.86 has been raised at time of print.

To donate visit thepushupchallenge.com.au/fundraiser/basscoastfirstresponders

Preserving Woolamai's lifesaving club

THE completion of Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club Environs Management Plan was celebrated with the impressive retaining walls now up enhancing access to the beach and club.

The milestone was attended by Senator Jess Walsh and Life Saving Victoria's CEO Catherine Greaves.

The project's aim was to protect the sensitive coastal environment by stabilising and revegetating the sand dune system and improve access to the beach, clubhouse and public toilets.

This included:

- Revegetation and stabilisation of sand dunes surrounding the clubhouse
- Construction of retaining walls
- Better delineation of the beach access pathway
- Upgrade of an all abilities access ramp
- Repair to public toilet access path

In 2021, the club, in partnership with Phillip Island Nature Parks, was successful in obtaining a Commonwealth Building Better Regions Fund matching funds grant and commenced a project to protect sensitive coastal environment by stabilising and revegetating the sand dune system and improving access to the beach, clubhouse and public toilets.

The project was completed in late 2023.

"The Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club is very



Senator Jess Walsh (second from right) with Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Clare Le Serve, club president Jason Close, Life Saving Victoria CEO Catherine Greaves (far left).

grateful to the Commonwealth Government and Phillip Island Nature Parks for their support of the recently completed Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club Environs Management Plan," said Jason Close, president of Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

"Our club is located in a sensitive coastal environment and so by stabilising and revegetating the surrounding dune system and better delineating access to the beach, we believe we have made an important contribution to our local area."

With Woolamai not only being the largest surf lifesaving club in Gippsland in terms of membership, area patrolled and number of rescues, it also patrols some of the state's most dangerous beaches.



The retaining walls are proving essential to improving access to the club and stabilisation of the dunes.

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The festival was popular once again this year.

Loch comes alive for food and wine

LOCH was a buzzing hive of activity on Sunday June 9 for the town's famous Food and Wine Festival.

Despite the drizzly conditions, crowds, food stalls and everything in between crammed into the Railway Station Reserve.

There was something for everyone to enjoy from kids' activities to live music with plenty of the region's famous wines, beer and spirits on offer.

Patrons ensured they had their wine glasses ready, which were given on entry, to sample all they could.

Visitors also took a stroll through Loch Village, indulging in all the popular eateries.



Loch's CFA held an open day chatting with members of the public.



Andre and Dallas were busy dishing out gift bags and the popular wine glasses.



It was time to get on the beers at the Burra Brewers stall.

Premier female artists take to the Meeniyen stage this winter

THIS winter, Meeniyen Town Hall plays host to a celebration of Australian female artists.

Hot on the heels of Karen Lee Andrews' stellar performance earlier this month, three more highly accomplished Australian female artists will also take to the Meeniyen stage.

On Saturday July 13, Grace Cummings brings her critically acclaimed third album 'RAMONA' to life. Recorded with Jonathan Wilson (Father John Misty, Angel Olsen) at his Topanga Canyon studio, 'RAMONA' is a master work of unbridled theatricality and emotion. Grace's return to Meeniyen follows her current extensive touring across the US, UK and Europe.

Then on Saturday July 20, Meeniyen welcomes back one of Australia's most enduring independent artists, Jen Cloher. The hall will be the perfect venue for this intimate solo

evening, taking a deeper dive into her astounding work, particularly her much acclaimed fifth release, 'I Am The River, The River Is Me'.

And rounding out the celebration, on Saturday August 3, one of the country's finest voices, Emma Donovan, will launch her highly acclaimed album 'Til My Song is Done'. All songs on the album are co-written and produced by Emma and Mick Meagher (The Putbacks, The Bamboos, Kate Ceberano, The Pigram Brothers, Ross Hannaford) with the two sharing a powerful, creative connection. Following her ARIA nominated success with The Putbacks, Emma returns to her musical roots, honouring the legacy of her "family country music ways."

Tickets for all shows are available at the website lyrebirdartscouncil.com.au/upcoming-events/



Experience the raw emotion and theatricality of Grace Cummings as she brings her critically acclaimed album 'RAMONA' to Meeniyen Town Hall on Saturday, July 13.

Garden Gems coming to Wonthaggi Men's Shed

On Wednesday June 19 at 10am at the Wonthaggi Men's Shed Garden, Frances Saunders will present on how to save seeds for future planting, and explore the best methods for seed preservation.

Frances is an award-winning teacher with extensive experience in horticulture and landscape design with an emphasis on sustainable practices.

"There is a whole plant inside one tiny seed. Learn the secrets to seed saving so they will be ready to thrive when you need them. Discover collecting from pods, small dry seeds, fleshy fruits and how to store them safely," said Frances.

This free workshop is proudly presented as a part of the Garden Gems project, a partnership between Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Adult Learning and community gardens across the region.

To find the garden, walk across Apex Park, and cross the Rail Trail. Drive in on the dirt road off the eastern corner of the Big W car park.

Introduction to Permaculture will be held in the future on Wednesday July 17 at 10am.

The Wonthaggi Men's Shed has always supported community activities and always will.



Zuppa di pesce con pomidori

Fish soup with tomatoes

By Meg Viney

ITALIANS know how to get robust flavour into simple dishes and this is no exception.

Ingredients

- 200 gm fresh fish (try to get 3 types – eg, ling, snapper, cod, grenadier)
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 1 clove crushed garlic (crush with a pinch each salt and sugar, then steep in the oil)
- 1 onion
- 1 stalk chopped celery
- 1 kg chopped tomatoes
- ½ green capsicum
- Salt, pepper, fresh oregano

Method

In the garlic oil, sauté the chopped onion and capsicum and celery.

Add a small pinch salt and cook, covered over a low heat for 15 minutes.

Add the chopped tomatoes and oregano. Cook for 15 minutes, then taste.

Adjust seasoning by adding little bits of salt, pepper and sugar until the flavour is lovely.

Then add the chunks of fish and simmer a further 10 to 15 minutes.

Serve with extra fresh oregano and even some parmesan. A loaf of crusty bread to accompany.

Homeward bound: Michael beats the odds

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Three quarters of Aussies targeted by delivery scams

AUSTRALIANS receive shipping or package delivery scams far more than any other scam according to the latest research commissioned by Australia Post. Close to three-quarters (73 per cent) of respondents indicated they have received fake delivery or package scam messages, underscoring the need to track parcels through official apps or websites.

More than one quarter (27 per cent) also admitted they had fallen victim to a scam, often resulting in a financial loss or identity theft. Of these, a small number (five per cent) reported they have forfeited more than \$20,000 to scammers.

The most common scams Australians reported receiving included:

- Delivery and packages – 73%
- Overdue Tolls – 49%
- Winning a prize, money or holiday – 39%
- A purchase that wasn't made – 36%
- Banking matters – 31%
- Telecommunications – 26%
- Unpaid taxes – 22%
- Children losing their phones – 8%

Alarminglly, over 80 per cent of Australians are receiving up to ten scam texts and calls every week. The research suggests that 15 per cent of people are receiving 16 or more scam emails a week and about four per cent of people also reported receiving a similar number of fake texts and phone calls.

Australia Post is urging people to protect themselves as scams continue to increase and become more convincing. More than half (54 per cent) of those surveyed revealed they had initially believed a fake delivery message was legitimate and pursued it before realising the content was fraudulent.

Australia Post's Group Chief Executive & Managing Director Paul Graham said: "Australians are losing billions' of dollars to scams each year. Scam attempts are becoming more sophisticated, frequent and increasingly harder to detect and our latest research reveals that most of us have already been targeted.

"With many people being bombarded with fake texts, emails and calls the best way for customers to stay safe from scams is by using the free AusPost app, which tracks deliveries securely."

Australia Post will never:

- Call, text or email you asking for personal or financial information including password, credit card details or account information
- Call, text or email you to request payment

Australia Post also advises that parcel delivery scams may reference other delivery company names both real and fictitious.

Australia Post's new research follows the latest report from Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), which revealed Australians lost \$2.74 billion in 2023 and made over 601,000 scam reports, an 18.5 per cent increase on 2022.

ACCC's top tips on protecting yourself against scams

- Download the official app and turn on notifications so you can be confident the message is real.
- Never click on links in texts or emails. Don't give money or personal information if you are unsure. Scammers will create a sense of urgency, such as telling you your parcel could not be delivered. Don't rush to act.
- Act quickly if you think something feels wrong and immediately report it to your bank if you lose money.

To sign up for a free MyPost account either visit auspost.com.au/receiving/mypost or download from the Apple Store or Google Play.

And, for more tips on how to navigate parcel and delivery scams visit the Australia Post website: auspost.com.au/about-us/about-our-site/online-security-scams-fraud/scam-alerts

Don't let yourself be scammed

LEONGATHA resident Lynn Dormer was sitting at her computer and had just completed a Norton Virus scan which came back completely clean, when, all of a sudden, her screen was inundated with pop-up windows.

In the middle of it all, 'Micro-soft' with a telephone number appeared.

Calling the number a gentleman answered and told Lynn she had been hacked. He asked if she would like to help them catch the hacker.

"I'm an 80-year-old woman and I'm sitting here in my dressing gown and pyjamas," she said to the man.

He replied, "Do you want to help us do this or not? Because we'd like to involve you in this thing."

Lynn agreed to help, telling the Sentinel-Times, "I've always been a bit of an adventurer."

The man on the phone told Lynn to get dressed and go to Woolworths, which she did, all the while staying on the phone to the man.

"As I passed the Commonwealth Bank, I said, I'm just passing the Commonwealth Bank, let me just go in and make sure everything's ok. He said, 'No, no, no, they're actually involved. Don't do that because if you're going to help us do this, you've got to understand that they're involved'," Lynn recounted.

Lynn proceeded to go past the bank and to Woolworths.

The man told Lynn, 'We're going to put \$2000 in your credit account and we want you to go in and buy four \$500 wish cards from Woollies'. Don't worry, the money will go into your account."

At this point Lynn didn't realise her computer had been hacked and full access to her bank account gained.

Before she had left her unit, the man had told her to download Anydisk, a remote desktop application that allows someone to connect to another computer from anywhere in the world through the internet.

"If Woollies' ask you why you're buying four wish cards for \$500, say they're for your grandchildren," the man told Lynn, and she proceeded successfully to buy the cards.

"He said, now what I want you to do before you do



Leongatha resident Lynn Dormer felt very foolish after falling for a scam and doesn't want the same thing to happen to anyone else. ob02_2324

anything else, go and sit somewhere comfortable and read me off the names of the wish card, the numbers of the wish cards and the access codes," recounts Lynn.

"I did what I was told," she said.

Then, still on the phone, the man asked Lynn if there was a Coles nearby, she told him there wasn't but there was an IGA.

He said to her "OK, we're getting them, but we need one more," said Lynn.

It was at this point that something twigged in Lynn.

"What twigged in me at that point was I wanted to talk to someone else, the loneliness of the situation made me... But I was afraid that if I spoke to anybody else, he'd hear me and I'd have failed.

"So I went over to IGA, they didn't have any decent gift cards, so he said, now go back to Woolworths."

He told Lynn to go and buy three Woolworths gift cards at \$500 each.

Lynn mentioned to the man that Leongatha Woolworths was small, implying that it may seem suspicious, but he told her to try anyway.

"So I did that, and the interesting thing is that while I was doing that, someone from the desk up the way in Woollies' came over and said, 'Be careful because we think these cards

are part of a scam."

At that point Lynn said she thought, "Am I catching the scammer or am I part of the scam?"

She went ahead with the sale, went outside and again read the card numbers to the man on the phone.

"He said, you did good in there. I could hear it all. You did good. We're right on the trail of the crooks," Lynn recounted.

The man then told Lynn to go home and keep him on the line until she got there. Once there he told her to turn her computer and phone off until the morning and have a nap, and mentioned that she had his number if she was worried.

The man had kept Lynn on the phone for a total of three hours.

"I did exactly what he said. I lay on my bed and after about an hour, I thought Ok, I'm now suspicious. It took three hours."

"I wanted to speak to him again. So, I went and called his number, and of course three calls through to this number and doink, doink, doink."

There was no answer.

Lynn decided to call her daughter who lives in Bendigo and works in finance and Artificial Intelligence.

"She said, you idiot mum, you've just been scammed."

Lynn commented that she

felt deeply ashamed, embarrassed and foolish when she realised what had happened.

"They shouldn't have been clever enough," she said, and contributed part of the scammers success on her loneliness, being a relatively new resident of Leongatha Lynn is without many personal contacts.

Lynn's daughter advised her to go to the police, Centrelink and the Commonwealth Bank (CBA), all of which she did.

The bank were caring and sympathetic, and accompanied Lynn to Woolworths to tell them what happened; however, Woolworths were unable to help.

Lynn contacted the complaints department at the bank, who were initially unhelpful and unwilling to repay the amount taken from her accounts.

However, her daughter informed Lynn, that she fulfils all the criteria for being vulnerable and that she needed to contact them again, which Lynn did.

CBA followed up with an email stating they couldn't repay the money but offered her mental health support.

On advice again from her daughter Lynn mentioned to that bank that she would take the matter to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA) to get it resolved.

After some back and forth emails, over a number of weeks, the CBA eventually agreed to repay Lynn the full amount that had been scammed from her.

In a text message sent to the Sentinel-Times regarding the CBAs decision, Lynn wrote, "I am blown away but recognise that although they accept no blame, they have recognised and taken into account my age and vulnerability. They also added that if I wasn't pleased with the handling of the complaint, I could, of course, go to AFCA. I replied that I was extremely grateful to them for helping to get past the experience."

While Lynn felt deeply embarrassed about falling for the scam, she wanted to tell her story to help prevent it from happening to others.

"I just don't want anybody else to be as foolish as I was," she said.

Don't be caught out by the 3G network switch off

FARMERS, small business operators and other community members need to ensure they are not caught out when Telstra and Optus switch off their 3G networks soon, with people also urged to check they will still be able to make triple zero calls and that medical alert devices are compatible with the change to 4G and 5G only.

The Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman, Bruce Billson, encourages people to check now whether they need to update devices, so they can make any necessary equipment upgrades before the switch off to avoid costly disconnection or technology failure.

Telstra recently delayed the switch off of its 3G network until August 31 this year, with Optus planning to switch off its 3G network from the start of

September, while TPG Telecom/Vodafone has already turned off its 3G network.

"The 3G switch-off will affect more than just your mobile phone signal," Bruce said.

Weather stations, trough monitoring and livestock monitoring devices and various wireless operating systems are among the farm technology that may be impacted, with any of those devices that rely on 3G technology needing to be upgraded.

EFTPOS terminals, scanners, security systems and cameras, industrial routers, smart watches, asset tracking tools and surveying equipment may also be affected by the shift away from 3G.

Bruce stressed that the switch-off won't only affect devices that operate exclusively on the 3G network.

"Even some 4G-enabled de

vices have aspects that are powered by 3G, but users may not realise until they stop working, so it makes sense to have those checked as well," he said.

Bruce encourages people to contact their telecommunications provider or device manufacturer to confirm if a device will be affected.

"But beware of scams and only contact mobile providers using trusted information and links," he said.

Telstra and Optus customers can check their mobile phones before 3G is fully phased out by texting 3 to the number 3498 and will receive an automatic text response advising whether they need to take action to be ready for the change-over.

On Telstra's website, Channa Seneviratne, the company's executive for network technology development and innovation,

stresses that "some older 4G and 5G phones still use 3G to call Triple Zero," adding that by using the SMS checker service, outlined above, you will be advised if that applies to your phone and it needs upgrading.

"If you or a loved one has a medical alert device, we encourage you to check with the manufacturer that it is 4G VoLTE compatible, meaning it can make voice calls on 4G," Channa said.

Telstra has previously stated it is upgrading areas that only have 3G coverage to deliver equivalent 4G coverage, which it says will be available by the time the 3G network closes.

For more information:

- Telstra: Visit: telstra.com.au/support/mobiles-devices/3g-closure or call: 13 22 00
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The island's little penguins breeding season ran for nine months instead of the usual three to four. Photo: Phillip Island Nature Parks

Strong El Nino event results in breeding success

PHILLIP Island's little penguin population has overcome the environmental odds of a strong El Nino event, with a higher-than-expected number of fledgling chicks this breeding season.

Phillip Island Nature Parks researchers say the longer breeding season, which ran from July 2023 until the end of March 2024, was marked by a strong El Nino event that impacted global weather, with ocean temperatures surging to unprecedented levels.

But despite predictions that penguin populations would suffer in the warming world and the ocean temperatures around Phillip Island registering record highs, our little penguins flourished, with two successful clutches in one season.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Senior Scientist Professor Andre Chiaradia said the island's little

penguins had benefitted from a longer than normal breeding season that ran for nine months rather than the usual three to four months.

Many populations of little penguins are severely threatened by the fast-changing environment and human disturbances in both Australia and New Zealand. Recently, more than 50 penguins died in South Australia. Their cause of death is still being investigated.

Sites without active conservation measures have experienced a severe decrease, where many known breeding colonies no longer exist.

Remarkably, some of these pressures can be locally offset by a wide range of conservation efforts, such as the case of them thriving at Phillip Island, having been recognised as the largest colony of little penguins in the world with a population of 40,000.

Penguin Parade Boardwalk upgrade underway

WITH the departure of short-tailed shearwaters and temporary fencing installed, works are now well underway at the iconic Penguin Parade, thanks to a \$5 million upgrade through the State Government's Regional Tourism Investment Fund.

Positioned between the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre and Summerland Beach, the new boardwalk will provide a looped experience for visitors, connecting General Viewing platforms with habitat east of the existing boardwalk.

Simpson Construction is off to a flying start with the project, working in conjunction with the design team, led by Terroir Architects, who designed the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre.

After detailed cultural heritage surveying and careful mapping of little penguin burrows, the first fixings are now in the ground. These footings, selected for their incredibly small footprint to load bearing ratio, will support the new boardwalk spans and keep visitors above traditional penguin pathways and fragile nests. Further progress includes upgrades to the existing premium viewing and tour platforms.

Boardwalk materials

have been chosen based on durability and rigidity to maximise the horizontal span and minimise the number of ground fixings. A helicopter will be used to manoeuvre these lengthy spans into place over winter.

Jarvis Weston, General Manager Infrastructure and Planning at Phillip Island Nature Parks said it's an exciting time at the Penguin Parade with the upgrades set to improve overall visitor experience.

"We only broke the ground after months of careful mapping of this culturally significant area. Using technology such as Surefoot fixings we are minimising our impact as we construct this exciting project and ensure the Penguin Parade remains a world class ecotourism destination."

The upgrades will offer an enhanced experience at the Penguin Parade with greater shared access, improved visitor flow, increased capacity, and even better viewing of the little penguins whilst protecting their habitat.

The works are due to be completed later this year ensuring more people from across Victoria, interstate and overseas can enjoy this popular, nature-based attraction for years to come.



Hosted by Prom Coast Ecolink, participants gathered on a chilly evening at the Hoddle Range Flora Conservation Reserve, sipping hot tea and preparing for a night of citizen science. Photo: Ross Elliott.

Night Drone Survey in the Hoddle Ranges

HOSTED by Prom Coast Ecolink, Field Master Systems and Peter Gannon of Ecocentric Services, Prom Coast Ecolink (PCEL) is a community-driven initiative that works to preserve and protect the natural environment through collaboration and connection. Our current focus area is the Hoddle Range, Fish Creek, which has great potential to serve as a vital link in a network of ecological corridors throughout South Gippsland.

As a chill swept through the afternoon air on Monday May 27, a small group gathered on a private paddock adjoining the Hoddle Range Flora Conservation Reserve in Fish Creek. The purpose of this citizen science event was to locate, in real-time, the fauna roaming the park after dark through a targeted drone survey. The evening marked the culmination of a series of events hosted by PCEL, made possible through support from Parks Victoria and the VicGov Volunteering Innovation Fund. These events were designed to both encourage a wider audience to participate in nature-based, volunteer activities and to provide our group with data on the native species in the reserve.

The team from Field Master Systems set up their gear for the night ahead. The drone used to traverse the canopy of the bushland was world class, described by the team as an 'enterprise drone with dual gimbals'. One gimbal – essentially a pivoting bracket – held a camera with both a thermal and zoom lens and a laser rangefinder. The second held

an LED spotlight.

This impressive technology allowed animals to be located, spotlighted, photographed and identified. The timestamps and geotags, photographs and footage are then recorded.

At 5.15pm, the sun dipped below the horizon. It was a clear, cold and still night; ideal conditions for drone operations. Night surveys are typically conducted an hour after sunset, so we were grateful for our beanies and warm coats while we prepared for lift off. Hot tea simmered on a camp stove and hands cupped mugs in a gesture of both comfort and anticipation.

The drone launched and we huddled around the high-resolution screen broadcasting the live footage. As it passed over the paddocks and into the bush, heat signatures immediately detected movement and a wombat was quickly identified.

Ecologist Peter Gannon of Ecocentric Services guided the group in identifying the thermal signal from various fauna within the study area on the communal screen. Any wildlife sightings were confirmed by flying the drone within proximity, adjusting the height, camera angle and camera panning to enable confirmation of species. This is how we were able to come face-to-face with a koala, in the dark of night, munching on the leaves of a eucalypt.

Over the course of the evening we were also witness to possums, sugar gliders, wallabies, kangaroos, owls

and roosting rosellas. On a less enthusiastic note, we saw foxes, deer, goat and rabbit. To understand the fauna inhabiting these parks is to understand how we can best serve and protect this critical habitat.

Previous events hosted in the Hoddle Range Flora Conservation Reserve through VicGov funding included a flora and habitat survey, citizen science walk and nature journaling. Throughout this series, guests have been open and curious to see this unique and usually inaccessible environment, as it is landlocked by private land. Participants have commented that having ecologists in attendance to explain the biodiversity and answer questions has been invaluable.

We have also worked with Fish Creek Landcare to set up animal monitoring cameras in collaboration with Foster Secondary College. In an engaging project with a cohort of year 9 students, we explored the treasures in the natural environment of South Gippsland, such as lyrebirds, as well as the challenges, namely introduced species of flora and fauna.

The drone event was well attended and provided PCEL with data to support our documentation of existing wildlife corridors, such as the Hoddle Ranges, and our work towards an interconnecting network in the region. We were able to capture footage for campaigning and data to share with our community, which is steadily building itself around a hopeful future for all in South Gippsland.

Annual Apiarists' Conference buzzing with the talk of bees

THE Wonthaggi Workmen's Club was abuzz last week with the Victorian Apiarists' Association (VAA) 123rd Annual Conference which was held over three busy days.

Beekeeping groups from the region, including the South Gippsland Beekeepers, Latrobe Valley Beekeepers, and the Gippsland Apiarists Association Inc. helped to organise, open and run the event.

Joe Borg, Vice President of the South Gippsland Beekeepers was on the Conference Planning Committee and welcomed attendees and speakers from the USA, NZ and all over Australia on the Tuesday evening.

"We welcomed everyone to the conference and to Gippsland. We talked about our beautiful landscapes and beaches and of course beekeeping in the area."

With the discovery of the Varroa mite on New South Wales shores two years ago, the theme of this year's conference was 'Beekeeping with Varroa, a new frontier.'

"At present it still isn't in Victoria but is creeping closer daily. It is at Bega at present and possibly even closer than that," explained Joe.

"This pest will kill a bee colony if left untreated. It's coming via the east



Gippsland Beekeepers attending the Annual Apiarist Conference last week are Stan Glowsack, Neil Barraclough, Joe Borg, Ian Cane, Peter Gatehouse, Bill Ringin, and Buffy Harris.

coast at present but it was expected to hit Victoria from the Mildura end, because of the almond pollination that happens there each year. So, it's a bit of a surprise it's also happening on the east coast."

There were also presentations on confirming the quality of honey, protecting honey from pests, predators and other threats, fighting against imported honey as it is on the rise in Australia, the ins and outs of crop

pollination and much more.

Agriculture Victoria, AgriFutures, Pollination and the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council also presented updates and information from each of their respective sectors within the industry.

Local groups, delegates, stall holders, sponsors, presenters and speakers all contributed to the event ensuring an informative, entertaining and lively conference.



Cape Paterson with their trophy for having the most average patrol hours.

Celebrating our literal lifesavers

BASS Coast's surf lifesaving clubs were in the lime-light as they celebrated 100 plus voluntary patrol hours during the recent summer season.

Named 'The Bass 100+ Celebration', which was held at the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club on Saturday June 8, members from Cape Paterson, Inverloch, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay, Wonthaggi and Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Clubs were recognised for their efforts.

Even Life Saving Victoria's CEO Catherine Greaves was in attendance, who highlighted the vital role Bass Coast's clubs have given the extremely dangerous beaches that are prevalent, especially on Philip Island.

While the mood was one of joy, there was reflection on the tragic drownings that occurred earlier this year and the ongoing message to always swim in between the flags and at patrolled beaches.

Ultimately it was Cape Paterson who had the highest average patrol hours per member at 36.1.

While Waratah's Montana Kranen had the highest average individual patrol hours.

It is hoped that similar events can be held in future to commemorate all clubs and their outstanding efforts.

RIGHT: Waratah's club president Richard Tremewen and Montana Kranen who had the highest average individual patrol hours.



Inverloch clocked at just over 6000 patrol hours.



Cape Paterson celebrating their patrol hours.



Cape Woolamai celebrating their more than 9000 active patrol hours.



Waratah had more than 4200 patrol hours.



Susan with band conductor (and her husband) Craig Marinus and band president Michael Kershaw.

Brass brilliance for Susan

SUSAN Marinus of the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band was one of 14 women recently nominated for the Janice Valma Davey OAM Memorial Award. This award aims to recognise and honour the achievements of women who have played a pivotal role in supporting and advancing community bands and the brass band movement in Australia.

Susan was awarded a certificate of appreciation in recognition of her outstanding contribution. She was recognised for her great contribution to the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band, of which she is a life member, having started playing with them in 1972. Susan is also a playing member of the City of Traralgon Band and has played with and supported many other bands.

A talented musician, Susan enjoyed many years playing trumpet alongside her late father, Les Legg who played guitar. She also plays cornet, flugelhorn, piano and has added tuned percussion to her list of instruments.

Throughout her 52 years of banding, Susan has mentored, inspired, encouraged, and brought joy to countless people, and was recently awarded the 50 Year Victorian Bands League Service award.

Susan joined the band at the age of seven, after the late George Milkins started a rebuilding program with juniors at a time when the band was considering folding due to low numbers and funds.

All of Susan's family have followed in her footsteps. It is wonderful to have three generations of Susan's family all playing together in the band, sharing and making incredible memories and bringing joy to others.

The Wonthaggi Citizens' Band is committed to supporting brass band music at all levels. Lessons and Training Band are available for students at Inverloch and Wonthaggi Primary Schools as well as beginners of all ages from the wider community, and the Wonthaggi Youth Brass and Citizens' Band are always happy to hear from keen brass and percussion players.



Lorraine awarded for Distinguished Service

ON TUESDAY May 28, Lorraine Scott from Inverloch was presented with a Distinguished Service Award for the Australian Red Cross at Government House in Melbourne by the Governor, Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC.

Lorraine's award was in recognition of 25 years of service as a volunteer at the Red Cross shop in Inverloch, with nearly 20 of those years spent as volunteer manager.

A morning tea was held at Government House to celebrate the distinguished awards. Congratulations Lorraine.



Laurie Culph (second right) celebrated his 90th birthday with his Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls teammates Jim Wilson, Pam Russell and John Rook recently.

Laurie celebrates 90th birthday

WONTHAGGI resident Laurie Culph celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends recently.

Mr Culph turned 90 years old on May 26 and marked the occasion with a function at the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club.

Family members arrived from interstate to celebrate the festivities alongside his local loved ones.

Originally from Moe, Mr Culph served as a Sunday school teacher for 35 years.

“My wife (Barbara) is from Mirboo North, and we met as Sunday school teachers. I saw this very red-headed girl who I liked and 70 years later we are still together,” he said.

Mr and Mrs Culph raised a family of three and spent 25 years living in Yinnar, enjoying the community there.

After finishing off as a Sunday school teacher, Mr Culph became the manager of the Loy Yang project.

By chance, they had a short weekend holiday to Cape Paterson.

Although coming into the holiday with no intention of buying a house, they committed to a holiday house and later went on to a buy a permanent residence.

They lived in Cape Paterson for 25 years and moved to Wonthaggi eight years ago.

Around the same time, Mr and Mrs Culph picked up carpet bowls and have enjoyed the sport ever since.

Their friends at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls celebrated Mr Culph’s birthday on Friday afternoon.

Although his team had a loss on the day, Mr Culph was greatly appreciative of everyone who attended.

“It is quite moving to have so many people here. You can’t buy friendship; you have to earn it. I like to treat people equally and endeavour to do what is right,” he said.

Mr Culph plays carpet bowls on Fridays and Wednesday nights and is the treasurer of the hall committee.

Mr Culph said he is focused on improving his game and enjoying life with his wonderful wife.



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Popular activities also include:

Café/Happy Hour: Every Friday, the activities room and café are the perfect place to share drinks, snacks, and coffee with friends while enjoying visiting entertainers and piano sing-alongs.

Hairdressing: Pamper yourself with hairdressing services at Shannon’s hair salon and indulgent treatments at the beauty parlour, available at an additional cost.

Small Indulgences: The on-site café and mobile kiosk stock traditional lollies and other confectionery, as well as small items that make the perfect treat for yourself or visiting family.

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Rod and Sue Hogan moved into Wonthaggi Park Lane in 2023 to ease the cost-of-living pressure. Z01_2424

Seniors find independence in affordable housing

COST of housing has risen significantly faster than incomes, and with prices climbing in coastal towns; Wonthaggi Park Lane offers independent living to those over the age of 55 – allowing seniors to break away from the rental market and purchase their own affordable self-contained unit.

President of Park Lane Wonthaggi Residents Group, Rod Hogan and his wife Sue moved from a rental property in Cape Paterson to Park Lane in August of last year after their rent was substantially increasing causing financial pressure.

“We loved Cape Paterson, but the unforeseen price of rent was just horrendous,” said Sue.

Here at Park Lane, Rod and Sue were able to purchase their very own two-bedroom home on a land lease.

“We don’t own the land, we just pay our water and rates as part of our land lease – it’s much more affordable and gives us stability.”

Rod and Sue were attracted to independent style living, both for the security of living amongst likeminded people and for the social aspect;

socialisation is crucial for maintaining mental, emotional, and physical health before and after retirement.

It is important for older adults to prioritise social connections and maintain an active social life to support their overall wellbeing, and Park Lane provides that village lifestyle.

“To this end, we will be reinstating the Christmas Party, which hasn’t been held for a few years, to further encourage that village lifestyle. There will be other activities organised from time to time as well,” said Rod.

Rod became President of Park Lane Wonthaggi Residents Group just six months after their move; initially joining a committee meeting to find out what was happening in the neighbourhood, before putting his hand up to help improve the livelihood of the residents.

Together the Wonthaggi Park Lane community have discussed various topics.

With the appointment of the new park manager Michael, who Rod said is very enthusiastic, the residents are already seeing improvements.

Rod has taken initiative on reviewing emergency procedures for the safety of residents within the park.

“We will be talking to residents over the next couple of weeks to see which residents may need assistance in an emergency and allocating someone to be of assistance when and if necessary. I am also creating a list of local trades available for maintenance work which will be released soon.”

And, much to the delight of residents, Park Lane Wonthaggi is a pet friendly complex.

“Walking our pets around the village allows us to meet others in the neighbourhood,” said Sue, again enhancing that social aspect of the community lifestyle.

Many people value the ability to live independently because it enables them to maintain a sense of autonomy and control over their lives. Independent living can also enhance self-esteem, self-reliance, and overall wellbeing.

For more information on Park Lane Wonthaggi, visit 245 Graham Street, Wonthaggi or call 5672 1798.

Innovative training package for the residential aged care workforce

RESIDENTIAL aged care homes in Gippsland now have access to an innovative education package designed to improve the lives of residents.

Called BERTIE – Better lives for residents through innovative education – the package has been designed and developed in response to the findings of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. It aims to build capacity and capability in the residential aged care workforce and supports both clinical and non-clinical staff to recognise and manage early signs of deteriorating health of residents.

Gippsland PHN and the other five Victorian PHNs co-funded the BERTIE project. Subject matter experts in the project team included 16 geriatricians, two First Nations clinicians/academics, a registered nurse/health coach, and a resident/consumer expert. Geriatrician at Aria Health and the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Dr Jesse Zanker, said key recommendations in the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety related to the educational needs and aspirations of hard-working aged care staff.

“BERTIE directly addresses these needs by providing a broad cross-section of educational content across 20 sub-topics, all related to the care of deteriorating or at-risk residents,” Dr Zanker said.

“It provides a fresh and novel approach to education. The aged care workforce is spread far and wide across the state, so education needs to be delivered in an easily accessible, on-demand and succinct online format.”

The training package is easy to digest and self-paced. Each of the 20 modules includes a short engaging video, summary sheet and quick quiz. Knowledge is tested immediately following the completion of each module, in line with best practice on consolidated learning.

BERTIE is free to all residential aged care workers in Victoria and NSW border communities that come under a Victorian PHN and is accessible via the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission’s ALIS platform.

Dr Zanker said the important task of peer review as part of developing the training package.

“We could not have asked for a more amazing contributor than



Jesse Zanker, geriatrician at Aria Health and the Royal Melbourne Hospital, said BERTIE provided a fresh and novel approach to education.

Esmae Pimm. As an aged care resident herself, her perspective and experience were vital.”

Esmae, aged 99, peer reviewed key BERTIE modules. Her role was to carefully scrutinise the work produced by the subject matter experts to ensure it matched her experience of aged care. Esmae said peer reviewing work was a skill that requires concentration and a discerning eye.

“I’m no academic, but I have plenty of commonsense. And we could all do with more education.”

Gippsland PHN Chief Executive Officer, Amanda Proposch, said BERTIE offered the opportunity for the aged care workforce to up-skill, assisting in the delivery of high-quality and safe care to residents.

“Through the recommendations from the Royal Commission, we saw the need to focus on ensuring residents are always at the centre of care,” Ms Proposch said.

“By completing BERTIE, aged care staff will be able to develop their skills, particularly around deteriorating conditions in residents, and therefore, support residents to receive appropriate and timely healthcare.”

The wide range of topics included in the BERTIE training package cover subjects such as pain assessment, communication, advanced care planning, how to assess acute deterioration, movement and mobility, and palliative care.

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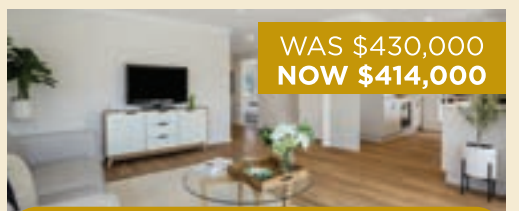
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Woorayl Lodge keen to welcome more volunteers

THE AGED care residents and staff of Leongatha's Woorayl Lodge are supported by an enthusiastic band of volunteers, with more always welcome.

An opportunity has just arisen for volunteer drivers to ferry residents to appointments in a vehicle purchased for that purpose.

Volunteers are also needed for activities, with paid staff needing assistance to run sessions such as cookery and craft for residents.

Woorayl Lodge co-CEO Jaimee Brydon explained that some residents don't have much family support available and benefit from someone coming for a chat, reading with them or tackling a puzzle together.

Entertainers are another category of volunteer, with musicians, dancers and singers popular with residents.

Jaimee also spoke about some of those who benefit from volunteering at the Lodge.

"It's great for locals who are retiring or just want something to do, but it's also really good for new people coming to town to get to know people," she said.

Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary is volunteer run, raising funds to make improvements for the residents.

It has just handed over another \$10,000 to the Lodge, which will be doubled by leftover funds from last year, that money set to provide an array of new furniture.



Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary member Sandra Harris, co-CEOs Andrew Ross and Jaimee Brydon, and Auxiliary president Kaye Warren look forward to more volunteers joining the Lodge team.
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Jaimee explained that some of the current furniture is getting quite old, particularly in the busy lounge area that is used for lifestyle activities, and that there is also a need for more adjustable chairs suited for higher needs care.

Residents, staff and occupational therapists will all have a say in what is required.

In addition to its range of fundraising activities that are

highlighted by an annual Christmas fete, auxiliary members have a regular presence at the Lodge, serving morning tea on Saturday mornings.

Woorayl Auxiliary president Kaye Warren noted they also chat with residents and keep them entertained, sometimes talking "rubbish".

She joined the auxiliary long ago, wanting to give back to Woorayl Lodge after the loving

care and personal attention its team provided for her mum, saying many others got involved for the same reason.

Kaye said that the Lodge continues to offer residents the same positive environment her mother enjoyed.

Another member of the auxiliary, Sandra Harris was present during Sentinel-Times' recent visit, with her mum also having been a resident of the Lodge.

"One day Kaye and I were sitting in the loungeroom because both our mums were here and we looked at the auxiliary ladies and they were getting a bit ancient," Sandra said of the moment years ago the pair decided to join up.

They are amused to now be in a similar age bracket to those who prompted that decision, with both still enjoying their involvement with the auxiliary.

Kaye said Jaimee and co-CEO Andrew Ross do a great job of keeping those on the auxiliary up to date with proceedings at the Lodge, helping them organise their activities to benefit residents, with the rest of the staff also highly supportive.

The Woorayl Lodge Auxiliary members hold a lighthearted meeting on the second Thursday of every month, beginning at 2pm, and those interested in joining or learning more are encouraged to attend.

While budding volunteers, whether joining the auxiliary or in other capacities, need to undergo a police check, that will be paid for by the Lodge.

Volunteers also need to have had three COVID vaccinations and the latest flu shot.

Those interested are encouraged to email co-CEO Andrew Ross at andrew.ross@woorayllodge.com.au or call the Lodge on 5662 2053.



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Trick or treating fun – residents joined in the fun last Halloween handing out gifts to children at Koorooman House.

Quality care shines through

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service's three aged care residential facilities have again excelled in the latest Star Rating reviews.

GSHS's three residential homes have all been ranked in the top levels, achieving four and five-star outcomes.

This rating is based on the organisation's performance in relation to compliance, quality measures, residents' experience, and staffing. The Overall Star Rating was most recently updated on May 12 with Alchera House being among a select few across Victoria to achieve a five-star rating.

Koorooman House Nursing Home and Hillside Lodge Hostel both achieved four-star ratings.

Among more than 2600 aged care facilities in Victoria, less than 100 achieved five-star ratings. Most achieved three or four stars,

though many ranked at two.

The Star Ratings system applies to residential aged care homes and provides information about a provider's quality of care, helping people to make informed choices.

The star rating system is from one to five, with five-stars considered excellent, four good, three acceptable, two improvement needed and one significant improvement needed.

GSHS CEO Lou Sparkes said to retain four and five-star rankings in the latest survey was a great achievement for the three facilities.

"It is very rare for facilities to achieve five-star results and not uncommon for facilities to be ranked at two or three, so for all three facilities to be four and above is a great outcome for our residents and their families and a

tribute to our staff."

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.

"Our facilities continuously strive for excellence in residential care with respect to the individual's emotional, spiritual, social, physical and intellectual needs," Ms Sparkes said.

There is a strong focus on providing engaging activities. In the past year, residents have contributed to a recipe calendar and each facility started their own vegetable gardens.

People interested in finding out more about the residential facilities can contact GSHS or visit my-agedcare.gov.au to get the process started.

Embracing the golden years

The more candles on your cake, the more wisdom in your heart – Anonymous

IT'S a time to embrace all the things you love, for some that may be sitting on the porch people watching or reading a novel, for others it's getting out and about for a hit on the range, whatever makes you happy now is the time to embrace it. But just remember to keep up the social connections and maintain your physical and mental health.

There are various options that can keep you fit, healthy, and socially active in our community.

Walking Groups: Walking is one of the simplest and most effective ways to stay active. Our region offers a variety of scenic trails and parks that are perfect. You can join local walking groups, such as Wonthaggi & District Probus' Monday Walking group, which provide a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors while socialising with peers.

Swimming: An excellent low-impact exercise that is easy on the joints while providing a full-body workout. Splash in Leongatha and Bass Coast Aquatic and Leisure Centre provide access year-round to pool facilities.

Yoga and Tai Chi: Yoga and Tai Chi are gentle exercises that focus on flexibility, balance, and mental relaxation. Local fitness centers, neighbourhood houses and community halls host classes.

Bowling: Lawn bowling is a popular sport due to its low physical strain and social nature. Helping improve hand-eye coordination, providing mild physical activity, and fostering social interaction. Have you considered tenpin bowling?

Golf: For those who enjoy spending time outdoors, golf is a perfect activity. Similar to bowls there is a strong golfing community across Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

Whilst you're at it, check out:

Dance Classes
Book Clubs
Art and Craft Workshops
Educational Courses
Gardening

There is so much on offer including volunteer opportunities, social clubs, photography groups, bird watching opportunities, fishing, cooking classes, writing, singing and band groups, to name but a few that happen across our community, and one would be remiss if not to mention that Lions Clubs, Probus, U3A, hospital and hall auxiliaries, CWA, RSL, Rotary, Seniors Clubs and Legacy branches are scattered across our great region.

Staying fit, healthy, and connected in later years is essential for overall wellbeing and South Gippsland and Bass Coast offer a plethora of activities and resources that cater to all.



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Drop-in diabetes clinic

THE Miners’ Dispensary has recently introduced a new drop-in diabetes clinic to enhance its array of services; a clinic centered around diabetes education and management.

Claire Gatto is a registered nurse, who completed the Graduate Certificate in Diabetes Education in 2011 and Master of Nursing Practice by Research in 2017, both with Deakin University.

Claire has since completed the ADEA (Australian Diabetes Educators Association) credentialling program in 2013 to gain her CDE (Credentialled Diabetes Educator) status.



Credentialled Diabetes Educator (CDE) Claire Gatto at the Wonthaggi Miners’ Dispensary. Z02_2424

Claire explained that living with diabetes can take an emotional toll on one’s life, commonly known as diabetes distress; however, a Diabetes Educator can provide support to help manage a patient’s condition at home.

“A doctor should provide a referral for a CDE immediately after diagnosis; it is then that we can teach a patient what they need to know in [CG1] terms of warnings, when and how to recognise if their glucose (sugar) levels might be dropping too low and also to manage their medications, including insulin,” said Claire.

“Together we can then explore the use of technology to assist diabetes management, including continuous glucose monitoring systems like FreeStyle Libre.”

General Manager Sally Cairnduff said the introduction of a

drop-in diabetes clinic at Miners’ Dispensary complements the existing services in place to assist our older generations.

As a designated outlet for the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS), the pharmacy provides access to subsidised diabetes products, reinforcing its commitment to accessible healthcare. Furthermore, the dispensary offers a medication packing service, offering peace of mind to the elderly and their families by ensuring correct medication intake at the right time.

In addition to these vital services, Miners’ Dispensary offers comprehensive medication reviews either in-store or at home, facilitating a thorough assessment of medication needs.

Patients can also schedule


appointments with pharmacists for vaccination updates, ensuring they remain current with their immunisations. Now is the time to ensure your influenza and COVID vaccines are up to date.

The pharmacy extends its support beyond pharmaceutical needs, conducting sleep studies to aid in diagnosing sleep apnoea. Narelle Munday, sleep technician, provides expert assistance with devices for those already diagnosed with sleep apnoea.

Through these multifaceted services, Miners’ Dispensary is dedicated to supporting the elderly community’s health and well-being in various aspects of their lives.

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Aged Care



Enriching the spirit and stimulating the mind

ALL residents at Banfields Aged Care in Phillip Island receive quality care and support, with an emphasis on health, wellbeing and community connection.

Nursing staff provide 24-hour care based on individual care plans to help each resident feel connected with both their past and their fellow residents, and lifestyle manager Robyn Montague explained the importance of independence and socialisation.

"Residents gather frequently to participate in 'show and tell', where we all sit around in a big group and share something that each resident loves – events and items from their childhood, their families or their professional life. We try and go as far back as we can as these items can trigger memories and allow our residents to reminisce about their past."

Social programs are an essential part of aged care, with various activities helping to stimulate the mind and body, keeping residents active and enriching their lives.

"With a total of five wings across the Phillip Island facility 'Banfields Aged Care', we invite everyone from each wing to participate, including residents from the memory support unit who have



Weezi, Mary and Lynne enjoyed 'Reminiscing' on Tuesday at Banfields.

endured cognitive impairment. Everyone congregates to participate in various programs – whether it be an afternoon tea served with vintage china, or an ice cream sundae served in old fashioned glass bowls, because food is powerful in evoking memories.

"Together the residents can reflect on past experiences; we also provide special entertainment, including old movies, ballroom dancing or rock n roll."

Each resident is notified of upcoming activities, with Banfields' staff providing residents the opportunity to be involved and engaged in creating programs and share their experiences and thoughts with each other.

Sensory stimulation activities are a key component of the program, with smell, taste, sounds, touch and sight being central elements in bringing memories back and helping the social connections

between residents.

"When we are working with people with memory loss, we include their happy memories when we are creating their care plans. Each care plan is based on individual goals, needs and preferences, created by staff with specialised expertise."

"The programs bring so much fun and enjoyment to both residents and staff", said Robyn.

The staff at Banfields receive ongoing training on dementia and Alzheimer's support - working with Dementia Australia to learn of countless strategies to assist residents with progressive loss of memory, communication, nutrition and other aspects of later stages of dementia.

Banfields offer 90 beds with 24-hour nursing care in a safe and inclusive environment, with registered nurses, enrolled nurses, personal carers and a well-established lifestyle team, supported by allied health professionals, providing quality care and services with meaning and purpose.

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Students deliver road safety message

STUDENTS from Foster and Korumburra Secondary Colleges came together to film a road safety video focused on the dangers of in-car distractions while driving on Monday, June 3.

The event was a culmination of two months' work, where students diligently developed storylines and scripts for their videos.

Virtual Reality was used for the development of the videos because of its immersive nature, placing viewers directly in the driver's seat.

Traditional forms of road safety campaigns that target this demographic are created by adults, meaning that it often doesn't resonate with young people.

This is the first time that young people have been able to create peer-to-peer safety messages.

"Providing opportunities for our young people to learn and develop their skills is extremely important. I hope the students involved enjoyed this opportunity and have some powerful messages to take home to their families about driving safely," South Gippsland Shire Council mayor Cr Clare Williams said.

The final videos will be shared through the schools for education purposes.

Funding for the program came from a grant from the Department of Transport and Planning's Community Road Safety Program, and was facilitated by South Gippsland Shire Council and Mindflight7.

Big Ideas at Korumburra Secondary College

LAST Friday, Year 7 and Year 9 Korumburra Secondary College students had the opportunity to share their passions, be inspired, exchange ideas, and contribute to their future and that of the region when the Festival of Big Ideas came by.

The Festival of Big Ideas (FOBI) held a series of junior events geared towards the students and featured guest speakers, demonstrations, opportunities for networking, innovation, conversation and participation.

Opening the FOBI at the event was keynote speaker Nadine Champion, a martial arts Sensei, high performance mindset coach, author and TEDx speaker.

Nadine is renowned for sharing her strikingly honest and surprisingly funny insights on what a life of martial arts has taught her about strength, fear and courage.

Nadine spoke to the students about possessing courage, discovering something that they love, nurturing a dream, finding a mentor, and embracing life, no matter what.

Students also had the opportunity to be involved in 'Engineer your Future: Bridge Building' with Federation University, whereby students learnt the basics of engineering design for structural strength by completing a bridge designs in teams, that that were then tested for strength.

The Brainary presented The Human Rights Game. A board game that taught the students about their rights, freedoms, and responsibilities. It challenged them with real world societal problems, and how to make better choices in a rapidly changing world.

While Power Pops, presented by the Gippsland Climate Change Network showcased VR technology and offered an immersive experience of what new energy will look like in our region, and had conversations about training and work opportunities in renewables.

Students also had the opportunity to learn about habitat regeneration and plant their own seed into a pot, which they took home with them, from MLRA & Habitat Creations.

These FOBI were presented by Federation University, Latrobe Valley Authority, Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority and TAFE Gippsland.

Poowong students finalists in school sustainability awards



Students from the Green team came away with ideas and inspiration for sustainability projects for PCS, from other schools and stands at the recent ResourceSmart Schools Awards Ceremony held at the MCG.

POOWONG Consolidated School students attended the MCG last week for the 2024 ResourceSmart Schools Awards after being named as finalists in two categories.

These Awards recognise outstanding sustainability achievement in Victorian schools through, positive impact and innovation, addressing sustainability as a cross-curriculum priority, engaging the broader community, improvements to campus and sustainability leadership.

It was the Awards 15th anniversary celebration, and the theme for the year was: Legendary Legacies – what will you leave behind?

Poowong Consolidated School (PCS) were finalists in the Student Action Team of the Year and Community Engagement School of the Year categories.

The Green Team of PCS support school events, fundraise for sustainability causes and encourage students to act by sharing messages in their Green Talks and on social media.

The team also collects surplus produce from homes, orchards, farms and businesses for the school's Harvest Festival. The entire community addresses food waste by selling, preparing and sharing the excess produce.

While only four students were able to attend the event due to limited tickets the other students and teachers felt very proud and saw the value in the experience despite not winning.

"Students in Green Team were very excited and proud to have their actions, ideas and projects recognised on a big scale. Being recognised across Victoria and going to the MCG to celebrate was something every single one of our Green Team wanted to be a part of," Lauren Dobie, Science Teacher and driver behind the Green Team said.

"The awards ceremony was

incredible. It was inspiring to see what other schools were doing through the showcases they had set up."

Ms. Dobie comments that while she may be a bit biased, "It was well deserved to our school community who have joined together and worked to improve many aspects of how our school runs and approaches different events, routines and day to day practise."

The team came away with many ideas and gained inspiration for their next steps in sustainability for PCS, particularly from the Royal Botanic Garden and River Detectives stands. They also got to tour and see behind the scenes at the MCG and the sustainable practises undertaken by the venue.

With their new found ideas and inspiration the Green Team plan to continue building on what they are already doing and will soon be starting work on a new Kitchen Garden, after recently being recipients of the Stephanie Alexander Grant.

"We are getting it ready to have our spring planting ready to go and be able to start really digging into the possibility of positive sustainable food culture," said Ms Dobie.

There are also a few other projects in the pipeline, including Plastic Free July, "Green Talks" about worm farms and finalising work they began last week during World Environment Day.

ResourceSmart School of the Year Awards officially congratulated all the finalists and winners, stating, 'our young people and schools are leading the way on sustainability, creating real impact for Victorian communities beyond the school gate.'

'We celebrate everyone in our community who has worked to incorporate sustainability into the curriculum over the past year and everyone who entered this year's awards.'

Newhaven College band performs at Melbourne Recital Centre



The Dropkicks enjoying their success after performing at Top Acts at the Melbourne Recital Centre, with their supportive Newhaven College Music Teachers. From left, Rob Turton, Dean Lyle, Callan Spencer, Liam Fuery (front), Esta Christensen and Samantha Rainey.

NEWHAVEN College has a proud tradition of students being invited to perform at the state level Top Class showcase concerts for VCE and VET Music. Earlier this year Senior School band, The Dropkicks, were invited to perform at the showcase.

To add to their success, for the first time in Newhaven history, The Dropkicks were also invited to perform at the Top Acts showcase at the Melbourne Recital Centre on May 28.

The enormity of this opportunity was not underestimated by the band members, Esta Christensen (2023 alum) and Year 12 students Dean Lyle, Callan Spencer and Liam Fuery. The Dropkicks were one of just six musical acts selected to perform at Top Acts from 40 Top Class performers.

This peak performing arts event showcased the absolute best musicians, actors and dancers from across all Victorian schools who completed a VCE subject in 2023. The band's teacher and mentor, Rob Turton was very pleased with their efforts, "The audience loved The Dropkicks' high energy performance of their

original song 'I Don't Think'. It was great to hear the event organisers' comments that our students were a delight to work with, displaying exceptional professionalism and character. They have been so fortunate to have had the support of not just their school, but also local venues, like The Westernport Hotel, Dimples, Purple Hen Winery and the local live music community," he said.

Director of Music Matthew Goss could not be prouder.

"Having our senior students invited to perform at such events and recognised for their achievement is a testament to the dedication they have shown over a long period of time with their musical pursuits. As a school, we feel a huge sense of pride knowing that our program and the guidance from our dedicated staff has helped them along their journey. It was particularly pleasing that The Dropkicks performed an original piece. We can't wait to see what's next for the band!"

To watch The Dropkicks in action, go to youtube.com/watch?v=IprbjfAHFQ8 or follow them on their Instagram page @thedropkicks_official

Help San Remo Primary School get the facilities they deserve

THE Allan Labor Government have announced they're delivering their promise for 100 new schools by 2026; however, San Remo Primary School are left waiting; questioning 'what about maintaining the schools that already exist.'

The Premier's office declared more growing communities across the state will soon have the world-class education facilities that every Victorian child deserves, but San Remo Primary School were promised \$5.3m for critical infrastructure improvements that aren't in the state budget.

The school were disappointed about last week's (June 4) announcement simply because promises to their growing school have now been delayed with the Department of Education responding with "Plans to upgrade San Remo Primary School are progressing, with the design team to complete the tender documentation stage later this year."

San Remo Primary School have received no infrastructure upgrades only having portables for their students, with no permanent buildings that are adequate for a classroom.

The promise of funding for upgrades should be honoured and fulfilled before investing in new projects.

It is crucial for the state government to prioritise the maintenance and improvement of existing school infrastructure to ensure all students have access to safe and suitable learning environments.

The Department of Education responded to the Sentinel-Times stating, planning funding allocated to San Remo Primary



San Remo Primary School are petitioning for their promised infrastructure funding.

School ensures that building work can begin as soon as possible once future construction funding is allocated.

The Department have declared 'we fund school infrastructure projects in stages, with funding often allocated across multiple budget cycles.' "It is not uncommon for election commitments to be met in the later years of an electoral term – but we will deliver on every promised school upgrade to give Victorian kids the best education."

The San Remo School Council have raised a parliamentary petition requesting that the Legislative Assembly call on the Government to reinstate the remaining promised funding for the primary school to commence construction works at the end of 2024 as planned.

The San Remo Primary School is disappointed that the funding was not included in the state budget. There are also issues with electricity and fibre optics that can impact the safety and functionality of the school environment.

San Remo Primary School is the most disadvantaged infrastructure wise in Bass Coast and it's a growing community school, one that has high academic results, as a result of fantastic teaching, with facilities that could be better.

Bass MP Jordan Crugnale has endorsed the San Remo Primary School petition.

The San Remo Primary School Council is advocating for the promised funding and encourages the community to help them by visiting. Funding for San Remo Primary School (parliament.vic.gov.au)



San Remo Primary School only have portables as classrooms.

Students learn life-saving skills

STUDENTS from Foster and Leongatha Secondary Colleges have learnt about life-saving – and life-launching skills during a visit to Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS).

GSHS recently hosted 14 Year 11 and 12 students in conjunction with South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network (LLEN).

GSHS educator Virginia Bolge said that the students were exposed to a variety of job opportunities available in healthcare during their visit to Leongatha hospital.

"They had a tour to look around the hospital and heard from allied health professionals including a physiotherapist, an occupational therapist and a dietitian as well as a dietitian student on placement," Ms Bolge said.

The students were made aware of different career paths in nursing including witnessing a 'bug test' to show the importance of infection control.

Students saw a simulated birth of a baby with a midwife who explained the birth process.

They also learnt about and practised CPR and the use of automatic defibrillators to save lives.

Urgent care and theatre nurses explained their roles and the students heard about the journey of a patient having surgery, from admission, operation and post-operative care.

Ms Bolge said GSHS was pleased to support the LLEN to introduce students to health career opportunities.

"The students enjoyed hearing from our health professionals about their careers and the services we provide to the community," she said.

Labor pushes ahead with its unfair Schools Tax

THE Allan Labor Government has voted to make life harder for students, parents and school communities across Victoria by proceeding with their unfair Schools Tax.

Introduced in the 2023-24 State Budget, Labor's Schools Tax removes the longstanding payroll tax exemption for non-government schools – adding in many cases over a thousand dollars a year in fees and forcing some schools to reduce educational offerings.

Last week in the Legislative Council, the Allan Labor Government voted down a Liberals and Nationals' amendment to the State Taxation Amendment Bill 2024, which would scrap Labor's unfair Schools Tax before it comes into effect from July 1, 2024.

Principal of Newhaven College Tony Corr shared that as a low fee independent school Newhaven College is not yet impacted by the State Government's decision to impose a payroll tax on non-government schools. However, the low threshold makes it inevitable that the school will be affected in the near future.

"The detrimental impact this tax on learning is having on non-government schools throughout Victoria is significant" stated the Principal, Tony Corr.

"Independent schools are not-for-profit organisations who budget solely to provide their students the best educational opportunities. This new tax burden on schools can only take away from the learning experiences of our young people. I would encourage the State government to reconsider this learning tax on non-government schools as a priority."

Newhaven College MTB pump track opens

THE Mountain Biking community has worked tirelessly to create the Newhaven College MTB Academy and build a pump track on campus while supporting their children with events around Victoria. The College was thrilled to welcome back Newhaven alum Drew Ginn OAM to open the Mountain Bike Pump Track last Saturday at the MTB Academy's official opening of the track and fundraising event.

Drew remains one of Australia's most decorated Olympic athletes. Famously a formidable rower and a member of the 'Oarsome Foursome', Drew won three gold medals and a silver at four Olympic Games, plus five golds, a silver and two bronze from eight world championships.

Drew was born in Leongatha and raised in Inverloch. As a child he had a love of BMX, surfing and running. Drew's first serious competitive experiences started in BMX with the opportunity to race at an international level.

The pump track opening proceedings were started by David Jobe, College Board Chair, who reflected on the huge effort in establishing the MTB Academy and building the pump track harks back to the College's foundation roots where Newhaven College families completed working bees to



Year 3 student Coco Russo testing the flow of the new Newhaven College Pump Track. Photo: Pharrah Underwood

establish the school.

Principal, Tony Corr, explained the virtues of Newhaven College's independence allowing the school to respond to the College Community with projects like this, and spoke to the mental and physical benefits of keeping students active and outdoors which is what this project is achieving.

Drew was excited to be back at Newhaven College. He reflected

on his time at the College and how this project reminded him of his childhood being involved in the establishment of the Inverloch BMX Track. Drew entertained the crowd with stories of his first lap on the track and the positive effects it had on creating a community that went on to have many successful competitors on the international circuit. When he is asked about the impetus behind his

career, his reply is always "BMX and surfing, and the local community I started with!"

The fundraising event included pump Track Racing and other bike related side challenges, with students, parents, and friends all participating. In a field of 75 competitors the fastest student was Year 9 Ethan Tilley with the fastest junior student Austin Mitchell getting bragging rights over his friends. Other notable achievements were fastest dad, Bruce Hamley, and fastest mum Ruth Mitchell. Year 8 Hamish Dakers-Hock won longest jump, Year 7 Max Mills the longest wheelie and parents Tom Basterfield and Dayne Lewis won highest bunny hop and highest 'stoppie' respectively.

All funds raised will go toward the purchase of a 20-bike vertical rack MTB trailer to help take the program offsite to excursions and camps. With \$3000 raised through event entry and sausage sizzle, a generous donation of \$1000 from the Newhaven College Parents and Friends Association and a very generous 'College grandparent donation' by Peter Wright of \$2000, the total funds raised for the day was \$6000.

Newhaven College thanks Drew Ginn and all the parents, friends and supporters who helped make this such a special and successful event.



Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Sale Mr Paul Velten, religious education leader from St Joseph's Primary School, Wonthaggi, Ms Hannah Parrett and Most Reverend Greg Bennet, Catholic Bishop of Sale.

Wonthaggi religious education leader formally commissioned

NEWLY appointed Catholic school principals and religious education leaders were formally commissioned in their school communities by the Catholic Bishop of Sale, Most Reverend Greg Bennet, at Thanksgiving Masses held in the Diocese of Sale.

Among the newly appointed religious education leaders was Hannah Parrett of St Joseph's Primary School, Wonthaggi.

A Mass as recently held at St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Clyde North, bringing together education leaders and clergy to celebrate Catholic Education Week in the Diocese. The Mass was also an opportunity to welcome new leaders.

As a symbol of leadership, a Missionary Cross was presented to each new leader by Bishop Greg, assisted by director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Sale Mr Paul Velten.

Mr Velten said Catholic Education Week was an important time to reflect and celebrate the Catholic identity within school communities in the Diocese of Sale and continue to embrace the mission of providing a faith-filled and inspiring education to students.

"The leadership and dedication of our newly appointed principals and religious education leaders serve as a shining example of our commitment to nurturing the hearts and minds of our students in the Diocese of Sale," he said.



The completed rocks which will become a part of our new garden for the students to reflect on each day.

National Reconciliation at St Joseph's Korumburra

THE children of St Joseph's, Korumburra took time between May 27 and 31 to reflect upon and learn more about Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

There were many displays around the school that reflected our learning about the importance of Reconciliation in our community every day.

In Art, we talked about what Australians are reconciling and saying sorry for. We listened to a story about Mona from the Stolen Generation and learnt how her identity was taken from her as she was unable to learn her culture and language and live on the land with her family.

We were led by Danielle Mate Sullivan, a proud Aboriginal artist, and learned about symbols used in Aboriginal artwork before creating our own Aboriginal inspired design on rocks that will be on display in our school garden.

Thank you to Burra Garden Supplies for helping us source these rocks.



Mariette Stuckey, Olivia Eustace, Lenny Whelan, Dylan Allman and Elijah Burford were proud of their Reconciliation Week art works at Korumburra Primary School.



Korumburra Primary School's Mitchell Loader, Imogen Chesterfield, Maggie Kynaston, Evelyn Canavan and Lily Goodrope participated in Reconciliation Week activities.

Students embrace meaning of Reconciliation



Korumburra Primary School students created 'Warm and Cool' Hands as a symbol of support for Reconciliation Week.

KORUMBURRA Primary School celebrated National Reconciliation Week by conducting a range of different activities that suited learners of different ages.

In the junior years, students learned what the term reconciliation means and why reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australian is important.

They talked about this year's theme – now more than ever – and created their own posters and discussed when they are being fair in everyday scenarios.

They also learned who Eddie Mabo is and how he contributed to land rights justice.

In the Senior/Middle School, the students talked about what reconciliation means and who Eddie Mabo is.

They learned about his contribution towards justice and

also wrote a narrative with the theme of arriving on an island and being fair to the people that have always lived there.

The students also discussed this year's motto and made a commitment as individual students about how they can contribute to any kind of reconciliation in the yard and beyond.

In the art program students painted 'Warm and Cool' Hands.

Hands have long become a symbol of community support for reconciliation, rights and respect.

Students were inspired by Bronwyn Bancroft and Sally Morgan's use of warm and cool colours in some of their Celebration of Country books.

The warm colours represent the sun and earth, while the cool colours reflect the water and sky.

MacKillop students study Lyric behind the scenes



Mary MacKillop College's Fashion students were amazed by the work put in at Leongatha Lyric Theatre.



Leongatha Lyric Theatre's director and head designer showed some of the costumes to the Mary MacKillop College Fashion students.

LEONGATHA Lyric Theatre welcomed two work experience students from Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College last week.

The Year 10 students were grateful for the opportunity learn from the region's best and contribute to the creative process for the up-and-coming musical Into the Woods.

The college's work experience program has seen a large group of students seek employment in local businesses and industries around the area, where they can learn new skills and be mentored in a chosen field.

These lucky students placed at Leongatha Lyric Theatre (LLT) have made a positive contribution to set building, costume construction and prop making.

The inspired youth have mutually benefited the theatre company, as the show Into the Woods nears its opening night.

Mary MacKillop College's

VCE VET Fashion class also benefited from the close partnership by having the opportunity to tour LLT's workspace and interview the director and head designer of the show Colin Mitchell.

Students were able to see the immense work that goes on behind the scenes and how the creative vision of one person comes to life.

The dedication from Colin and the hardworking volunteers in his team have made the show destined for greatness.

The multi-levelled and functional set will transform the audience into a fantasy world, where fairytale characters come to life adorned in spectacular costumes.

Mary MacKillop College's Fashion students can't wait to see the costumes come alive on stage when the show opens in July.

Tickets are on sale now: trybooking.com/events/landing/1194105.

Inverloch and Kongwak PS students walk for Reconciliation



INVERLOCH and Kongwak Primary School held a multi-age event to learn about Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week on Monday, June 3.

After learning about the significance of these dates, the students worked in groups of four or five to develop posters displaying messages of reconciliation.

At 2.30pm, the school held its inaugural "IKPS Walk About Town for Reconciliation".

The children took their beautiful posters with their messages of reconciliation and hope for the future out on the town.

Families and member of the wider community also

joined in – there were even a few dogs.

The procession followed the perimeter of the Inverloch Recreation Reserve and then moved onto the oval.

The whole school did a lap of the oval and then joined outside the clubrooms to sing this year's reconciliation song 'Black Fella, White Fella'.

Everyone took a lot of pride in creating their posters, and walking together brought a lot of joy.

LEFT: Inverloch and Kongwak Primary School students worked together to create posters for Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week.

HEALTH and WELLNESS

Discover wellness at Soulspace

Soulspace is a yoga, art and wellness hub located at 17 Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi behind the Wonthaggi Market (opposite the old Bunnings Site).

In December 2019, Soul Space opened its doors to the Bass Coast and South Gippsland Community.

We created a space that is the embodiment of our ethos: inclusiveness, accessibility and community. This space aims to create an atmosphere where everybody feels welcome.

Set in a converted warehouse in the heart of Wonthaggi, Soulspace brings a contemporary feel to our town on the Bass Coast; with the combination of experienced, fun and welcoming yoga facilitators with varying passions within the industry, a variety of classes are on offer for all abilities at affordable rates.

Soulspace also has treatment rooms with physio and kinesiology appointments available and an inspiring artist wing, with varying creatives weaving their magic.

This space is truly special for our community.

Soulspace is excited to announce our first ever Yoga Festival with a full day of free classes/workshops on Sunday June 23. All our classes are open to all levels and abilities.

We welcome the community to share this day with us!

Bookings can be made via our website atsoulspace.com or by email soulspace17k@gmail.com



Step into a space of inclusiveness, accessibility and community at Soulspace.



Soulspace are opening their doors for free and hosting their first ever Yoga Festival on Sunday June 23.

Celebrating rural and remote health professionals

NOMINATIONS are now open for the second National Rural and Remote Health Awards which pay tribute to exceptional professionals and organisations that have significantly contributed to improving rural and remote health across Australia.

Hosted by Rural Health Pro, the Awards will be celebrated as part of Rural Health Month 2024 and will be presented at the National Press Club in Canberra on November 6.

Entries for the Awards may be peer, organisation, patient or self-nominated and there are ten award categories open for nomination. The Awards aim to celebrate and support health professionals who serve remote and rural communities throughout Australia. Rural Health Pro Manager, Jessica Rostas, is encouraging communities from every State and Territory to get behind their rural and remote health workers by nominating today!

Entries will be assessed by a judging panel including rural health practitioners, researchers, policy-makers, and advocates. Last year, the inaugural Awards attracted more than 200 nominations.

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BASS Coast Support Work Services (BCSWS) is expanding its range of NDIS services and will provide additional specialised services with three experienced support coordinators and psychosocial recovery coaches. C01_2424

New support coordinators and coaches allow more NDIS participants

BASS Coast Support Work Services (BCSWS) is expanding its range of NDIS services in Gippsland and surrounding areas. Now, in addition to the comprehensive support already offered, BCSWS provides specialised services through three experienced support coordinators and psychosocial recovery coaches: Michelle Harvey, Tim Burgess, and Jessie Coulson, all highly regarded in the industry.

BCSWS's enhanced services include personalised support, community engagement, and assistance with daily living activities for NDIS participants. The recent addition of the Support Coordination and psychosocial recovery coaching programs ensures that funds are appropriately utilised and the most suitable support is secured for participants.

Support Coordinators are instrumental in sourcing the right allied health services, identifying excellent one-on-one support workers, and finding beneficial group or community activities. Psychosocial recovery coaches assist participants with mental health needs to achieve their personal recovery goals, navigate the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), and connect with mental health services.

Director of BCSWS, Erin Gardner, said the additional Support Coordination Program is a great asset to the organisation as it allows the service to expand further afield and include more participants.

Support coordination helps participants:

- Connect to NDIS and other supports
- Broker supports and

services in line with a participant's wishes and their plan budget

- Monitor plan budgets and support effectiveness
- Build capacity and capability to understand their plan, navigate the NDIS, and make their own decisions

Support coordinators will help participants with different things depending on: What the participant's goals, needs, and circumstances are, and what is funded in the participant's plan.

A recovery coach is an NDIS-funded worker with mental health knowledge who will:

- Spend time with you and people important to you to get to know you and understand your needs
- Help you find out about different services and supports and how these can help you

- Help you get support from mental health services
- Help you better understand the NDIS and support you with the NDIS

You can choose a recovery coach with lived experience. A recovery coach with lived experience has their own lived experience of mental ill health and recovery, and is able to use this experience to inform their work.

The organisation is also launching a children's holiday program featuring weekly activities during school holidays, such as trips to the zoo and Bounce in Keysborough, providing engaging experiences for children and respite for carers.

If you or someone you know requires support, please reach out by calling Erin on 0421 192 697 or Michelle 0484 043 125 or go to bcswservices@outlook.com.



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Graduate nurse program helps create careers

IRENE Vender is a shining example of how Gippsland Southern Health Service's (GSHS) graduate nurse program creates careers.

Ms Vender is one of many participants in the GSHS graduate nurse program to secure ongoing permanent positions with the health service.

GSHS is now recruiting its next group of graduate nurses while Ms Vender enjoys her job in theatre.

Ms Vender, from Leongatha, is now working three days a week in theatre along with casual shifts at the multi-function ward at Korumburra.

She had spent three months in theatre as part of her rotations during the graduation year program, along with stints in the acute ward, multi-function ward and aged care.

"I particularly enjoyed theatre and bedside clinical care in the ward, and I was offered a position in theatre so was keen to take it," she said.

"I did most of my nursing placements at GSHS and I feel comfortable working in the environment."

GSHS educator Virginia Bolge says the GSHS graduate nurse program for new registered nurses provides invaluable experience and creates long-term job prospects.

"We have a really well-rounded



Graduate nurse Irene Vender is encouraging other nurses to apply for Gippsland Southern Health Service's graduate program with applications now open until June 21.

graduate nurse program that includes two six-month placements in an acute ward and in a specialty area, such as district nursing, theatre and urgent care" Ms Bolge said.

"It provides invaluable experience and is well supported with an allocated mentor in each area as well as great support from clinical nurse educators and senior nurses."

The program includes an extensive range of learning opportunities, including wound management, IV cannulation,

ECG interpretation, midwifery, and acute and urgent care.

Ms Bolge said graduates are constantly encouraged to develop their skills and are able to attend four paid study days during the year.

"At the end of the program, we discuss career opportunities with them and that often leads to graduates finding jobs at GSHS."

GSHS also offers aged care and midwifery graduate positions and due to demand is now offering an enrolled

nurse graduate year. Newly qualified Enrolled Nurses are encouraged to contact the education team on the below email regarding details.

Applications for Gippsland Southern Health Service's 2025 graduate nurse program are open until Friday June 21. People can apply by emailing education@gshs.com.au and newly qualified enrolled nurses can also contact the education team for details about the new program.

Paramedics urge men to make health a priority this Men's Health Week

AMBULANCE Victoria (AV) is calling on men to look out for their physical and mental health by scheduling a health check-up this International Men's Health Week.

According to the Australian Men's Health Forum, 50 men die each day in Australia from preventable causes.

AV Executive Director Operational Communications Anthony Carlyon said Men's Health Week is about educating men on how to protect and improve their health and wellbeing.

"Too many Australian men are dying too young, and this week is about raising awareness of the full range of physical, mental and emotional conditions men can suffer from," he said.

"This Men's Health Week,

we call on all men to book in for a health check, to make a plan for action to improve their health and wellbeing, and to tell their mates to do the same."

The number one killer of men in Australia is heart disease and AV Director Patient Safety and Experience Andrew Keenan said this week should serve as a reminder for men to regularly get their heart health checked.

"Many heart attacks and strokes can be prevented through healthy behaviours like eating a heart healthy diet, being active, maintaining a healthy weight and being smoke free," he said.

"Four in five heart-related deaths under the age of 65 are men, so it's crucial that men have regular Heart Health

Checks with their GP.

"Heart Health Checks only take 20 minutes and assess your risk of suffering a heart attack or stroke in the next five years, so you have the chance to make lifestyle changes."

"We lose too many men from ignoring their symptoms so this Men's Health Week, make your health a priority and get a check-up."

Men's health is about more than just physical health, and AV Director Emergency Management Justin Dunlop called on men to take their mental and emotional wellbeing just as seriously.

"For men under the age of 55, suicide is the leading cause of death and one in two men will experience some sort of mental health disorder in their lifetime," Justin said.

"Mental health concerns are very common and it's vital that men reach out for help as well as ask their mates, co-workers and family members if they're ok."

"Here at AV, there are a number of wellbeing and support services on offer for our people and their families, including peer support, 24/7 counselling, pastoral care and more."

"I urge anyone to seek out mental health support or to make an appointment with a GP, no matter how big or small your mental health concerns are."

Men's Health Week is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2024 and runs from June 10 to 16.

For more information, visit amhf.org.au.

CONVERSATION with Claire



One person with a vision

By author Claire Chitty

SOMETIMES all it takes is one person with a vision or a belief to make a positive difference in the world. You don't need to be J. K. Rowlings or Martin Luther King Jr. to create change. It can simply be something you're called to do; write, paint, sing, plant a garden, volunteer, stand up for a cause or a myriad of possibilities.

We all have hopes and dreams. You may see this as success, a loving family, physical health and a reliable social network. Or maybe you're still searching.

Ask yourself, 'What inspires me? How can I make this world a little brighter and offer hope for others?'

It's easy to be complacent and accept mediocre, but is that how you want to live, looking back on life with regrets, saying, "I wish I'd...". Wouldn't you rather leave behind a legacy, whether it's volunteering, mentoring, supporting environmental causes, lending a helping hand?

Living a passionate, purpose-filled life isn't going to land in your lap. Work towards releasing behaviors that are holding you back, including procrastination, limiting beliefs, self-judgement and what others may think. Give yourself permission to be more of who you truly are. When you believe in yourself, there's nothing that you can't achieve.

Once you make the conscious choice, the universe will align and bring in opportunities, ideas, resources and people to support you. Naturally, there may still be a few challenges yet persist. Success takes time. Follow the breadcrumbs. Once you find your purpose, you'll gain a different perspective and mindset on life that bring more joy, peace and understanding. You may discover new talents you never knew were within you (I never knew I could dance, paint or play basketball!) Life starts to transform in amazing ways and becomes more fun with new connections and experiences.

Looking around our region, there's many places named after individuals who have made a positive impact on the environment. There are also many amazing volunteers whose contribution is equally significant, yet they seldom receive due recognition for their selfless service.

I believe we can create a better world, but it starts with us individually. Find your unique purpose and heed the inner nudges. The universe is whispering to you. Are you listening?

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What's more important than your health?

IT'S only when you have a stay in hospital, for something reasonably serious, that you realise how crucial it is that we have access to good health care, quickly.

And in general terms, we have excellent health services here in Australia, especially if you have the flexibility that private health cover allows, which can be a big ask at upwards of \$50-a-week for a family.

However, while investment in bricks and mortar is important, and we're looking forward to the promised \$290 million stage two of the Wonthaggi Hospital, it's much more important to have a good supply of well-trained doctors, specialists, clinical nurses and allied health professionals including physios, speech therapists, occupational therapists, rehab counselling, in-hospital pharmacists and all the rest.

But you have to wonder if there are enough of them to go around, especially in regional areas, as facilities are expanded, and if they are being properly paid and looked after in terms of conditions of employment.

And on that score, you'd have to say they aren't being well enough paid for the crucial work they do.

There's a position available this week, for example, for a 'General Medical & Surgical Nurse' at Bairnsdale Regional Health Service, being advertised at \$75,000 p.a. full time.

Whereas the Bass Coast Shire has a job for a 'Climate Emergency Project Officer' at \$90,772-a-year and South Gippsland Shire has a 'Team Leader Customer Liaison' position with a base salary of \$90,631 plus superannuation.

A traffic controller working on the Melbourne Metropolitan Tunnel Project is paid \$126,200-a-year.

And completely out of whack with what highly qualified nurses, and even specialist doctors are paid is what former Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Ali Wastie is getting in her first year as CEO at Geelong City, reportedly a salary of \$543,000, rising to \$620,000 by 2027-28. By comparison, the Australian Prime Minister only gets a base salary of \$586,950.

How ridiculous is that?

No wonder then that fewer and fewer of our best and brightest, studying medicine at uni, are opting to go into general practice, where pay isn't commensurate with the workload and level of responsibility.

Typically, our local GPs aren't even keeping pace with what our second-tier shire managers are receiving.

As well as a need for a complete overhaul of public service salaries, including those in local government, there also needs to be a review of the system of band increases driving up salaries year-after-year at rates well above inflation.

Not only is it unsustainable, well beyond social norms.

It's also important that the staffing of major new hospital projects, like the \$223.5 million expansion of Latrobe Regional Hospital, are factored in to planning, and that they don't suck needed health professionals away from surrounding regional areas once they get up and running.

It's complicated, granted, but the day-to-day importance of properly resourced, efficiently operated and high-functioning health services must surely get the government's highest priority – after all, we are literally nothing without our health.

Vox Pop

What are your top tips for preparing for exams?



Arieta Fergie

Bass Coast College – Yr 10

"Taking it easy and having a clear mind, especially if you get overloaded. Just give yourself a bit of a break when it's getting overwhelming."



Sienna Macmillan

Bass Coast College – Yr 10

"Probably just writing it all down – so scheduling out when each exam is and then when you need to study in between that."



Lorenzo Lepiten

Bass Coast College – Yr 11

"I suggest that less is more. The way I approach exams is that I do a little everyday and that accumulates into a big thing at the end. If doing one or two hours study a day is too much, try 10 minutes of flashcards here and there."



Cameron Alder

Bass Coast College – Yr 10

"I'd probably say do it in a way that works for you. If you do it in someone's way, it's probably not going to work. Even if it's a really strange way of studying, if it sticks in your brain then that's the way to do it."

Top spots for outstanding parmas in town

FIFTY-five-kilometre little trip for dinner at Korumburra to sample the award-winning parma compliments of Australian Hotel Assoc (Vic) award, Tuesday night June 6.

This was after your paper write up edition May 28, page 8.

My result, the judges never went to San Remo Hotel and if they really wanted to taste, in my opinion, a top parma, they should have visited The Old Dalyston Church and tried the seafood parma.

Michael Quinn, San Remo

will not be forthcoming because our politicians are so removed from the plight of ordinary people. How would they know when they sit in their comfortable homes, on the fat wages that they get and absolutely no touch with reality?

Come and live a day in the lives of these people. I love Wonthaggi and it is a shame that they should have this dark cloud hanging over their heads. I wish and pray that a solution in their interest happens soon.

Dilene Hinton, Inverloch

Why council's letter demands an apology

THIS is an excerpt from the letter that was sent by the Bass Coast Shire Council to landowners in Wonthaggi's north-east residential growth area last week (dated June 3, 2024). It should have been sent on January 18.

Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to inform you about the recent implementation of the Environmental Audit Overlay on the address above. I want to acknowledge this has been a stressful situation for many individuals and families. We are working to expedite a positive solution on this matter with you. This follows gazettal of the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan on 18 January 2024 by the Victorian Government under recommendation from the Victorian Planning Authority.

In 2023, the Victorian Planning Authority finalised the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan Amendment C152 as part of its Fast-track Response to COVID-19 recovery program. This letter outlines the background (edited for space), and the steps Bass Coast Shire Council is taking, to address the impacts of this overlay.

As part of the amendment C152 the Victorian Planning Authority recommended including land within the Precinct under the Environmental Audit Overlay so that Preliminary Risk Screen Assessments and/or Environmental Audits could be completed before building works occur. These risk assessments typically occur prior to subdivision of the land. In this case, the amendment includes a number of properties previously subdivided. Our records show your property is included within the Overlay.

There are implications for these already subdivided residential properties. If building works are proposed for a sensitive use (such as building a dwelling), then a Preliminary Risk Screen Assessment is required as a minimum before any building works are permitted. Additionally, where the Environmental Audit

Overlay has been applied to an existing dwelling, any ancillary buildings and works (any activities requiring footings or foundations) that disturb the soil will also trigger a Preliminary Risk Screen Assessment.

Next Steps: Bass Coast Shire Council, the Victorian Planning Authority and the Environment Protection Authority are working together to resolve this matter as quickly as possible. An initial review by the Environment Protection Authority on 22 May 2024 found insufficient information to remove any properties from the Environmental Audit Overlay. The Environment Protection Authority recommended properties undergo Preliminary Risk Screen Assessments so that, where appropriate, they be considered for removal from the Overlay. This is a technical process with assessments completed by professional consultants, guided by Council and the Environment Protection Authority. Preliminary Risk Screen Assessments conducted by Environment Protection Authority appointed Environmental Auditors, evaluate the historical use of the land – primarily farming in this case – and determine if an environmental audit is needed based on potential contamination risks. If the risk is deemed low or nil, then no further investigation is required, and the Overlay may be removed. If the assessment is rated medium or high, then an Environmental Audit may be required to remove the property from the Overlay.

Bass Coast Shire Council has engaged Prensa Environmental Auditors to conduct site investigations over the next six weeks and complete Preliminary Risk Screen Assessments on all previously subdivided properties within the Overlay. Prensa has already started its initial research and its representatives are scheduled to be present on site between 11 and 24 June 2024.

Council will fund these assessments in partnership with the Victorian Planning Authority (letter continues).

Yours sincerely Greg Box Chief Executive Officer

Editor's note: Council now needs to issue an official apology for not sending this letter six months ago, and failing to take the action it is now taking.

The 'Sentinel-Times' encourages readers to write with issues of interest or concern but letters that have a local reference point will be given priority. Writers are also urged to be brief where possible. Letters may be edited for space and legal reasons, and must be submitted with the author's name and contact details of which only the name and town location will appear.



MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

WHAT'S Happening at Milpara Community House?
This week we are putting out a final call for those who can offer classes in Term 3. As ever we will have a packed book of regular and new classes that we look forward to presenting. Education and connection for the community is so important and the wonderful volunteers, tutors and facilitators

create warm and friendly environments to learn new skills. Please get in touch and speak with our Program coordinator if you can offer your time and skills. We still have our Test and Tag accreditation class open for enrolments for June 28. Book here – socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=21978 And of course, there is room

for more participants in our ongoing classes – Crafts with Barb, Mahjong, Milpara book Club and more. Book for any of these, and others online via our Milpara website course bookings page – milparacommunityhouse.org.au/bookings-and-activity-page. It is so important to stay connected with your community

and enjoy the benefits. Milpara Community House – 15 Little Commercial Street, Korumburra. 5556 2524. hello@milpara.org.au. milparacommunityhouse.org.au



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YES YOUTH HUB

EVERY Monday, the YES Youth Hub (YYH) is generously funded to provide a community meal for young people. This week we were treated to Chicken Katsu Curry by the wonderful Tracey. It was a successful night with over 12 young people enjoying the food and good company. With the cost of living on the rise it has been lovely knowing that the YYH can provide these meals thanks to The Y Open Doors. It is worth mentioning that we also have a takeaway option on Monday evenings for those who prefer a familiar environment while they are eating. The YYH has been filled with creativity and culture this week. We have had over

60 young people through the space enjoying a variety of activities comprising of event planning, magazine creating, arts, craft and a healthy share of political conversations that will lead to a list of questions for our local MPs. The free food in the space has included pizza, fruit, curry, toasties and plenty of noodles. And it was again an absolute pleasure hearing different musicians using our rehearsal space and writing original tunes. Bass Coast FReeZA also utilised the space and provided a free "Introduction to Audio Engineering" course in the space under the guidance of local legend, Maddy May. In the spirit of "Pride Month", our next event will

be Rainbow Alley. The YYH, Bass Coast YMCA, FReeZA, and HEY! invite LGBTQIA+ young people and their allies (aged 12 – 17 only) to attend Rainbow Alley! Come join the YYH team for our first HEY! Event of the season, and hang out with your mates for a mental arvo of fun and celebration at Phillip Island Tenpin and Entertainment! Follow our socials for more details. The YES Youth Hub is a community project managed by the YMCA Bass Coast on behalf of the Victorian Government, Bass Coast Shire Council and most importantly young people. It provides a safe, welcoming and inclusive space for young people aged 12 to 25 living in the

Bass Coast. We are located at 76 Watt Street, Wonthaggi and our Drop-In is open on Monday to Thursday between 2.30pm – 5.30pm. So please come on down and check out the space during Drop-In. You can find us on Instagram or Facebook on the following handles @YESYouthHub @basscoast.freeza @basscoastskateparks @basscoastymca #engage! Big thanks to Youth Advisory Council members, Oliver Jobe and Levi Simon for your assisting with the writing and editing of this article.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

MID-YEAR enrolments are now open for the Certificate courses in Horticulture, Hairdressing, and Information Technology. Interest is already growing in these courses which will start in mid-July after the school holidays. Still to come in June are the Safe Food Handling and Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) courses. RSA is required for anyone wishing to work in a licenced premises. And the Safe Food Handling course will soon become a mandatory requirement, so it's good to get in soon. Later in June is the First Aid Level 2 Update course, which is filling up fast. CPR should be updated every 12 months and First Aid Level 2 needs to be updated every three years.

The one-day update course is a quick and easy way for holders of a current or recently expired certificate to refresh their qualification. For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more. **WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN** Cold starts and chilly evenings; we've slipped into soup season and some lucky community gardeners are already well equipped, thanks to an extra good pumpkin harvest this autumn. Interested volunteers scored a pumpkin or two and there was extra to share with members of the U3A garden group as well.

The last of the pumpkins, picked in May, are deep orange, sweet and combine well with the garden's carrots and herbs in soup and for baking. Members are also harvesting and enjoying mandarins, mixed lettuce leaves, carrots, rhubarb and leafy greens such as bok choy and silverbeet. More information about membership and participation at the garden is available from tgordon@westnet.com.au or by phone at BCAL 5672 3115. Members and volunteers meet on Thursdays between 10 and noon. All are welcome. **WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS** The toy making group has been very busy and currently

have nearly 100 toys ready for sale at upcoming events. There is also a stall at The Wonthaggi Market in Korumburra Road (opposite the old Bunnings) where toys made by the group can be purchased. The Woodies are currently installing a new table saw as part of a safety upgrade. The acquisition was made thanks to a generous donation by a member. For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au or visit workshop.



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Ombudsman backs small businesses online

THE Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman Bruce Billson has released a guide for small businesses using social media as their business platform. The guide includes tips to reduce the chances of being hacked. "Digital platforms have fundamentally changed the way small businesses connect and sell to their customers. Yet, when there is a problem – such as having your account shut down after being hacked – solving it can be a nightmare," Mr Billson said. Mr Billson said the number of cases involving a small business having a problem with a digital platform has more than doubled since July 2022 – up by 127 per cent – and continues to be one of the top requests for assistance that requires a case manager to get involved. Two-thirds of the cases relate to Meta, the owner of Facebook and Instagram. "One of the absurdities of the current situation is after being locked out of your account, you need to access your account to make a complaint. It's the ultimate run-around," Mr Billson said. Mr Billson said the free Guide to Using Social Media Securely includes tips for small and family businesses about how to reduce the risk of being hacked and steps that can be taken with the digital platforms if you are. Mr Billson called on digital platform providers to improve their dispute resolution services. The free guide is available on the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman website at asbfeo.gov.au/sm-securely.

• FAITH FACTOR

Is this all there is to life?
By Pastor Jeff Robertson, Connections Church Inverloch and Foster, Australian Christian Churches

I SOMETIMES think about a friend from my past – a high achiever at school and uni, who went on to gain a prestigious job. But within a few months he was questioning if that was all there was to life. The famous King Solomon wondered the same thing. He was healthy, wealthy, and wise. He pursued wisdom, riches, pleasure, great accomplishments, and even family – and was hugely successful at everything! But he still felt hollow, and concluded that all of that was meaningless. Most of us can relate to the challenge of pursuing things in life that don't end up bringing happiness or satisfaction. I believe that there's something inside every person that craves significance and meaning, and connection with something greater than our own lives. And the fulfilment of that yearning can be found in Jesus, who said, "I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of." I believe that God created us with a desire for eternal significance. Solomon expressed it like this: "He has also set eternity in the human heart". One of the greatest quests of our lives is to find the fulfilment of that yearning for eternal purpose. If you're wondering about finding meaning in life, I highly recommend seeking Jesus. He said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest... and you will find rest for your souls." Jesus came to earth to help us find contentment, and meaning, and fulfilment in God. And you can have a relationship with God, by seeking Him and inviting Him to come into your life. Don't wait until everything else fails. There is more to life. And it can be found in Jesus. I pray that you might open your heart to him, so that his peace, love, and purpose might bring more and better life than you ever dreamed of!



Ava and Susan had a fantastic night out for the Bass 100+ celebration at Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club on Saturday, June 8. nsSnap1_2424



Irma, Jessica, Isla and Malcolm had much to celebrate at the Bass 100+. nsSnap2_2424



Melanie and Brett were proud to be part of the Bass 100+. nsSnap3_2424



Cooper, Mia and Felix came out on a cold night to be part of the Bass 100+ event. nsSnap4_2424



James and Tillie braved the cold weather to indulge at the Loch Food and Wine Festival on Sunday June 9. nsSnap11_2424



Paul and Rene rugged up for the Food and Wine Festival. nsSnap13_2424



Anthony and Phil of Burra Brewing treated customers to a selection of drinks. nsSnap14_2424



It was all about the wine for Peter and Michelle! nsSnap15_2424



Hercules and Emily of Silverwater Vineyard had their work cut out for them. nsSnap16_2424

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Bass 100+ celebration and Loch Food and Wine Festival.



Dean, Andy, Juliana and Sharon had a great time catching up for the Food and Wine Festival. nsSnap12_2424



Zoe, Susannah and Angela enjoyed catching up at the Bass 100+. nsSnap5_2424



Jim, life member of the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club, and Wendy at the Bass 100+. nsSnap6_2424



Lisa and Trudy sharing a drink at the Bass 100+. nsSnap7_2424



Cormac and Britt loved being part of the Bass 100+. nsSnap8_2424



Dallas was dishing out the wine glasses. nsSnap17_2424



Wonthaggi Life Saving Club president Mark Scott with Malcolm Hyde accepting his award. nsSnap10_2424



Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club president Ray Rust addresses the crowd. nsSnap9_2424

Into the Woods...we go!

NOW in the final month of production before opening night on Friday July 5, Leongatha Lyric Theatre is thrilled to share their 60th anniversary musical theatre production with the community.

The musical intertwines the plots of several Grimm fairy tales including Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella and the Baker and his wife.

Of course there is also a witch, a big bad wolf and a host of other fun characters to keep theatre goers of all ages entertained.

The costumes and set designed by Colin Mitchell are inspired by the storybook characters and their journey and will take audiences into a magical and breath-taking world.

A show for the whole family on stage from July 5 – 20 at the Memorial Hall in Leongatha. Don't miss out on your tickets now available via Trybooking, Lyric's website leongathalyric.com.au or by calling Lyric on 0490 525 482.

RIGHT: Theatre goers will be thoroughly entertained when Leongatha Lyric Theatre bring our favourite fairytale characters to life in July. Jack, played by Taine Lowe from Jack and the Beanstalk.



Cinderella played by Cecily de Gooyer and her stepsisters played by Lyra Lockhart and Phobe Collins.



Guest artist and toe tapping tunes

TAKE a trip down memory lane with The South Gippsland Singers on June 23 at their "...a touch of nostalgia!" concert.

Tunes from the 1910s through to more recent times will be performed from 2pm at the Dakers Centre in Leongatha. Their Guest Artists are Chloe Wylie on classical guitar, and the Good News Community Choir.

The South Gippsland Singers offer you a great opportunity to hear some old favourites from the twentieth century plus some popular numbers from this one!

"The 1910s Medley" and "Four Chords" medleys offer a smorgasbord of memorable hit songs that recapture some sweet moments and set your feet tapping!

They'll sing "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" from the 1940s; that Elvis hit, "Love Me Tender" (the 1950s); and Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody"; "You Raise Me Up"; "Happy" and other popular songs.

Chloe Wylie has been learning classical guitar for about 15 years and last year completed her Bachelor of Music (performance with Honours) at Melbourne University's Conservatorium of Music under the guidance of Sam Rainey and Ken Murray.

In recent years, Chloe has performed in Masterclasses with Slava Grigorian, Yamandu Costa and Elodie Bounty. She has also played with Melbourne University's Leading-Edge Guitar Ensemble and given solo performances at Melbourne's Recital Centre in Southbank, as well as at local markets, festivals, and galleries.

Chloe currently teaches fulltime

at various schools, including Leongatha Primary School and Marist-Sion College. She is also proud to be part of the South Gippsland School's Music Program, where she teaches at Bass Coast College, provides private lessons and manages a guitar ensemble of 18 students.

Recently Chloe has been involved with the 'Guitars for Vets' program where free guitar and music lessons are provided to support Australian veterans through a sense of community and music.

The Good News Community Choir formed in February this year, with 30-40 people regularly attending rehearsals. This is their debut performance!

They sing mostly acapella, as this is a great way to explore the fullness of gospel music, which is all about that soulful, feel-good sound. They will sing five songs – "Woke Up This Morning", "Hallelujah", "Heaven is in my Heart", "Michael Row the Boat Ashore" and "Glory Glory".

Whilst they mostly sing traditional gospel songs, they also sing a range of feel-good songs focusing on love and peace, and meet at the Wonthaggi Baptist Church at 7pm on the second and fourth Monday of each month. All welcome!

You are all invited to come along and join in a very stimulating musical Sunday afternoon.

Following the concert, please join the South Gippsland Singers and their guest artists for Afternoon Tea! There'll also be a raffle so don't forget your small change.

Admission price is \$20 and children U/16 are free.

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Debra Le Velle set to captivate audiences

PHILLIP Island Jazz welcomes back Debra La Velle on June 16 from 2pm to Phillip Island Jazz. Debra last performed at Phillip Island Jazz in May 2021.

Debra will be singing a great selection of wonderful jazz tunes that will be known by most of us. Caravan, Quando Quando Quando, Shining Stockings, Smile, The Look of Love and So Danco Samba are just a few of the delightful tracks that we will hear from Debra and her musicians.

Debra will be joined by a selection of great musicians on the day including Ron Anderson on reeds, Shane Ryall on guitar, Steve Grant on keyboard, Andy Scott on double bass and Ronny Ferella on drums.

The venue is at Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, Cowes.

Entry for our Sunday Jazz is \$20 for Jazz Club Members and \$25 for visitors. For more information please ring Robin on 0432 814 407 or Jill on 0417 416 300

Redemption and fresh starts or.....?



Ruby Spencer as Caroline and Simon Furniss as dad, Ray.

Offshore Theatre presents 'Sunset Strip' by Suzie Miller

AFTER a very successful 2023 year of live theatre with well received and highly acclaimed productions of Australians All by Jonathan Bagins and Rebecca Lister's 2.20AM, Offshore Theatre Inc is about to bring their first show of 2024, Sunset Strip by Suzie Miller to local audiences in the Newhaven College Black Box Theatre.

Opening this Thursday night at 7.30pm the staged play reading of Sunset Strip evolves around four characters. Ray, Caroline, Phoebe and Teddy. At its core the two sisters, Caroline and Phoebe are chalk and cheese. Both are shaped by their shared childhood and their more recent experiences which include cancer, addiction, a Social Services intervention and more.

As they wrestle through memories and their own experiences of love, the audience sees that they are desperately trying to find a way to fit back together with adult understanding and acceptance. Ray, their father, is struggling with dementia and his fading life and Teddy, Phoebe's fiancé, is awkwardly trying to be a better person while fighting his demons.

Sunset Strip is essentially a play which explores human vulnerability while highlighting the power of love, devotion and family loyalty no matter how clumsy and compromised it may be. Audiences will find themselves wanting Caroline and Phoebe, their dad Ray and Phoebe's Teddy to have redemption and the chance of a fresh start and a better future. Perhaps they will, perhaps they won't. Either way Sunset Strip is about a family reconnecting and determined to triumph over the lousy cards life sometimes deals.

Directed by the versatile Remi D'Agostin, Sunset Strip introduces three new local actors – Jason Good as Teddy, Ruby Spencer as Caroline, and Christy Spottiswood plays Phoebe, and they are joined by well-known and highly regarded Simon Furniss as Dad, Ray.

Don't miss this contemporary and involving quality drama.

Performances are at the Black Box Theatre Newhaven College, 1770 Phillip Island Road.

Tickets are available now on TryBooking for the two evening performances at 7.30pm on June 13 and 14 and two matinees at 2.30pm on June 15 and 16.

Audiences are advised to arrive half an hour before shows start.

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Photo: Hannah Lewis/Red Necked Spot Crows, linocut

The Minefield will go under the hammer

MARK Schaller likes a challenge so when he heard about the Woodlands Exhibition he went on location to view one of Bass Coast's many massive sand mines.

Perched next to the highway he could feel the swish of the B double sand trucks passing metres away while he made visual notes of the mine moon-scape, the sludge ponds and a tiny workers' hut in the distance.

"Sand mining's clearly not a big employer," he notes drily.

As a Bass Coast local, he's very conscious of the mammoth B double trucks on the highways. He's read the State Government report forecasting 5000 truck movements a day on the South Gippsland Highway and fears for the future.

"I think local people need to know that's one every seven seconds over a 12-hour day. These are public roads, and they're being used and wrecked by private companies to make money. Then it's taxpayers who foot the bill to fix them."

Back in his studio he has brought the scene to life in a massive work called The Minefield.

While it represents a scene of environmental destruction, his customary boldness and vibrancy shine through and give it a kind of luminosity. The sand hills shimmer, the sludge ponds emit a toxic pink



Mark Schaller's The Minefield will be auctioned as part of the Woodlands Exhibition.

radiance and the Bass Hills glow red and blue in the distance.

Schaller has donated The Minefield to raise funds for the campaign to stop mining in local woodlands.

It will form part of the Woodlands Exhibition in the Goods Shed, Wonthaggi, from June 21-23, and be auctioned at the end of the exhibition.

Save Western Port Woodlands convenor Catherine

Watson said it was a generous gift from one of Australia's most successful artists, with works featured in many collections and galleries, including the National Gallery of Australia.

"We were thrilled to receive this work. You really have to see it in the flesh to appreciate it."

Veteran auctioneer Alan Bolding will conduct the auction, which is expected to bring some vigorous bidding.

Supporters can also bid for

a woodlands T-shirt signed by the legendary eco warrior Bob Brown.

The auction will cap off an exhibition featuring works by renowned local artists.

The exhibition opens on Friday night, June 21, from 6-9pm, and runs on Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23, from 10am-4pm.

Artworks can also be viewed online at savewesternportwoodlands.org.

Coming up this weekend

Sunset Strip – Offshore Theatre

Thursday June 13 to

Sunday June 16

Black Box Theatre, Newhaven College

Inverloch Farmers Market

Saturday June 15, 8am – 1pm

The Glade, Inverloch

Toora Lions Den Market

Saturday June 15, 8am – 1pm

Vi-Plus Factory

Prom Country Farmers Market

Saturday June 15, 8am – 12pm

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

Leongatha Rail Trail Community Market

Sunday June 16, 8.30am – 1pm

Leongatha Railway Station

The Fleetwood Pac

Saturday June 15, 7.30 pm

Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre

Garry Starr Greece Lightning

Saturday June 15, 7.30pm

Berninnet, Thompson Avenue, Cowes

Debra La Velle – Phillip Island Jazz

Sunday June 16, from 2pm

Phillip Island Bowling Club

Calling all smartie pants!

OUTTRIM Hall and Recreation Reserve are holding a Trivia Night on July 27 at 7pm. This should be a fun night of laughter, warmth (the hall has recently installed split system air conditioning) and putting our brains to the test. All community members are invited to join in the night either as a single (we can help find you a table) or forming your own table of 2-8.

Money raised will be put towards undertaking vital tree works to keep the reserve safe for its many users, as well as improving the security of the hall, building repairs and upkeep, improving the playground for the children, keeping the tree roots out of the tennis court, putting in a public toilet, and naturally, ground upkeep.

Tickets are \$10 per person. BYO drinks and nibbles.

If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute, prize donations would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Ian Curry for tickets or more information via email iancurry@live.com or phone 0414 978 689.

Johnston brothers performing in Meeniyán

THE classical guitar duo of Ziggy and Miles Johnston will be gracing the stage at the Meeniyán Town Hall in July. Ziggy and Miles' long-awaited recently-released album, Sidekick, featured as one of WQXR's 'Best New Classical Albums of 2023'.

Praised by Soundboard Magazine as played with "perfect unanimity and admirable virtuosity", it showcases new works written for the brothers, their own "transfixingly beautiful" – according to Limelight – arrangement of Debussy's Clair de Lune, and works that have shaped their musical identity from Spain, Latin America, and Australia.

Prom Recitals are bringing the duo to town on Sunday July 14. Doors open at 2pm and the concert starts at 2.30pm. To book, go to trybooking.com/CRYXB

Catch 'Evil Does Not Exist' this weekend

THE Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proud to present "Evil Does Not Exist", a tense eco-thriller, from acclaimed Japanese director, Ryūsuke Hamaguchi (BCFFG 2023 "Drive My Car"). Winner of the Grand Jury Prize at Venice and Best Film at London Film Festival.

Hamaguchi, known for his unique storytelling approach, presents a thought-provoking perspective on the nature of evil and its existence within the natural world. The film challenges preconceived notions of good and evil while pondering the complex interplay between humans and the environment.

The movie's haunting urgency is evoked through the narrative,

as characters navigate moral dilemmas against the backdrop of Mizubiki Village, highlighting the disharmony in our relationship with nature.

The protagonist, portrayed brilliantly by Ayaka Shibutani, embarks on a journey that challenges the conventional notions of good and evil, prompting introspection and self-discovery. When two businesspeople show up at the small town on the edge of Tokyo with a flawed proposal to build a glamping resort which will have an environmental impact on the local area, decisions with long reaching implications need to be made.

"Evil Does Not Exist" not only captivates audiences with its

narrative depth but also leaves a lasting impact on their perception of morality and nature. Through meditative and metaphorical storytelling, the director's deliberate and contemplative approach, and the staggering finale, all make this movie effective in provoking thought and sparking conversations.

Screening at 10.45am, Sunday June 16 at Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi. BCFFG members entry free, with general public welcome at usual box office prices.

The Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proudly sponsored by the Bass Coast Shire.



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New complaint form to tackle dodgy rentals

VICTORIANS who suspect properties available for rent are being falsely advertised or do not meet minimum standards can now alert Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) directly through a new complaint form online.

Victorians looking for a rental property are urged to use the form to report concerns, a process that only takes about five minutes to complete and can be done anonymously.

The form will make it easier to report issues with properties being put up for rent – including inaccurate descriptions or images used to advertise the property, and breaches of rental minimum standards such as the lack of a functional kitchen or lockable external doors.

Significant penalties will apply to estate agents and residential rental providers who do the wrong thing, with maximum penalties for individuals exceeding more than \$11,000 and \$57,000 for businesses. Higher penalties can also apply under the Australian Consumer Law for misleading advertisements or other false representations.

Prospective renters, real estate professionals and other members of the public can all use the rental property report form after inspecting a property in person or online, allowing them to provide evidence of their complaint including uploading photos to show the difference between the property advertisement and the property at inspection.

Allowing a new renter to move into a rental property that doesn't meet minimum standards is a criminal offence and evidence in the form will support the renting taskforce's work to monitor compliance with the law and target inspections and enforcement action.

The renting taskforce will be embedded within CAV, with recruitment currently underway for extra intelligence analysts, investigators and lawyers.

To access the report form, visit consumer.vic.gov.au/rental-listing.

Construction slump sparks call for urgent reform

CONSTRUCTION proved to be the economy's weakest link during the March 2024 quarter, with industry output suffering a sharp 2.6 per cent reverse in the first three months of the year.

The decrease was driven by a 2.3 per cent fall in construction services, a 3.1 per cent fall in building construction and a 2.6 per cent fall in heavy and civil engineering construction.

Overall, GDP scraped the smallest gain of 0.1 per cent – the worst outcome in almost two years.

Master Builders Australia CEO Denita Wawn said when the building and construction industry is strong, so too is the economy.

"We know for every dollar invested in the industry sees three dollars returned to the broader economy.

"In 2023, construction was one of the main drivers of economic growth, but today's sobering figures reflect a continuous decline in building approvals across all sectors of the industry.

"This comes at a time when an increasing supply of housing is needed to bring down inflation in the rental market.

"The drastic lengthening in build times for new homes



Construction industry output drops 2.6 per cent in Q1 2024, dragging GDP growth to a mere 0.1 per cent.

and an increase of costs by 40 per cent since pre-COVID is making it extremely difficult to get projects off the ground.

"We can't keep turning a blind eye to the crucial role of productivity in growing our economy and combating inflation.

"This will only be achieved if the federal, state and territory governments get a move on and speed up planning reforms, finalise the

migration review, introduce new incentives to grow the workforce, and introduce an industry regulator with real teeth.

"If we are going to undo decades of under-building and resolve this housing crisis, we need to change the economic environment to encourage investment across all sectors: residential, civil and commercial construction.

"Earlier today, the Treasurer and Minister for Housing introduced an important policy lever to encourage investment in build-to-rent which will play a role in bringing down rental inflation.

"Master Builders is still working through the details of the legislation but supports the principle of diversifying the housing supply mix in our economy," Ms Wawn said.

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The career move could cost you your home loan

JOB hoppers who forged the 'great resignation' have been warned that too many career changes could put their home loan applications at risk. A survey of 1000 Australians conducted in December found that more than a third of employed respondents were actively seeking a job change this year.

Compare the Market Economic Director David Koch, said job stability was a major consideration for lenders when assessing a home loan application, and too many short-lived stints could raise concerns.

"It's important for aspiring home buyers to be able to demonstrate they'll have a steady income, so the lender is confident they'll meet mortgage repayments," Mr Koch said.

"If you're a job hopper with gaps in your employment history, there's a chance a lender may look at this unfavourably. Similarly, if you're new to a job, or on a short-term contract, you could be seen as a higher risk compared with borrowers with a strong track-record of job security."

Mass resignations became a workforce trend as employees sought better conditions in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the number of unemployed Australians rose to 4.1 per cent in January.

"Lenders policies can vary greatly, with some not considering borrowers with gaps of over two months on their employment records, or no more than two jobs in the last 12 months. Whereas others have less restrictions on these aspects.

"This is why it pays to engage a specialist that can help you navigate these different policies so you find the lender that supports your situation."

Other things that can impact a loan application include personal debts, poor credit scores, or a change in financial circumstances.

Aside from job hopping, Mr Koch said lenders look out for credit scores, late repayments, unpaid debt and card churning, bankruptcies, and multiple unsuccessful mortgage applications.

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- Contemporary and gorgeous colour scheme with quality and high-end fixtures and fittings throughout
- A well-appointed kitchen with a functional butler's pantry
- Open-concept kitchen/dining/living area, with the warmth of a freestanding wood fire and the convenience of zoned ducted heating and cooling throughout
- A separate massive formal lounge off the main living area, with an additional rumpus room at the other end of the house for extra guests or additional family members
- The master bedroom boasts a luxury walk in robe, and an exquisite ensuite bathroom, complete with a freestanding bath, overlooking the lake
- The four other bedrooms are expansive and generous in size, all with walk in robes and one of the bedrooms boasting another ensuite, and also another separate powder room
- Mud room, laundry, and an additional third toilet and direct access from the double garage
- Beautiful parquetry styled flooring,

high quality carpets and double-glazed windows

- 13 kilowatts of solar power
- Expansive and massive windows provide stunning rural views at all angles of the property

Outdoor amenities include:

- Excellent shedding and storage for machinery. One shed is 14 x 7 metres converted to "manland", and the other is 18 x 13 metres with extra height.
- Watered by way of gravity fed troughs, a spring fed dam and as well as other multiple dams, backed up by water rights from the Tarwin River
- Cleverly subdivided into 11 paddocks, with a central laneway and good fencing throughout, backed up by an electric unit
- There is an old disused dairy, and new cattle yards with a loading race and a full vet crush
- Annually the property has the tracks graded and maintained
- Good fertiliser history also supports the ability to cut hay and silage
- Blue gum shelter belts provide extra protection to the stock and there is also a Bluegum plantation
- The land is undulating to steep but boasts fertile river flats and so much peace and tranquillity.

This exceptional property is a true rural paradise, offering modern luxury living in a serene countryside setting. If it's time to create a new lifestyle for your family, then this is it! A private swimming hole in the Tarwin River for the kids, and lake to canoe on, and platypus and bird-life surround you. Make it yours today and experience a unique way of life.



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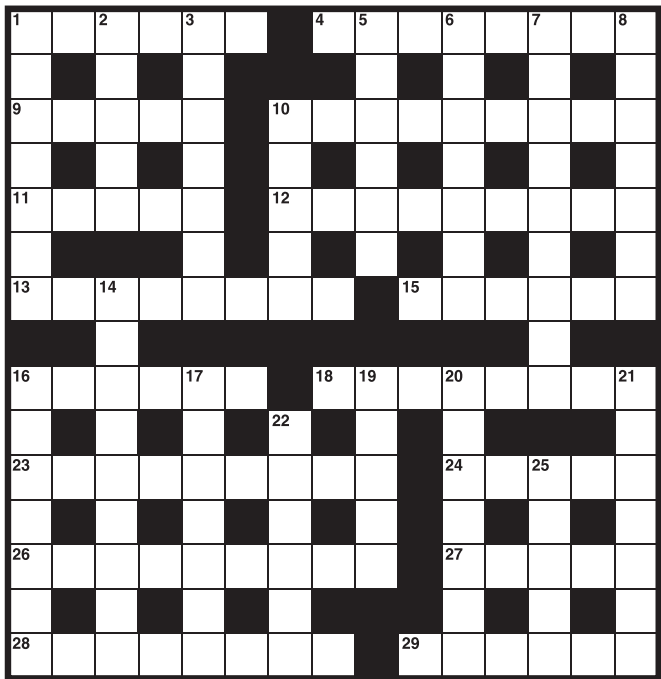
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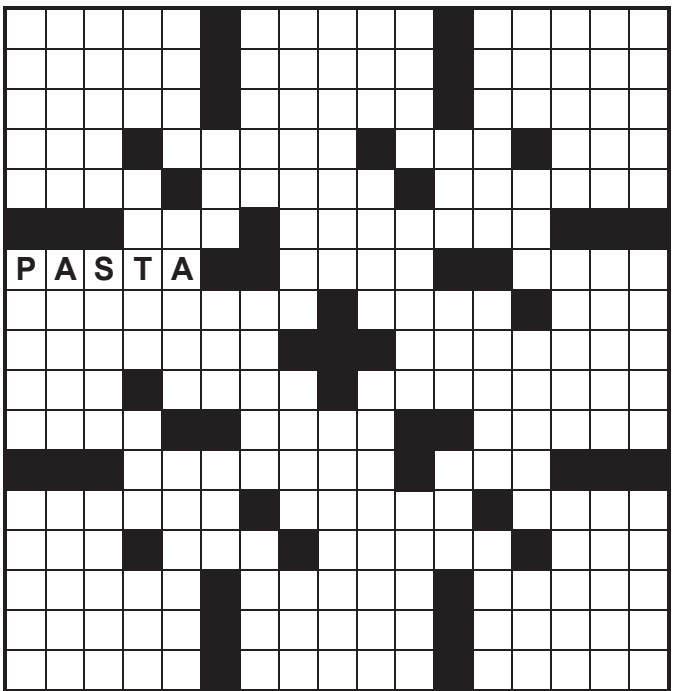
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15 Buy back (6)
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18 Region between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea (8)
23 Lasting (9)

- 24 Dance (5)
26 Pathological self-admirer (9)
27 Ancient (5)
28 Sapling (8)
29 Land surrounded by water (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Division into two contrasted aspects (7)
2 Issue (5)
3 Non-specific (7)
5 Hotel (6)
6 Attain (7)
7 Pleasure (9)
8 Word with same meaning (7)
10 Japanese comic (5)
14 Back to – (6,3)
16 Coniferous tree (7)
17 Labour (7)
19 A native people of Central America (5)
20 Traditions (7)
21 Examined (7)
22 Gentle and kind (6)
25 The press, collectively (5)

WORDFIT

No. 141

- 3 LETTERS**
- AGE
AMP
APE
APT
BAN
EAT
EEL
GEL
IMP
MOW
NOT
NUT
OUR
OVA
PEG
PEP
ROB
RYE
SEC
SEE
SHY
TNT
TOE
WHO
- 5 LETTERS**
- ADOBE
AGILE
ALONE
APTER
ATONE
AWAIT
BITES
CHINA
COAST
COOKS
CREPT
CROON
ERODE
HONEY
HONKS
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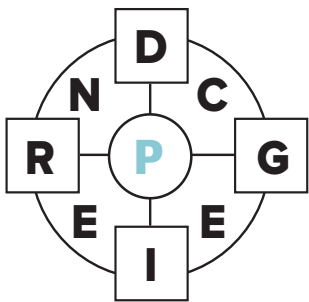
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THANK
- TREAD
TREND
TRUED
TWICE
UNITE
WAITS
WASN'T
- 7 LETTERS**
- CERTAIN
COASTED
COMPILE
EARLIER
EVASION
TORPEDO
- 8 LETTERS**
- ALLERGIC
ROMANTIC
THROWING
THWARTED

9-LETTER

No. 232

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

- Today's Aim:**
- 19 words: **Good**
29 words: **Very good**
39 words: **Excellent**



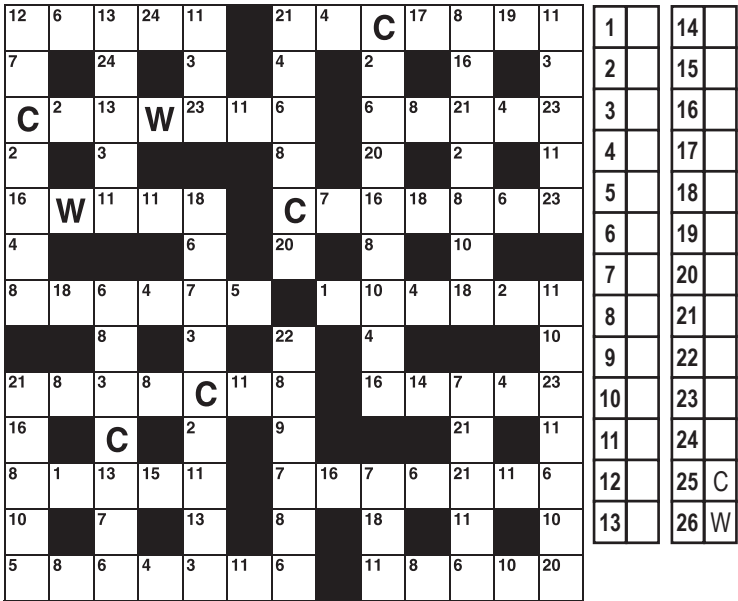
SOLUTION

creep, creeping, crepe, deep, drip, epic, grip, gripe, gripped, peen, peer, peering, pence, pence, pierce, pierce, pierced, pierce, pine, pined, ping, pinged, pined, ping, pined, PRECEDING, preen, price, priced, pride, pride, prig, prince, recipe, repine, repined, ripe, ripen, ripened

CODEWORD

No. 181

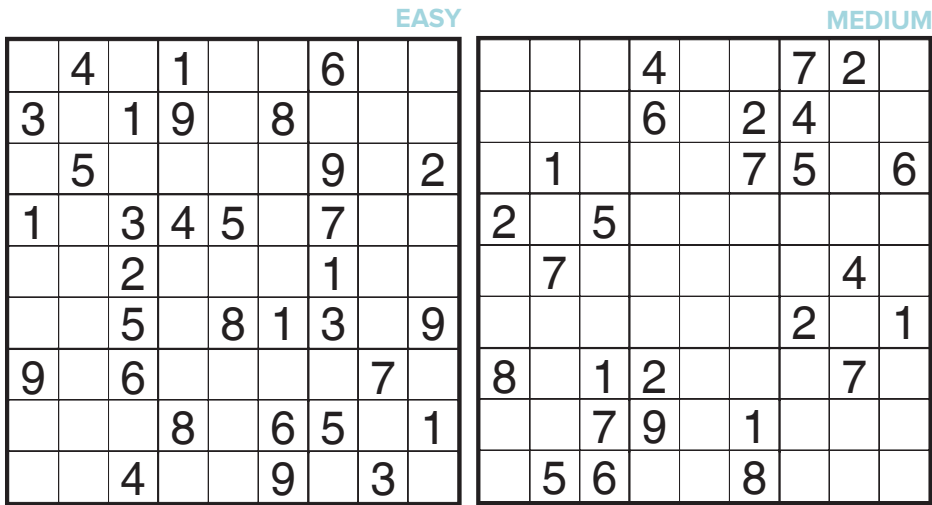
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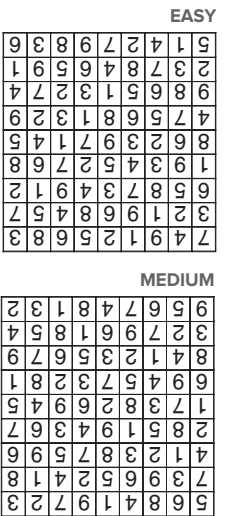
SUDOKU

No. 231

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



SOLUTIONS



QUICK QUIZ

1. Vitelotte, Laura and King Edward are all types of what?
2. Which metal are Olympic gold medals predominantly made from?
3. Es is the symbol for which element of the periodic table?
4. 1930s Melbourne saw the invention of which famous chocolate treat?
5. The smallest bone in the human body is called the what?
6. Usain Bolt (pictured) holds the record for which two Olympic categories?
7. Banjo Paterson wrote what poem in 1895, which later became a well known song?
8. Digitalis is derived from which plant?
9. The Benko Gambit is used in which game?
10. The character Don Quixote is known for attacking which object?



WORD SEARCH

No. 141

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



- ANTLIA
APUS
ARA
ARIES
AURIGA
CAELUM
CEPHEUS
CETUS
CRUX
CYGNUS
DRACO
ERIDANUS
FORNAX
GEMINI
- GRUS
HYDRA
HYDRUS
INDUS
LACERTA
LEO
LEPUS
LIBRA
LUPUS
LYNX
LYRA
MENSA
MICROSCOPIUM
MUSCA
- NORMA
OCTANS
ORION
PEGASUS
PERSEUS
PISCES
PUPPIS
PYXIS
SCUTUM
TAURUS
VELA
VIRGO



Logs have been collected from the storm that can primarily be used for fire wood and some can be milled for community projects.



Jess Healey has initiated the Mirboo North Timber Reclamation Project, which is set to directly benefit the community and its people. ob05_2424

Mirboo North timber reclamation project to benefit community

MIRBOO North local, Jess Healey, set up and managed the Mirboo North Storm Cell Volunteer Response Team and has now initiated another project set to benefit the community.

The Mirboo North Timber Reclamation Project is collecting logs and wood that can be used as firewood for locals or that can be milled and used for community projects.

Jess's aim is to keep as much of the wood from the storm as possible so it can benefit the community.

"That was always my original plan, from when I first started the Storm Cell Volunteers out of the RSL," explained Jess.

"One of my main goals was to try and keep our timber in our town."

The State Government announced in early April that Emergency Recovery Victoria (ERV) would establish up to eight new facilities across

South Gippsland in partnership with local Councils to process wood from the storm.

It is expected that more than 300 tonnes of sawlog, 3000 tonnes of firewood and fine green waste that can make 4000 cubic metres of mulch will be processed.

It has also been stated that any profits generated from the sale of these products will be reinvested into the community through the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation.

However, Jess is conscious that after costs, there may only be a small amount of money actually reinvested back into the community.

"From the timber that gets forwarded and processed out of town, the money that comes back from that, it's not going to be a whole lot, because they're obviously going to have to pay their costs for machinery and labour and factory processing, and all

that sort of thing. So that's all going to come out of the profit they make from the timber."

"As far as I know, my project is the only one in town that's been able to collect, to keep it for us."

The group aims to use the wood to directly benefit the town and its people and a flat and safe section of private land is being used as the collection site.

Logs have been collected from residents properties and ERV organised and dropped off between 10 to 15 truckloads of logs that were not mill grade but can be used for fire wood or mulch.

"We've almost filled the pad-dock so we've got quite a bit of wood there," explained Jess.

Jess and other volunteers have sorted the logs into different piles for different uses, much for firewood and only a small amount so far that can be milled.

Sorting the logs and have

working bees over a 12 – 18 month period to create loads of firewood that can go to elderly residents or those on low incomes is the aim.

Being able to source more logs that can be milled is also a mission of the group so the milled slabs can be used for community projects again, to directly benefit locals.

After having fulfilled an estimated 400 requests over the past four months, the Storm Cell Volunteer Response Team is finalising tasks this week and Jess says the focus will now move more fully to the Timber Reclamation Project.

"I've got a committee because I'm going to legitimise and formalise the actual group and make it a not-for-profit."

Jess is working liaising with the Mirboo North Association to finalise the process and welcomes any willing volunteers to come onboard.

Ploughmen compete in state challenge

THE Victorian State Ploughing Contest and the West Gippsland Silver Share Contest was held in Poowong North recently.

The contests were held on Pinegrove Road on a property owned by Mark Webster and Linda Weatherall on May 25 and 26.

Competitors came from Colac and Ballarat – as well as locally – to compete.

Conditions were perfect, albeit starting in the thick fog.

On day two, there was need for extra sighting poles due to poor visibility.

However, the days cleared to sunny conditions.

The official opening took place on the Saturday, launched by South Gippsland Shire Council's Cr Jenni Keerie.

Blessing of the Plough was performed by Judy McLeod of Poowong.

The trophy sponsors and supporters of these contests were PFG Australia, Costa family, Brandt Tractor Leongatha, REN Machinery Warragul, TTMI Trafalgar, Chapman Machinery, Gendore Leongatha, Neville Smith, and Poowong Dairy and Hardware.

Ploughing is done in a time frame, judged on straightness, weed control, seed bed made available, opening split, crown and finish.

Following this contest, many ploughmen will plough in the national contest in Western Australia.

The winners of that will represent Australia in the Czech Republic in 2025.

State results:

Conventional: first Scott Loughridge (Poowong), second Adrian Tilling (Poowong) and third Dan Custance (Poowong).

Reversible: first Brett Loughridge (Poowong) and second Pryde Inglis (Drouin).

Vintage: first Peter Gardiner (Colac) and Lindsay Hester (Colac).

Judges' and encouragement award: Amity Smith (Ballarat).

West Gippsland Silver Share results:

Conventional: first Scott Loughridge (Poowong), second Adrian Tilling (Poowong), third Dan Custance (Poowong).

Reversible: first Brett Loughridge (Poowong) and second Pryde Inglis (Drouin).

Vintage: first Peter Gardiner (Colac) and Lindsay Hester (Colac).

Encouragement award: Brett Morrison.

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Weaker global beef production set to support prices in second half of 2024

GLOBAL beef production is expected to contract in the second half of 2024, providing support to global prices, according to a newly-released report by agribusiness banking specialist Rabobank.

In its recently released Global Beef Quarterly Q2 2024, the bank says global beef production for quarter two is forecast to be marginally higher than in the same quarter last year, but volumes for quarters three and four are expected to fall year-on-year (YOY).

Rabobank says more beef is expected to be produced in Australia and Brazil in the second half of this year, however these increases are likely to be outweighed by production contractions in Europe, the US and China.

"Contractions in beef production in Europe and the US are expected to be too big for the increases forecast in Australia and Brazil to offset. And China's production is set to increase in the second quarter before contracting later in the year," report lead author, RaboResearch senior animal protein analyst Angus Gidley-Baird said.

Looking at global pricing, Mr Gidley-Baird said, a two-speed cattle market continues to exist with the North America tracking close to record highs – amid the contraction in local production – while other regions remained more subdued.

Australia

The Australian beef market remains balanced, but increasing import demand from the US was starting to impact.



RaboResearch senior animal protein analyst Angus Gidley-Baird.

"Australian export volumes to the US were up 117 per cent in April and year-to-date volumes to the US are up 89 per cent," Angus Gidley-Baird said.

Meanwhile export volumes to other major markets are not showing the same increase.

"The contraction in US production – particularly the reduction in cull cow and bull slaughter – provides opportunities for Australian lean trimmings export volumes," he said.

"It also provides opportunities for Australian volumes into key Asian markets where the US is a comparable supplier to Australia."

Mr Gidley-Baird said while export volumes to the US and US import prices had increased, this had not completely flowed through to Australian cattle prices yet.

"Cattle supply volumes in Australia, ongoing soft demand in Asian countries and relatively full supply chains, we believe, are the reasons for not seeing prices transfer through," he said.

The report said first-quarter Australian slaughter and production volumes had seen a 17 per cent and 15 per cent increase year-on-year respectively, reflecting the increased number of cattle in the system following consecutive years of rebuilding activity.

Animal disease ever-present risk

The report said the bank continued to closely monitor animal disease risks in different locations around the world, due to the potential impact on the global beef sector. Mr Gidley-Baird said the recent transmission of H5N1 avian influenza to dairy cattle in the US was one such issue, although no cases had been reported in beef herds and beef food safety remained uncompromised.

"Meanwhile Brazil recently declared itself free from food-and-mouth disease without vaccination. Official recognition by world animal health authorities could significantly enhance Brazil's trade prospects," he said.

Climate disclosure

The Rabobank Beef Quarterly said the growing demand for climate disclosures around the world was also edging into beef supply chains, presenting both opportunities and challenges.

The report said beef companies around the world were facing a "balancing act" as they looked to proactively respond to new sustainability requirements and capitalise on associated opportunities, while also managing the risk of moving too early in a market and regulatory environment that is rapidly evolving.

Mr Gidley-Baird said the beef industry was facing a particular challenge, with its 'scope 3' emissions, which were substantial, yet difficult to measure.

Soil Health and land management with Stefanie Hildmann

SOIL expert, author and educator Stefanie Hildmann will be holding a workshop on Soil Health and Land Management in conjunction with Landcare in Outtrim on Saturday June 15.

Stefanie's love of soil is evident as she explains her preference for simplicity and desire to avoid the politics, complexity and controversy that has crept in over soil.

Learning the principles and foundations of soil health from her grandfather, while growing up in Germany, Stefanie was counting worms in soil from the tender age of four.

She said her ancestors were aware of the value of healthy soil.

"The impact of healthy soil on pasture, on animal performance and on human health, they already knew."

Coming to Australia in 2000, Stefanie began breeding biodynamic Black Angus on French Island and then moved to South Gippsland for health reasons.

She wrote a book called Radical Soil Care, while also discovering her passion for teaching others, which comes as second nature.

"I started to work on education

only because that's where my passion lies, really."

Keeping teaching simple, accessible and easy for everyone is one of Stefanie's aims when she's holding a workshop.

"I'm neither biodynamic, organic, regenerative; all of those are overused terms and misunderstood. For me, it's all about soil and soil health. Once you understand it's actually quite simple," explains Stefanie.

"I've occasionally been criticised that I over simplify, but I don't agree with that. I just make it accessible."

During the upcoming workshop Stefanie will cover how to effectively break the weed spray cycle, how to keep cattle and soil in a sustainable relationship and how to monitor landscape function.

"It's quite easy to manage soil well, so I'm excited to explain that, because once you know the why, the how becomes self-evident."

"It's about the approach of it, rather than trying to control it, and somehow industry told us that grasses are the best for livestock, which is not true. Actually, grasses are overrated

and herbaceous plants are underrated. What we need is about 70 species of plants in our paddocks, because we need the biodiversity there."

Stefanie explains that the workshop is not only for farmers, but for those with lifestyle blocks and large or even small pot plant gardens as well.

"It's for anyone who likes to get their fingernails dirty."

The principles of soil health are the same whatever field you are in, explains Stefanie and understanding the impact of soil on all aspects of the environment and our own health is important.

"If you want air to breathe, you need healthy soil because all leaves are in charge of about 80 per cent of our gas exchanges. And if we want clean water, we need healthy soil because the soil is in charge of the water cycle. And of course, the nutrient density of our food and also our mental wellbeing because if we're not surrounded by healthy soil, we struggle with our environmental microbiome," Stefanie explains.

"So, we need healthy soil on so many levels."



Stefanie Hildmann, an expert in soil health will offer an entertaining and informative take on soil health and land management in a workshop being held this weekend.

The workshop will be held on Saturday June 15, 10am – 2pm at the Outtrim Public Hall at 1051 Outtrim - Leongatha Road, Outtrim. Tickets \$9 per person.

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60 Angus steers, 16-18 mths, By Harris/Hatch Bulls, 2x5in1, drenched
A/c S & D Hooper, Leongatha North (SEJ)
50 Angus & Angus / Hereford X steers, 17-18 mths, Monaro Dist bred
A/c J Daniels, King Island (NUTRIEN)
48 Angus & Angus Hereford X steers, 18-24 mths
A/c Liptrap Waters, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
45 AA/AAX steers, 16-18 mths
A/c M Telling, Woodside (PHC)
45 Hereford steers, 14-18 mths, Mawarra and Karoonda bulls
A/c King Parrott Creek, Drouin (ALEX SCOTT)
42 Angus & B/B steers, 18-20 mths, East Gippsland bred
A/c A1 Holdings, Drouin (SEJ)
40 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, East Gippsland bred
A/c Peacock Rural Holdings, Hallston (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 18-20 mths
A/c M McLennan (ELDERS)
40 Angus steers, 16 mths
A/c D & P Whiteley, Mirboo (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 14-16 mths
A/c D Young (Elders)
40 Hereford steers, 14-15 mths, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred, Wirruna Hereford blood, fluke drenched and 5 in 1
A/c DA & PM Conn, Hedley (PHC)
36 Angus steers, 15-16 mths, Flinders Island bred, Landfall blood
A/c WK Graham, Mirboo (SEJ)
35 Angus steers, 20 mths, VB, GF & ABF
A/c Riverdean, Rosedale (ELDERS)
31 Angus steers, 14-15 mths, Leawood blood, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred
A/c Brad Rinaldi, West Creek (ALEX SCOTT)
30 Angus steers, 15-18 mths, By Absolute Angus Bulls, Leawood cows, 2 x 7 in 1
A/c Burfield Partners, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 15-16 mths
A/c Latrobe Park Angus, Morwell (NUTRIEN)
24 Angus steers, 16 mths
A/c B & J Adlam, Mirboo North (ALEX SCOTT)
13 Angus steers
10 Charolais x steers
22-24 mths, drenched on 15/5 with Sure Shot
A/c A Polimeni & A Wilson (ELDERS)
15 Angus steers, 2 yo
7 BB & Char & MG X steers, 2 yo
A/c V&F Albernese (ELDERS)
22 Angus steers, 18-20 mths
A/c R Jones, Foster (SEJ)
20 Angus steers, 20-22 mths, VB, GF, ABF
A/c Est AA Birss, Stradbroke (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 2 yo
A/c A Daly, Yinnar (SEJ)
20 Angus steers, 18-20 mths
A/c Vening Agriculture, Hedley (PHC)
20 Angus x Steers, 18 mths, By “Smiths” Stud Angus Bulls
A/c JJ & DB Hood, Bombala (NUTRIEN)
20 Hereford Steers, 1.5-2.5yo, NE Accred
A/c BJ Silvey, Foster (SEJ)
18 Angus steers, 18 mths, GF & ABF, Leawood blood
A/c J Lees, Hedley (NUTRIEN)
18 Hereford & BB steers, 16-17 mths
A/c Hislop & Hillberg, Ruby (SEJ)
17 Angus & Angus x steers, 16-18 mths
A/c L & L Osborne, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
17 Angus steers, 15 mths
A/c NW Page, Sale (NUTRIEN)
16 Angus steers, 2yo
A/c G Cummings, Glenmaggie (NUTRIEN)
16 Hereford steers, 20-22 mths
A/c McIntosh Farm, Strzelecki (ALEX SCOTT)
13 Angus steers, 2yo, By Fernleigh Angus Bulls
A/c P & A Van Kuyk, Foster (NUTRIEN)
13 Angus steers, 2.5 yo

A/c S Hasthorpe, Trafalgar (ELDERS)
12 Angus steers, 18-20 mths
A/c Stephens McMaster Farming, Ruby (SEJ)
12 Angus steers, 18-20 mths
A/c E&K Triantafylou (ELDERS)
12 Angus steers, 15 mths, GF & ABF
A/c N & M Arnup, Fish Creek (SEJ)
12 Black Baldy steers, 14-15 mths, By Mawarra Angus Bull
A/c D Midgley, Yarragon (ALEX SCOTT)
10 Angus steers, 20 mths, East Gippsland bred
A/c W & D Missen, Denison (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 20-22 mths
A/c TJ Keylock, Stratford (NUTRIEN)
10 Charo steers, 20 mths, GF & ABF
A/c MC & JJ Wells, Jindivick (ELDERS)
7 Angus steers, 15-16 mths, “Jones farms bulls”
A/c T Burns, Krowera (NUTRIEN)
2 Angus steers, 23 mths

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c Ranleigh Downs, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
100 AA/AAX heifers, 15-18 mths
A/c A Walker, Warragul (ELDERS)
40 heifers, 16 mths, by Fernliegh bulls
A/c Malanda Pastoral (ELDERS)
40 Angus heifers, 14-16 mths
A/c WK Graham, Mirboo (SEJ)
30 Angus heifers, 20 mths, VB, GF & ABF
A/c Trandarra P/L (ELDERS)
30 Angus heifers, 14-16 mths, 2x7in1, Te Mania & Landfall blood
A/c G Bastin (ELDERS)
30 Angus heifers, 14-16 mths, 2x 7in1, Te Mania & Landfall blood
A/c Miralai P/Ship, Bombala (NUTRIEN)
16 Hereford heifers, 18-24 mths
7 Hereford heifers, 2.5yo, NE Accred
A/c JJ & DB Hood, Bombala (NUTRIEN)
20 Hereford heifers, 1.5-2.5yo, NE Accred
A/c D Bates, Munro (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus heifers, 16-18 mths, By Millah Murrah Q96
A/c J Lees, Hedley (NUTRIEN)
18 H/F & BB heifers, 16-17 mths
A/c A & S Browne, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
11 Angus heifers, 18 mths
A/c KJ Treasure, Stratford (ELDERS)
8 Hereford heifers, 18 mths

ANGUS WEANERS

A/c Belgrano P/L (ELDERS)
100 Angus steers weaners, 9-10 mths
100 Angus heifer weaners, 9-10 mths
“ Annual Draft “, Banquet & Fernleigh blood, weaned 3 weeks, NE Accred
A/c G&K&N Belcher, Woodside (ELDERS)
80 Angus steers, Banquet blood, 8-10 mths
18 Angus steers, Banquet blood, 12 mths
14 Black Baldy steers, Newcomen/Banquet blood, 12 mths
35 Angus heifers, Banquet blood, 8-10 mths
12 Black Baldy heifers, Newcomen/Banquet blood, 12 mths
Annual Draft, weaned, VB, GF & ABF
A/c Gem-Brae AG, “Yancowinna”, Cape Paterson (ELDERS)
80 Angus steers, 9-11 mths, Te Mania blood, VB, GF & ABF
40 Angus heifers , 9-11 mths, Te Mania blood, VB, GF & ABF
A/c Mirrabooka, Tarwin Lower (NUTRIEN)
110 AA/AAX mixed sex, 13-15 mths
A/c D Bates, Munro (NUTRIEN)
100 Angus steers, 10-11 mths, Weaned, by Millah Murrah Q96
A/c G.S Pastoral (ELDERS)
30 Angus steer weaners
30 Angus heifer weaners
Merlewood @ Morunga blood
A/c J&G Christison, Yarram (ELDERS)
50 Angus mix sexes, weaned, Landfall blood, VB, GF & ABF

A/c McCooks Farm, Mt Eccles (ELDERS)
40 Angus mix sex weaners, VB, GF & ABF
A/c WS Roberts, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
40 AA/AAX mixed sex, 10-12 mths, weaned
A/c Cloud Creek Rural Enterprises, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus mixed sex, 9-10 mths, weaned, very quiet
A/c Davren Park P/L, Boisdale (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus mixed sex weaners, 10 mths, Ne Accred
A/c D Jerram, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus strs, 10 mths, Millah Murrah & Rennylea bloodlines, EU & NE Accred, GF & ABF, VB, fully vacc & drenched, Ivermectin 4/5, very quiet
A/c DW & ML Taylor, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus mixed sex, 10-12 mths, Leawood blood
A/c D Sawyer (ELDERS)
30 Angus x mix sex weaners
A/c J & L Fiddelaers, Leongatha Nth (NUTRIEN)
28 Angus mixed sex weaners, 10 mths, Battersby & Yancowinna bloodlines
A/c Clark Cattle Co. (ALEX SCOTT)
27 Angus mixed sex weaners, 10-12 mths, by stud Fernleigh and Absolute Angus bulls, weaned 20/5/24 drenched and vaccinated
A/c S & K White (ELDERS)
15 Angus steers, 8-10 mths
11 Angus heifers, 8-10 mths
Innesdale blood
A/c Groves Estate (ELDERS)
25 Angus steer weaners, 12 mths, Pure Banquet blood
A/c DJ & LJ White, Fernbank (SEJ)
24 Angus steer weaners
A/c T & J Donchi, Alberton West (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 14 mths
A/c B & D Harrison, Dumbalk North (PHC)
20 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, Eagle Rock blood
A/c Vening Agriculture, Hedley (PHC)
20 Angus x Steers, 12-14 mths, By “Smiths” stud Angus Bulls
A/c Orong Park, Jindivick (ELDERS)
20 Angus m/s weaners, 10 mths, VB, GF & ABF
A/c A.J & B.R & N. Moyle, St Clair (ALEX SCOTT)
20 Angus steer weaners by stud Banquet bulls drenched, multimined& vaccinated 12-13 mths
A/c J & M Spencer (ELDERS)
20 Angus heifers, 10 mths, Leawood Angus blood
A/c Hidden Valley Angus (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 10 mths, Wattlewood blood, Marks Min X2, Piliguard & 5in1, GF & AF, VQ & weaned
A/c M Breen, Buffalo (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, By Leawood Stud Bulls, Dectomax Drenched 6/5
A/c Chrypin P/L, Trafalgar (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus mixed sex calves, 9-10 mths, Blackjack Angus blood, weaned
A/c Homehill (ELDERS)
19 Angus steers, 14mths Leawood blood, weaned, GF, VB
A/c B & R Cashin, Stony Creek (ELDERS)
16 Angus heifers, 12 mths, Battersby blood, VB, GF & ABF
A/c JB Drewett, Yinnar Sth (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers
5 Angus heifers, 9-10 mths
A/c Jukurrpa Farm, French Island (NUTRIEN)
3 Angus steers
10 Angus heifers, 6-8 mths
A/c Petrus Loedolff (ALEX SCOTT)
6 Angus steers, 10 mths old, weaned
6 Angus heifers, 10 mths old, weaned
A/c D Beath, Ripplebrook (NUTRIEN)
11 Angus steers, 12-14 mths
A/c A & S Browne, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
11 Angus heifers, 10 mths
Farley Ag, Nyora (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 10 mths
A/c E & J Cox, French Island (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 12 mths
A/c W & D Missen, Denison (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 12-14 mths

A/c C Coleman, Bittern (SE J)
10 Angus heifers, 14 mths, VB
A/c B Chewe, Erica (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus mixed sex calves, 9-10 mths
A/c D & M Trigg, Woodleigh (PHC)
10 Angus heifers, 12 mths, Langi Kal Kal blood
A/c C & R Whittle, Barry Beach (PHC)
7 Angus steers, 12 mths
5 Hereford steers, 12 mths

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A/c Boxbank Pastoral, Woodside (ELDERS)
40 Murray Grey / Speckle x steers, 8 mths, VB & GF & ABF
A/c C Baird, Yarragon (NUTRIEN)
15 Speckle Park steers
10 Speckle Park heifers
9-10 mths
A/c NR & KD Hansford, Yinnar (NUTRIEN)
20 Poll Hereford steers, 12-13 mths, Mawarra blood, weaned, very quiet
A/c R Williams, Coronet Bay (NUTRIEN)
20 Hereford mixed sex calves, 5-6 mths
A/c J Hargreaves, Kilmany (NUTRIEN)
18 Hereford Angus X heifers, 14 mths
A/c D & E Perczyk, Hallston (ALEX SCOTT)
16 Charolais steer calves, 12-14 mths, By Rangan “LT Ledger”, Multimin, B12 and Toromec drenched 28/4. weaned 8 weeks, ABF, GF, VB
A/c Cordalis, Bena (NUTRIEN)
15 Hereford steers, 14 mths
A/c E&K Triantafylou (ELDERS)
13 MG/Char X heifers, 12 mths, weaned, VB, GF & ABF
A/c PC & AM Young, Briagolong (NUTRIEN)
12 Herford steers, 8-9 mths
A/c J&K CLARK (ELDERS)
12 Sim & Angus/Sim X mix sexes, 8-10 mths, VB
A/c KJ Treasure, Stratford (ELDERS)
7 Hereford heifers, 12 mths
3 Hereford steers, 12 mths
A/c Miralai P/Ship, Bombala (NUTRIEN)
8 Hereford mixed sex yearlings, NE Accred
A/c T Burns, Krowera (NUTRIEN)
7 BB mixed sex, 10 mths

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A/c Hallmont P/L (ELDERS)
40 Angus/FF X mix sexes, 15-16 mths, bucket reared, very quiet
A/c R & L Cope, Middle Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
20 Hereford X steers, 18 mths
A/c M&S Burke (ELDERS)
20 Xbred heifers, 12 mths
A/c RP&GR Shuhkraft (ELDERS)
15 mix sex Euro x

COWS & CALVES

A/c T & J Waters, Wattlebank (NUTRIEN)
24 X 24 Angus cows & calves, mixed ages, calves 2-3 mths, not rejoined
A/c D & T Glover, Nyora (NUTRIEN)
15 X 15 Black Sim & Angus X cows (mixed ages) with Charo CAF, 2 mths, not rejoined
A/c E&K Triantafylou (ELDERS)
11 X 11 Angus cows & calves, 2nd calvers, calves 8 mths, not rejoined
A/c D Marsh, Mirboo (ELDERS)
8 X 8 Angus cows & calves, 2nd calvers, with 100% Sappy Angus calves 3 mths, ‘Battersby Blood’, not rejoined
A/c H McPhee (ALEX SCOTT)
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DEATHS

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Great Nan of Livia.
Reunited with Dad.
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FUNERALS

AVAGE:
The Funeral Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs. Isobel Myrtle Avage, will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Queen Street, Korumburra, on Friday June 14, 2024, commencing 1.30pm.
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MEMORIAL SERVICES

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Lorraine, Janine, Steven, Kerry, and the families of John, wish to thank all who shared this sad time with us all.
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Applications close Friday, June 28 at 5pm and must be made in writing and include a statement addressing the key selection criteria and current resume, marked confidential and sent to: The President, Milpara Community House, PO Box 136, Korumburra VIC 3950 or emailed to: manager@milpara.org.au

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Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds. Banfields Aged care is a 90-bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

As a PCA, your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care as directed by a Registered Nurse.

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- Excellent communication skills - both written and verbal.
- Efficient time management skills.
- Must have flexible availability and be reliable.
- Ability to travel to Cowes on Phillip Island.
- Current evidence of influenza vaccination.
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- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

What you can expect from us:

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Your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care guided by the Director of Care including medication management, clinical practice and supervision, documentation, wound management, and palliative care;

The successful candidate will have:

- Registered Nurse qualifications and current AHPRA registration (RN only)
- Current registration with AHPRA as an Enrolled Nurse with medication endorsement (EEN only)
- Previous experience in residential aged care essential
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Bass Coast Police engaged with community members on Thursday at Wonthaggi Town Hall discussing crime prevention and safety strategies. C03_2424

Addressing crime and safety concerns in Bass Coast

THE lack of community notice and time of day didn't deter a handful of community members from attending Thursday's Victoria Police Bass Coast Neighbourhood Policing Forum.

The forum explored current crime trends and prevention, youth offenders, family violence, road policing and drug-related crime.

Superintendent Divisional Commander Tracie McDonald opened proceedings with a brief background on the Bass Coast Police Service Area alongside Eastern Region Assistant Commissioner Russell Barrett before discussions turned to a panel forum.

Noting the large area covered, including three major highways (Bass, Strzelecki and South Gippsland), police members reinforced community messaging around residents being the eyes and ears, reporting behaviour they see, or feel is suspicious, as well as ensuring people take responsibility for their own possessions, including locking homes, vehicles and deterring

criminals from opportunistic crimes.

Detective Acting Sergeant Leigh Cole from the Crime Investigation Unit noted that many burglaries do not involve forced entry and are instead offenders exploiting unlocked doors.

"Ensure you lock and secure your vehicles, houses and possessions," D/A Sgt Cole stated.

Victoria Police is working to ensure those affected by crime feel supported, those who break the law are held accountable and are working with partners towards preventing crime, reducing harm and building a safer Victoria.

Of particular note, was the focus on youth crimes and youth offenders with Superintendent McDonald explaining that often youth who make their way onto the radar of police lack a positive family environment.

"They often have really limited or disrupted connections with school or community," she said, emphasising the importance of positive role models in young people's lives.

"Each youth has their own unique circumstances."

The Proactive Policing Unit and Youth Specialist Officers spoke about their impact and work with schools, as well as their collaborations with partner agencies for youth, highlighting the importance of early intervention and proactive policing.

Headed locally by Leading Senior Constable Nick Carlson and Senior Constable Megan Krause, the 'fun department' duo are familiar faces where youth are concerned, whether they're coordinating or partnering in community engagement events at skate-parks or attending local gigs and pride proms

A topic that police noted could have its own forum was family violence, which drew much discussion amongst panel members and community.

While Superintendent McDonald doesn't condone the high rates of family violence, she made no apologies about the high rates of breaches of family violence orders.

"We are happy that we are detecting and prosecuting breaches in family violence orders," she stated, noting that victim-survivors either feel more comfortable coming forwards or family, friends and neighbours are making the call.

"Given family violence order breaches occur so consistently in private settings, the more that we hear about it, the more we can hold offenders to account.

"It certainly doesn't make us happy that these breaches occur though."

The Community Sentiment Survey 2023's top safety concerns were read out, highlighting similarities and differences between what the community feels is important versus the priorities of the police. The concerns, in order, were road safety, safety of property and possessions, drugs and alcohol, safety in public places, and family violence.

Bass Coast Police are welcoming community initiatives and ideas to further build on current policing strategies.

Students gain exam experience

STUDENTS at Bass Coast College are currently undertaking their Year 10 and 11 exams.

All students sat the English exam last week and are preparing for the rest of their exams this week.

With practice exams and a lot of preparation leading up to these few weeks, the students felt confident and comfortable with their experience.

"I think the week we had leading up to the exam was helpful preparation. We had exam revision booklets, we looked back at all the work we've covered and went over all the topics, and we did what we could to refresh what we had learnt," Year 10 student Sienna Macmillan said.

Year 11 student Lorenzo Lepiten said the duration of the Year 11 exams posed a new challenge.

"There's a lot more expectation this year than there was in Year 10, especially considering you only had an hour and half for those exams," he said.

"This year, it was two hours and 40 minutes. It's a really long time to stay still and try to focus consistently."

These exams test the students on what they've learnt so far this year, as well as preparing them for their Year 12 exams.

All exams took place at Bass Coast College's McKenzie campus.

"We've tried to create something that is as close to the VCAA exam program as we possibly could, just so we can have students in Year 10 and 11 get a real-life experience of what it's like to sit Year 12 exams," campus principal Ross Bramley said.

"All Year 10 and 11 exams are run at the school, purely because of numbers, but all the conditions are the same.

"We spend a couple of sessions in assemblies talking students through it and going through all the VCAA expectations, so they are well prepared."

The Year 12 students – and all Year 11 students taking on Year 12 subjects – will sit the GAT (General Achievement Test) on June 18.

From Bass Coast College, 257 students will be sitting the GAT – the largest cohort the school has had.

The Year 12 students will sit their exams in November.

Beau Vernon at BestWool/BestLamb and BetterBeef

BEAU Vernon, former Bass Coast footballer, coach and disability advocate, will be the guest speaker at the upcoming BestWool/BestLamb and BetterBeef dinner on June 19 at The Goods Shed, Ballarat.

Agriculture Victoria Senior Technical Specialist Lyndon Kubeil said Mr Vernon's story will inspire sheep and beef conference-goers to tackle the challenges facing their farming businesses.

'Beau became a quadriplegic after a collision during a country football game, yet he didn't let his disability stop him from making a positive difference to the world around him,' Mr Kubeil said.

'People attending the dinner will hear Beau's life story and his practical advice that shows how a positive mindset, and a team approach is key to overcoming any obstacle.'

Mr Vernon now lives in



Queensland and was recently selected to play for the Australian Wheelchair Rugby team at the Paralympics in Paris.

He said was excited to be invited to speak at the dinner.

'I understand that the industry has had its fair share of challenges recently and I know from personal experience that

through challenge comes great growth.'

'I'm looking forward to providing some ideas and my perspective on how to move forward in the face of these challenges,' Mr Vernon said.

For BestWool/BestLamb and BetterBeef program and ticket information from the Agriculture Victoria events page.

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PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE EXISTING MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION AT KONGWAK WITH 4G/5G TECHNOLOGY

Telstra plans to upgrade an existing telecommunications facility at Kongwak 1601 Korumburra - Wonthaggi Road, KONGWAK VIC 3951 (RFNSA No. 3951002).

- The proposed facility consists of –
 - Removal of six(6) existing Tower Mounted Amplifiers (TMAs)
 - Installation of six (6) new TMAs
 - Installation of three (3) Remote Radio Units(RRU's)
 - Ancillary works including feeders, cable trays, fibre, and electrical cabling.
 - Internal work in the existing equipment shelter.
 - Strengthening work on the structure and foundation.
- Telstra regards the proposed works as Low-impact Facilities under the Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018 ("the Determination") based on the description above.
- In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or comments should be directed to: **Wannan Bao, 0459 449 531, Telstra.submissions@ugllimited.com / Level 6, 12 Help Street, Chatswood NSW 2067 by 5pm, Thursday 27 June 2024.**
- Further information can also be obtained from <https://www.rfnsa.com.au/3951002>



Around the bay

WINTER most definitely made its entrance to the Island this week, we unwelcomed a lot of cold winds, rain, and wind, oh and more wind. Although not ideal, none of it mattered to the select few that did still go out early this week and braved the perfect stormy seas and managed some nice bags of whiting and a good variety of calamari ranging in size.

The weather conditions have dropped a noticeable amount and a lot of people have put off fishing purely for the option of staying home where it is warmer. There is nothing wrong with that, means you have plenty of time to spend the winter going over your gear, focusing on the season to come. The seat in front of the fire in winter is a great way to learn how to make your own rigs. Making your own rigs really is a cost-effective skill to learn, initial outlay can be expensive but for a roll of \$12 leader is going to give you a minimum of 20 rigs (species and type dependent). The one main advantage of having the ability to know how to tie your own rigs is the accountability that comes with it. With accountability, you have cut out the middleman, there is no one left to blame besides yourself in the instance of a knot failure but having confidence in your rig is always a plus (if you tied it right).

For whatever reason, poor eyesight, arthritis or just stumbly fingers and you're unable to tie your own knots there are products on the market that offer aid with these problems, it's not cheating, it's just effective. Storage tip, a great way to store all your premade rigs is a bait/lure wallet. Traditionally the intended purpose of these is to store your packets of soft plastics to avoid drying out, but they make a handy rig holder, we simply place each rig in a zip lock bag then you label the pouch. One for each species essentially, that way you can easily find your rigs when needed in a hurry when out fishing. It all equates to more time spent fishing.

We are lucky to have had a variety of reports from this week due to the

By Jim's Bait and Tackle

long weekend, a lot more fisherman produced a lot more fish. The salmon reports from the second half of the week were there but not in any great numbers. A lot of our regular Aussie Salmon fisherman reported finding them but were lucky to get more than three or any that weighed more than 700g. The most successful for the salmon this week was the back beach in Cleeland Bight further down towards Spew Hill and majority of reports came from San Remo Jetty. The odd report from those in boats towards Cowes and Corinella but not a lot from below the bridge. It appears we had a majority of our large salmon over the summer than over the winter, but there is still a lot more cold weather that could bring them in. At the moment a 3/0 circle hook with some pilchards in a paternoster style rig is proving to do the damage over a baitfish lure.

Without the risk of sounding like a broken record, a quick note on the tuna. This last week hasn't proven the best for offshore, a lot of choppy swells and high unfavourable winds have made getting out to the barrels very slow. Those who did get out later in the week found them down towards Cody bank and back towards Cape Schanck with very little in between, a lot on the sounder but not a lot was able to be done to get them up to take a lure.

Winter whiting are still out there proving how good a cold morning's fishing can be, again a lot more action from above the bridge with very minimal reports from boats down in the Bight. At the moment those cocktail baits on a bigger long shank (size 4 or 2) are proving to do the damage.

There are plenty of advantages to winter fishing, your either at home with the time to get prepped for the new season or learning a new fishing skill. Or you're out there braving the cold getting some of those winter fish. Don't waste your winter thinking about fishing, make it apart of your winter!

SPORTS



From left coach - Luke Archibald, Lennox Archibald, Keahi Mana, Max Agonostou, Angus Farman, Kody Lewis, Phoenix Stedman, Scarlett Rennie, Otis Joyner, Bruno, Jake Eisen, and Tim Agonostou.

Phillip Island Board Riders Grom Junior Development Program

THE Phillip Island Board Riders Club (PIBC) recently concluded a six-week male and female junior development program under the guidance of Luke Archibald of local Surf coaching business Archie Surf, Luke also a Phillip Island Board rider for over 30 years and parent of up-and-coming talent Lennox.

The Groms were guided through an intense six-week coaching program that was held between Cape Woolamai and Smiths Beach over the last six Sundays that went for two hour duration. The training sessions began and ended with each child progressing through an individualised program based on their skill level and progression rate. They were sent video analysis from each session the following day

By Jake Eisen

to reinforce the weeks coaching focus and to nurture their skills. Each child had something to build on before the next session and this saw their focus and confidence flourish over the duration of the program.

The foundations learnt in these programs will help these kids build a sound surf community to support each other, both on the land and in the water as leaders in surf skills, safety and etiquette in the water.

Any onlooker can see the formation of lifetime friendships through the ocean and the club. The kids will now move forward in the short term focusing on their path and keeping each other company in the water

through the harsh winter months with the common goal of absolutely ripping into the 2024/25 season.

PIBC supported over 14 children into this program to push our emerging talent and support not only their surfing development but also their personal development in resilience, learning and teamwork and water safety.

The Phillip Island Boardriders club is grass roots community sporting club and has been reliant on community support and is extremely grateful of the support of organisations such as the San Remo Bendigo Bank and Bang Bang restaurant among other local businesses for programs like this and is looking forward to successful partnerships in the future.

Wonthaggi Croquet Club shares its successes

PLAYERS from Wonthaggi were out and about once again towards the end of April, during May and early June.

On the weekend of April 27 and 28, Tom Lacey and Sue Baker travelled to Essendon to compete in a handicap doubles tournament. They acquitted themselves very well, winning four out of their seven games.

The in-house twilight doubles final was held on April 30 with the Cool Cats (Sue Baker and Paul Andrews) overcoming Rasputin (Virginia Wheeler and Michael Barber).

Six members ventured to Phillip Island to contest their level play singles tournament. This is held over three days (May 3 to 5) and comprises three sections. Tom Lacey, Paul Andrews and Neil Warburton competed in Section 1 with Tom being victorious, winning four games, as did four others, but having a better hoop count.

Virginia Wheeler and Mike Butterfield competed in Section 2 with Virginia winning five out of seven but finishing third on a hoops countback.

Jo Butterfield contested Section 3 and also finished third. It was a very successful three days for the Wonthaggi club.

On May 25 and 26, Drouin held its handicap doubles divided into two blocks. Tom Lacey and Sue Baker, Mike and Jo Butterfield, Gerry Kool and Sue Cartwright competed in



Bass Coast Shire Council's Cr Letitia Laing, Paul Andrews, Kathy Ross, Sue Cartwright, Bass MLA Jordan Crugnale, mayor Cr Clare Le Serve and Gerry Kool at the opening of Wonthaggi Croquet Club's new pavilion.

Block 1 with the first two pairings winning three games and two games respectively. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond their control, Gerry and Sue had to forfeit after day one.

Kathy Ross paired with Terry Nash from Korumburra in Block 2 and also won three games.

Phillip Island was the venue for an open doubles tournament held June 1 and 2. One section of eight pairs competed with the stalwarts Tom Lacy and Sue Baker (three from seven games), Mike and Jo Butterfield (two from

seven games), Kathy Ross and Marjorie Prendergast (three from seven games) and Virginia Wheeler teaming up with Helen Checkley from Korumburra (three from seven games).

It was a great effort by all, but once again missing out on top billing.

On May 6, the club celebrated the official opening of the new pavilion. The club now finally has a complex which it can be very proud of. Much thanks must go to the Bass Coast Shire Council and the Victorian Government for funding this project.

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 12
3.19am	1.48m
9.23am	0.44m
4.30pm	1.69m
9.59pm	0.76m

THURSDAY	June 13
4.02am	1.44m
10.03am	0.52m
5.04pm	1.63m
10.41pm	0.75m

FRIDAY	June 14
4.47am	1.39m
10.42am	0.60m
5.37pm	1.58m
11.22pm	0.73m

SATURDAY	June 15
5.36am	1.35m
11.19am	0.69m
6.10pm	1.53m

SUNDAY	June 16
12.03am	0.71m
6.32am	1.33m
12.00pm	0.78m
6.43pm	1.49m

MONDAY	June 17
12.45am	0.69m
7.38am	1.33m
12.45pm	0.88m
7.20pm	1.44m

TUESDAY	June 18
1.30am	0.66m
8.43am	1.36m
1.36pm	0.97m
8.03pm	1.40m

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Olympic trials underway for South Gippsland Bass swimmers

THE Australian Olympics will have some local flavour, with South Gippsland Bass swimmer Rahni Mathieson qualified to compete with her performance at the Australian Age Championships in April.

The Brisbane Aquatic Centre is hosting the 2024 Australian trials from June 10 to 15.

Rahni competed in the 100m Breaststroke on Tuesday placing 66th with a time of 1:15.59.

This meant that while other South Gippsland Bass (SGB) swimmers took four weeks off for an end of season break, Rahni had one week off and got straight back into training.

Rahni has been locked in, having to train solo for a few weeks with an altered program into trials while everyone builds back in after the break.

Coach Dylan Muir, who is accompanying her to Brisbane has been impressed with her effort.

“To be able to stay motivated and focused has shown a disciplined and committed swimmer,” he said.

“While Rahni is not expecting to make the Olympics, it is one of the highest honours as a competitive swimmer in Australia to be able to compete. It is an event that only comes around every four years, and it is the best of the best of the best at their absolute peaks. It is an experience every swimmer that attends can look back on proudly.”

Rahni has been sponsored by Burra Foods, Leongatha Garden Supplies, Lunds Auto Electrical, and Deanna and Gavin Forrester.

Other former SGB swimmers also competing are Bowen Gough and Josh Seignior.

The heats of the trials will be broadcast live on 9now and the finals nightly on Channel 9 this week.



South Gippsland Bass swimmer Rahni Mathieson qualified for the 2024 Australian Olympic trials. She is pictured with coach Dylan Muir.

Athletes congratulated

MORE than 220 guests attended the 27th annual Gippsland Sports Academy awards night at the Morwell Bowling Club Convention Centre on Friday, May 17.

The awards night recognised and celebrated the graduation and achievements of athletes in nine sports over the preceding 12 months.

In attendance were 181 young Gippsland athletes who received graduation certificates on the night from their respective program's coaches.

The local graduating athletes included Roberto Bianco and James Harman (tennis), Levi Perkins and Billie Wrigley (golf), Natalie Churchill, Jacob Churchill, Ayoshe Herbert, Antonella Olmedo and Casey Slater (volleyball), Max Brocklesby, Billy Fisher, Cormac Flynn, Olivia Holmes, Mostyn Lumsden, Rahni Mathieson, Sienna Mathieson, Sophie McKenzie, Hugh Munro, Trinity O'Keefe, Zac Sherar, William Simmons, Nicolette Wight, Billy Boyd, Claudie Croatto, Cooper Quaife and Miah Roberts (swimming), Alicia McGrath, Kira Waldron and Logan White (clay target shooting), and Millie Brosnan, Aisha Hibbert and Olivia Holmes (netball).

This year, the Gippsland Sports Academy was delighted to welcome guest speaker race walker and Olympian Rhyddian Cowley, who has strong family ties with Gippsland.

Rhyddian spoke of his journey as a young athlete and his decision to try different sports before settling on race walking.

He is excited to have been named in the Olympic team going to Paris, and the academy wishes him all the best.

Heavy fog doesn't deter runners at Grand Ridge

MIRBOO North awoke on the first day of the King's Birthday long weekend to heavy fog and smoke haze. However, that didn't deter the 36 participants and at least one pooch who braved the damp conditions to walk and run in the 195th Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun.

For a long weekend it was a mostly local contingent, with people from Koonwarra and Churchill joining the pack.

The surface was both slightly sticky and slippery. Which proved to be ideal conditions

for the three park runners who achieved personal bests. Well-deserved hot drinks and breakfasts were enjoyed at Lamezleighs afterwards.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made this week's event happen: Kim Charleston, Robert Gray, Julia Groves, Dave Knowles, Melita Ludekens, Adrienne Porter, Carmel Quirk, Steve Quirk and Marissa Shields.

The volunteers have as much fun as the participants, so why not get involved and volunteer?



Rugged up and off for a brisk walk in the long weekend fog.

SPORTING BRIEFS

PHILLIP ISLAND TENPIN

PHANTOM: 1st Place on 23.5pts The Jimma, 2nd Place on 21pts Nooki and 3rd Place on 18.5pts Saucer.

2s Company: 1st Place on 33pts Pin-pushers, 2nd Place on 24.5pts Jail and 3rd Place on 24.5pts Tinabe.

ABL: 1st Place on 159.5pts Just Bowl Already, 2nd Place on 146.5pts Dreamers and 3rd Place on 144.5pts Fairlanes.

Business Early: 1st Place on 17pts The Redundants, 2nd Place on 15pts Balls Deep, 3rd Place on 13pts Turkey Slappers and 4th Place on 13pts Old Timers.

Business Late: 1st Place on 19pts S&R Clarke Auto, 2nd Place on 18pts Sassy Gronks, 3rd Place on 14pts City Lights and 4th Place on 13pts Holy Splits.

Top scores this week

Men: Jason Bence 221, Matt Edwards 204 and Zach Stewart 204.

Woman: Penny Wolswinkel 188 & 184 and Tricia Niessink 174.

Check out our Facebook page and see what's happening each week here at P.I. Tenpin!

Thrilling win for Team Green at Wonthaggi Table Tennis

WONTHAGGI Table Tennis again filled the hall on Monday night with buzz and fireworks, as all three matches went to the wire.

Defeats can be as excruciating as wins can be satisfying, defying Kipling's famous words of triumph and disaster being imposters.

Despite David playing like a maestro, sweeping all his five games for Team Brown, it was all his side could muster against a surging Team Green.

The key match was between siblings Leigh and Beau, with Leigh winning in a frantic finish, 11 to eight in a frisky fifth set. Leigh's style of having his opponent play more shots than they care for, wore down a gallant Beau and carried Green past the chequered flag.

The banter in the car ride back home would have been like gravity, all one way.

Speaking of gravity, Yellow is in freefall.

Justin playing for Pink was like a harvester reaper cropping a canola field, scything his way through Yellow.

His table tennis carry bag consists of so many tricks that even Penn and Teller are asking "who is this guy?"

Life's eternal foes, Black and White faced off in another time-honoured classic.

For heroes to exist, villains must also.

When Dirk and Warren finally put away Mark and

Luke in a crucial, pulsating, ebb and flow, five setter, the hall went still and all you could hear was the silence of the lambs.

Green defeated Brown 6 to 5; Pink defeated Yellow 6 to 5; Black defeated White 6 to 5; Blue bye.

Ladder: Blue 24, Pink 24, Black 20, Green 20, Yellow 16, White 16 and Brown 8.

Leading players: Justin 23, Dirk 22, Brad 21, Sven 20 and Andy 16.

Wonthaggi Tennis Club's autumn competition section winners



Luke Anstey was the Section 1 winner of Wonthaggi Tennis Club's autumn competition. Absent: runner up Grant Millen.



Section 2 winners of Wonthaggi Tennis Club's autumn competition Belinda Slattery (left) and Karen Holland (right) with runner up Teresa Ta.



Wonthaggi Tennis Club's Section 3 autumn competition runner up Camryn McKenzie with winner Sue Marcolongo.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND BRIDGE

JUNE 4 at Wonthaggi RSL playing a nationwide event.

Three pairs competing in the master points.

First: Alan Johnston and Mike Doolley with 60.47 per cent. Second: John Quayle and Matti Shub 58.52. Third: Nev and Phil Chapman 52.96. Fourth: Clive Hope and Faye Rowlands 50.37. Fourth: Mary Brewis and Pat West 50.37.

June 7 at Inverloch Angling Club: 12 pairs competing.

Winning master points playing north south were:

First: Tom Kudelka and Denise Allitt with 55.12. Second: Bronwyn Sund and Faye Rowlands 53.73. Third: Doug McIntosh and Chris Hall 53.33.

East West point winners were:

First: Matti Shub and John Quayle 61.07. Second: Moya Crowley and Mike Dooley 54.64. Third: Peter Campbell and Mary Brewis 53.21.

AFL road safety grants program kicks off

GRASSROOTS football and netball clubs across the state can apply for a share of \$600,000 to improve their club as part of an annual road safety rewards grants program.

Now in its fifth year, the 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.

So far this year, 121 people have died on Victoria's roads, and more than half of those deaths (69) have happened in regional areas, where tens of thousands of local footballers and netballers travel for games and training.

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 – 'Show up for your team. Slow down on the road'.

The TAC Club Rewards Program is part of the TAC's more than 30-year partnership with AFL Victoria, which aims to empower clubs to develop a culture where all players and members are expected to be safe on the roads.

More information on the Club Rewards Program can be found at tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants/tac-club-rewards-program.

South Gippsland and Bass Coast sporting clubs awarded grants

FRIDAY welcomed the announcement of the latest recipients of the Sporting Club Grants Program with clubs in both South Gippsland and Bass Coast benefiting following successful grant applications in round two.

The Sporting Club Grants Program provides grants to clubs for uniforms and equipment that improve accessibility and engagement, projects that strengthen volunteering and officiating, new sport or recreation programs to inspire more people to get involved, and support for athlete travel to competitions.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien said he was delighted to see Gippsland South sporting clubs listed among the 400 clubs from across the state that were granted up to \$4000 to help remove barriers to participation in their respective sports.

"The cost-of-living crisis is leaving many families facing tough choices, and many are having to withdraw from sporting activity as the cost of uniforms and memberships fees prove difficult to manage.

"While the Government still has a long way to go to ease the financial burden Gippsland households are facing, these grants will help some of our local clubs remove those financial barriers by covering things like uniform or travel costs."

Mr O'Brien said successful applications to round two of the program in South Gippsland included: Fish Creek Football Netball Club, Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club and South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club.

In Bass Coast Kilcunda-Bass Football Netball Club, Phillip Island Football Netball Club, Phillip Island Boardriders Club, 1st Phillip Island Scout Group and Cowes Yacht Club were all recipients of various grants.

"These are all wonderful local clubs and I am thrilled to see that this money will be put to great use in our local community."

Mr O'Brien said that the State Government had recently announced a new round of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program, which provides eligible Victorian families up to \$200 towards the cost of participating in sport. It will be opening for applications soon with more information available at getactive.vic.gov.au.



Michael Sheers (3), Elaine Williams (L), Mark Hanrahan (S) and Mark Andreatta (2) (inset) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners.



Runners up for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowl Group were Luke Monckton (3), Shirl Corcoran (L), Aggie Gratton (2) and Peter Borradaile (S).



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's best one game winners were Tony Morris (L), Brenda Moloney (2), Ken Harding (S) and Rob Jeffereys (3).



Jean Wylde, Jeannie Slocombe and Sylvia Mattock enjoyed a win at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls on Friday.



Winners of the Thursday Social Bowls at Inverloch was the team led by John Duthie (skip), Doug Archer (third) and Peter Gentsch (lead).



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners were Teresa Davidson, Frank Seaton and Amanda Gray.

INVERLOCH

CLOUDY skies with a good lot of sunshine in between greeted the 34 bowlers that came to contest the Thursday Social Bowls at Inverloch on June 6.

While there was truly little breeze to contend with, there was only one, two-game winner, surprisingly enough.

The hard luck story of the day went to the triples team of Keith Cousens (skip), Craig Selby (third) and Chris Corrigan (lead) with a win (13/8) and a draw (9/9), accumulating 24 points along the way.

The runners-up, also with a win (13/6) and a draw (9/9), scoring 27 points were Reg Varty (skip), Di Selby (third), Carol Hughes (second) and Angela Smith (lead).

Runaway winners, however, with a score of 33 points from wins of 11/8 and 14/5, were the triples team of John Duthie (skip), Doug Archer (third) and Peter Gentsch (lead).

Next Thursday, June 13, the club is hosting the Bowl Over Cancer Day where bowlers are asked to wear something pink and that it be, if possible, visible to others.

The format will be names in by 9.30am with bowling starting at 11.30am.

The day will comprise two games of 10 ends each.

A trading table will be available, which will have an assortment of goodies for those with an eye for a bargain.

All proceeds from the day will be donated to the Wonthaggi Hospital so that it can continue its good work in the community.

Last Friday evening, June 7, saw about 70 people attend the club to savour the lamb roast with roasted potatoes, pumpkin and steamed peas and corn kernels, prepared by the chefs from the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine Café.

With Neil unavailable for the evening, Robbie Howard stepped up to the plate as a fill in while Reg's rogue jokes attracted plenty of raucous applause in between spins of the largest spinning wheel in town with meat trays being the order of the day. Given the increased popularity, it is advisable to call at the club to register your names for the next dinner date, June 21.

Next Friday evening, June 14, will be the club's Membership Draw, where the jackpot will be \$200 and if your membership number is not drawn there will also be the wine, Leongatha RSL meal voucher and four lucky envelopes to be won.

As usual, members must be in the clubhouse to claim the jackpot and all visitors are most welcome to attend.

MIDWEEK

WHAT a great day to have a game of bowls.

Forty-eight of the bowls family turned up at San Remo to fight it out for team of the week.

Pauline and John signed everyone in.

Peter and David arranged the teams for the day.

When the bowlers went out, it was a pleasure to see so many great shots across all the rinks.

Yes, a couple of wayward shots, but only one or two.

There was lots of banter and laughter from all across the green.

A couple of wrong bias bowls,

but not a bad day overall.

The winners on 34 points were Mark Hanrahan (S), Michael Sheers (3), Mark Andreatta (2) and Elaine Williams (L).

Runners up also on 34 points were Peter Borradaile (S), Luke Monckton (3), Aggie Gratton (2) and Shirl Corcoran (L).

Best one game winners on 21 points were Ken Harding (S), Rob Jeffereys (3), Brenda Moloney (2) and Tony Morris (L).

Thank you to Gwen and Claire in the kitchen as well as Michael behind the bar.

Also thank you to the green keeper.

The green was in excellent condition and ran true all day.

Next week, the bowlers will be meeting at Lang Lang to fight it out once more.

Please be on site by 10am to allow time for the teams to be arranged.

Meanwhile, have a great long weekend and stay safe till then.

WONTHAGGI

ONCE again, it was another good week with the weather being pleasant for winter.

Wednesday saw 18 bowlers take to the greens which suited two games of Triples.

The winners on the day were Teresa Davidson, Frank Seaton and Amanda Gray with a score of two wins and 34 points. Saturday saw an overcast morning, but a perfect afternoon for bowls.

Teams of three and four made up the field of 21 bowlers.

Only one team was a two-game winner with another having one win and a draw.

The winners were Norm Evans, Frank Seaton and Guilio Marcolongo with a score of two wins and 33 points.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm and Saturday social bowls at 12.30 pm.

The club welcomed a new arrival with Victoria Smith bringing baby William into the world this week – well done Victoria.

Don't forget the members draw on Friday night at 6pm.

This week is \$210 and you have to be there.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THE cold weather has arrived, so it is enjoyable to be able to continue to bowl inside in the warmth.

If you would like to make new friends and enjoy a fun game of bowls, no experience needed, please ring Jeannie on 0438 719 082 for more information.

On Tuesday, there were 22 players.

The winners on plus 12 winner of two games were Pat Smith, Mary Russell and John Rook.

Runners up on plus 20 with a win and a draw were Rhonda Rattenbury, Maggie Scapin, Judy Sweetnam and Lia Smith.

On Friday, there were 24 players.

The winners on an amazing plus 26 were Jean Wylde, Jeannie Slocombe and Sylvia Mattock.

Runners up on plus six were Barb Culph Jenny Bakker and Laurie Culph.

Both teams won two games each.

FOSTER

IT was a reasonable roll up for a cold winter's day, and happily no rain.

The medal winner for June was Kylie Collins with (15) 86 71 – a convincing win from Beth Curram (19) 97 78 and Di Walker (24) 102 78.

Di and Beth both received a BDTL.

Josie Parisi won B Grade (34) 113 79 and NTP 17th.

Kylie took the putting on a count back from Geraldine Sinclair 31, and A Grade Scratch, with Kaylene Morris winning B Grade Scratch 108.

The nine-hole competition went to Susan Anderson 15 points.

Thank you to trophy donor Rae Knee, who also donated the raffle.

Next week is Stableford multiplication.

Draw for partners.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, June 4.

Stableford: 21 players.

A Grade: Steve Duffield (12) 35 points.

B Grade: Scott Burgess (31) 40 points.

NTPs: first Chris McConnell, seventh Don Hislop, 10th Steve Duffield and 13th Barry Kerr.

Thursday, June 6:

Stableford: 15 players.

Winner: John Kerr (19) 39 points.

NTPs: first Brian Clasby, seventh Tim Fowles and 13th Brian Clasby.

Saturday, June 8: Sponsor: GM Marine.

4BBB: 38 players.

Winners: Brian Pope and Malcolm Garnham 44 points.

NTPs: first Billy Wrigley, seventh Kodie Spokes, 10th Billy Wrigley and 13th Tim Fowles.

Ladies

THE Wednesday golfers had a fine winter's day for the stroke event.

Well done to Jenny Blackmore (24) who was the A Grade winner and the June Monthly Medallist, with a lovely 73 net, so was awarded the Tiny Teapot voucher.

Shelley Snooks (18), was A Grade runner-up, 76 net on a c/b and also had a terrific Eagle on the par four, 11th.

Chris Rickard (26) won B Grade, 76 net and Kim Enbom (41) was close behind with 77 net.

BDTL went to Merrissa Cosson (11), 76 net, Heather Grist (21), 80 net and Julie Hillberg (20), 81 net.

Merrissa was also the Scratch Score winner with 87.

The nine-hole competition was won by Barb Walker with 12 points.

NTPs were first, Diarne Maskell (One Stop Discount Shop) and 13th, Shelley (Burra Garden Supplies).

Much gratitude to the businesses who provide the vouchers for out Monthly Medal days.

There were many out enjoying Saturday's event.

A Grade's winner was Merrissa Cosson (11), 34 points and runner-up was Kerri Besley (15), 32 points.

Jenny Blackmore (24) had yet another win with an impressive 41 points to win B Grade and Jennie Loughnan (40) was runner-up, 32 points.

BDTL went to Lorraine Knox (39), 30 points and Colette Pearl

(37), 29 points after a c/b.

NTPs were Judy Webb first, and Jenny Blackmore, 10th and 13th.

LEONGATHA

JUNE Monthly Medal Stroke:

The Monthly Medal Stroke event is played over the first Saturday and Wednesday of the month.

Overall winner: Trevor Bowler (19) with a net score of 65.

This week saw the beginning of a winter trial at Leongatha Golf Club with holes nine and 11 playing as par fives.

Handicaps will be suitably adjusted.

This did not apply to the monthly medal competition.

Tuesday Titleist Stableford: June 4.

Conditions were rather wet and overcast for the day with only 35 members/guests venturing on course for this Stableford event.

Many thanks to the Titleist team for their excellent sponsorship of the event.

A Grade winner: Neale Gillin (11) with a score of 35 points on a countback.

A Grade runner up: Norman Hughes (12) with a score of 35 points.

B Grade winner: Bernard Skerys (21) with a score of 41 points.

B Grade runner up: David Richards (16) with a score of 39 points on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: Gary McGrath at 1.69m. NTP 14th: Ken Smirk at 5.00m. NTP 16th: Chad Clasby at 2.05m. Thursday Evans Petroleum Stableford: June 6.

Thursday's Stableford event was again generously supported by Evans Petroleum with a good field of 79 members/guests taking to the course.

It was a 9am shotgun start, and players chose their preferred coloured tee.

Excellent conditions saw appropriately higher scores.

A Grade winner: Warren Stewart (8) with the high score of the day with 40 points.

A Grade runner up: Gordon Morrison (11) with a score of 37 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Philip Edwards (15) with a score of the day with 36 points.

B Grade runner up: Peter Stivic (16) with a score of 35 points.

C Grade winner: Sean Munley (28) with a score of 38 points.

C Grade runner up: Phil Strike (21) with a score of 34 points on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: Peter Hodder at .80m. NTP 14th: Bernard Skerys at 1.17m. NTP 16th: Michael O'Rafferty at 1.27m.

Saturday Stableford: June 8.

Saturday was a Stableford event off the blue winter tees with an excellent field of 86 members/guests enjoying excellent course conditions and quality results.

A Grade winner: Anthony Sparkes (8) with a high score of the day with 42 points.

A Grade runner up: Craig Hutchinson (5) with a score of 39 points.

B Grade winner: Gary McGrath (15) with a score of 39 points.

B Grade runner up: Jake French (11) from the Settlers Run Golf Club with a score of 38 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: John McFarlane (18) from the Mirboo North GC with a score of 38 points.

C Grade runner up: Gordon Allan (16) with a score of 37

points.

D Grade winner: Gerald Free-stone (26) with a score of 37 points.

D Grade runner up: Warren French (22) from Future Golf with a score of 36 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Richard Harper at 1.41m. NTP 14th: Mandy Moyle at 9.00m. NTP 16th: Ray Matthews at 1.57m.

Ladies

JUST a small group played in the combined Monthly Medal Stroke and Stableford event.

To determine winners on the day, a very clever computer program translates all the stroke rounds to Stableford scores.

The June Monthly Medal was won by Rebecca Thomas with a very impressive 71 net.

Rebecca played on Saturday.

The runner up in the Monthly Medal and the winner of the daily competition was Kay Dumbleton with 75 net or 33 Stableford points.

Down the line balls went to Shirley Welsford 32 points, Trish Owen and Anna de Bondt 31 points, Maxine Eabry and Dot Stubbs 30 points, and Fay Quilford 29 points.

Nearest the pin on the 14th was Trish Owen and second shot on the fifth went to Dot Stubbs.

Jill Steer won the nine-hole competition with 15 points just pipping Loris Clark on 14 points.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: June 6, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Ball sweep to 30 C/B.

Winner: Philip McCrimmon 35.

Runner up: Ian Johnson 35.

Ball sweep: Warwick Judkins 32, Stephen Kane 32, Ian McNish 31, Peter Magnussen 31 and Chris Wilkinson 30 C/B.

Results: June 6, SR. 36.

Competition: Stableford nine-hole 10 to 18.

Ball sweep to 14 C/B.

Winner: John Davis 17 and Secondo Tiziani 17.

Ball sweep: Paul Cornelis 15, Ken Cuman 14 and Ray Hender 14 C/B.

Results: June 8, S.R 71.

Competition: Stableford.

A Grade: Peter Dell 38.

B Grade: Geoff Huther 35.

C Grade: Ron Pennefeather 39. BDTL to 33 C/B.

Ball sweep: Mark Casey 39, Ian Baker 35, Steven Brann 35, Paul Cornelis 35, Sam Dennis 34, Graham Ryan 34, Rod Walker 34, Steven Laing 33, Graeme Crawford 33 and Eric Van Agtmaal 33 C/B.

Eagle: Peter Dell 18th.

NTPs: Max Casey second, Inoke Baudromo fourth, Michael Scott propin eighth, Julian Wintle 13th and Mat Johnson money hole 17th.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY saw a small field as most players were away on a golf trip.

Those who stayed in Wonthaggi played Stableford in perfect golfing conditions.

There were two beaut scores with Marg Johnson (15)37 points winning the voucher prize on countback from Simone Lindsay (30)37 points.

BDL went to Simone Lindsay 37, Patsy Britt 31 and Lisa Brusamarello 37.



B Grade winner Josie Parisi with medal winner Kylie Collins at Foster Golf Club.



Last Wednesday, Chris Rickard and Jenny Blackmore were the grade winners at Korumburra with Jenny the June Monthly Medallist. Jenny was also the B Grade winner on Saturday.



B Grade winner Inge Giliam with Monthly Medal and A Grade winner Anne Grist at Woorayl Golf Club.

WOORAYL

THE weather was overcast but mild for this time of year for the playing of the June Monthly Medal on Wednesday, June 5. The course was damp in areas and the introduction of preferred lies assisted in being able to keep the ball clean.

Woorayl Golf Club thanked Jenny Riseley for the sponsorship of the day.

Anne Grist completed a great round to be the Monthly Medal and A Grade winner with 104-26-78 net.

In B Grade, the winner was Inge Giliam with 117-36-81 net.

The putting was won by Heather Sullivan with 30 putts on a count-back from Anne Grist

Nearest the pins were eighth and 17th Anne Grist, and 11th Elly Berryman.

Down the line balls went to Sharyn Rayson, Janet Thompson and Kath Davis all on 83 net.

Special mentions: birdie to Inge Giliam 16th, gobblers to Joan Smith first, Janet Thompson 10th, Inge Giliam 16th, Kath Davis 17th and Heather Sullivan 18th.

Next week: Stableford – Secret Nine.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's daily winner Marg Johnson.

Valley clubs in derby ties

IT WAS an incredible day of sport at Morwell Recreation Reserve last Sunday when neighbouring rivals Morwell and Traralgon staged their annual derby day. Here's a report from the Gippsland league:

"What did we just see! Tye Hourigan's heroics landed just short of a miraculous Traralgon win in the battle for the Hunter-Stanistreet Cup.

"After it was all Morwell in the first 45 minutes, Hourigan switched forward kicking 7 goals in the Maroons' comeback, including the point to tie the scores in the dying stages."

Final scores: Morwell 15.8-98 (Goals McDonald 4, T Hillier 3) to Traralgon 15.8-98 (Goals Hourigan 7, Hamilton 3, Willaton 2).

On top of that, Traralgon hit 10 goals to nine in the last quarter to tie the A Grade Netball: Traralgon 37 to Morwell 37.

Sports Census now open

THE 2024 Gippsland Sports Census was launched recently.

This initiative provides the vibrant sporting community a platform to voice their needs and help GippSport align its services and resources accordingly.

By participating in the census, your club can enter to win one of two \$500 vouchers.

These vouchers can be used to purchase new equipment or support volunteer training, enhancing your club's resources.

Your input will:

- Influence how resources and services are developed to meet the community's needs.
- Help create a more inclusive sports environment where everyone is supported to participate.
- Open doors to networking opportunities with other clubs and organisations.
- Identify and prioritise clubs that would benefit from a Club Health Check.
- Ensure resources are allocated more effectively, benefiting all involved in local sports.

The survey will only take a few minutes to complete.

Entries close on June 30, so don't delay.

Phillip Island Darts League Heats Up!

THE Phillip Island and Districts Darts League returned to action recently for round 10 of the season, with some exciting matchups and a new star emerging. The Storm continued their dominant streak, crushing Dart Vaders 7-0, while Joes Hornets stung The Mustangs 6-1.

A special shoutout goes to young Kienan, who claimed his very first singles victory! Good work Keinan, there'll be many more to come, we're sure!

In a nail-biting contest, The Vikings edged out Jaggers 4-3, and That's All bested Riverboys 5-2.

The top of the leaderboard is heating up, with The Vikings and That's All currently tied at the top with eight wins each, followed closely by Storm and Joes Hornets. Congratulations to Nick for winning the San Remo Butchers meat tray raffle! The league will resume for round 11 on June 17.



Fitzroy Caulfield Grantville Rifle Club celebrates a stunning comeback win over Lang Lang RC in the West Gippsland Challenge Shield.

FCG Rifle Club triumphs in inaugural Challenge Shield

FITZROY Caulfield Grantville Rifle Club had recent success winning the inaugural West Gippsland Challenge Shield in a hard-fought contest beating Lang Lang Rifle Club by 36 points.

Final scores, FCGRC 1653 to Lang Lang RC 1617.

The competition was held over four rounds with some 35 plus shooters competing.

Each club won their home round, with FCGRC overcoming a deficit of 16 points in the final shoot to record the win.

Club captain Brad Steer was very proud of all the FCGRC

members who participated.

"It was pleasing to see the resolve shown by each shooter overcoming the deficit and it was even more pleasing to see first year shooters be involved and having an impact on the final scores. The event has created a strong but friendly rival-

ry between the clubs and most importantly new friendships."

Each club is looking forward to next year's competition which will kick off sometime in the spring at Lang Lang RC.

Anyone wishing to try their hand at target shooting please contact Geoff on 0461 596 503.



Jaxon Woods recently played his 50th match for Wonthaggi United Soccer Club.

Fifty games for Jaxon

WONTHAGGI United Soccer Club inducted another junior player into the 50-game milestone honour roll on Sunday, June 2.

Jaxon Woods started at Wonthaggi United in 2014 as a Mini Roo and very quickly developed as a strong defensive player.

Jaxon played a crucial role in the 2019 U12 Premiership team, before being selected at Gippsland FC to play NPL.

After a few seasons off, Jaxon has returned to Wonthaggi to help the newly formed U17 team.

Although an asset in the Wonthaggi defensive structure, Jaxon can also make his presence known up forward and currently sits in fourth position on the league goal kicking table.



Vixens call up Sharni Lambden

LEONGATHA'S Sharni Lambden was selected to join the Melbourne Vixens game day team for Round 9 at the weekend.

Her promotion was celebrated by the Parrots online: "We loved having you in the green and gold but we are so excited to watch you on the big stage".

In the match on Monday, the

Melbourne Vixens stamped their authority on John Cain Arena, defeating the Mavericks by a resounding 19 goals (77-58) in front of a packed house.

LEFT: Leongatha's Sharni Lambden played for the Melbourne Vixens at the weekend. Photo: Skewesme Photography.

Gippsland United celebrates a hard-fought win over Box Hill

WITH the game played against Dandenong Thunder just 24 hours earlier Gippsland U18's hosted fourth on the ladder Box Hill on Sunday June 9.

Fifteen players available right from the first whistle the game was played with high intensity, once again our forward pressure saw Box Hill's defence under the pump with Lucas Vic, Ethan Biljna and Lucas Halden working hard up front.

Midfielder's Levi Colantuono, Dylan Rosa-to and Nicolas Nardone were also busy and full of run. Both teams were playing impres-sive soccer, however most of the play was in Gippsland's forward half with Gippsland having five more shots on target than Box Hill (8-3), although no score was entered on either team sheet. Jed Foster Gippsland goalkeeper made some awesome saves de-nying Box Hill strikers a score.

Half time score 0-0.

The second half started the same as the first with high intensity, there was some great 1v1's made and at the 60-minute Mark Ethan Biljna was delivered a great through ball for a one on one challenge. The keeper coming out to the edge of the 18 and Ethans fast pace and ball skills chested the ball past the keeper and drilled it into the net to put Gippsland on the score sheet.

Ten minutes later Box Hill were awarded a corner kick which went passed the goals and was headed in to equalise. To Gippsland's credit we just kept on pressing forward and Brody Demagistris struck the ball with ven-om past the keeper to go one up.

The remaining 20 minutes of the game saw the ball move quickly up and down the pitch with defenders Luca Dicorleto, Abra-ham Konyi, Adam Dean and Leeton Hili quick to deny any form of attack from the opposition.

Final score Gippsland United 2 – Box Hill United 1.

This Sunday we host Ashburton for a 3pm kick off at Latrobe City Sports Stadium en-try is free and hot food and drinks are avail-able to purchase from the canteen.

Be sure to put this one in your calendar as you will witness another great game of Soccer. Get on over and support your local football club Gippsland United.

Reserves triumph over Barton United

IN A thrilling match played under misty rain, Gippsland United Soccer Club's State 1 Women's Reserves claimed a deci-sive 4-1 victory over Barton United Foot-ball Club's State 1 Women's Reserves. The weather conditions did little to dampen the spirits or the performance of the play-ers, particularly from Gippsland United.

The game was tightly contested from the start, with both teams showing impressive skills and determination. Gippsland United took the lead with a fearless first goal by Emily Robinson, who broke through Barton's defences with precision. Not long after, Stef Creedy, known for her reliabil-ity, doubled the score, bringing Gippsland United to a 2-0 lead by halftime.

Throughout the match, the Gippsland United players displayed excellent com-munication and executed their training session tactics flawlessly, maintaining ac-curate passing and cohesive play. Despite Barton United's persistent efforts to re-gain control, Gippsland United remained relentless.

The second half began with a burst of energy from Gippsland United. Alexandra Geerlings quickly extended the lead with a goal just two minutes in. Ten minutes later, Gizelle Young added another im-pressive goal to the tally. Barton United managed to score in the 83rd minute due to a slight mishap, but Gippsland United swiftly rallied to secure the win.

The match concluded with a 4-1 vic-tory for Gippsland United, showcasing the team's strength and unity. It was a commendable effort by all the girls in-volved, marking a significant triumph for Gippsland United in the State 1 Women's Reserves league.



Gippsland United U18's From left, Best on Ground players, three votes went to Lucas Vic (Best on Ground), two votes went to Levi Colantuono (Domino's Pizza voucher) and one vote to Dylan Rosato.

Lucas Vick leads United to a resounding 4-0 win

THE Under 18 lads trav-elled to George Andrews Reserve Dandenong for round 6 with a 3pm kick off on Saturday June 8.

As we were heading to the ground the sky was black and it looked like doom and gloom, however, this seemed to pass before our warmup. With Spencer Boughton and Luca Dicor-leto returning from holi-days we had three on the bench with a squad of 14 players.

From the first whistle the Gippsland boys showed their dominance with great ball movement and most of the play in our forward half. Lucas Vic and Ethan Biljna continued to assert forward pressure constant-ly on Dandenong Thun-ders defence, whilst Levi Colantuono, Dylan Rosato and Nicolas Nardone all linked up well in the mid-field and constantly drove the ball forward passing to teammates feet with pre-cision. Captain Abraham Konyi, Adam Dean, Lee-ton Hili and Jack Middleton

were also solid in defence throughout the first half.

Gippsland had multiple chances at scoring from corners and through balls but just couldn't find the back of the net until some fancy footwork from Lu-cas Vick at the 34-minute mark saw United put one on the scoresheet when he struck the ball leaving Dan-denong's goalie no chance to save. It would take only nine more minutes for Nicolas Nardone to score from the ball ricocheting inside the 18-yard box. Half time United 2 Thun-der 0.

The second half saw coach Beke make some changes and only six min-utes into the second half Lucas Vick delivered a through ball, which he ran onto 1v1 the keeper and slammed it into the back of the net for his second goal.

Unfortunately Lucas had a few more chances to get a hattrick with one shot hit-ting the right post with ven-om, and another saved by the keepers toe and hitting

the left post, this resulting in a corner, taken by Lee-ton Hili and welcome back Luca Dicorleto as he soared above the defence with pre-cision timing heading the ball passed the keeper at the 74 minute mark.

Although United's keep-er Jed Foster had a clean sheet making a few great saves, you could say he had a quiet day, however, he made up for it with his voice instructing the de-fence constantly where to be on the pitch. Ethan's constant forward pressure was fantastic, and he was unlucky to score when he drilled it passed the keep-er only to be offside by the narrowest of margins. Spencer's ability to get himself out of 1 v 3 situa-tions with the ball was also unlucky not to score with a great run out of the mid-field and getting through the defence missing his scoring opportunity by not much. It was a great game played by all with the final score Gippsland United 4 Dandenong Thunder 0.



Gippsland United U18's NPL. From left, Best on Ground players, Lucas Vic (one vote), Luca Dicorleto Best on Ground Medallist (three votes) and Adam Dean (two votes – Domino's Pizza award).

Gippsland Soccer League Fixture

Round 8 – Saturday June 15 – Battle of Baw Baw

SENIOR Mens – 7pm: Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Dragons Maroon
Senior Womens – 5pm: Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Dragons Maroon
Mens Reserves – 5pm: Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Dragons Maroon

Round 8 – Sunday June 16

Inverloch Stars are hosting Leon-gatha Knights in a Pride Round
Senior Mens – 3pm: Lang Lang United v Phillip Island Breakers, Inverloch Stars v Leongatha Knights
Senior Womens – 1pm: Wonthaggi United v Mirboo North United, Lang Lang United v Phillip Island Break-ers, Inverloch Stars v Leongatha Knights
Mens Reserves – 1pm: Inverloch Stars v Leongatha Knights, Korum-burra City v Drouin Dragons Ma-roon Yellow

Under 17 Mixed – 9.30am: Drouin Dragons White v Drouin Dragons Maroon, Phillip Island Stingrays v Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow

Under 14 Mixed – 11.20am: Wonthaggi United v Mirboo North Unit-ed, Inverloch Stars v Leongatha Knights, Korumburra City v Phillip Island Stingrays

Under 13 Girls: 8.30am Drouin Dragons Maroon v Korumburra City 9.30am Wonthaggi United v Phil-lip Island Breakers

Under 12a Mixed – 10am: Korum-burra City v Phillip Island Sting-rays, Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Dragons Maroon

Under 12b Mixed – 11.30am: Ko-rumburra City v Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow, Lang Lang United V Phillip Island Sharks, Wonthaggi United v Mirboo North United, In-verloch Stars v Leongatha Knights

New opportunities for all abilities

THE State Government is creat-ing more pathways for people with disability to get involved in the sport they love close to home.

Applications are now open for the State Government's new \$13.5 million All Abilities Workforce and Sector Support Program, support-ing organisations to build their workforce and training resources to help people with disability find a secure job in sport and recre-ation at all levels.

The program helps organisa-tions create new opportunities for people with disability to get in-volved in sport by taking on roles as coaches, officials, team man-agers, administrators and board members across all levels of sport and recreation.

Eligible organisations include state sport and active recreation bodies, regional sports assem-blies, disability organisations, and peak body organisations with ex-perience in promoting change and inclusion in workforce settings.

The program also aims to encour-age inclusive practices and develop training and learning resources – funding of up to \$2.5 million is available to establish a Learning and Development Hub.

The regions are also set to benefit, including funding to support co-de-signed projects for people with dis-ability and for a regional coordina-tor to deliver projects.

This is part of the State Govern-ment's new \$40 million All Abilities Sport Fund that is removing barriers for people with disability to get involved in sport and recreation.

For more information on the All Abilities Workforce and Sector Support Program, visit sport.vic.gov.au



Jasmin Friend blocks the Fish Creek shot. Ns08_2424



Isabella Santorini for Kilcunda-Bass withstands some strong physical pressure from her Cora Lynn opponent to take the pass in the B grade match.



Marnie Banks catches it through the pack. Ns04_2424



Isabella Cocksedge looks for options. Ns09_2424



Grace Rand looks to work the ball around the goal circle for Kilcunda-Bass under pressure from her Cora Lynn opponent during the A grade match.



Elizabeth Krog attempts to intercept a pass to her Cora Lynn opponent during B grade's first quarter.



Olivia Cumming catches it by the fingertips! Ns03_2424



MDU's Jasmin Friend extends her reach. Ns06_2424



Lisa Steel (Kilcunda-Bass) applies pressure over Cora Lynn's shot at goal in B grade.



Tamika De Nardis put a shot up for Kilcunda-Bass in her team's exciting three goal victory in A grade.

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RESULTS
A GRADE
Fish Creek 44 d MDU 36
B GRADE
Fish Creek 52 d MDU 38
C GRADE
Fish Creek 30 lt MDU 45
D GRADE
Fish Creek 35 d MDU 23
17 & UNDER
Fish Creek 34 lt MDU 43
15 & UNDER
Fish Creek 14 lt MDU 39
13 & UNDER
Fish Creek 6 lt MDU 19



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WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS
A GRADE
Warragul I. 27 lt Dalyston 59
I-Kongwak 55 d Bunyip 34
Phillip Island 63 d Garfield 42
Kor-Bena 55 d KWR 45
K-Bass 38 d Cora Lynn 35
T-Dalmore 44 d NNG 41
B GRADE
Warragul I. 44 d Dalyston 31
I-Kongwak 52 d Bunyip 26
Phillip Island 48 d Garfield 34
Kor-Bena 56 drew KWR 56
K-Bass 49 d Cora Lynn 37
T-Dalmore 38 lt NNG 55
C GRADE
Warragul I. 18 lt Dalyston 50
I-Kongwak 34 d Bunyip 18
Phillip Island 22 lt Garfield 40
Kor-Bena 26 d KWR 24
K-Bass 27 lt Cora Lynn 34
T-Dalmore 31 lt NNG 44
D GRADE
Warragul I. 33 d Dalyston 17
I-Kongwak 44 d Bunyip 22
Phillip Island 20 lt Garfield 43
Kor-Bena 28 d KWR 26
K-Bass 23 lt Cora Lynn 38
T-Dalmore 23 lt NNG 44
17 & UNDER
Warragul I. 25 lt Dalyston 39
I-Kongwak 40 d Bunyip 14
Phillip Island 42 d Garfield 32
Kor-Bena 33 d KWR 25
K-Bass 21 lt Cora Lynn 40
T-Dalmore 38 d NNG 35
15 & UNDER
Warragul I. 46 d Dalyston 9
I-Kongwak 34 d Bunyip 6
Phillip Island 35 d Garfield 8
Kor-Bena 20 lt KWR 36
K-Bass 27 lt Cora Lynn 33
T-Dalmore 28 d NNG 22
13 & UNDER
Warragul I. 25 d Dalyston 14
I-Kongwak 26 d Bunyip 8
Phillip Island 18 lt Garfield 21
Kor-Bena 13 lt Cora Lynn 42
T-Dalmore 22 lt NNG 27
11 & UNDER
Warragul I. 16 d Dalyston 7
I-Kongwak 11 d Bunyip 6
Phillip Island 25 d Garfield 3
Kor-Bena 4 lt KWR 22
K-Bass 8 lt Cora Lynn 15
T-Dalmore 10 lt NNG 16

LADDERS											
A GRADE			C GRADE			17 & UNDER			13 & UNDER		
	%	pts		%	pts		%	pts		%	pts
Inverloch-K	171.43	36	Nar Nar Goon	150.20	36	Tooradin-Dal.	164.53	36	Cora Lynn	310.43	34
Nar Nar Goon	111.22	26	Inverloch-K.	166.20	28	Phillip Island	170.78	32	Nar Nar Goon	230.07	32
Kilcunda-Bass	111.11	26	Tooradin-Dal.	119.76	28	Inverloch-K.	150.79	28	Tooradin-Dal.	292.86	30
Dalyston	127.06	24	Cora Lynn	115.73	28	Nar Nar Goon	143.60	28	Warragul Ind.	121.78	26
Tooradin-Dal.	106.45	22	Kor-Bena	108.56	20	Garfield	133.47	28	Kor-Bena	123.28	20
Cora Lynn	116.27	20	Kilcunda-Bass	106.07	16	Kor-Bena	141.75	24	Inverloch K.	95.98	18
Kor-Bena	101.76	20	Dalyston	98.19	14	Cora Lynn	86.04	12	Garfield	77.94	18
Koo Wee Rup	96.88	18	Koo Wee Rup	94.76	14	Koo Wee Rup	79.04	12	Kilcunda-Bass	75.64	16
Phillip Island	88.13	12	Bunyip	94.30	14	Dalyston	78.53	8	Phillip Island	95.13	14
Garfield	75.91	8	Garfield	90.72	14	Bunyip	72.79	8	Dalyston	52.51	4
Bunyip	74.12	4	Warragul Ind.	58.58	4	Kilcunda Bass	61.63	0	Bunyip	23.08	4
Warragul Ind.	62.43	0	Phillip Island	49.86	0	Warragul Ind.	23.11	0	Koo Wee Rup	24.04	0
B GRADE			D GRADE			15 & UNDER			11 & UNDER		
Nar Nar Goon	152.24	32	Nar Nar Goon	262.50	36	Warragul Ind.	167.89	32	Nar Nar Goon	395.16	36
Tooradin Dal.	150.16	32	Garfield	185.05	36	Phillip Island	199.39	30	Tooradin-Dal.	612.20	32
Inverloch-K	132.23	28	Inverloch-K	254.48	32	Tooradin-Dal.	212.69	28	Phillip Island	346.03	32
Warragul Ind.	105.57	22	Kor-Bena	120.30	28	Cora Lynn	146.37	28	Cora Lynn	346.03	24
Kilcunda-Bass	117.84	20	Koo Wee Rup	134.71	24	Nar Nar Goon	186.67	26	Garfield	71.20	20
Dalyston	102.17	20	Bunyip	101.37	16	Koo Wee Rup	186.67	20	Koo Wee Rup	86.43	18
Phillip Island	95.33	20	Tooradin-Dal.	94.07	16	Inverloch-K.	117.30	16	Inverloch-K	74.07	18
Garfield	94.95	16	Cora Lynn	89.17	12	Kor-Bena	67.53	12	Warragul Ind.	88.10	16
Cora Lynn	89.57	16	Phillip Island	57.38	8	Garfield	66.53	12	Kilcunda-Bass	57.84	8
Bunyip	74.24	6	Warragul Ind.	53.15	4	Dalyston	43.16	8	Bunyip	47.45	8
Kor-Bena	68.96	2	Kilcunda-Bass	45.72	4	Kilcunda-Bass	35.31	4	Dalyston	18.72	4
Koo Wee Rup	63.07	2	Dalyston	35.92	0	Bunyip	30.46	0	Kor-Bena	18.22	0



Abbey Henshall found space in the goal ring for Poowong. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Poowong's Anika Grabham-Andrews gracefully intercepted the ball against Ellinbank on Saturday. Photo: Jeff Tull.

LEONGATHA

A GRADE: It was a bit of a slow start, but we played a good team game. Our shooters shot some long bombs, and our defenders never gave up. Keep working hard and the wins will come our way!

B Grade: Big game in B, neither team gave an inch in both attacking and defensive efforts so the turnovers we managed were great wins for the overall big team effort. Unfortunately things didn't turn our way in the end. This isn't a defeat for us this is a gain in what we know we can do and are ready for round 2. Let's go Parrots!

C Grade: Another great game played from defence all the way down to attack! We fought hard all the way to the end. Ninety per cent of the team fighting sickness, and it didn't show! Bringing it stronger next week! Well done girls.

17 & Under: It was a rough game, close each quarter, but we kept our composure and came through with the win.

15 & Under: Amazing running from everyone all over the court, everyone always had a go. Defence was strong and attacking improved as the game went on.

13 & Under: Another great performance from our under 13's. Adapting each quarter to positional changes and taking on feedback to improve as the game progressed.



Shannon Heylen (B grade) shoots for goal in Saturday's clash against Longwarry for Nyora.



Georgie Bright takes her shot for Inverloch-Kongwak. Ns05_2424



Georgia Maskell of Leongatha gets ready to accept a pass from teammate Elicia Garnham during the C Grade contest against Drouin. A09_2424



Madeline Caddy of Leongatha applies pressure on her Drouin opponent during the C Grade match won by the Hawks. A08_2424



Lily Bourke puts up a strong defence in B grade for Nyora against Longwarry.



B grade's Rhiannon Gallagher quickly moves the ball down the court for Nyora.

ELLINBANK

RESULTS

A GRADE

Poowong 34 d Ellinbank 26
Lang Lang 34 lt Buln Buln 47
Catani 36 lt Trafalgar 58
N-Darnum 48 d Yarragon 43

B GRADE

Poowong 23 lt Ellinbank 36
Lang Lang 26 lt Buln Buln 39
Longwarry 43 drew Nyora 43
Catani 30 lt Trafalgar 45
N-Darnum 47 d Yarragon 43

C GRADE

Poowong 28 lt Ellinbank 49
Lang Lang 30 d Buln Buln 28
Longwarry 66 d Nyora 12
Catani 46 d Trafalgar 18
N-Darnum 31 d Yarragon 28

17 & UNDER

Poowong 53 d Ellinbank 12
Lang Lang 40 d Buln Buln 29
Longwarry 66 d Nyora 8
Catani 47 d Trafalgar 33
N-Darnum 21 lt Yarragon 45

15 & UNDER

Poowong 36 d Ellinbank 14
Lang Lang 20 lt Buln Buln 35
Longwarry 29 d Nyora 1
Catani 28 lt Trafalgar 34
N-Darnum 20 lt Yarragon 28

13 & UNDER

Poowong 16 d Ellinbank 10
Lang Lang 7 lt Buln Buln 35
Longwarry 56 d Nyora 2
Catani 4 lt Trafalgar 39
N-Darnum 13 lt Yarragon 31

LADDERS

A GRADE

	%	pts
Neerim South	188.44	32
Nilma-Darnum	154.37	28
Ellinbank	150.17	24
Trafalgar	115.58	16
Lang Lang	92.53	16
Yarragon	89.29	12
Buln Buln	87.43	12
Poowong	81.20	12
Longwarry	64.06	8
Catani	56.98	0
Nyora	0.00	0

B GRADE

Ellinbank	187.89	36
Neerim South	144.73	32
Nilma-Darnum	111.98	28
Buln Buln	121.28	24
Trafalgar	118.04	24
Lang Lang	120.43	16
Catani	91.51	16
Poowong	85.67	12
Nyora	68.14	6
Longwarry	68.14	4
Yarragon	71.15	2

C GRADE

Ellinbank	202.97	36
Neerim South	192.92	32
Lang Lang	153.47	32
Catani	132.92	24
Nilma-Darnum	125.49	20
Yarragon	106.05	16
Trafalgar	85.53	16
Buln Buln	90.66	12
Poowong	74.84	8
Longwarry	78.63	4
Nyora	17.19	0

17 & UNDER

	%	pts
Catani	218.36	32
Poowong	193.40	30
Trafalgar	161.21	28
Yarragon	186.02	26
Nilma-Darnum	157.49	24
Longwarry	134.30	24
Lang Lang	87.58	12
Ellinbank	66.49	12
Buln Buln	73.18	8
Neerim South	32.45	4
Nyora	11.07	0

15 & UNDER

Buln Buln	182.59	34
Catani	147.96	30
Poowong	186.75	28
Trafalgar	119.42	24
Lang Lang	132.83	20
Neerim South	114.87	20
Yarragon	112.20	16
Nilma-Darnum	88.89	16
Ellinbank	69.02	8
Longwarry	59.93	4
Nyora	4.87	0

13 & UNDER

Buln Buln	1068.42	36
Lang Lang	235.96	32
Yarragon	211.61	32
Poowong	249.40	28
Trafalgar	140.14	20
Longwarry	104.73	16
Ellinbank	106.88	12
Neerim South	94.16	12
Nilma-Darnum	80.77	12
Catani	8.80	0
Nyora	2.76	0

GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Maffra 44 lt Warragul 65

Moe 71 d Wonthaggi 35

Drouin 62 d Leongatha 42

Bairnsdale 47 d Sale 35

Morwell 37 drew Traralgon 37

B GRADE

Maffra 32 lt Warragul 36

Moe 56 d Wonthaggi 45

Drouin 64 d Leongatha 57

Bairnsdale 32 lt Sale 36

Morwell 27 lt Traralgon 46

C GRADE

Maffra 42 d Warragul 25

Moe 32 d Wonthaggi 29

Drouin 46 d Leongatha 33

Bairnsdale 49 d Sale 23

Morwell 42 d Traralgon 34

17 & UNDER

Maffra 40 d Warragul 26

Moe 27 lt Wonthaggi 44

Drouin 30 lt Leongatha 44

Bairnsdale 33 d Sale 30

Morwell 19 lt Traralgon 56

15 & UNDER

Maffra 44 d Warragul 23

Moe 51 d Wonthaggi 26

Drouin 45 d Leongatha 33

Bairnsdale 33 drew Sale 33

Morwell 22 lt Traralgon 47

13 & UNDER

Maffra 54 d Warragul 4

Moe 59 d Wonthaggi 10

Drouin 13 lt Leongatha 56

Bairnsdale 19 lt Sale 32

Morwell 9 lt Traralgon 37

LADDERS

A GRADE

%

pts

Moe

180.47

36

Drouin

137.01

28

Warragul

124.51

28

Traralgon

118.36

22

Bairnsdale

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20

Wonthaggi

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16

Morwell

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14

Leongatha

93.20

12

Sale

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2

Maffra

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B GRADE

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pts

Traralgon

136.73

32

Drouin

132.80

32

Leongatha

154.22

30

Moe

122.56

26

Sale

86.93

18

Warragul

100.24

16

Wonthaggi

95.54

10

Morwell

89.20

10

Maffra

54.48

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Bairnsdale

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C GRADE

%

pts

Drouin

154.55

34

Morwell

144.14

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Maffra

109.93

24

Leongatha

101.74

20

Traralgon

95.61

20

Wonthaggi

101.74

16

Moe

97.29

12

Bairnsdale

88.15

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Warragul

68.88

4

Sale

59.04

4

17 & UNDER

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pts

Traralgon

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36

Leongatha

206.57

32

Bairnsdale

139.48

28

Sale

115.87

20

Drouin

114.60

20

Wonthaggi

94.82

16

Maffra

88.20

16

Moe

56.35

8

Morwell

54.89

4

Warragul

35.00

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15 & UNDER

%

pts

Bairnsdale

213.37

34

Sale

164.26

34

Traralgon

186.10

28

Moe

121.68

20

Maffra

98.83

20

Wonthaggi

72.68

16

Drouin

78.04

12

Morwell

67.06

8

Leongatha

60.26

8

Warragul

55.14

0

13 & UNDER

%

pts

Maffra

247.06

32

Leongatha

235.76

32

Traralgon

203.61

30

Moe

193.48

24

Sale

187.65

22

Bairnsdale

120.74

16

Drouin

75.62

12

Wonthaggi

25.06

8

Morwell

27.35

4

Warragul


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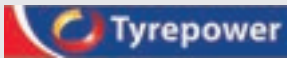
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Ben Fisher	74
Carl Lindsay	73
Justin Caporale	73
Ant Cook	72
Hayden Poppe	72
Phil & Cathal	72
Rod O'Neill	72
Darryl McGannon	71
Phil Hardy	71
David England	70
Keith & Eddie	70
Peter Fort	69
Warren Stewart	69
Adam Ware	67
Brad Hodson	66
Kris Baker	66
Shane Cooke	64
Jack & Jassy	62
Steve Curtis	57



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Breakers defeated in close match

THE Breakers travelled to Aspendale to take on the second-place team in a Saturday twilight match in front of a decent crowd on June 1. The visitors were quick to score through Sophie Bolding who was providing a good target up forward. However, it didn't take long for Edi-Asp to respond. The home side added another goal to their tally to put themselves in front going into the first break.

The Breakers came out firing in the second quarter. Tayla Tatterson was lively in the forward line with her speed and attack on the ball creating two goals. Edi-Asp also added two goals for the quarter utilising the small ground to their advantage.

Jenna Russo and Molly Conroy continued to battle it out through the middle with both teams struggling to get the ball free of the contests. Great pressure from Billy-Ray and Grace Hope in the backline kept the opposition to one goal for the quarter.

With only two goals in it going into the last quarter the Breakers started well, controlling most of the play, however a couple of quick goals to Edi-Asp made it difficult. The Breakers kept working hard until the end.

Breakers welcome Bonbeach on Saturday June 15 from 4.40pm at Dalyston.


Final Score: Edithvale-Aspendale 7.4-46
def Breakers 3.3-21


MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 9

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

75

46

FISH CREEK		MDU	
Fish Creek	2.1 6.3 8.8 11.9 (75)	MDU	2.0 3.2 4.4 7.4 (46)
GOALS, Fish Creek: Darcy Berryman, Tom Buckley, Josh Standfield 2, Thomas Cameron, Matthew McGannon, Sam McGannon, Jordan Shaw, Thomas Vuillermin 1 each			
BEST: Tom Buckley, Thomas Vuillermin, Jack Hayes, Roland De Biase, Matthew McGannon, Lachlan Gale			
GOALS, MDU: Kieran Bohn 2, Steve Forrester, Wayne Stewart, Shaye Walsh, Samual Wilson, Lachie Wright 1 each			
BEST: Kieran Bohn, Wayne Stewart, Jarrod Hoy, Brendan Tomada, Nathan Allen, Connor Krohn			
RESERVES			
Fish Creek	1.3 2.5 5.9 5.10 (40)	MDU	1.2 3.4 5.5 8.6 (54)
GOALS, Fish Creek: Toby Redpath 2, Colin McPhee, Tim Walters, Anthony Wilson 1 each			
BEST: Owen Straw, Joshua Ryan, Thomas Sorrell, Lane Bowman, Brad Pulham, Josh Harry			
GOALS, MDU: Benjamin Maxwell 2, Rylie Checkley, Jack Dunn, Luke Harris, Matt Harris, Tyson Harris, Blake Moscript 1 each			
BEST: Jack Ballagh, Blake Moscript, Matt Harris, Martyn Beacham, Rhys Livingstone, Alexander Battersby			
THIRDS			
Fish Crk/Tarwin	2.1 3.3 3.3 3.8 (26)	MDU	1.2 2.2 5.2 5.3 (33)
GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin: Alby Edgelow, Joseph Rysko, Max Maverick Woodham 1 each			
BEST: Joseph Rysko, Jarrah Cicero, Tommy Bartels, Billy Boyd, Asher Hamlett, Josh Gale			
GOALS, MDU: Kyra Helms, Edward Kratz 2, Finn Dunn 1			
BEST: Finn Dunn, Lachlan Hibberson, Raph Jefferis, Burke VanderZalm, Cohen Harrison, Brayden Sellings			

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW	
SATURDAY, JUNE 15	
GIPPSLAND	ROUND 10
Leongatha v Maffra	
Morwell v Wonthaggi	
Sale v Moe	
Traralgon v Bairnsdale	
Sunday, June 16	
Drouin v Warragul	
MID GIPPSLAND	ROUND 9
Mirboo North v Morwell East	
Toora v Foster	
Thorpdale v Hill End	
Newborough v Boolarra	
Tarwin v Yinnar	
Stony Creek - BYE	

Roos dominate in King's Birthday showdown

By Rob Popplestone

AN OPPORTUNITY for the MGFNL community to support a standalone match on the King's Birthday long weekend was always going to attract a healthy crowd, for both those who wanted to enjoy being on the sidelines of a high-quality contest and also for those astute clubs that wanted to do some forward scouting on their future opposition.

Rightfully regarded as one of the better country clubs in the State, Fish Creek once again found themselves under the spotlight, a location they are more than comfortable in and quite frankly a time at which they produce some of their very best.

The Kangaroos entered the clash as league leaders, but only one win ahead of their fifth placed opponents in MDU.

The Demons had come off a confidence building victory over last year's Grand Finalists Newborough just a week earlier and were approaching the reigning premiers in this mid-season clash as though it was a final.

The final score, Fish Creek 11-9-75 to MDU 7-4-46, the success for the Kangaroos, built on a slow but familiar, even predictable style by the Kangaroos.

The reigning premiers did what they do, matched it with their enthusiastic visitors early, a one-point quarter time lead extended to nineteen points by the main break.

Some of Fish Creek's best players, Tom Buckley, Jack Hayes, Roland DiBiase, Thomas Vuillermin, Matt McGannon and Lachie Gale continued to contribute further as the game unfolded, the final margin an impressive twenty-nine-point victory.

"Extremely pleasing win, MDU have been a bit of a bogey team for us the last few years so I was a bit nervous coming in," Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach said.

"They play a fast style of footy and attack the corri-

dor so defensively we had to be on. We were able to keep grinding and turning the pressure up and kick away late for a good win. A great crowd for the standalone game and a big thank you to the Meeniyar supporters who turned out in force."

MDU actually did win one quarter, the third, by a point, but nevertheless it was a thirty-minute period in which the Demons proved they could be close with further work, and did provide some sort of consolation.

"Really enjoyable day, weather was perfect, ground a little bit underdone, but both teams played in the same conditions," Nathan Allen, MDU coach said.

"Tough contested game of footy all day, felt really even, but Fishy were too slick for us when they went forward."

The Demon's Kieran Bohn, Wayne Stewart, Connor Krohn, Jarrod Hoy, Brendan Tomada and coach Nathan Allen, doing their very best, and providing chances but not always having the required scoreboard pressure.

"We had our chances going forward but were unable to finish our work and on turnover Fishy ran in waves and cut us open," Allen explained.

"Looking forward to a week off now, refresh, regroup and hopefully get a few numbers back against Yinnar the following week."

MDU remain well and truly in any final's calculations but the margin for error for the Demons like a handful of their opposition clubs is minute, given the evenness of the competition that we highlight almost on a weekly basis.

One thing however is more certain, and that is that a side, any side, is going to have to have a very good day, sprinkled with a little luck to have the better of one of the better sides that country footy has seen.



The roos came out on top after some close quarters in Saturday's clash against the Demons. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



The ball falls right into Joel Leeden's hands. Ns13_2424

Clubs recharged ahead of high-stakes MGFNL second half

THE unanimous feeling amongst coaches after the King's Birthday weekend, was that it was a terrific opportunity for all clubs, their players and volunteers to have a well-earned mid-season rest ahead of what is anticipated to be a demanding second half of the year.

With so many scores to be settled, so many stories to be told and so many finals positions yet to be determined, the halfway mark of the year promised even more twists and turns to the 2024 MGFNL story.

Mirboo Nth v Morwell East

As good as it was for Mirboo North to secure their first of the season prior to the bye, the Tigers will be under no illusions as to what will be required to go back-to-back against a talented Morwell East side.

The Hawks have actually been handed a two week break compliments of a bye before the King's Birthday weekend, so as good as the home side might feel, the visitors will probably be feeling even better.

The Tigers only win of the year,

may only have been against the still winless Hill End, but a win is a win, and they all pay four premiership points.

"Very proud of our boys, we stuck at it, and it was really pleasing that some of our young brigade stood up in the last quarter when we needed someone!" Damian Turner, Mirboo North said.

"We looked forward to the Kings Birthday bye, but now we have the tough task of Morwell East at home this week – we will be freshened up and take some new confidence into this game."

The Hawks are very much in contention for a coveted top two spot but will have to keep their very high standard given the evenness of the competition.

Toora v Foster

Toora jumped out of the blocks just a fortnight ago and looked as though they might have been on track to upset the more favoured Boolarra, only to be run down comfortably in the second half, and you wouldn't expect the challenge to be any less when they host Foster this weekend.

"The long weekend came at a good time after a long stint playing, we were looking forward to a freshen up and now comes the challenge of Foster in the first edition of the Toner/Hoppner cup," Jack Weston, Toora coach said.

Any silverware is always welcome in a trophy cabinet and in a season that is still one of progression for the Magpies the Toner/Hoppner Cup will be a rare chance for the home side to get their hands on it this weekend, all they have to do is get the better of an inform Foster side, who themselves have come off an impressive victory over Stony Creek.

"It was a strong win, we played thirty minutes of really good footy then struggled a bit with skill execution and fundamentals. Plenty to work on," Sam Davies, Foster coach stated.

That work will continue as winter now engulfs the season and provides yet another challenge for clubs.

Tarwin v Yinnar

A side could not have been

any more disappointed with their performance than what Tarwin were in round eight.

The Sharks who have been so good and so competitive for the first part of the season, were given a footballing lesson of close enough to one hundred points by the reigning premiers Fish Creek.

"We definitely didn't come to play at all, it's been a big stretch of competitive football for us, and we have had plenty of new faces and haven't had the consistency of personnel we would like, but now with a week off, we can reset and look to some improvement in the back half of the season," Jason Kennedy, Tarwin Coach said.

The Sharks have had their break but will have little more time, given they now face yet another of the league's heavyweights in Yinnar.

The Magpies themselves are in rare form, with a really nice blend of talent and experience.

Tarwin, like a couple of others, remain just one game from the league's top six, but a loss again this week will turn up the pressure.

Moe holds off determined Wonthaggi

WHILE there was plenty of action off field in Moe in the form of Big Freeze fundraising activities, there was lots happening on the ground in an enthralling contest, with Riley Baldi's stunning game proving the deciding factor in the Lions' three-point win over Wonthaggi.

Baldi covered a massive amount of territory throughout the game, gathering the footy all over the field and using it assuredly in a best-on-ground display.

However, despite his imposing presence and the fact the Lions threatened at times to pull away to a sizeable lead, a strong team performance from Wonthaggi ensured that never happened.

Isaac Chugg's ability to clear defence and push up the ground to put Power into attack again earned him the nod as his side's best player, something he achieved in the Round 8 win over Drouin.

Noah Anderson continued to present strongly on the lead and slotted a couple of goals for the narrowly beaten side.

Toma Huther engaged in an enthralling ruck contest with Moe's Chris Prowse, with both men contributing well around the ground.

Shannon Bray was solid as ever deep in defence, thwarting many Moe attacks, with Mitch Hayes taking a number of marks, booting a couple of goals and creating opportunities for teammates.

Jack Blair proved a steady presence whether showing composure in the backline or driving Power into attack, while his brother Jarryd delivered



Aidan Lindsay emerges with the football for Wonthaggi. Photo: Liam Durkin.

some classy moments.

Moe had the early running in the second term, getting out to a three-goal advantage but Wonthaggi dug in, beginning to get control of possession and patiently working its way forward before displaying determination at a number of stoppages.

That Power tenacity to keep the footy in its forward line paid off when coach Jarryd Blair pounced on the Sherrin after a ruck contest, quickly getting boot to ball for a major and cutting the margin to just a couple of straight kicks.

While Moe quickly hit back through a Harrison Pepper goal, Wonthaggi replied with a couple of its own before a late Moe

major pushed the Lions' advantage out to 13 points at the half-way stage.

Power started the second half brightly with a Cooper McInnes goal, cutting Wonthaggi's deficit back to just seven points.

There the margin remained for about the next 10 minutes until Tom Blackshaw won holding the ball for Moe and nailed his set shot.

The seesawing nature of the contest continued when Jarryd Blair marked and delivered an accurate set shot from a few metres inside Powers' forward arc.

Moe ultimately took a seven-point advantage into the final term.

When play resumed, the Lions again threatened to kick away, booting an early major but Wonthaggi persisted.

That determination was rewarded when Hayes marked overhead and goaled, and his teammate Kaj Patterson booted accurately from a free kick after being dumped in a tackle, Power then trailing by just a couple of points.

Moe soon rose to the challenge, with Ben Daniher quick to get ball to boot for a major that stretched its advantage back beyond a goal.

But Power kept coming, the Lions booting no further majors while Power dribbled one through from the boot of Aiden Lindsay at the 27 minute mark after speedily moving the ball from the other end of the field, with a contest from Anderson helping set up the goal.

Wonthaggi surged forward again from the centre with the Lions initially clearing defence before a shaky back pass almost gifted Power a goal.

However Wonthaggi wasn't able to score again.

It appeared Jack Blair would have an after the siren shot from long range, seeming to have won a free kick, but the umpires handed the footy to his teammate Brayden Duve who kicked into the leaping man on the mark.

After a challenging day on Moe's turf, Wonthaggi's competitive display will ensure it takes confidence to the Tigers' den for a battle with sixth-placed Morwell that sits one spot ahead of Power, albeit it with a couple more wins.

Freewheeling Parrots totally in command against Drouin

LEONGATHA'S polished third-term delivery to its forwards and their equally accurate goal kicking during that period complemented the elite pressure the side was already delivering, setting up a 10-goal lead over Drouin and earning high praise from coach Trent McMicking.

"That's our best quarter of footy for the year," he declared at the huddle.

The Parrots finished 65-point winners, with Jenson Garnham booting eight goals, including a swag of third quarter majors.

Jackson Harry was another providing spark for the Parrots, providing a powerful marking target. He pulled in some strong contested grabs and continues to impress with his overhead marking ability and willingness to work hard and cover plenty of ground.

While Harry finished with three goals, he was instrumental in at least a couple of Garnham's, including one from a composed and unselfish pass during the third term, and was

deservedly named the winner's best.

The consistent Jack Hume again created numerous opportunities for teammates with his purposeful play and put the icing on the cake with a couple of goals, while the ginger-headed Luke Bowman worked industriously in the clinches to win contested footy and distributed it with aplomb.

The Parrots' backline again gelled superbly, applying fierce pressure to the Hawks when they were able to advance into their forward line.

Nasty facial injuries to Aaron Turton's eye socket, cheekbone and nose, and Jarrod Stewart hurting his ankle, were the unfortunate moments in what was largely a great day for the Parrots. Stewart has slotted into the side well since earning his spot through the Reserves, and has lightened the ruck load for Ben Willis.

William Papley was named Drouin's best, booting a couple of goals, including Drouin's first major of the game.



Cooper Alger closes in for Leongatha as his Drouin opponent gets set to offload the footy. A10_2424

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

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MOE		WONTHAGGI	
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Moe	4.1	8.4	9.5	11.9 (75)
Wonthaggi	3.3	6.3	8.4	11.6 (72)

GOALS, Moe: Harrison Pepper 3, Trent Baldi, Ben Daniher 2, Thomas Blackshaw, Jaryn Makepeace, Thomas Matthews, Nick Prowse 1 each

BEST: Riley Baldi, Declan Keilty, Ben Daniher, Nick Prowse, Trent Baldi, Brock Smith

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Noah Anderson, Jarryd Blair, Mitch Hayes 2, Aiden Lindsay, Cooper McInnes, Kaj Patterson, Hunter Tiziani, Jaxon Williams 1 each

BEST: Isaac Chugg, Mitch Hayes, Noah Anderson, Toma Huther, Kaj Patterson, Shannon Bray

RESERVES

Moe	3.3	4.4	5.7	5.10 (40)
Wonthaggi	1.1	3.5	6.7	6.8 (44)

GOALS, Moe: Shaun Curtis, Trent Morrow 2, Nicholas Battley 1

BEST: Bryce Collings, Matthew Heywood, Aaron Wilson, Tyler Pratt, Trent Morrow, Warren Hester

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Jaxon Brouwers, Adam Busana, Harry Dawson, Oliver Feather, Wayne Luke, Reeve Moresco 1 each

BEST: Andrew McNeel, Oliver Feather, Blake Cornelis, Harry Dawson, Luke O'Connor, Cooper Lindsay

FOURTHS

Moe	2.1	3.3	6.4	12.4 (76)
Wonthaggi	3.0	4.3	6.3	7.5 (47)

BEST, Moe: Archie Jones, Memphis McQualter, Sam Robinson, Mason Snowden, Kobi Caldwell, Elias Romano

BEST, Wonthaggi: Thomas Macmillan, Connor Macmillan, Jayden Burns, Robert Hullick, Sam Carter, Ayden Fawaz

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

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DROUIN		LEONGATHA	
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Drouin	1.2	3.4	4.9	6.13 (49)
Leongatha	4.5	7.8	14.9	17.12 (114)

GOALS, Drouin: Edward Morris, William Papley 2, Timothy Hancock, Kaiden Walmsley 1 each

BEST: William Papley, Caleb Quirk, William Brewer, Jarrod Marshall, Max Williams, Edward Morris

GOALS, Leongatha: Jenson Garnham 8, Jackson Harry 3, Jack Hume 2, Matthew Borschman, Jack Ginnane, Jacob Lamers, Jake van der Pligt 1 each

BEST: Jackson Harry, Jack Hume, Jenson Garnham, Luke Bowman, Jake van der Pligt, Darcy Hume

RESERVES

Drouin	2.0	3.2	5.4	6.5 (41)
Leongatha	4.4	10.5	14.5	18.10 (118)

GOALS, Drouin: No players named.

BEST: Tyson Buckingham, Clinton Proctor, Trevor Gardiner, Damon Healy, Bruce Gregg, Chad Thompson

GOALS, Leongatha: No players named.

BEST: Adam Trotto, Darby Kratzat, Noah Fixter, Kyle Brown, Nick Nagel, Jaxon Hayes

THIRDS

Drouin	1.1	1.2	3.4	5.4 (34)
Leongatha	3.1	6.2	6.7	8.8 (56)

BEST, Drouin: William Young, Fletcher Lockwood, Jack Walsh, Jaxon Huston, Charlie Stone, Zachary Mcmillan

BEST, Leongatha: Max Donohue, Finn Donohue, Jett Garnham, Jude Fixter, Klayton McGrath, Ollie Mahoney

FOURTHS

Drouin	2.4	2.5	4.6	4.7 (31)
Leongatha	0.2	1.2	2.4	4.4 (28)

BEST, Drouin: Cooper Amey, Caleb Kleeven, Brody Rogers, Blake Bibby, Jett Proctor, William Cini

BEST, Leongatha: Will Campbell, Eamon Berryman, Louis Read, Charlie Bickerton, Frazer Livingstone, Noah Cameron

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Maffra	10.12.72	d	Warragul	7.9.51
Bairnsdale	17.9.111	d	Sale	7.7.49
Traralgon	15.8.98	drew	Morwell	15.8.98

RESERVES

Bairnsdale	8.18.66	d	Sale	2.3.15
Maffra	15.12.102	d	Warragul	2.3.15
Traralgon	11.15.81	d	Morwell	3.5.23

THIRDS

Bairnsdale	9.3.57	d	Sale	6.7.43
Warragul	7.5.47	d	Maffra	6.6.42
Traralgon	26.13.169	d	Morwell	1.0.6

FOURTHS

Bairnsdale	7.4.46	d	Sale	7.1.43
Maffra	11.15.81	d	Warragul	2.3.15
Traralgon	26.19.175	d	Morwell	2.2.14

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 9

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	8	1	177.08	32	Leongatha	9	0	457.35	36	Warragul	7	1	239.59	28	Traralgon	9	0	561.38	36
Traralgon	6	2	125.00	26	Maffra	8	1	263.41	32	Leongatha	6	2	222.34	24	Moe	8	1	279.15	32
Moe	6	3	121.00	24	Bairnsdale	7	2	162.46	28	Traralgon	6	2	182.53	24	Maffra	6	3	257.25	24
Morwell	5	3	99.85	22	Traralgon	6	3	240.86	24	Maffra	6	2	160.49	24	Wonthaggi	6	3	148.90	24
Bairnsdale	5	4	109.69	20	Drouin	3	6	67.68	12	Drouin	5	3	142.18	20	Bairnsdale	6	3	86.16	24
Sale	5	4	101.09	20	Sale	3	6	55.31	12	Bairnsdale	3	5	67.90	12	Sale	4	5	85.12	16
Wonthaggi	3	6	84.80	12	Moe	3	6	48.74	12	Moe	2	6	60.88	8	Leongatha	2	7	51.41	8
Warragul	3	6	81.44	12	Wonthaggi	3	6	46.37	12	Sale	1	7	52.87	4	Drouin	2	7	50.82	8
Drouin	2	7	71.64	8	Morwell	2	7	63.85	8	Morwell	0	8	22.53	0	Warragul	2	7	30.32	8
Maffra	1	8	67.72	4	Warragul	1	8	28.18	4	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Morwell	0	9	16.34	0

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

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POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

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POOWONG	ELLINBANK
Poowong 1.3 1.8 4.9 4.11 (35)	Ellinbank 4.3 6.5 9.6 13.9 (87)

GOALS, Poowong: Zac Gray, Rory Nettle, Jarvis Brown, Thomas Burgess 1 each
BEST: Conor Cunningham, Jack Hazendonk, Alex Henshall, Joshua Chiavaroli, David O'Neill, Zac Gray
GOALS, Ellinbank: Michael Urie 5, Alex Olsen , Damien Lawrence 2, Jake Harper, Rhys Salter, Cambell Jolly, Logan Joyce 1 each
BEST: Jake Harper, Bryce Joyce, Damien Lawrence, Ryan Atherton, Michael Urie, Ryan Carpenter

RESERVES

Poowong 0.1 0.1 2.2 2.2 (14)	Ellinbank 12.4 18.7 20.9 27.13 (175)
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GOALS, Poowong: Calvin Longford 2
BEST: Timothy Gallert, Patrick Dorian, Caspian Jackman-Riches, Calvin Langford, Ethan Turner, Harrison Sheedy
GOALS, Ellinbank: Private player 10, Tim Leicester, Ryan Parsons 5, Jacob Walker, Mark Quigley 2, Shannon Whelen, Justin Tylee, Joshua Tylee 1 each
BEST: Brayden Rintoule, Ryan Parsons, David Miller, Jacob Walker, Gaiage White

THIRDS

Poowong 2.1 2.4 5.7 7.10 (52)	Ellinbank 1.1 1.2 2.4 3.5 (23)
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GOALS, Poowong: Patrick Dorian 5, Thomas Burgess, Bryce Riddell 1 each
BEST: Patrick Dorian, Benjamin Fowler, David O'Neill, Bailey Nettle, Noah Furness, Bryce Riddell
GOALS, Ellinbank: Thomas Halloran-Lavelle, Will O'Brien, Blake Handley 1 each
BEST: Blake Handley, Vincent Onslow, Archie Martel, Adam Mills, Jhy Good, Charlie Armour

FOURTHS

Poowong 0.2 2.2 2.2 2.3 (15)	Ellinbank 3.0 4.3 9.6 12.7 (79)
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GOALS, Poowong: Lochie Wilson, Gavin Monson 1 each
BEST: Bryce Broadmore, George Edwards, Ryder Dowlan, Lochie Wilson, Dylan Watson, Tait Nicholls
GOALS, Ellinbank: Ashley Debenham, Hugh Cunningham 3, Jack Winduss, Nate Murphy 2, Cody Stewart, Luke Rollinson 1 each
BEST: Nate Murphy, Ashley Debenham, Rhylee Stewart, Hugh Cunningham, Cody Stewart, Brock Parke

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

175

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LONGWARRY	NYORA
Longwarry 5.2 14.6 20.10 27.13 (175)	Nyora 2.0 3.1 3.2 4.3 (27)

GOALS, Longwarry: Braydon McHugh 10, Jedd Serong 7, Cooper Brown 4, Darren Granger 3, Mitchell Young, Ryan Wouters, Ben Cuckson 1 each
BEST: Jedd Serong, Cooper Brown, Braydon McHugh, Bailey Stephens, Darren Granger, Daniel Pullen
GOALS, Nyora: Julian Rovett 2, Jono Hewitt, William McGrindle 1 each
BEST: Charlie Moller, Lucas Lee, Callum McNiff, Jesse Heylen, Trent Wheller, Julian Rovetto

RESERVES

Longwarry 5.3 10.6 13.9 17.13 (115)	Nyora 1.2 1.2 2.3 2.3 (15)
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GOALS, Longwarry: Paul Williams 5, Lucas Kallady 3, Nathan Fry, Janik De Silva 2, Jake Patching, Jake Tabone, Angus Young, Jack Smith, John Werner 1 each
BEST: Angus Young, John Werner, Lucas Kallady, Paul Williams, Nathan Fry, Jake Tabone
GOALS, Nyora: Damon Patestos, Tarkyn Adams 1 each
BEST: No names supplied

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Buln Buln 16.9.105	d	Lang Lang 2.8.20
N-Darnum 17.11.113	d	Yarragon 10.6.66
Trafalgar 16.15.111	d	Catani 8.4.52

RESERVES

Lang Lang 8.7.55	d	Buln Buln 7.6.48
N-Darnum 15.8.98	d	Yarragon 5.8.38
Trafalgar 8.16.64	d	Catani 5.6.36

THIRDS

Lang Lang 13.9.87	d	Buln Buln 3.3.21
Longwarry 17.15.117	d	N-Darnum 6.6.42
Catani 5.13.43	d	Trafalgar 3.4.22

FOURTHS

Buln Buln 12.12.84	d	Lang Lang 0.0.0
N-Darnum 12.13.85	d	Yarragon 3.8.26
Trafalgar 15.7.97	d	Longwarry 9.7.61

Poowong battles hard in misty showdown against Ellinbank

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG welcomed near neighbours Ellinbank in all four grades on a cool day with mist arriving mid-game in the Seniors. A big crowd came out to watch the game against the top of the ladder team on a very good ground surface. Poowong had five changes Jake Cochrane and Ben Peters late, Jett Blackwood and Aaron Damon rested back in U/18's and an injured Brady Rayner was replaced by Mitch Cochrane, Josh Chiavaroli, Connor Cunningham, David O'Neill and Thomas Burgess both up from the U/18's.

Poowong kicked to the Dr-ouin Road end and were first on the board with a point from a mark in the forward pocket. Ellinbank followed with three goals from marks up forward. Poowong had plenty of the ball but were struggling to finish off until Rory Nettle finally kicked Poowong's first goal before quarter time.

Poowong were in the contest but needed to lower their eyes going forward rather than slamming it on the boot. Poowong went forward



Jai Loughridge showcased determination and skill on the field for Poowong in Saturday's showdown against Ellinbank. Photo: Jeff Tull.

early to see the Ellinbank defence clear and goal the Sher-rin, before Ellinbank secured another, their sixth goal. The remainder of the quarter was played between both defences with only a couple of points added.

Half time Poowong 1.8.14 to Ellinbank 6.5.41
Though behind on the

scoreboard Poowong were holding their own against the top of the ladder side with Jack Hazendonk, Alex Henshall and Connor Cunningham among the best players up to half time.

Poowong were determined after the break adding the first two goals with Jarvis Brown and Thomas Burgess

in a tight quarter. Both sides battled as the drizzle arrived and Ellinbank added three goals. Poowong came back with a good goal to Zac Gray to make it three goals each for the quarter in an entertaining game of country football.

The last two quarters were played with the lights on as conditions deteriorated, El-linbank managed four goals as Poowong added three points though they had chances for goals. Overall, they played well, the young players are showing they have a bright future in the game.

The U/16's came up against the strong Ellinbank team going down by 59 points, the U/18's up against the top side home by 29 points in a good team performance, the Reserves struggled on the score-board but the second half was their best for the season, some good signs.

Next two weeks we are away, to Buln Buln next Saturday followed by Yarragon. Buln Buln will be a good contest at all levels, hopefully a few back from injuries. Remember the Poowong Ball June 28, for tickets refer the PFC Website.

Time to move on quickly as Longwarry trounce Nyora

NYORA endured a 148-point loss to Longwarry on Saturday. Playing at Longwarry, Nyora went into the game knowing it had a task ahead of it against the fifth-placed side.

Nyora had spent weeks building up its game but was feeling the pressure coming off the bye.

Nyora held its own in the first quarter, trailing by the first siren but still within reach.

The first 15-20 minutes was a show of competitive football with Nyora kicking two goals.

However, a couple of late goals to Longwarry gave it a 20-point lead at quarter time.

Nyora would ultimately kick four for the game, the rewards shared between Julian Rovetto (two), Jono Hewitt and William McGrindle.

Longwarry stepped it up in the second quarter.

The home-side was relentless through the middle, winning the centre clearances.

Nyora managed to get a goal on the board, but Longwarry kicked away and enjoyed a nine-goal quarter.

Longwarry's Braydon McHugh was an unstoppable force, kicking 10 goals for the day.

Captain Jedd Serong also

put in an impressive seven-goal performance.

Things didn't improve for Nyora with a goalless third quarter, while Longwarry added another six goals to its total.

Nyora is battling with injuries and was feeling the limited bench rotations by the fourth quarter.

Nyora came into the last quarter hard and gave another solid 15 minutes of footy.

However, fitness started to play a role and Longwarry continued to pull away.

For Nyora, Jesse Heylen played a strong game at half back, limiting some of Longwarry's opportunities.

Callum McNiff also played well and earned a place in Nyora's best.

Coming from a basketball background, McNiff is making the switch to footy and has been an asset due to his athleticism.

Learning the ropes, McNiff played part of the game in the forward line before mixing it up and moving to centre half back.

Nyora take on Catani this weekend; the only other team that has yet to enjoy a win in 2024, so Nyora will be looking to kick it into gear this Saturday.



Jono Hewitt launches a powerful kick down the field.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 10

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Buln Buln	9	0	285.01	36	Ellinbank	9	0	654.17	36	Catani	7	1	192.03	87.5	Ellinbank	8	1	417.22	88.8
Ellinbank	8	1	193.13	32	Neerim South	8	1	424.55	32	Ellinbank	7	2	205.47	77.7	Buln Buln	8	1	416.67	88.8
Neerim South	7	2	216.67	28	Lang Lang	8	1	280.15	32	Poowong	6	2	165.19	75.0	Neerim South	8	1	356.22	88.8
Lang Lang	7	2	161.19	28	Buln Buln	6	3	262.63	24	Longwarry	7	3	172.13	70.0	Poowong	6	3	168.13	66.6
Longwarry	6	4	139.57	24	Nilma-Darnum	5	4	107.74	20	Neerim Sth	5	4	135.29	55.5	Nilma-Darnum	4	5	101.33	44.4
Nilma-Darnum	4	5	88.15	16	Trafalgar	5	4	98.66	20	Lang Lang	4	5	64.10	44.4	Trafalgar	4	5	84.59	44.4
Trafalgar	4	5	86.39	16	Longwarry	4	6	98.40	16	Trafalgar	3	6	82.94	33.3	Lang Lang	1	7	28.90	12.5
Yarragon	3	6	63.51	12	Yarragon	3	6	61.69	12	Nilma-Darnum	1	8	43.49	11.1	Yarragon	1	7	18.03	12.5
Poowong	2	7	76.99	8	Catani	1	8	39.52	4	Buln Buln	0	9	30.94	0.0	Longwarry	0	10	29.83	0.0
Catani	0	9	43.20	0	Nyora	1	8	21.46	4	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0
Nyora	0	9	17.91	0	Poowong	0	9	10.38	0	Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0

Cobras too strong for the Panthers

DESPITE a strong start to the match, Kilcunda-Bass was dealt a 75-point loss against Cora Lynn.

The Panthers went into the game hard with a performance that saw the home-side leading at quarter time. The team was shaken when it lost its captain Nathan Voss to injury in the first few moments of the game but managed to regroup and stood up to the occasion, adjusting quickly to keep the momentum going.

Dale Gawley was a stand-out in this instance, leading the way up forward.

However, a 10-minute lapse by Kilcunda-Bass in the second quarter gave the Cobras an edge.

Cora Lynn kicked away and put six more goals on the scoreboard before half-time, resulting in a 28-point lead.

Despite Cora Lynn's momentum, Steven Scott gave an impressive performance in the defence, keeping leading goal kicker Nathan Gardiner to just two goals for the game.

After halftime, Kilcunda-Bass managed to kick for the goal of the third quarter, set up by Lachie Scott, but that would be the most impact the Panthers would make on the scoreboard.

Goals continued to flow for Cora Lynn, but the game tightened in the defence across the ground.

Kilcunda-Bass was up for the fight but couldn't claw its way back.

A highlight for the Panthers was new recruit Tim Gunn playing up forward.

Gunn gave a performance that earned him a spot in Kilcunda-Bass' best and will be a dangerous player in the Panthers' forward line.

Cora Lynn had all but won the game by the fourth quarter, but Kilcunda-Bass kept its pressure strong to ensure the Cobras were unable to kick away.

The Cobras used the last of its momentum to kick five more goals to finish the game.

Kilcunda-Bass will face Dalyston away this week.

The Panthers' mantra for 2024 has been to avoid losing three games in a row, so they are hungry for a win.



Steven Scott outmanoeuvres his Cora Lynn opponent for the mark. Photos: Anna Carson.



Jack Soroczynski looks to handball for Kilcunda-Bass.

Injury depleted Giants battle with Koo Wee Rup

A LEANER Korumburra-Bena side held its own against Koo Wee Rup on Saturday but was ultimately dealt a 59-point loss.

The Giants have suffered some season-ending injuries, losing key forwards Rhys Dixon and Paul Fermanis, but went into Saturday's game eager to play its own style of footy.

In good conditions for football, the match began fairly evenly but the Giants were unable to convert their opportunities.

The Giants played the first quarter on its terms and were kicking truly through the mid-field but ran into trouble in the

forward line.

The midfield was expertly led by coach Josh Hopkins – an elite player in terms of his ground coverage.

He was backed by young gun Blake Webb, who played a lock down role on one of Koo Wee Rup's midfielders and proved to be a defensive asset.

Webb did his job well and continues to improve with each Senior game.

Jack Crocker came out of Thirds to play in the Seniors the previous week against Garfield and was brought up again this week.

He played a strong game alongside his brother Tom and showed himself to be service-

able in the midfield.

Tom Crocker has had a consistent season up forward, and Saturday's performance earned him a place in the Giants' best.

The second quarter was a challenge and would prove to be the difference by the final siren.

The goals began flowing for Koo Wee Rup, managing to kick five for the quarter.

Koo Wee Rup's goal scoring efforts were led by captain Nathan Voss.

The second half returned to more even game play, with the Giants maintaining their competitiveness and pushing through to the end.

Koo Wee Rup was able to gain another 20 points in the third quarter, but a few three-quarter time changes by the Giants resulted in a tighter final term.

The Giants upped its defensive pressure and kept Koo Wee Rup to just two more goals, returning to their style of game play.

Korumburra-Bena is bracing itself for another challenge, scheduled to face Inverloch-Kongwak at home this weekend.

The Giants are interested to see how they will fare against the formidable Sea Eagles, preparing for the tough game ahead.

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KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

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KILCUNDA-BASS	CORA LYNN			
Kilcunda-Bass	4.1	5.2	6.3	7.3 (45)
Cora Lynn	3.3	9.6	13.9	18.12 (120)

GOALS, K-Bass: Dean McRae, Jack Soroczynski 2, Anthony Daraio, Timothy Gunn, Jed Rosenow 1 each
BEST: Steven Scott, Benjamin Eddy, Dale Gawley, Timothy Gunn, Jack Soroczynski, Joseph West
GOALS, Cora Lynn: Cory Machaya 4, Luke Hartley 3, Jaxon Briggs, Lachlan Coverdale, Nathan Gardiner, Matthew Ryan 2, Heath Briggs, Christopher Inverno, William Stephenson 1 each
BEST: Heath Briggs, William Thomas, Luke Hartley, Cory Machaya, Gus Da Costa, Chase Blackwood

RESERVES

Kilcunda-Bass	1.0	1.4	1.7	2.9 (21)
Cora Lynn	1.1	5.5	8.8	10.10 (70)

GOALS, K-Bass: Adam Banks, Dylan Susic 1 each
BEST: William Campbell, Scott Pugh, Shane Tharle, mehdi Daoud, Espen Gelsi, Lincoln Allan
GOALS, Cora Lynn: Luke Foreman 5, Jayden Frazer 2, Jake Boccari, Logan Fox, Max McDermott 1 each
BEST: Luke Foreman, Jake Boccari, Joshua Ede, Max McDermott, Owen Hartley, Liam Taylor

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

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KORUMBURRA-BENA	KOO WEE RUP			
Kor-Bena	2.3	2.5	3.7	5.8 (38)
Koo Wee Rup	4.5	9.8	12.10	14.13 (97)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Nicholas Besley 2, Jack Crocker, Hugh Gordon, Josh Hopkins 1 each
BEST: Blake Webb, Josh Hopkins, Tom Crocker, Evan Allaway, Kodie Walker, James Dunn
GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Nathan Voss 4, Luke McMaster 3, Dale Alanis, Mitch Alderson, Travis Bindley, Fletcher Mcmillan, Steven Mihevc, Caleb Milojevic, Matthew Voss 1 each
BEST: Luke McMaster, Travis Bindley, Cooper Arthur, Nathan Voss, Matthew Voss, Robbie McMahan

RESERVES

Kor-Bena	0.1 (1)			
Koo Wee Rup	5.6	6.12	10.15	16.18 (114)

BEST, Kor-Bena: Blake Walker, Jesse Harris, Terence Sanderson, Nash Beavis, Blake Fisher, Mitchell Sawyers
GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Tyler Evans 4, Archie Whitta 3, Benjamin Miller, Ryan Wilby 2, Lachlan Bertone, Samuel Cox, Brannon Harrison, Seth Lawler, Brodie Yapp 1
BEST: Seth Ohehir, Archie Whitta, Tyler Evans, Brodie Yapp, Jesse Cammarano, Ryan Wilby

THIRDS

Kor-Bena	0.1	1.1	1.2	1.3 (9)
Koo Wee Rup	4.2	9.4	10.9	13.14 (92)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Chase De Grandi 1
BEST: Bailey Fowles, Tanner Walker, Max Fowles, Charlie Carew, Hamish Withall, Caleb Turton
GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Luke Briganti 7, Hunter Cairns 3, Cullen Anderson, Josh Iannantuono, Ethan Neill 1 each
BEST: Luke Briganti, Hunter Cairns, Cullen Anderson, Max Monckton, Seth Lawler, Jack Hughan

FOURTHS

Kor-Bena	1.0	1.1	3.3	3.6 (24)
Koo Wee Rup	2.1	3.3	3.7	3.8 (26)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Billie Wrigley 2, Max Fowles 1
BEST: Max Fowles, Indie Cameron, Charlie Boulter, Jayden Douglas, Chase De Grandi, Billie Wrigley
GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Kynen Dore-Wilson, | Shannon Filarski, Cody Mannix 1 each
BEST: Matthew Simpson, Lukas Palmer, Shannon Filarski, Luke Manning, Zach Ducasse, Kynen Dore-Wilson

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Nar Nar Goon	6.17.53	d	Tooradin-Dal	8.4.52
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RESERVES

Tooradin-Dal	11.14.80	d	Nar Nar Goon	2.8.20
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THIRDS

Tooradin-Dal	8.7.55	drew	Nar Nar Goon	8.7.55
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FOURTHS

Nar Nar Goon	6.7.43	d	Tooradin-Dal	6.6.42
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PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

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PHILLIP ISLAND	GARFIELD
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Phillip Island	7.4	10.5	12.12	16.16	(112)
Garfield	0.1	3.2	6.3	6.5	(41)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Jack Taylor 3, Hayden Bruce, Billy Taylor, Travis Woodfield, Jaymie Youle 2, Charlie Bruce, Finlay Cousins, Bryce Hindhaugh, Jay Ladson, Marcus Wright 1 each
BEST: Hayden Bruce, Charlie Bruce, Zac Walker, Travis Woodfield, Mark Griffin, Yianni Caffieri
GOALS, Garfield: Lachie Spinks 3, Noah Rogers 2, Zac Soutar 1
BEST: William Cole, Joshua Evans, Noah Rogers, Zac Soutar, Ben Tenace-Greenall, Angus Emery

RESERVES

Phillip Island	6.4	8.10	12.13	14.15	(99)
Garfield	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.1	(13)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Alex Duyker 4, Kirby Fuller, Jack Johnston 2, Nick Anderson, Kohen Beaumont, Thomas Macrokanis, Jacob Patullo, Blake Thompson, Connor Thompson 1 each
BEST: Connor Thompson, Kirby Fuller, Tyce Kleverkamp, Kohen Beaumont, Henry Peppard, Alex Duyker
GOALS, Garfield: Jack Salan 2

BEST: Scott Simpson Brewer, Levi Reid, Kade Nibbs, Charlie Fitzpatrick, Elliot Kennedy, Jack Salan

THIRDS

Phillip Island	3.2	5.4	9.4	15.5	(95)
Garfield	1.0	3.2	5.3	5.3	(33)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Jack Huther 5, Finn O'Brien 3, Max Taylor 2, Max Arceo, Alexander Barbati, Jasper Cashman, Oliver Duggan, Eden Goldsbury 1 each
BEST: Finn O'Brien, Charles O'Garey, Jack Huther, Oliver Hibbert, Timothy Niven, Benjamin Chihotski

GOALS, Garfield: Sean Marsh, Chara Wangkaew 2, Theo Zaccari 1

BEST: Theo Zaccari, Ding Dieng, Chara Wangkaew, Sean Marsh, Tyler Lovell, Chavachai Wangkaew

FOURTHS

Phillip Island	6.3	8.5	12.6	13.16	(94)
Garfield				2.1	(13)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Lachlan Eastwood 4, Felix Bathgate, Harrison Carlon, Sam O'Garey 2, Charlie Fischer, Dean Rizzo, Xavier Williams 1 each
BEST: Harrison Carlon, Xavier Williams, Lachlan Eastwood, Felix Bathgate, Jack Mascaros, Jeremy Kelly

GOALS, Garfield: Chara Wangkaew 2
BEST: Bailey Barnett, Ethan Densley, Harvey Osborne, Ethan Coote, Joseph Zaccari, Chara Wangkaew

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

ELLINBANK

ROUND 11

Ellinbank v Neerim South
Yarragon v Lang Lang
Trafalgar v Nilma Darnum
Nyora v Catani
Buln Buln v Poowong
Longwarry - BYE

WEST GIPPSLAND

ROUND 10

Phillip Island v Tooradin-Dalmore
Koo Wee Rup v Bunyip
Dalyston v Kilcunda-Bass
Korumburra-Bena v Inverloch-Kongwak
Cora Lynn v Warragul Industrials
Nar Nar Goon v Garfield

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Billy Taylor added two goals at the kennel on Saturday in a match that saw the Dogs take a 71 point win. Photos: Carol Ratcliff

Rock-solid defence anchors Island's commanding win over Garfield



Phillip Island's Jaymie Youle moves in for the tackle against his Garfield opponent.

PHILLIP Island displayed a masterclass in their game against Garfield, securing a decisive 71-point victory. From the outset, the Islanders dominated, slamming on eight goals in the first quarter, setting the tone for the rest of the match. In an exciting day for the club, the under 10s Bulldogs teams attended the pre-game meetings, warmups with the Seniors and ran out onto the ground. A big thank you to all the parents who delayed long weekend festivities to make this such a special day. The backline, controlled impeccably by Daniel Pearce, Mark Griffin, and Jesse Patullo, was rock-solid, repelling numerous Garfield attacks. This allowed the young brigade of Yianni, Cooper, and Zac to play with increasing confidence and poise, demonstrating their growing maturity with each game. In the midfield, the Bruce brothers, Max Walton, Youle and Daniel Bourke were unstoppable,

dominating the clearances and providing relentless drive through the middle of the ground. Their control in the mid-field laid the foundation for Phillip Island's commanding performance. Travis "Turbo" Woodfield was electrifying, displaying renewed energy as he kicked a couple of goals, including one spectacular effort that left the crowd in awe. Additionally, Jay Ladson made a memorable debut, slotting a classy snap from 45 metres out, further thrilling the home fans. Phillip Island's offensive prowess was on full display throughout the game, although they will need to work on their goal kicking, by slotting 16 goals, 16 points they could've made the win even more convincing. Their performance indicates they are primed for the big clash against Tooradin next week, a day that will feature the 2014 premiership reunion, a Veterans' match, and the Club's \$3000 reverse draw.

Sea Eagles outclass Bunyip

AFTER two losses, powerhouse Inverloch-Kongwak returned to its own brand of football and recorded a whopping 188-point win over Bunyip on Saturday.

Playing in front of a home crowd, the Sea Eagles were keen to rebuild their game and return to the winner's list.

Inverloch-Kongwak has had some slower starts in previous weeks, and Saturday's first quarter was absolutely an exception.

The Sea Eagles came out firing, resulting in a 14-goal haul by the first siren.

Three of these goals were kicked by young gun Rem Dal Pozzo, who kicked five for the game.

Dal Pozzo is a top age U18s player who debuted in the Seniors on Saturday.

He has had a tough run with injuries in the past, so he has been working hard to gain a spot in the Seniors and proved to be an important player up forward.

Malachy O'Flynn was brought up from the Reserves to play his first Senior game and was an asset across half back.

Nicholas Baltas also had a crucial role, kicking seven for

the day.

Inverloch-Kongwak already had an 84-point lead over the opposition going into the second quarter.

To Bunyip's credit, the away side continued to fight and tightened its defence.

Its midfield, led by vice-captain Alex Dijkstra, also lifted and gave the Sea Eagles a run with a number of solid contests.

Inverloch-Kongwak focused on maintaining its game style, and the goals continued to flow.

The Sea Eagles gave it their all in the final quarter, adding five more goals before the final siren.

One of these goals was kicked by Jack Butcher – his first goal for the club in the Seniors.

Inverloch-Kongwak accumulated a total of 32 goals, which was shared between 13 goal kickers.

The Sea Eagles will come up against Korumburra-Bena away next week.

They will be working towards continuing to rebuild their game and gaining some momentum before the highly anticipated clash with Nar Nar Goon at home on June 22.



Pressure builds as Inverloch scrambles for possession.



Thomas Wyatt goes up against Bunyip. Ns16_2424

Dusties dance to a slightly different tune

QUICK starting Warragul Industrials set up victory over Dalyston with a first quarter blitz.

Playing in overcast but dry conditions the home team looked on song immediately with full forward Lachlan Bambridge nailing two early goals to launch them out of the blocks.

Fellow tall Corey Intveen found himself in space for their next, then as the beneficiary of a relayed free added another before Dalyston's Coby Brann finally scored the Magpies' first.

The Dusties' forwards were receiving great service from Beveridge and Jiath with further goals to Bambridge and Ogden pumping their first

term lead to 31 points.

The mood for the local Western Park members was upbeat, magnified by the club DJ's blast of a track after each goal, a la Gabba style.

Having let the horse out of the gate early, Dalyston brought a new determination from their huddle.

The free-wheeling Dusties were taken to task and there were no longer easy avenues to goal. Both defensive units held sway for the majority of the second term limiting scoring to two goals apiece.

With the light towers switched on for the second half, Bambridge gave his team the perfect start slotting his fourth. The quick reply came

via forward 50 pressure by Dalyston allowing Mitch Hallahan to slot a quick snap.

Equilibrium was maintained for a period but a three-minute burst of goals to Cornwall, Awty and McGarrity looked like a landslide was on the cards. To their credit Dalyston kept presenting at each contest and late goals to Dean Wylie and Hayden Wallis stemmed the bleeding.

The Magpies persisted again, maintaining their dignity through to the end of the game. Both teams kicked another couple leaving the margin at 43 points.

Jesse Orchard-Moore kicked a memorable goal hooking it through after a Dustie's

defender's kick recoiled off Brad Monson's scone.

The prolific Bambridge nailed his sixth to wrap up a good day in the office for Warragul. And his side-kick Mason McGarrity finally released himself from the tight rope that Joe Alexander had held him on to cleverly roll through another.

While the final goal of the match by Dalyston featured clean skills in a team passage that Wallis completed with aplomb.

All the ingredients are there for the Magpies. They just need to bring it for the full four quarters this Saturday when they host neighbouring Kilcunda-Bass.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 9

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

202 14

INVERLOCH-K BUNYIP

Inverloch-K 14.1 21.3 27.6 32.10 (202)
Bunyip 0.1 1.1 1.1 2.2 (14)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Nicholas Baltas 7, Rem Dal Pozzo 5, Lachlan Scott 4, Toby Mahoney, Oscar Toussaint 3, Jarvis Harvey, Thomas Wyatt 2, Jack Butcher, Dylan Clark, Taite Cumming, Xavier Hughes, Tate Short, Andrew Soumilas 1 each

BEST: Luke Johnson, Nicholas Baltas, Lachlan Scott, Xavier Hughes, Paul Pattison, Rem Dal Pozzo

GOALS, Bunyip: Jesse Garner, Mitchell Sproles 1 each

BEST: Alex Dijkstra, Curtis Jenkin, Reid Jenkin, Ben Stewart, Darby Craven, Mitchell Sproles

RESERVES

Inverloch-K 7.3 15.4 21.6 29.14 (188)
Bunyip 1.0 2.0 3.0 3.0 (18)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Dylan Taylor 10, Dale Lawton 4, Tyler Leonard 3, Adam Cross, Mitch Hewitson, Liam O'Neill 2, Sasha Allen, Brayden Hone, Matt McCaughan, Campbell Scott, Jordan Tomas, Andre Toussaint 1 each

BEST: Dylan Taylor, Adam Cross, Reegan Kemp, Liam O'Neill, Dale Lawton, Brayden Hone

GOALS, Bunyip: Tom Colin Cairns, Zach Gallahar, Jamie Hallpike 1 each

BEST: Paul Stow, Campbell Knight, Zach Gallahar, Glen Burns, Brendan Vandborg

THIRDS

Inverloch-K 6.3 13.6 18.16 25.17 (167)
Bunyip 0.0 0.0 0.1 2.1 (13)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Lucas Allen 11, Jasper Cousins, Flynn Lomax 3, Jack Hosking, Callum McLeod, Jobe Scapin 2, Ty Debono, Augustus Finsterer 1 each

BEST: Harry Butcher, Lucas Allen, Callum McLeod, Jasper Cousins, Luke Williams, Flynn Lomax

GOALS, Bunyip: Samuel Hughes, Dean Schultz 1 each

BEST: Liam Merritt, Zach Gallahar, Samuel Hughes, Brendan Vandborg, Ethan Cooke, Austin Pengelly

FOURTHS

Inverloch-K 4.2 10.2 10.3 15.3 (93)
Bunyip 0.0 0.0 1.0 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Augustus Finsterer 5, Frolley Anderson, Monty Mayman, Harvey Sorensen 2, Harry Ashmore, Luke Aungier, James Martin, Finn O'Halloran 1 each

BEST: Monty Mayman, James O'Neill, Augustus Finsterer, Frederick Soumilas, Luke Aungier, Ty Debono

GOALS, Bunyip: Hayden Cooke 1

BEST: Cody Welch, Heath Mollison, Oliver Simpson, James O'Hara, Seth D Edwards, Dean Schultz

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

103 60

WARRAGUL IND DALYSTON

Warragul Ind 6.3 8.6 13.11 15.13 (103)
Dalyston 1.2 3.8 6.10 8.12 (60)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Lachlan Bambridge 6, Kyle Beveridge, Corie Intveen, Mason McGarrity 2, Regan Awty, Tom Cornwall, Travis Ogden 1 each

BEST: Kyle Beveridge, Lachlan Bambridge, Sam Russell, Corie Intveen, Kuyi Jiath, Tom Cornwall

GOALS, Dalyston: Hayden Wallis, Dean Wylie 2, Koby Brann, Mitch Hallahan, Kyle Kirk, Jesse Orchard-Moore 1 each

BEST: Joe Alexander, Shaun Silver, Brad Monson, Kyle Kirk, Mitch Hallahan

RESERVES

Warragul Ind 2.1 2.1 2.2 2.4 (16)
Dalyston 1.2 3.3 3.5 4.9 (33)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Billy Bundle, Zac O'Hara 1 each

BEST: Lewis Robbins, Matthew Brewer, Benjamin Miron, Travis Maher, Sam Brown, Jack Turner

GOALS, Dalyston: Zachary Storry 3, Matrix Chisholm 1

BEST: Zachary Storry, Leit Bellaart, Ash Chetland, John Armstrong, Troy Alford, Bayley Sungalis

THIRDS

Warragul Ind 2.3 5.4 7.5 11.7 (73)
Dalyston 1.0 1.3 1.5 1.9 (15)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Campbell Gibbons 3, Declan Burton, Connor Fleming 2, Benjamin Allsop, Tom Cornwall, Tom Logan, Harrison Radcliffe 1 each

BEST: Declan Burton, Joshua Bradley, Joshua Lee, Campbell Gibbons, Jarrod West, Connor Fleming

GOALS, Dalyston: Jake Hughes 1

BEST: Lincoln Harris, Ryan Cargill, Edward Wines, Keyva Kay-Darts, Angus Rosenow, Flynn Peters

FOURTHS

Warragul Ind 5.3 14.6 15.9 17.12 (114)
Dalyston 0.2 (2)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Ky Bannister, Rylan Butler 3, George Morgan, Cooper Vickery, Brody Walsh, Angus Watts 2, Mathew Cornwall, James Patterson, Melvey Podmore 1 each

BEST: Ky Bannister, Brody Walsh, Mathew Cornwall, Melvey Podmore, John Huggins, Steward Oling

BEST, Dalyston: Tom Humphris, Archie Donohue, Jayke Woods, Luke Franks, Zack Hughes, Hamish Bell

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High-flying Hutchy home after AFL debut

Jack Hutchinson of the Eagles warming up before the AFL match between the West Coast and the North Melbourne Kangaroos at Optus Stadium in Perth on Saturday, June 8. Photo: AAP Image/Richard Wainwright.

YOU'D probably have to live in the West to fully appreciate the level of media scrutiny, and support, that the West Coast Eagles are under on a daily basis; on TV, in the press, on radio and online.

No wonder then that the team's latest recruit, Wonthaggi's Jack Hutchinson, took the opportunity, after a whirlwind couple of weeks in the eye of his own personal storm, highlighted by his sensational inclusion in the Eagles' AFL side last Saturday, to sneak back home to Victoria for a few days' rest with family and friends at the weekend.

It had been, in his mother Jo's own words, "a roller coaster journey... the best theme park ride ever", starting back in December when Jack and good mate Ryan Sparkes joined the Collingwood VFL side from Wonthaggi Power.

The pair had shared the disappointment of a losing grand final together in September, but

all that was (almost) forgotten as they were absorbed into the greatest sporting club in Australia, following the crucial intervention of their Power coach, former Collingwood premiership player Jarryd Blair.

Blair's assessment of "Jack Hutchinson's athleticism" was the feature sports story in the West Australian on Friday, June 7 after the highly publicised selection of Hutchinson on Thursday night, little more than a week after being taken as Pick Three in the AFL Mid-season Rookie Draft.

It's legend now that Hutchinson turned out for the WAFL Eagles two Sundays ago, kicking five goals in a best-on-ground debut only days after arriving in Perth.

It must have helped though that Jack played junior football in Perth, while doing Year 9 at Trinity College, when his father Paul worked in the West. Not so alien a place as it might have seemed for the "boy from Wonthaggi".

"I lived in South Perth right on the Swan River there just with Dad. I played footy with Trinity and then on the weekends would head down south with the old boy. My family are super stoked. It will obviously be a big move at the start but I'm sure they will get used to it and they are super excited for me," he said after being drafted.

The WAFL performance catapulted Hutchinson into senior calculations and, with social media going into a meltdown of videos, interviews, pictures, and a live call home to mum and dad; he was named in front of the whole club last Thursday afternoon.

"They got all the staff together and everyone, there were so many people in there, it was cool," Jack told his mum and dad in a phone call recorded for the westcoastegals.com.au site and played live on the socials.

"Just be careful, mum, you're

on camera," he warned.

Turns out parents Jo, Paul and other family and friends had already booked tickets to Perth for the long weekend, so there was no scramble for arrangements, everyone was there to see Jack run out on Saturday night against North Melbourne.

Actually, the night held plenty of interest for local footy fans with former Leongatha tall, Wil Dawson named again after a promising second-up match the previous week against Port Adelaide when he had 11 possessions, including four marks.

But he played little part in the match after being subbed out early with a shoulder injury.

It was a modest, if promising debut by Hutchinson, with three kicks, an exciting handball over the top, which helped set the Eagles alight in the last quarter resulting in a goal to Chris Waterman. There was a shot on goal, a fearful head clash with Eagles'

stalwart Liam Duggan and several trademark Hutchy' flies for marks and good contests in the air which will have been noted by the Eagles' coaches.

He did enough to earn selection again and locals may be able to see him play in Melbourne the next time out, against Essendon at Marvel, on Sunday, June 23, after the Eagles' bye.

The truth of it is though that the Eagles were robbed of the win, and Hutchy a chance to stand in the centre, showered with Poweraid, while the team sang the song, if not for a shocking decision, which gifted North's captain Jy Simpkin a goal and ignited a Roos' revival in the last quarter.

But that too is no doubt part of the roller coaster ride Jo Hutchinson was talking about.

Whatever transpires now, and the local community certainly wishes Hutchy all the very best, we've already enjoyed coming along for the ride.



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