



Our hospital is happening

Health professionals and board and auxiliary members joined Bass Coast Health interim CEO Simone Alexander in welcoming Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale to the soft launch of the Phillip Island Community Hospital last Thursday. C05_2425

IT WAS an ironclad election promise by Premier Daniel Andrews in 2022, and earmarked for funding in the state budget announced in May 2023.

But locals are yet to see any major developments on the \$290 million stage two of Wonthaggi Hospital.

Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas didn't add much when asked about the project on Thursday last week, during the soft launch opening of the Phillip Island Community Hospital's Urgent Care Centre.

She did, however, recommit the government to the work.

"What is happening with stage two of Wonthaggi Hospital?" Minister Thomas was asked.

"We've got a \$15 billion pipeline of health infrastructure that we're continuing to deliver and we're doing this in a staged way,"

Minister Thomas said

"Do you have any update on when stage two might happen?"

"In a staged way, right across the state."

Minister Thomas also referred to the \$320 million Hospital Infrastructure Delivery Fund delivering seven major hospital projects including a new hospital and public sector residential aged care facility for West Gippsland, redevelopment of the Dandenong Hospital and expansion of the Wonthaggi Hospital.

The Minister's response to the Sentinel-Times followed questions by WIN News Gippsland reporter, Jack Morgan, about a promise to deliver over \$600 million for a new West Gippsland Hospital at Warragul.

"Our government made a commitment at the 2022 election that we will deliver a number of new and upgraded hospitals right across the state, and in order to

deliver on that commitment, we established the Health Infrastructure Delivery Fund. When you have a building program of that magnitude, it's important that we take the time to get the planning right. We'll continue that work at Warragul."

According to the Hospital Infrastructure website, critical planning and development activities are underway for the expansion of the Wonthaggi Hospital.

Stage two of the Wonthaggi Hospital project follows the initial \$115 million Wonthaggi Hospital works completed in late 2022.

It includes two new wards, increasing patient capacity by up to 64 beds, a new labour and delivery complex and new outpatient clinic with around 25 treatment spaces, providing space for patients needing dialysis, chemotherapy and specialist appointments.

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Farmers continue their rage at rally opposing new levy

FARMERS, business owners and residents rallied once again against the emergency services levy in Wonthaggi last Friday morning.

While local MPs and Councillors spoke out alongside farmers and residents, noticeably missing in action was local Member for Bass Ms Jordan Crugnale, who voted in favour of the levy.

Despite Ms Crugnale being informed of the event two weeks ago, formally invited to attend and previously stating that: "I do not shy away from protests nor meeting with community members on issues that matter to them," and, "Should the organisers wish to make contact to arrange another time to protest or meet in person, I will make myself available," attendees highlighted her absence.

Local woman, Faye, representing members of the CFA, addressed the crowd and imparted figures sourced from the CFA.

"The new levy will collect an estimated \$610.9 million in the 2025/26 financial year, jumping to an extra \$765 million the following year. Of that, only \$50 million in new CFA spending has been included in the budget. That equals eight per cent of the extra money in year one and just 6.5 per cent in year two."

"In other words, in the first year of the new tax, only \$0.08 from every extra dollar raised is going to volunteer emergency services; dropping to just \$0.07 in the future. There has been no other uplift to CFA budget, which has gone down every year for the past five years."

"In other words, taxes are going up, but CFA's budget has been going down. Ninety-five per cent of CFA's 24/25 budget is \$320 million, and 95 per cent of SES budget is \$71 million. Therefore, after factoring in the extra \$50 million CFA and SES expenditure will represent just 27 per cent of the total revenue collected by the new levy in year one and 25 per cent of the total from year two onwards. That means volunteer agencies will represent only one-quarter of the levy being collected."



Colin and Juanita with Kevin and Barbara said the tax is going to affect everyone. Colin has recently sold off half his cattle because he can't afford to feed them with the high price of fodder and other goods – and the tax is going to make it even harder. ob12_2425

Regional MPs from The Nationals, Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath, Member for Narracan Wayne Farnham and the Liberals Renee Heath, all opposed the bill and showed their support at Friday's rally.

Ms Bath stated if the Coalition get elected in November 2026, they will repeal the tax.

"The first thing that we will do is go in and repeal this legislation."

"We will still make sure that our CFA, our volunteers, are funded. It will go back to a levy and they will be properly funded. Our SES will be properly funded, not like now."

Mr Farnham said that the tax is especially unfair to our farming communities right now – and everyone else.

"Now, this case obviously doesn't just affect farmers, and yes, they've said you can have the 12 months free. Well, 12 months isn't good enough and that's why we said we will scrap the tax because we know it's unfair that every renter, every business, every household will be affected by this tax."

Bass Coast Shire Councillor Meg Edwards organised the rally and said that this is something that is not going away in the short term, and a long view will be taken on the issue.



Local woman Kimberley comes from a farming family and thinks the tax is "disgusting". ob11_2425



Street art by Jarrod Grech, entitled 'Bon Appetit' is testimony to the level of public interest in the Erin Patterson murder trial.

Street art testifies to trial interest

THE marathon 'mushroom murder' trial in the Supreme Court in Morwell has attracted wide interest, in Australia and overseas.

Media teams assembled in the Latrobe Valley eight weeks ago and their numbers have swelled as the trial reaches its conclusion.

Last weekend, that interest extended to street art by Jarrod Grech near the Queen Victoria Market.

Read the latest updates from the Supreme Court trial on page 21.

Hang on to your woolly hats electricity prices are about to rise

CONCERNED about the cost of staying warm in South Gippsland this winter then you're not alone. The benchmark price for electricity in Victoria will go up by one per cent or \$20 for domestic customers from July 1 bringing the average annual bill to a whopping \$1675.

"Try sleeping in the cold, or being homeless of no fault of your own," posted one reader to the Sentinel-Times Facebook page.

"What I'd give to have a fireplace and a warm house," she said. "Think yourself lucky having a blanket."

"Can't afford to pay for a bottle of gas, too expensive," posted another reader. "I won't be able to afford our heating."

The main factor influencing the proposed price rise according to the State Government is higher wholesale electricity and network costs.

A payment difficulty framework has been created with a set of rules to better protect and support residential customers that may be anticipating or are already facing difficulties paying their energy bills.

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6 Day Weather Forecast

SOUTH GIPPSLAND

TUE | Jun 17

Showers. Windy.

Wind AM: NW 25-40km/h

Wind PM: W 25-40km/h

7° 14°

WED | Jun 18

Showers easing.

Wind AM: W 20-25km/h

Wind PM: W-NW 15-25km/h

7° 14°

THUR | Jun 19

Partly cloudy.

Wind AM: Light

Wind PM: N-NW 15-20km/h

5° 14°

FRI | Jun 20

Partly cloudy.

Wind AM: Light

Wind PM: Light

5° 17°

SUN | Jun 21

Sunny.

Wind AM: Light

Wind PM: Light

5° 17°

SUN | Jun 22

Shower or two.

Wind AM: N 15-20km/h

Wind PM: NW 15-25km/h

5° 17°

IN BRIEF

Public toilet closure in Inverloch

BASS Coast Shire Council advises that the Bunurong Environment Centre and adjacent public toilets in Inverloch will be closed until further notice due to ongoing power supply issues. Contractors will be on-site to undertake works to locate the source of the problem. Signage will be in place to inform the public of the closure. Council hopes the matter will be resolved and the toilets and Bunurong Environment Centre will be able to reopen today, Tuesday, June 17.

Foundation supporting young people

THE Korumburra-based Martin Carlson Foundation was invited to address South Gippsland Shire Council recently on the work the Foundation has been doing to support training for young people in the Gippsland region. The Martin Carlson Foundation was also invited to attend the South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network (LLEN) AGM donating \$5500 to help fund industry events that include local schools and employer organisations networking together to bring forward opportunities for youth within the region. The Foundation provided a presentation on new and emerging technologies within industry and explored the possibility of future employment opportunities. The Foundation is engaging with the South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network to develop a training program in drones for up to 10 young people to assist in achieving their seven-kilogram drone licence, increase skills in this area and allow them to pursue future opportunities in farming, defence and planning. Gippsland will be the only region in Australia to provide drone training.

EOI open for artwork to honour Wonthaggi women

BASS Coast Shire Council (BCSC) is excited to announce that Expressions of Interest (EOI) are now open for a major public art commission at The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi. This extraordinary opportunity, open to female-identifying artists, is one of only six projects across the state to be funded through the State Government's Victorian Women's Public Art Program (Round Two). The inspiring commission will honour the Wonthaggi Miners Women's Auxiliary – a trailblazing collective including Agnes Chambers and Agnes Doig, founded in 1934 to support the Wonthaggi Miners' Union and community during a historic five-month strike. Expressions of Interest close Thursday, July 24, 2025.

Widespread support for smoke and vape free areas in Gippsland

WHILE Gippsland's daily smoking and vaping rates remain above the Victorian average, a community survey has revealed overwhelming support to expand smoke and vape free zones. The Breathe Easy Gippsland Survey was led by the Gippsland Region Public Health Unit (GRPHU) and ran in partnership with Gippsland's six local councils, 91 per cent of respondents backing stronger local action to reduce tobacco and e-cigarette related harm. More than 660 Gippsland residents participated in the survey at community events held across the region and via an online platform. "We led this survey to understand what Gippsland residents' attitudes were around creating more smoke and vape-free zones across public spaces," GRPHU population health manager Andi Connell said. "And the data overwhelmingly tells us that locals want to see more action to protect their

health in spaces where they work, live and play." As a result, the GRPHU has distributed more than 200 'No Smoking or Vaping' signs to sporting clubs in partnership with GippSport, and local councils for use in public recreational facilities. It is exploring options to expand smoke and vape-free areas in Gippsland. A signage audit is also underway to strengthen visibility and compliance in smoke-free zones.

New dispute resolution process for Bass Coast

BASS Coast Council is to vote on a new internal dispute resolution procedure. A requirement of the Local Government Act, the Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure prescribes the process to address any alleged breaches by a councillor or councillors of the Model Councillor Code of Conduct. As part of their role, councillors must act in accordance with the Local Government Act and Model Councillor Code of Conduct. The Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure provides parties to a dispute with the assurance that due process will be followed fairly and transparently ensuring all concerns are addressed in an impartial manner. The purpose of the procedure is to offer support and encouragement to resolve a dispute in a manner that enables councillors to move forward and maintain an effective working relationship.

Circular economy under consideration by Council

BASS Coast Council is set to adopt a circular economy framework to increase the efficient use of what would otherwise be waste materials across Bass Coast. The circular economy framework articulates Council's strategic intent as a small but significant local contribu-

tor in the global transition towards a more sustainable, efficient and prosperous economic model. The current linear economic model of 'take, make, use and dispose' is inherently unsustainable according to Bass Coast Council. It is claimed adopting a clear and concise circular economy framework will position Bass Coast and Council as leaders in this emerging space, and at the same time set out in plain language the principles on which a genuinely circular economy can be built. Council has been advised the application of circular economy principles can make a strong contribution to local industry resilience and enhance regional branding. Stadium lighting plans set to advance DESIRED lighting upgrades at Leongatha and Nyora Recreation Reserves are likely to move closer to realisation with councillors set to vote at their Wednesday meeting in relation to funding initiatives for the two projects. With the State Government having announced it will make a \$150,000 contribution towards improved lighting at Nyora Recreation Reserve, councillors will vote on a recommendation to support council contributing \$150,000, excluding GST, towards that project. Councillors will also determine whether to endorse an application for a \$250,000 grant under the Victorian Government's 2025-2026 Country Football and Netball Program for the Leongatha Recreation Reserve project. A further recommendation is for councillors to support a \$50,000 contribution from council to the Leongatha initiative, should the grant application succeed. The application period for the Country Football and Netball Program opened in February and closes on July 7.

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Locals lead in biodiversity grants

FROM Inverloch to Phillip Island, a wave of environmental action is sweeping across the Bass Coast, powered by passionate students, innovative educators, and the support of the 2025 Victorian Junior Landcare Biodiversity Grant program.

This year, a total of \$405,003 in funding has been distributed to 111 outstanding projects. Six local schools have been awarded funding for inspiring biodiversity projects that will restore habitats, empower young leaders, and reconnect communities with the natural world.

- Powlett River Primary School, Dalyston, is creating a sanctuary of culture and conservation with their "Indigenous Garden and Habitat" project (\$4725). Around a central Learning Stone, the school community will collaborate with Indigenous groups to plant native flora, forming a space for environmental learning and cultural storytelling.
- At Inverloch Primary School, students are "Branching Out for Koalas" in a project aimed at restoring crucial habitat within a biolink corridor that connects Inverloch to Wonthaggi. With \$3865 in funding, students will plant around 1000 native species to support threatened wildlife.
- Over on Phillip Island, the Village School, Ventnor, is



Jordan Crugnale MP with Powlett River Primary School teacher Sigrid Tucker and School Captains Noah and Aidan.

embarking on a "Regenerative Planting" journey (\$4396). Their project, kickstarting with student leadership training at CERES in Melbourne, will culminate in planting 460 native grasses and shrubs to support local ecosystems.

- San Remo Primary School is preparing for a "Bugs Blitz Biodiversity Bonanza!" This immersive, hands-on program (\$2850) will see the entire school engaged in five interactive workshops with Bug Blitz educators, exploring everything from aquatic invertebrates to live spider shows.

- At Bass Coast College senior students will roll up their sleeves for the "Sustainable Environments" initiative (\$4150). Working alongside Bass Coast Landcare, they will contribute to biolink plantings and participate in environmental education experiences, such as bush pantry walks and seed propagation.

- The Village High School in Ryanston is embracing the mantra: "I Don't Just Look, But Truly See, The Living World Surrounding Me... And I Help." Their \$4508 project will equip students with citizen science

tools, biodiversity audit skills, and firsthand experiences in native planting, all designed to turn observation into action.

"It's incredibly inspiring to see young people across our region stepping up to protect and restore our precious environment," Member for Bass Coast Jordan Crugnale said.

"These grants are not just an investment in biodiversity; they're an investment in our future leaders. By getting their hands dirty and working together, these students are showing us all what community-driven conservation can achieve."

Section of Speight Street Loch expected to be renamed

A SECTION of Speight Street in Loch appears certain to be renamed Albert Road, with councillors voting on Wednesday on a recommendation to submit that request to Geographic Names Victoria for final consideration and approval.

While four submissions were received on the proposal, all either supported or did not oppose the renaming.

Should councillors vote in favour of the renaming, council will write to the submitters advising them of council's decision.

Although it is stated in council's June meeting agenda that objectors will be notified if the decision is made to proceed with the renaming, council has confirmed to the Sentinel-Times that there are no objectors.

If a submission is made to Geographic Names Victoria and that organisation approves the renaming, an update of council's street signage will be required.

As previously reported, the part of Speight Street proposed to be renamed is the section from the intersection of Queen and Smith Streets, which continues into Albert Road.

Council has explained that the current naming of Speight Street is not consistent with the mandatory rules outlined by Geographic Names Victoria that apply to naming roads.

One of the principles dictates, "A road name must not be applied in an ambiguous or confusing way for road users."



Drunk driver rocks up to station reporting theft

ALLEGEDLY on June 12, at 3.10am, a female from Ryanston drove a car to Wonthaggi Police Station to report a theft.

Upon speaking to police, the driver was found to be in an unfit state for driving and impaired by alcohol, so a breath test was conducted.

Wonthaggi Police noted that whilst they are always happy to investigate thefts, they are less impressed when people have an alleged alcohol content of 0.192 and drive to the police station to tell them.

The apparent theft was later out found to be a situation where the item had been misplaced and was easily found at the driver's home when police drove the driver back after the test.

The driver was served a notice of immediate driver licence suspension and will receive a summons to the Korumburra Magistrates' Court.

Allegation of ramming incident in Leongatha

LEONGATHA police are investigating a report of one vehicle being used to ram another in Parr Street, Leongatha at 4am on Monday June 16, with anyone who saw the incident or has information encouraged to call Leongatha Police Station on 5662 2285 or ring Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Orange Sky laundry pod coming to Wonthaggi to help the homeless

ORANGE SKY, a not-for-profit organisation supporting people experiencing homelessness or hardship, is launching a new laundry service in Wonthaggi.

The service will offer more than just clean clothes.

Orange Sky is calling on locals across the Bass Coast to get involved by helping support an increasing number of people facing tough times with a friendly chat and connection.

"We're here for anyone feeling lonely or disconnected, and we aim to create a space that's supportive and inclusive," said Lisa Sprlyan, senior operations specialist at Orange Sky Australia.

The organisation is best known for its bright orange laundry and shower vans which operate across parks and alongside service partners throughout the country.

In Wonthaggi, Orange Sky will introduce one of its innovative laundry pods, a



Lisa Sprlyan (senior operations specialist Orange Sky), Leah Montebello (community director Wonthaggi Rotary) and Tim Wills (secretary Drouin Rotary) are seeking volunteers for the Orange Sky laundry pod in Wonthaggi. B08_2425

static, standalone structure equipped with environmentally friendly Waru Dryers.

A laundry pod includes two washing machines, two dryers, and six iconic orange chairs.

"It's a place where volunteers and community members can

sit together and share a moment of connection.

"People from all walks of life can find themselves doing it tough," said Ms Sprlyan.

"It could be anyone in the community who has fallen on hard times.

"We're seeing more and more

people impacted due to the current economic situation."

The new Wonthaggi service has been made possible through local partnerships with Inverloch and Wonthaggi Rotary, the Salvation Army in Wonthaggi, Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, and Bass Coast Community Foundation.

Drouin Rotary is also lending support as one of nine clubs in the Strzelecki Rotary Community Group committed to providing assistance to homelessness services in the region.

The Orange Sky laundry pod will be located at the Salvation Army at 149 McKenzie Street, Wonthaggi, and will operate every Monday and Thursday from 10am to 12 midday, starting in August.

If you enjoy a good chat, have a positive attitude, and want to make a difference in your community, head to orangesky.org.au/volunteer to sign up.

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WHAT a weekend it's been in Bass Coast – rich in creativity, community and connection.

On Saturday, I had the honour of attending the launch of Yawa (*Long Journey*) at Berninnet in Cowes – a stunning suspended glass canoe by Maree Clarke, our 2025 Berninnet Public Art Commission recipient. Created with her family and Canberra Glassworks, and shaped through community workshops involving nearly 300 locals, Yawa is a powerful symbol of cultural strength and shared story.

Berninnet itself has become a celebrated addition to Phillip Island. Its award-winning architecture and exceptional programming are enriching lives and bringing our community together through the arts.

Then on Sunday, I visited Power to the People at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre – a timely and moving exhibition about social change and community action. It's one of many events planned throughout 2025 as we celebrate 100 years of 'The Union' – a proud milestone for Wonthaggi's cultural heart.

As part of the centenary program, Expressions of Interest are now open for a new public artwork at the Union Theatre. This commission will honour the legacy of the Wonthaggi Miner's Women's Auxiliary – formed during the 1934 coal strike and believed to be the first group of its kind in the world. Women like Agnes Chambers and Agnes Doig showed incredible leadership and strength, supporting miners and families through hardship.

Female artists are invited to propose works that reflect the Theatre's heritage and community role – more information is on Council's website.

This weekend reminded me just how deeply the arts are embedded in life here in Bass Coast – from the bold new vision of Berninnet to the enduring legacy of The Union. Thank you to all the artists, organisers and community members who make this possible. The arts lift us, connect us, and help tell the stories of who we are.

Unchecked native wildlife populations are wreaking havoc on farms and land

THREE submissions contributing to the parliamentary inquiry into wildlife road strike in Victoria were made by farmers and business owners from Phillip Island who are being negatively impacted by the overpopulation of native animals.

Phillip Island farmers Greg and Amanda Price, Peter List and Phillipa White and business owners Scott and Abbie Patton stated that they witness animals being killed daily, on the island, including swamp wallabies, brushtail possums, purple hens, bandicoots and cape barren geese.

"Since the successful eradication of foxes on Phillip Island, we have observed a significant and sustained population boom in these species. Without natural apex predator to maintain ecological balance, the animals are now at unsustainable levels," the submissions stated.

They cite that the population growth of certain native species has gone unaddressed for 15 years leading to overpopulation, which has led to further problems.

This includes agricultural damage, such as widespread die-back in native gums and the impossibility of establishing crops, pastures and regenerative planting due to each being decimated by animals; competition for food and water due to resource depletion, leading to roadside foraging and increased risks for motorists.

"Without a clear science-based wildlife management plan tailored to regions like Phillip



The reported overpopulation of native wildlife on Phillip Island, such as swamp wallabies and Cape Barren geese are causing a range of problems for farmers and business owners. Photo: Geoff Brooks.

Island – where predator dynamics have been artificially altered – we will continue to see rising numbers of wildlife road strikes and associated public safety risks," they stated.

Peter List and Phillipa White detailed how, when trying to establish crops in Autumn and Spring, 300 to 400 Cape Barren geese damage these crops and swamp wallabies cause damage to both crops and fences.

"This causes major financial losses, where farming on

Phillip Island has to be questioned," they wrote.

While Scott and Abbie Patton run a wedding venue business set on 20 acres, which they established 13 years ago.

"We have seen a significant increase in the number and types of animals on the property," they stated.

"Of more than 6000 trees we have planted in that time we have seen less than a 25 per cent survival rate, largely due to the animal population eating them or

plucking them out of the ground shortly after planting.

"The cost of replacing dead plants and trees, not to mention the time it takes for a garden to re-mature is becoming problematic."

"We have invested well over \$100,000 in the replanting of our land..."

The farmers and business owners are urging the committee running the inquiry to consider the need for region-specific wildlife population control strategies, particularly in the instance of predator-free ecosystems like Phillip Island, with a focus on long-term ecological and safety outcomes for both wildlife and the community.

"...Phillip Island has a nature reserve, operated by Phillip Island Nature Park. Phillip Island itself is not a nature reserve. Just as we cap building areas to ensure the sustainability of our infrastructure, the animal population should be maintained at a level that is sustainable for our natural environment, allowing it to thrive. Otherwise, the natural beauty so many enjoy will be gone and in its place will be barren land and an awful lot of starving animals," stated Scott and Abbie Patton.

The parliamentary inquiry continues, and the committee is inviting people to fill out their survey to gain further evidence, with the information gathered informing the final report.

The survey is open until Monday, June 30, at parliament.vic.gov.au/wildliferoadstrikesurvey.

2026 Scholarship Guide now available for local secondary students

FOR its third consecutive year, the Country Universities Centre (CUC) Bass Coast, in partnership with the South Gippsland and Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network, have launched the 2026 Scholarship Guide.

Designed specifically for local senior secondary school students, the guide is a valuable resource to access information that may support their higher education pathway.

CUC Bass Coast recently celebrated a major milestone – welcoming its highest-ever enrolment of 200 students, with 39 per cent aged under 25 years. Located in Wonthaggi and part of the Australian Government's Regional University Study Hub

program, the Centre continues to foster an inclusive and supportive environment for local learners.

CUC Bass Coast centre manager Sarah Bourke said with 57 per cent of their students being the first in their family to pursue higher education, access to clear, local information is vital.

"The scholarship guide is a tool to discover what financial support may be available, and to empower secondary students to take the next step in exploring their future education options."

The South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning and Education Network (SGBCLLEN) works closely with schools, training organisations, education

networks, local businesses, industry and the wider community to build connections and partnerships that provide educational and employment outcomes for young people.

The scholarship guide has been designed to profile local opportunities for students in the region to explore and closely aligns with key research into raising aspirations and preparedness in young people for their futures.

SGBCLLEN executive officer Sarah Lawless said their focus is on creating strong local partnerships that support positive pathways for young people.

"The Scholarship Guide is a practical example of how we can work collectively to raise

aspirations and connect students with real opportunities."

CUC is a dedicated local learning hub that collaborates with schools, tertiary partners, and other educational organisations to expand opportunities for students throughout the region. Students have access to the Centre seven days a week, providing high-speed technology, academic mentoring and a network of like-minded students to create a community learning environment.

The guide is available as a digital booklet and can be downloaded at the QR Code below in the ad. For more information, please give the CUC team a call on 0472 741 451 or visit cucbasscoast.edu.au.

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Flawed planning process blocking affordable homes in Cape Paterson

By Bruce Wardley

STATE Planning Minister Sonya Kilkenny has failed to answer basic questions regarding her decision to block hundreds of affordable homes in Cape Paterson according to Wayne Farnham Liberal MP for Narracan and Shadow Assistant Minister for Planning and the Building Industry.

Appearing before the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Mr Farnham said Minister Kilkenny had been unable to confirm whether she had issued a required Statement of Reason which was a fundamental step in planning decisions of this nature.

Even more troubling, according to Mr Farnham, was the Minister's suggestion that the decision may have been influenced by an election commitment made before the independent Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Standing Advisory Committee had concluded its work.

The draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy was referred to the independent Advisory Committee in October 2022 with public hearings running until April 2023.

Mr Farnham said the lack of clarity around the process undermined confidence in the integrity of the planning system.

"This isn't about whether the development was right or wrong it's about whether the Minister followed due process," Mr Farnham said.

"Labor is blocking developments in its own seats but going full steam ahead in other areas.

"If the Minister says she's acting



Land north of Seaward Drive is now excluded from the Cape Paterson town boundary. B28_2325

on community expectations then what is she going to do about the 60 precincts across Melbourne where locals are pushing back?" asked Mr Farnham.

"It can't be one rule for Labor seats, and another for everyone else."

The Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association last week expressed relief that the Planning Minister had supported the community in excluding land north of Seaward Drive in Cape Paterson from the town boundary.

John Coulter from the Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association said it had been a long process of open consultation.

"The journey had strong community support," said Mr Coulter.

Mr Coulter added that there had been no mention by the State Opposition to the purpose of distinctive areas and landscapes.

"Comparing Melbourne to a locally declared area does not make sense," he said.

The Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association said it was unclear what the State

Opposition was saying about lack of clarity in the process.

"No surprises in the boundary changing," Mr Coulter said.

Land Project Manager Wallis Watson expressed concern at the way the planning process has been handled with the Minister clearly ignoring the findings of her own panel and extensive studies and reports by all the experts that informed the panel's conclusion.

Wallis Watson asked for the Standing Advisory Committee to be reconvened to provide procedural fairness in relation to a decision which stands to restrict development in Cape Paterson for the next 50 years, noting that the opportunity to live at Cape Paterson will be limited to a handful of people who can find an existing allotment and can afford the exorbitant price that a shortage always creates.

Liberal MP Wayne Farnham said the planning process must be transparent, accountable and free from political interference especially when decisions have such significant consequences for housing supply and affordability.

NYE fireworks set to continue

FIREWORKS look set to continue on New Year's Eve in Cowes, Coronet Bay and Inverloch after a three-year review of Bass Coast's end-of-year celebrations found almost everyone loves them.

Eighty per cent of people surveyed by Bass Coast Shire said they wanted the NYE fireworks and Carols by the Bay to continue on The Esplanade at Cowes, and NYE fireworks at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve and on the foreshore at Coronet Bay.

As part of a review of end-of-year celebrations, Bass Coast Council conducted surveys over three years from December 2022 to January 2025.

A total of 2330 people participated in the survey with the majority (76 per cent) being Bass Coast residents.

An overwhelming majority supported celebrating Christmas Carols (94 per cent) and New Year's Eve (84 per cent) although concerns were raised by some over animal welfare, the environmental impact of fireworks, and the cost to ratepayers.

Council has allowed \$52,300 in its 2025/26 budget for end-of-year celebrations in Bass Coast comprising \$11,200 for Carols by the Bay and Fireworks in Cowes, and \$41,100 for the three New Year's Eve events in Cowes, Inverloch and Coronet Bay.

Most people surveyed believed fireworks had a positive impact on the local economy and supported local businesses.

Some respondents asked for additional festival-style activities such as food trucks, live music, enhanced Christmas decorations and laser/drone shows.

More than half of respondents said they came to Bass Coast specifically for the fireworks while others said they would visit the region regardless.

New Year's Eve in Cowes continued to draw the largest crowd according to Bass Coast Council with a growing number of visitors from outside the region.

Attendance at Coronet Bay and Inverloch NYE celebrations remained steady with a significant proportion of visitors again coming from outside Bass Coast.

The report examined the effects on wildlife of noise, light, and pollution from fireworks but found the region's large summer crowds, and illegal fireworks at other times of the year were more likely to have a bigger impact on wildlife than a once-yearly fireworks display.

Licensed pyrotechnic companies operate under strict WorkSafe regulations including minimum exclusion zones however council acknowledged there remained a risk of debris from fireworks entering public areas, waterways, and vegetation.

Bass Coast Council will continue with traditional fireworks for at least another three years, with further community engagement and reassessment at the end of that period.



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Stage one of new Phillip Island Community Hospital opens



It's been a number of years in the making but Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group's John Matthews and Peter Paul were happy to see stage one of the new Community Hospital opening. C04_2425



BCH interim CEO Simone Alexander and Phillip Island Community Hospital executive director Kirsten Weinzierl chat with Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale in the new CT room. C07_2425

MINISTER for Health Mary-Anne Thomas visited the Phillip Island Community Hospital in Cowes to mark the opening of the Urgent Care Centre – the first service to begin operating from the new multi-storey building – last Thursday, June 12.

“The Phillip Island Community Hospital will be a gamechanger for locals – making it easier for locals to manage their health needs or seek urgent care for common ailments closer to home,” Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas said.

Managed by Bass Coast Health, it will complement the services currently provided by the Phillip Island Health Hub to better support the health and wellbeing needs of the community – such as after-hours care for minor, non-emergency injuries like bumps, cuts and bruises, mild infections and suspected fractures.

The service will provide strong links to specialists, community health providers and social support services and will ensure better follow-up treatment and support for those who require complex care.

“With more people choosing to visit or live on Phillip Island, the Community Hospital is an important addition to local healthcare options – ensuring there is more choice for urgent care or everyday services without travelling far,” Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said.

“I want to take this opportunity to thank the consultative committee members, the many community groups, organisations and local advocates for their input, design contribution, fundraising efforts and passion that has brought us to today.”

The second stage of the project will transform the former site of the Urgent Care Centre and will get underway in coming weeks following the 2025-26 budget announcement last month.

Once complete, additional services will progressively open to provide chemotherapy, dialysis, dental and day surgery.

“Wow!” was the Minister’s response when she walked into the radiology department, clearly impressed by the CT machine.

“It means the best clinical care at the right time,” the Minister continued as she walked through the new community hospital complex.

Whilst financial credit for the project must go to the state, the project is unlikely to have received such prominence if not for the hard work and dedication of a group of dedicated locals in the Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group, two of whom were

at the soft launch opening on Thursday, Peter Paul and John Matthews.

“It’s fantastic seeing it all come together,” Mr Matthews said, noting that although only the Urgent Care Centre was opening on Thursday seeing the whole complex built was promising.

“Warley was a security blanket for the Island and having the Urgent Care Centre we have the security blanket back.”

Mr Matthews was quick to praise the many community groups and auxiliaries who had contributed, highlighting that Rotary had funded one of the new gardens within the hospital, and the Community Bank had funded \$200,000 towards the oncology department.

“Over \$500,000 has been raised (by the community) since the Hub was established to go towards the hospital.”

Delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority and builder SJ Higgins, the Phillip Island Community Hospital project has created and sustained almost 100 jobs during peak construction.

“We are thrilled, really thrilled,” Bass Coast Health board director Liz Camilleri smiled.

“Having the treatments (oncology, etc.) will be the icing on the cake,” Mim Kershaw, Bass Coast Health chair of the consumer advisory committee, added.

In addressing the impending health merger on January 1, 2026, interim CEO Simone Alexander explained that the merger would make the healthcare offering on Phillip Island stronger.

“A lot of the work that’s happening around the merger just makes us stronger,” Ms Alexander said.

“Those clinical pathways and services will be critical for actually activating these points of care.

“Being able to share staff and education, training,” Bass Coast Health deputy board chair, Julia Oxley added.

“The points of care have been future-proofed.”

The team of health professionals, particularly those charged with responsibility for Phillip Island Community Hospital were looking forward to the new premises highlighting the importance of a progressive and contemporary space that meets the needs of a growing community.

“The ability to deliver multiple services that the community no longer have to travel for is so important,” BCH nurse unit manager Linda Goltz explained, noting she was proud of how amazing and incredibly adaptive the medical team had been in jumping straight into the new premises earlier that day.

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Bass Coast budget cops a whacking from community groups

By Bruce Wardley

TOTALLY miffed that's how the Phillip Island Football and Netball Club reacted after claiming Bass Cost had treated the Phillip Island Recreation Reserve as if it didn't exist.

"It was the number one issue at the last council election," said the club.

"We are the biggest club in all of Gippsland and yet we receive lip service from the Council when it comes to funding.

"Our ground has survived the last two years by nothing more than sheer luck."

Bass Coast increased funding for the Phillip Island Sporting Precinct from \$250,000 in its draft budget to \$440,000 for the final 2025/26 budget documents.

Another ratepayer expressed concern over unmade roads and inadequate drainage creating issues for local communities such as dust, mud, potholes and flooding.

"We do not want any more deaths on our roads due to lack of footpaths.

"This budget is totally irresponsible and needs to be redone," he said.

Farmers were less than happy with Council's 80 per cent differential farm rate.

One farmer wanted the differential rate reduced to 60 per cent.

Another landholder said general rates raised from farmland were forecast to increase six per cent and yet council proposed to pass on the full increase to farmers.

"This is inappropriate this year," he said.

"Bass Coast is in a drought and many farmers are buying in extra feed because the grass hasn't grown, 2024 was the driest year since 1983 in Bass Coast, and the third driest year on record, creating huge shortages of feed and water for live-stock.

"Milk prices are down, beef prices are down, and lamb prices are down."

Members of the Mountain Bike Trails Group complained that despite showing



Phillip Island Football and Netball Club says Bass Coast's budget barely acknowledges their ground's urgent needs, despite an increase in the sporting precinct allocation from \$250,000 to \$440,000. In March this year, birds were seen attacking the new turf surface leading to extensive damage. Photo: Phillip Island & San Remo Advertiser.

strong support for the mountain biking community by endorsing a Mountain Biking, BMX and Pump Track Strategy there had been no allocation for works in the 2025/26 Bass Coast budget.

"We are a strong and growing community that is invested in keeping our young people active and healthy on their bikes.

"Please ensure that your budget continues the great work that you started by allocating funds to implement the first of the proposed mountain bike trails."

Council has allocated \$50,000 in the 2025/26 budget for design works.

With full implementation of the Bass Coast Mountain Bike (MTB) concept expected to cost \$4 million Mountain Bike Trails had asked for a staged approach to delivering mountain bike infrastructure across four key sites and the formal allocation of

\$500,000 in the current budget.

The Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association asked for funding for a Local Area Traffic Management Plan at Cape Paterson including line marking, installation of signage and/or traffic calming devices, and the implementation of the Cape Paterson Bay Beach Masterplan which they claim was completed several years ago but still requires a financial commitment from Council.

"Masterplans in other locations are receiving budget allocations," the residents said.

Bass Coast Council explained that in relation to the Cape Paterson Bay Beach Masterplan resources had been focused on establishing lease arrangements with the Wonthaggi Lifesaving Club and on the proposed redevelopment of the lifesaving

club building.

According to Council, the design, location and orientation of the new Wonthaggi Lifesaving Club building will have significant implications for the surrounding precinct.

New industrial waste charges imposed by the EPA and collected by Council attracted the ire of another ratepayer who claimed it was making it impossible to do business in Bass Coast.

"It would be better value and achieve more if fees increased for casual users," he said.

Required to comply with a three per cent rate cap imposed by the State Government Bass Coast Council is forecasting an operating deficit of \$1.5 million on a budget of \$81,454,850.

Rate revenue for Bass Coast Shire in 2025/26 is expected to reach \$61.6 million.

Budget Snapshot

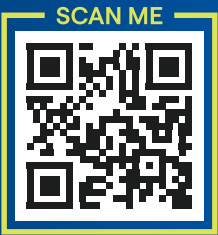
- Gross Budget \$123.2 million
- Capital Works Program \$31.5 million
- Debt Servicing \$4.2 million
- Leisure and Recreation \$16.3 million
- Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre and Berninnet Cowes \$2.5 million
- Bass Recreation Reserve Netball Pavilion \$2 million
- Wonthaggi Netball Pavilion \$1.9 million
- Play-Space Renewal and Upgrades \$340,000
- Grantville-Glen Alvie Road \$1.4 million
- Urban Roads Renewal \$2 million
- Urban Roads and Drainage \$650,000
- Inverloch to Wonthaggi Trail \$3.5 million
- Cowes to Ventnor Trail Design \$220,000
- Inverloch Community Hub \$1 million
- Old Wonthaggi Post Office \$1.1 million
- Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre \$900,000
- Powlett River Pedestrian Bridge \$650,000
- Waste Services \$16 million
- Landfill Rehabilitation \$5.1 million
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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Dry Season Support - Parma for a Farmer

South Gippsland Shire Council is teaming up with Agriculture Victoria, GippsDairy and NEX Business Farming Wellness to host a ‘Parma for a Farmer’ lunch.

South Gippsland like most of the State, is experiencing unseasonal dry conditions. As a region known for agriculture and natural resources, significant impacts on our farms, waterways and communities are a cause for concern.

‘Parma for a Farmer’ is an opportunity for our local farmers to connect, share stories, and stand together as our region experiences these dry conditions.

Kylie Holmes, from NEX Business Farming Wellness, will be joining the lunch to share insights on drought with the theme of ‘Thinking About You, Thinking About Now and Thinking About What’s Next’.

This free event will include a classic Chicken Parma lunch and the opportunity for all the farmers in our communities that are affected by the dry conditions to gather and catch up.

Here are the details.

Date: Thursday 19 June

Time: 11.30am to 2.30pm

Location: Middle Pub

81 Commercial Street, Korumburra

Seats are limited so please register your attendance at:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/dry_season

This link also provides a range of support services, including water supplies, to assist during these potentially difficult times.

Youth Mental Health First Aid



South Gippsland Shire Council, Live4Life and Mental Health First Aid Australia are bringing Youth Mental Health First Aid courses to South Gippsland.

Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to equip adults who teach, care for, or support young people, with the knowledge, skills and confidence to recognise and respond to a young person experiencing a mental health problem or crisis.

For opportunities to obtain or refresh your Certificate of Accreditation, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/YMHFA

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Details will be available on Council’s website:

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Registration Number: THP788

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Upcoming Immunisation Session:

When: Tuesday 1 July, 3.00pm to 4.30pm

Where: Korumburra Community Hub

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E-bus Sandy still going strong

‘SANDY’ is the volunteer-run, ten-seater electric bus, which provides transport by donation in the Sandy Point area, in place of any other available public transport.

The service was established as an initiative by the Department of Transport (DoT) for small communities with a lack of, or no public transport, and it has been officially running for about eighteen months.

The service is financed entirely by traveller donations, some local sponsors and a team of volunteer drivers and administrators; and it is also a part of a study being undertaken by La Trobe University.

The two-year study will look at the viability of the service and will conclude in September this year with a report expected to be released following this, and it is looking positive.

President of the E-bus committee Frank Schrever said the service has been consistently busy across the summer months, with locals and tourists alike travelling to social type events, and with kids travelling to and from Melbourne specifically for Surf Life Saving.

At this time of year, demand for the service is somewhat reduced, according to Frank, however there are regular users who continue taking the bus to connect with the V/Line Service in Fish Creek and vice versa.

“The service is generating enough revenue to cover fixed costs,” explained Frank, which includes insurance, registration and maintenance.

This is despite their policy that if someone can’t pay, they can still ride for free.

“That doesn’t happen very often and our users are quite generous,” said Frank.

The committee’s concern is primarily for the long-term future of the service, and how it can be retained once the current bus needs replacing; as well as maintaining a team of dedicated volunteers.

“Money is being put aside in the eventuation of the bus having to be replaced, with an estimated replacement time being about ten years. About \$90,000 will be needed to cover the cost of a new bus,” explained Frank.

There are a pool of drivers with two or three doing the majority of the heavy lifting and two main people running the administration side of online bookings and



Volunteer driver Peter Wolhuter and Venus Bay Community Centre Manager Alyson Skinner want to keep ‘Sunny’ running for everyone.

phone calls.

“It is purely run by volunteers, and the administration side of things is where more people power is needed.

“Finding extra people is a challenge and the same ones can’t continue to do it all the time. We need a team of administrators who know the software and can work it out.”

The service also hasn’t been entirely free of departmental teething problems.

The committee were originally told by the DoT that the service would be exempt from the requirements of an accredited bus service.

Meaning they could still carry both wheelchairs and school-aged children while being unaccredited.

This was an important element as Foster Secondary School students were being transported to Morwell for special classes once a week, with a driver organised to stay and wait for them.

They were later told they were not exempt and so began the onerous process of trying to gain accreditation, so they could continue to transport wheelchair users and students.

Eventually, they were informed by DoT that they were exempt after all – and are now looking to reinstate the students’ trips to Morwell.

Despite these few minor hiccups, Frank believes the service has been extremely beneficial for the

community and anticipates it will continue to be a viable and important service for those it serves.

Keep Sunny shining for everyone

Based at the Venus Bay Community Centre, Sunny, the E-bus has become an essential service for residents of Venus Bay, Tarwin Lower, and Walkerville, since its launch in January 2024.

The bus has been used to connect locals to medical appointments, shopping, social outings, and events with transport to Wonthaggi and Leongatha, and well used in summer as a beach shuttle.

Sunny has completed 1378 passenger journeys, with more than 700 trips made in summer alone and over 680 volunteer hours contributed from drivers and administrators.

While the purchase of the bus was funded through the Department of Transport and research has been supported by iMove and La Trobe University, ongoing operational costs are not covered.

Unlike the Sandy Point E-bus service, the Sunny service did not ask for donations from the public, due to having a different demographic and wanting to offer a free service.

“We offer scheduled, like shopping or appointment trips weekly and fortnightly to different locations and currently they’re free. Then

we have a range of other services which require bookings, like to make a V/Line connection at a different time, and then we have social outings, or transportation to an event and usually there’s a cost to those, like, \$10,” said Alyson Skinner, coordinator of the Venus Bay Community Centre.

While a small amount of revenue is raised through private bookings and events; it will not cover the continuing service cost after the two-year trial has ended.

To ensure the service can continue, the community centre are advocating for government backing, making some changes to the operations and asking locals for help, by establishing a ‘Friends of Sunny’ group, where people can donate their time or money.

“Our strategy is about raising enough funds to keep the service going. So, we know that a lot of people really appreciate the service and the fact that it’s here. They might not use it, but they want it to continue.”

After the two-year trial period ends the community can either keep the vehicle going at their own cost for a further three years and the E-bus is then owned outright, or it has to be given to another community or charity in the region.

“As long as we can raise enough funds to keep it going, we will keep it going because it is a fantastic project,” said Alyson.

Mayor’s Message



Cr John Schelling



HELLO South Gippsland.

Medal of the order of Australia (OAM)

This week, I’d like to begin by congratulating two outstanding South Gippslanders who were recently awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the King’s Birthday Honours.

Dr David Iser has been recognised for his exceptional service to medicine as a general practitioner. With over 40 years of dedication to the Foster and broader South Gippsland community, Dr Iser has not only provided vital healthcare but also contributed as a teacher, mentor, and community leader

Megan Vuillermin, a passionate community advocate from Sandy Point, was honoured for her tireless service to the Corner Inlet community. Megan has been a driving force behind numerous local initiatives, from founding the Prom Coast Centre for Children to supporting local sports clubs and fundraising for breast cancer.

To David and Megan – congratulations and thank you. Your contributions reflect the very best of South Gippsland.

And while we’re celebrating service, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers across the region. Your efforts make our communities stronger every day.

Parma for a Farmer is back in 2025

South Gippsland Shire Council in partnership with Agriculture Victoria, Gipps-Dairy and NEX Business Farming Wellness, is offering a free lunch for our local farmers to connect during these unseasonal dry conditions. Join us on Thursday, June 19 from 11.30am at the Korumburra Middle Pub.

Spots are limited, so please register your attendance. www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/dry_season

Agriculture Victoria Field Day

In addition to drought support events, Agriculture Victoria is hosting a Field Day in Foster on Wednesday, June 25, focused on future-proofing your farm. This event will feature national specialists sharing insights about climate trends, farm biosecurity and dry seasonal condition options for farmers. It will be a great opportunity to learn and connect. <https://bit.ly/4kZGWyP>

Victorian Government’s Treaty Forum

I had the privilege of attending the Victorian Government’s Treaty Forum in Bairnsdale. It was a powerful day of learning, hosted by Parliamentary Secretary for First Peoples, Christine Couzens MP, and Terry Garwood from the Department of Premier and Cabinet. My biggest takeaway is that it’s about everyone working together toward a shared future.

Science and Engineering Challenge

Last week, I also had the pleasure of attending the Science and Engineering Challenge in Korumburra. It was fantastic to see so many bright young minds from across the region engaging in STEM challenges. A big shout-out to Councillor Snell, who jumped in to help judge the final competition and the support from Council’s Economic Development team – the students loved it.

June Council Meeting

Finally, a reminder that our June Council Meeting is happening tomorrow, Wednesday, June 18 at 2pm in Meeting Room 1, Council Chambers, Leongatha. This is a significant meeting where we’ll be considering key documents including the Council Plan and Annual Budget, that will guide Council’s direction during this term. I encourage anyone interested to attend in person or tune in via our livestream. www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Students shine at the Good Food and Wine Show

BASS Coast College are thrilled to share that four of our talented students had the incredible opportunity to attend the Good Food and Wine Show in Melbourne from Thursday, May 29 to Sunday, June 1.

Throughout the event, they worked alongside none other than Andrew Ballard, the esteemed captain of the bronze and silver medal-winning Australian Culinary Olympic Team!

This experience allowed our students to gain hands-

on insight into the world of professional gastronomy, refine their skills, and network with some of Australia’s top culinary experts. Their dedication and enthusiasm were truly inspiring, and we are so proud of them for embracing this remarkable learning experience.

A huge thank you to Andrew Ballard and his team of chefs for their mentorship and guidance – we can’t wait to see how this experience shapes the future of our aspiring chefs!



Aspiring chefs from Bass Coast College Ruben Macphee, Sienna Barber, Jasmine McDonald and Maggie Tsaousidis with Australian Culinary Olympic Team’s Andrew Ballard.



Leonie Margetts and dog Maizie are loyal customers of the Leongatha Cattery and Kennels, with owner Anita Benn who has complied with Council, but who continue to keep the business closed. ob14_2425

No end in sight for council-closed kennels

IT'S been over six weeks since the Leongatha Cattery and Kennels was forced to close by the South Gippsland Shire Council as they stated the owner wasn't complying with council codes or industry codes of practice.

After doing everything the council ordered, including ripping up flooring, replacing water tanks, redoing plumbing and replacing other minor items in the business, owner Anita Benn was expected to be given the all-clear to reopen last week.

"(Council Officers) came to inspect it, took photos and were happy with it. I thought they would have signed off, but they're saying that they're going to wait to see if there's anything else that it requires," explained Anita, who still has no clarity on when she can open and is now living without an income.

"It's all been done already. Everything's been done, but after the plumbing was done, (the Council Officer) added on a water meter now, which is getting done Monday or Tuesday."

"It's all been completed, and then they say, I've got to apply for all these other things now. So, the list goes on."

Anita's clients are also frustrated and furious. She has received 50-60 calls from clients, with many others pulling her up in the street to talk about it, and reportedly hundreds have contacted the council to complain.

"There's been a lot of people ringing the council and emailing them," said Anita, who estimates about 60 per cent of her clients are retired and have had to put off going on holidays or going into hospital for scheduled appointments as they have nowhere suitable to place their pets.

"It's really inconvenienced a lot of people. I didn't realise how much."

When Council were asked by the Sentinel-Times what would need to happen for the business to be permitted to reopen, and the potential timeframe around this, they stated:

"At this stage, Council is unable to comment on the next steps or processes required for the Leongatha Cattery and Kennels to reopen, as the matter remains under active investigation.

"Council cannot provide a timeframe for any potential reopening at this point. We acknowledge the impact this situation may have on the community and want to emphasise that the decision to require the business at 70 Hughes Street, Leongatha to close was not taken lightly. We have been working closely with both the landowner and the business owner throughout this process, with the goal of reaching a resolution as promptly as possible."

Anita commented that Council have also given her additional paperwork to complete.

"Now I've got to go through forms and it just says, 'We'll reply within 30 days.' I don't have another 30 days. This is the thing," said Anita.

"It's actually been an eye-opener, especially when there's other places in the area that haven't had to do what I've had to do. It's quite an eye-opener this whole experience. That's how I can put it. If not, I'd be going crazy."



Victoria Police members at the recent Police Road Forum in Wonthaggi. C01_2425

Everyone should feel safe on our roads

**The following discusses local road trauma.*

ON JUNE 5, approximately 30 members of the public joined local partner organisations including Bass Coast Shire Council and South Gippsland Shire Council for a Road Policing and Safety Forum hosted by Bass Coast Police Service Area (PSA) at Wonthaggi Town Hall.

Members on the panel included Divisional Area Commander Superintendent Tracie McDonald, Tasking and Co-ordination Inspector Sonali Deshpande, Regional Road Policing Acting Inspector Michael Cirkis, Bass Coast PSA Highway Patrol Sergeant Peter Pearce, Road Policing Advisor Senior Sergeant Rod Gillow, and Bass Coast PSA Acting Inspector Jason Hullick.

The panel reinforced their commitment to road safety, emphasising their vision that 'everyone should be safe, and feel safe, on our roads'. They acknowledged the ongoing challenge of reducing road trauma and the need for a collective approach.

Local data reveals that men are disproportionately affected by serious injury collisions – nearly double that of

females over the past five years. While male drivers statistically spend more hours behind the wheel, the numbers overall remain concerning: 29 lives were lost between May 1, 2020, and April 30, 2025, with eight fatalities in the 26- to 35-year-old age group.

Most of those killed or seriously injured are also the driver of passenger vehicles.

According to the statistics presented at the forum, the top six fatal collision causations are (in order) alcohol, illness or disability, other error, fatigue/drowsy, exceed speed limit and inappropriate speed for conditions (e.g. rain, fog). The causations for serious injury are slightly different (in order) other error, slippery, fail to give way, alcohol and disobey sign.

A significant portion of fatal and serious injury crashes occurred on major arterial roads and key municipal routes.

Bass Coast Police emphasised their multi-pronged approach to road safety – focusing on safer roads, safer speeds, safer vehicles, and safer road users. Recognising that humans will always make mistakes, they stressed that vehicle technology, infrastructure, and responsible driving

habits play key roles in saving lives.

"It's not all out-of-town people coming in," Superintendent McDonald said.

"It's our own people (in Bass Coast PSA) making one silly mistake that often has really significant consequences."

In answering a question from a member of the public, McDonald noted that under-aged drivers are not a feature of the top causes of fatal or serious injury collisions, however, they are an increasing concern for Bass Coast.

"We do have a lot of youth offending, unfortunately, it is increasing across Bass Coast PSA, particularly the Bass Coast end, to a lesser extent South Gippsland, that involves local kids, but also involves kids coming over from Frankston, Emerald, and Dandenong, and everywhere, in cars that have already been stolen to steal other cars.

"Obviously their belief in their ability and their driving skills far exceeds their actual driving skills and it's really concerning.

"Ironically it is not a feature of this data around serious injury collisions and fatalities. I think it is more luck and the fact that it is

happening in the middle of the night, when there are not as many cars on the road."

Ironically, stolen high-end vehicles with advanced safety features can protect offenders from serious injury during collisions – while less safe, older cars put legitimate young drivers at greater risk.

"It's another reason to buy a safer car."

As one member of the public added, "If you really thought about it, your kids would drive your car, and you'd be driving theirs" – explaining that often kids end up with cheaper cars with less safety features.

In response to concerns about policing resources, McDonald stressed that road safety is a priority for all officers – not just Highway Patrol.

"We want our detectives thinking about road policing when they are out at their next job and pulling over cars. We want our general duties officers to be doing that too. It's something that everyone can contribute to."

Bass Coast PSA will host a Neighbourhood Policing Forum in November, with details to be released closer to the date.

Partnership helps to fight for the health of our oceans

LOCALS can directly contribute to the fight against marine pollution and support the Seabin Foundation when buying products from WholeLife Pharmacy and Healthfoods in Mirboo North.

The Seabin Foundation monitors and filters plastic pollution in collaboration with a global fleet of Seabins and is committed to cleaner oceans through education, research, and innovation.

The Foundation works closely with communities and leverages data from Seabin Smart Technology to combat ocean pollution, with a strong focus on reducing plastic waste.

Proceeds from selected product ranges are donated to Seabin in support of their endeavour.

"At the last conference, our network of stores were given the opportunity to vote. So, there was a vote on a charity that reflects the values and reinforces our commitment



Tiana, Sam, Jade and Alyssa from the WholeLife Pharmacy and Healthfoods in Mirboo North have partnered with the Seabin Foundation in support of our oceans. ob13_2425

to being a socially conscious brand," explained Tiana, from WholeLife Pharmacy and Healthfoods in Mirboo North.

"The overwhelming choice was to Seabin Foundation, and that was for recognising their vital work in raising awareness and providing

education about the importance of protecting our oceans."

Seabin estimates there are over 150 million tonnes of plastics in the ocean today, 80 per cent of humans have microplastic particles in their blood and plastic emissions are expected to double

in Australia this year.

Over 170 products from a wide range of brands from the store will donate proceeds to Seabin, from health foods to drink bottles to reusable items such as eco wraps and silicon straws.

The partnership between WholeLife Pharmacy and Healthfoods and Seabin Foundation aims to raise awareness and drive meaningful change in ocean conservation efforts.

The collaboration will seek to highlight the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling, encouraging consumers to take action in protecting oceans from plastics and other waste.

Together, WholeLife Pharmacy and Healthfoods Mirboo North and Seabin Foundation are committed to making a positive impact on ocean health and inspiring customers to play an active role in preserving the future of our planet.

Have your say on the V/Line service from Leongatha to Melbourne

A COMMUNITY session for those wanting to have their say on the Leongatha to Melbourne V/Line coach service will be held today from 11am-12.30pm at the Leongatha Memorial Hall.

Recent growth in the region has seen more bus passengers using the V/Line Coach services to Melbourne from Yarram and Leongatha via Koo Wee Rup.

The service impacts communities along the line from Yarram including Welshpool, Toora, Foster, Fish Creek, Buffalo, Meenyan, Koonwarra, and from Leongatha, including Korumburra, Loch and Nyora.

The timetable has service gaps, which may not be meeting the needs of the local area and funding has been allocated as part of the 2024-25 State Budget to increase services on the route and better meet the public transport needs of the community.

The transport team want to hear from people who catch or would like to catch the coach to Melbourne from Leongatha to understand when, where and how often locals travel. They also want to understand when extra services would suit travellers.

There are currently three services every day of the week from Yarram to Melbourne via Leongatha. Plus an additional five services a day starting in Leongatha, with only one on each day of the weekend.

Currently, the coach service passes through Pakenham as it travels express between Koo Wee Rup and Southern Cross Station, but it does not stop at the Pakenham Station.

There are no plans to remove the express services to and from Southern Cross Station and there are no plans to change how suitcases are accommodated for, for those travelling to/from the airport.

A survey can also be completed to help gauge travel preferences and needs and destinations can also be added to the survey map – to help understand where people are travelling to or would like to travel to on the bus. For example, Meenyan town centre or Melbourne airport.

Any future changes to the V/Line coach service are planned to be introduced in 2026.

Consultation ends on Sunday, June 29 and once this closes community and stakeholder feedback will be reviewed and considered before finalising the next steps and sharing the final timetable.

Locals have the option to find out more about the project, ask a question or fill in a survey at this face-to-face session.

The V/Line feedback session is from 11am-12.30pm today, Tuesday, June, 17 at the Leongatha Memorial Hall, 6-8 McCartin Street, Leongatha. There is no need to register.

Demand for GPs growing faster than the general population

By Bruce Wardley

A NATIONWIDE shortage of GPs across most regions in Australia is having a direct impact on health services including South Gippsland.

Director of Leongatha Healthcare, Dr Chris Webster, said the number one issue for a country practice is finding someone willing to work in the country and in general practice.

“One of the difficulties for individuals training as practitioners is that moving from registrar to general practice is not much of an increase,” said Dr Webster.

“GPs are often reluctant to value their own work.”

Demand for GP services in the regions is growing faster than the general population.

Research from the Gippsland Primary Health Network (PHN) has shown that system-wide workforce shortages and long wait times have impacted people’s ability to access health care in Gippsland.

Despite incentives designed to encourage more local and overseas doctors to relocate to rural areas a study by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare found that around 20 per cent of Australia’s rural population is unable to see a local GP.

The Institute found almost 60 per cent of people in rural and remote areas had no access to specialists in their own region.

In Victoria for every 100,000 people living in Melbourne, there are 409 clinicians but outside the city, it can be as low as 150 per 100,000.

The shortage of doctors in remote, rural and regional Australian communities is a longstanding health policy challenge according to research published in the Australian Medical Journal.



Corinne Kelly assoc. nurse unit manager (UCC), Bernadette Emergency Registered Nurse (UCC) and Sharon Smith, assoc. nurse unit manager at the Leongatha Urgent Care Centre (UCC). B02_2425

Medical students who have a rural background were found to be more likely to pursue rural careers than their metropolitan counterparts however, not all students with a rural background end up practising in rural areas, nor should they be expected to according to the researchers.

“Our number one priority is to source GPs,” said Dr Webster.

One of the biggest problems said Dr Webster is community versus commute.

“Lots of excellent doctors but the drive from Melbourne to Leongatha is exhausting. It would be preferable for the doctors to live in Leongatha.”

Dr Webster described the quality of healthcare at Leongatha Healthcare as excellent.

“It’s a big practice with 10 doctors rostered for the morning clinic,” he said.

“We have the ability to deal with some presentations which may have gone to urgent care.”

Dr Webster explained that patients who may be worried and anxious when they ring a clinic can become stressed by a lack of available appointments.



GPs often fail to recognise the value of their own work according to Dr Chris Webster Director of Leongatha Healthcare. B03_2425

“We have an emergency doctor with two nurses in the morning and two nurses in the afternoon.

“We see all types of urgent presentations.”

Expert health advice can also be sought 24 hours a day from a registered nurse via the Victorian Nurse-on-Call Service by ringing 1300 60 60 24 or the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED) which allows you to access care for non-life-threatening emergencies from the comfort of your home. Go to vved.org.au/patients to connect to the VVED from anywhere in Victoria.

Telehealth is available at GSHS Urgent Care Centres (UCCs) for after-hour medical support of non-urgent presentations allowing patients to access medical consultations between the hours of 9pm and 7am using My Emergency Doctor.

For more information on the Urgent Care Centre in Leongatha phone 5667 5555 or go to gshs.com.au/locations/leongatha-urgent-care-centre online. In an emergency call 000.

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Year 9s support younger students

AT NEWHAVEN College, the benefits of being a Prep to Year 12 learning community are evident every day, with students of all ages learning alongside and from one another. A standout example of this is the College's peer tutoring program, where Year 9 students support Junior School learners in developing their reading skills.

The reading folders used during these sessions align directly with the explicit instruction students receive in the classroom, allowing the Year 9s to reinforce essential fluency skills such as pace, expression, punctuation and accuracy. However, the program offers more than academic support – it fosters confidence, connection and a shared sense of purpose between students.

Interestingly, many of the current Year 9 students did not experience early reading instruction grounded in the Science of Reading, a methodology that has gained traction more recently. As a result, the younger students are not only being supported – they are also teaching. Through these sessions, Junior School students introduce their older peers to phonics terminology and help them understand how to pronounce phonemes (letter sounds) and digraphs (two letters that represent a single sound), rather than simply naming letters.

Beyond reading, the Year 9s are also contributing to Spelling Mastery sessions in Years 3 and 4 and engaging in

hands-on mathematics activities. These opportunities help build leadership, empathy, and confidence in the older students while providing valuable support and encouragement to younger learners.

"This reciprocal learning is a powerful reminder of the strength of our whole-school model," said Head of Junior School, Cath Huther.

"It's a joy to see students across year levels working together, growing together, and building a culture of curiosity and care."

Director of Learning, Karen Milkins-Hendry, is passionate about the College's Prep-Year 12 overarching goal.

"We are proud of our bold ambition of an authentic and achievable P-12 approach to the teaching of literacy across years and disciplines, using our unique position of having a sub-school model which allows for both specialisation and sharing of our expertise and knowledge."

Newhaven College is calling for applications for all students entering Year 9 in 2026 who can demonstrate outstanding abilities across a broad range of areas, including academic, sporting, performing arts, leadership and community involvement.

For additional details about the Year 9 Scholarship, go to the Newhaven College website or contact the College's admissions team on admissions@newhavencol.vic.edu.au. Applications close Monday, July 14, 2025, 4pm.



Year 4 students Jude Thompson and Summer Rodgers enjoy being able to share their knowledge of the Science of Reading with Year 9 student Marasai O'Keeffe.



Year 4 students Georgia Evans and Savannah James were thrilled to sit with Year 9 student Aisha Glass and read together.

UNESCO Biosphere calls for support

THE Western Port Biosphere Foundation is calling on the community to Turn the Tide for Nature in its end of financial year appeal, which pitches squarely at gathering support to protect the internationally significant ecosystems of Western Port.

As highlighted by Sir David Attenborough in his documentary, Ocean with David Attenborough, the ocean is the origin of all life – our planet's life support system. It produces over half the oxygen we breathe, regulates the climate, and sustains billions of lives – including our own. Encouragingly, we now know the ocean has the power to recover – if given the chance. Western Port plays a critical role in that recovery.

Western Port is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and Ramsar-listed wetland of global importance. It's a biodiversity hotspot, home and rich breeding ground to hundreds of marine species and thousands of individual animals – from migratory shorebirds and vulnerable Fairy Terns to the elusive Orange-bellied Parrot and beloved Little Penguins.

It's also home to an internationally significant Bryozoan Reef – a living underwater structure built by colonies of tiny filter feeders. Listed as a threatened ecological community under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988, this rare and quite recently mapped reef supports an abundance of marine life and faces increasing pressure from pollution, dredging, and coastal development. Yet Western Port's marine ecosystems are under threat from habitat loss, pollution, climate change, and urban expansion. Without coordinated action, these pressures will only grow.

"We urgently need a comprehensive strategic framework to guide sustainable use and conservation of Western Port," said Western Port Biosphere Foundation CEO Mel Barker.

"We're working with partners to advocate for a long-term, science-based plan that protects what makes this place so special."

Tax-deductible donations can be made at biosphere.org.au.



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Coronet Bay playgroup receives \$500 grant from Playgroup Vic

THE Coronet Bay Playgroup, a cherished community hub for children aged zero to five years, has recently received a generous \$500 grant from Playgroup Victoria. This funding will be utilised to acquire new equipment and to provide a range of engaging activities for local families.

Run by dedicated volunteers Carleen Taylor and Brooke Jeffrey, the playgroup aims to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment that promotes socialisation among young children and their parents.

“With this grant, the playgroup has been able to purchase new equipment, making it an even more attractive option for families seeking a supportive community space,” said Carleen.

The initiative is particularly beneficial for women navigating postpartum challenges, offering them a chance to connect with other parents while their children play and learn. The playgroup encourages social connection not only for children but also for their siblings, ensuring that all family members feel welcome.

“Registration for the playgroup is not mandatory, but it is encouraged to help organisers plan activities that meet the needs of families,” Carleen said.

“Each week, the playgroup offers new activities to cater to the varied interests of babies and toddlers.”

Parents have the opportunity to connect while their toddlers engage in alternative activities designed to stimulate their creativity. The structure of the playgroup is informal, allowing families to come together in a relaxed atmosphere. Participants can



Volunteers Carleen Taylor and Brooke Jeffrey run a playgroup at Coronet Bay Hall, catering to preschool children (0-5 years) and their families.

enjoy both indoor and outdoor spaces, featuring a large picnic table perfect for morning tea. “The playgroup has recently introduced sensory tables, thanks to the grant from Playgroup Victoria, and this helps the children as they explore different textures and materials.

“To help cover the costs associated with renting the hall, a nominal fee of \$5 per family is requested. Additionally, families are asked to bring a piece of fruit to share during morning tea,” said Carleen.

“While tea and coffee are provided for parents, the focus remains on creating a homely and welcoming environment where families can feel comfortable.”

With the new grant, Carleen Taylor and Brooke Jeffrey are excited to expand their offerings, ensuring that the playgroup remains a place where children can grow, learn, and develop lasting friendships in a warm, nurturing setting.

Paramedic Gordon Bowman’s life celebrated

5 November 1952 – 3 June 2025

RENOWNED long-serving Leongatha paramedic Gordon Bowman was fondly remembered at a memorial service on Thursday, the full Dakers Centre including a healthy contingent of Ambulance Victoria colleagues.

Family, friends and a representative of the ambulance service spoke, with so many stories of Gordon’s life and his many achievements that the commemoration ran for over two hours.

Attendees heard of his love of loud shirts, his generosity, strong Christian faith and enjoyment of good wine, as well as meeting the love of his life and wife Pat at Stawell Hospital when working as a paramedic and the eventual arrival of their four children, Lee, Sarah, Claire and Jonathan.

While Gordon missed out on the marks required to study medicine and tackled a variety of jobs, including at a glassworks, as a car detailer at the airport, and as an auditor, even buying and running a milk bar, he started training as a paramedic in 1974.

Amusingly, he initially combined ambulance life with working for a funeral parlour.

“He’d have their business cards in the front just in case the transport ended in dire circumstances,” Gordon’s eldest daughter Lee said, joking about a conflict of interest.

Gordon was offered a position at the Leongatha ambulance branch in 1982 after having served across much of Western Victoria, Lee describing his commitment to patients.



“This was more than a job for Dad, it was his calling,” she said, explaining it was never just about the technical skills of the role.

“He loved the challenge and the ability to help others in their most desperate moments,” Lee recalled, saying he also loved the camaraderie with his fellow paramedics, perhaps helping to explain his longevity in such a challenging job.

Gordon went on to be Ambulance Victoria’s longest-serving paramedic in a career that spanned 50 years.

Gippsland Regional Director of Ambulance Victoria, Ross Salathiel elaborated on that extraordinary career from the time Gordon commenced with the Victorian Civil Ambulance Service in Melbourne, aged just 21.

“Gordon held many roles, including spending six years as the Statewide reliever, where he worked across the Mallee and the Wimmera, but most notable was the 30 years he spent as the station officer and then team

manager here at the Leongatha branch,” Ross said.

“In his most recent role, Gordon was the Regional Capabilities and Development Coordinator for the Gippsland Region, which was a role he made his own; amongst his many tasks was to look after the new graduates at their induction in the region as they were starting their career.”

Ross reflected there is now a little bit of Gordon running around in all of those graduates he mentored.

Gordon believed that during his career he worked at 59 ambulance branches across Victoria, including all of those in Gippsland.

He was also a strong union advocate, serving 25 years as the President of the Ambulance Employees Association.

“Gordon was incredibly fair and reasonable, usually had a cheeky smile and with a touch of his trademark wit, he always managed to negotiate a fair and reasonable outcome, sealed with his humble nod,” Ross remembered fondly.

“Thank you Gordon for your service, and rest in peace,” Ross said, having spoken of the great respect Gordon’s colleagues hold for him.

While Gordon lost his battle with a brain tumour, he maintained his religious faith until the end, something that seemed to only get stronger as his health deteriorated.

It’s certain fond recollections of Gordon continued to be shared after Thursday’s memorial service.



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Bass Highway (M420), Grantville Traffic Signals Installation

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

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

COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF ROADWORKS

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

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

ROADWORK TIMES AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

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

ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

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

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

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



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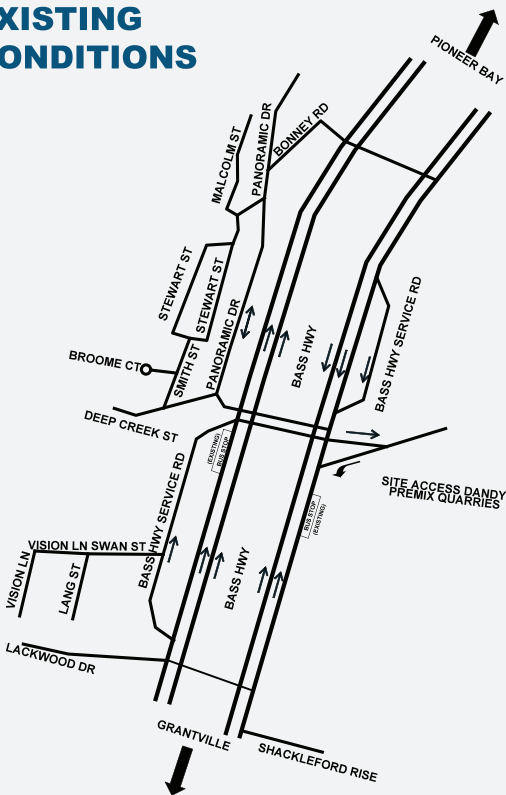
BUS STOPS

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

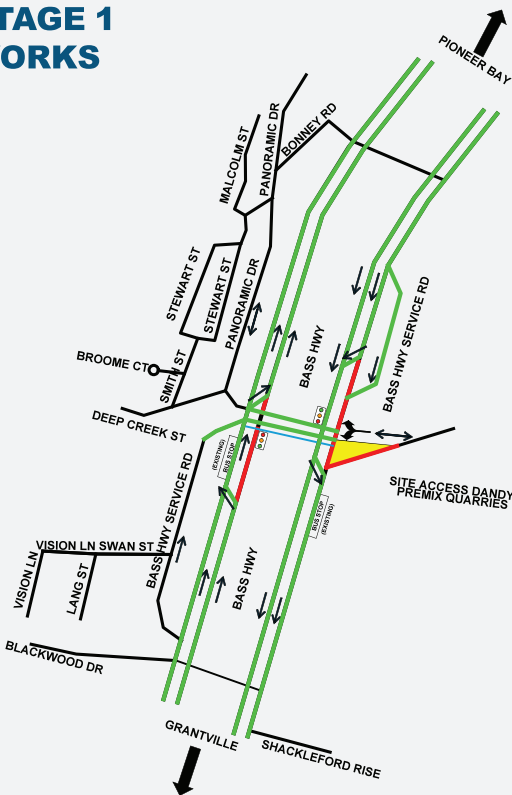
PROJECT OUTCOMES AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS

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

EXISTING CONDITIONS



STAGE 1 WORKS



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

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

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Phillip Island TOWN Club members shed weight for winter

NOTHING succeeds like success and when you and your friends have worked as hard as the members of the Phillip Island TOWN Club have then that success is worth celebrating.

Leader Vincent Vale recently presented club awards to graduates of the Phillip Island TOWN Club program which meets weekly at the Rhyll Mechanics Hall on Thursday morning from 9am to 11am.

Joan Gordon was awarded Queen of the Club, runner-up Queen was Gael de Kleuver, and Therese Smith was awarded Best Graduate.

All three club members reached their doctors recommended goal weight.

If you are overweight and would like support and encouragement to achieve your weight loss goal then the Phillip Island TOWN Club could be for you.

Take off weight naturally (TOWN) clubs encourage weight loss by promotion of a nutritional eating regime at weekly meetings that include a weigh-in and group discussion.

TOWN Clubs discourage the use of non-prescribed medication and substitute food. TOWN is a non-profit organisation, run by volunteers who are willing to work and promote weight loss for men, women and young people, while at the same time striving to achieve their own weight loss goals.

To join TOWN, a person must be over 14 years of age, provide a doctor's letter advising the prospective member's ideal goal weight, a commitment must be given for regular attendance at full meetings as well as making every effort to achieve weight loss.

A TOWN feature is the monthly award night when members are rewarded for weight loss and weight gainers are encouraged to try again.

To find out more about the Phillip Island TOWN Club contact leader Vincent Vale on 0414 709 066 or secretary Lilian Heflingers on 0438 595 688.

Minister must explain \$1M spend

FREEDOM of Information documents obtained by the Liberals and Nationals have uncovered more than \$1 million in credit card transactions made by Parks Victoria between January 2023 and December last year – including spending at a bridal studio and various golf clubs.

The Minister for Environment, Steve Dimopoulos, has been asked to urgently explain the spending. Parks Victoria credit cards were used to make payments for a specialist medical practitioner totalling \$1320, various golf clubs, including more than \$1000 at the Rosebud Country Club, and various non-descript PayPal purchases, including one totalling more than \$1900. Among these charges was a bill from a bridal studio, raising serious concerns at the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee (PAEC) hearings about the Minister's ability to explain how these purchases align with the organisation's operational responsibilities or public interest.

The documents show that during this period, the Parks Victoria Chief Executive Officer personally spent more than \$5000 in credit card purchases – including a \$233 transaction on July 4, last year, at Kisakallio Saati – a Finland-based business offering high-quality facilities for ice hockey, football, cheerleading, basketball, orienteering, figure skating, dancing and taekwondo.

Shadow Minister for Public Land Management, Melina Bath, said Victorians deserve full transparency on how their money is spent.

"The Minister has a lot of explaining to do – and must compel Parks Victoria to fully account for all these expenses," Ms Bath said.

The Minister, under questioning in PAEC on June 10, was asked specifically about the bridal studio purchase and responded: "I'm sure there's a sound reason for it".



On Saturday, June 14 over 100 people attended the official opening of the new permanent public art Yawa by Maree Clarke at Berninnet.



Renowned artist Maree Clarke unveiled the cultivating art Yawa (Long Journey) at Berninnet, Cowes.

Maree Clarke unveils Yawa (Long Journey) 2025

RENOWNED artist Maree Clarke unveiled her latest masterpiece – Yawa (Long Journey), commissioned by Bass Coast Shire Council as a significant addition to the public art landscape in the region.

The unveiling was held on Saturday, June 14, 2025, a public event that included a Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and speech by

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead that saw over 100 people attend.

This captivating artwork, comprised of 30 intricately crafted Murri-ni glass panels, formed a breathtaking glass canoe suspended overhead the grand hall at Berninnet, Cowes.

People of all ages attended as well as some current and previous

Councillors, other local artists including Uncle Kutcha and Boonwurrung artist Mitch Mahoney who exhibited for the Berninnet opening.

Clarke, a celebrated First Nations artist of Yorta Yorta, Wamba Wamba, Mutti Mutti, and Boon Wurrung heritage, brings her profound cultural insight and collaborative creations to Yawa.

What's on in Bass Coast

Celebrating National NAIDOC Week across Bass Coast Shire

- Steven Ulula Parker | Warreeny Ngulu | Ocean Voice**
Saturday 31 May – Sunday 20 Jul | Daily
Berninnet, Cowes
- Maree Clarke | Yawa | Long Journey**
Saturday 14 Jun | 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Berninnet, Cowes
- Uncle Kutcha Edwards**
Sunday 6 Jul | 7.30pm
Berninnet, Cowes
- Millowl**
Phillip Island
- Ngangga Festival**
Sunday 6 Jul | 12.00pm – 5.00pm
Berninnet, Cowes
- 2025 NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition**
Tuesday 10 Jun – Sunday 20 Jul | Daily
Wonthaggi ArtSpace, Wonthaggi
- Bass Coast Shorts: 2025 NAIDOC Week First Nations Screening**
Sunday 13 Jul | 2.00pm – 3.30pm
The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi
- Birdz & Fred Leone**
Saturday 5 Jul | 7.30pm
The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi
- Catching the Light**
Friday 4 Jul – Wednesday 31 Dec | Daily
Light Box Lane, Wonthaggi
- Wunmarrinh**
Western Port

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Science and Engineering Challenge held for regions students

OVER 150 year 9 and 10 students from South Gippsland and Bass Coast schools attended a Science and Engineering Challenge Day on Wednesday, June 11.

Held by the University of Newcastle, at the Korumburra Indoor Recreation Centre, the event was part of the nationwide STEM outreach program designed to inspire high school students to pursue careers in science and engineering.

Pitted against other schools from the local region, the students worked in small teams to tackle a range of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) challenges from electrical network distribution, building design, aeronautic design and code-breaking.

These hands-on activities challenged the students to solve real-world problems, fostering teamwork, critical thinking, and creativity.

Tom Holman, Science Coordinator at Foster Secondary College said the event had been beneficial for their students, particularly those thinking about careers in the field.

"There's a range of STEM-related activities that expose the students to a range of scenarios and they get to work in teams to achieve a positive outcome," explained Tom.

"Certainly, the students that we have here are all thinking along the path of engineering and science. So, this will just give them further skills to develop in those areas."

Foster Secondary College students Kyan and Archie are thinking about careers in engineering and the event opened up what subjects they might consider taking on.

"I might like to do biology," said

Kyan, who plans on working in the engineering field, with the event also being helpful in this respect.

"It did reinforce that I might like to do engineering in the future."

The final exercise for the day was testing the bridges that the students built and Kyan and Archie stated they considered the important elements when building it.

"We didn't go for looks, we went for practicality," they said, and even more importantly, "It's been good fun, we've enjoyed it."

As the student groups completed activities across the day they accumulated points and after winning many of the individual competitions, the Leongatha Secondary School students came out as the champions.

Depending on other Victorian school scores, they may be eligible to go to the state finals in September.

The Science and Engineering Challenge (SEC) has been running for 25 years by the University of Newcastle (UN) and its mission is to inspire more young people to make a difference in the world by choosing a career in science and engineering.

Over the last decade surveys done by the UN reveal that 32 per cent of students indicated that participation in the SEC influenced their decision to enrol in maths in senior high school, while it was 35 per cent for chemistry and 52 per cent for physics.

While 31 per cent of students enrolled in the engineering or science faculties, indicated that participation in the SEC influenced their decision to study these disciplines at university.



Anneka, Harry, Mimi and Amarli from Newhaven College were attempting to master the fish trap. ob01_2425



Ella, Dyllen, Sophia and Lily from Mirboo North Secondary College said they enjoyed the break from their normal curriculum and doing more hands-on learning. ob02_2425

ExxonMobil Decommissioning Project Manager Richard Perry



As a member of the Gippsland community for more than five decades, Esso Australia is committed to the responsible decommissioning of our Bass Strait offshore facilities.

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The Pioneering Spirit, the world's largest construction vessel, will cut, lift and transfer the topsides and jackets from our offshore platforms, onto barges for transport to the Barry Beach Marine Terminal, where they will be offloaded for dismantling and recycling.

As always, we remain focused on engaging with our neighbours and ensuring our work aligns with community expectations and we regularly hold community consultation sessions in the local area. If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out via consultation@exxonmobil.com.



South Coast Leadership Program members formed the Shine Online Project, a practical program for digital content creation.

Shine Online Project delivers a visual content program

AS A result of the South Coast Leadership program, the Shine Online Community Project was formed. Together, the group developed an innovative proposal that aims to help small local organisations highlight their activities, gain awareness, and recruit members and/or volunteers.

The Shine Online Community Project was established by volunteers and community members, including Liza Lee, Donaldal Oliver, Amanda Watts, Don Turner, and Holly Foster. Their goal was to create a 'how-to' video and resource kit that community groups can easily access and use to create video content about their organisations.

"We aimed to launch and share these resources through wider networks to help volunteers extend their reach. The idea was initially driven by an assumption that many either don't use video or don't know how to," said Liza.

"Visual content can have quite the impact, but it was also an assumption that many don't like to be on video."

Together, the group is crafting a free, practical program to help volunteers utilise digital technology and promote their work in an uplifting, positive way on social media platforms.

Due to launch on August 10, the Shine Online Project is currently surveying the community on what barriers they may be facing, whether it be time, money, technology, or fear of not knowing where to begin.

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Whale watchers have started making sightings around Phillip Island and Bass Coast. Photo: Phillip Island Whale Watchers Facebook page.

Whales watchers on the look out

IF YOU'VE got keen eyes on the coast-line, you may just spot the whales travelling to local hotspots.

Whales can often be seen migrating around Phillip Island and the wider Bass Coast area this time of year.

They often travel solo or in small pods on their way to their prime breeding locations.

There are a number of vantage points to check out around the coast where you may be able to spot a whale – most notably from May through to November.

The whales head north from Antarctica in late autumn in search of warmer waters.

Phillip Island Whale Watchers – a Facebook page established around nine years ago – has its finger on the pulse when it comes to catching a glimpse of the magnificent creatures.

Humpback whales are mainly sighted locally, along with southern right whales and killer whales.

The page was launched by Jamie Naismith and has attracted more than 33,000 members.

"The whales have been coming in dribs and drabs for about a month and a half," Jamie said.

"Sometimes the 'whale season' is considered to have started when Wildlife Cruises starts its tours, but there have been a fair few sightings already. There are some whale watchers who have seen them on the opposite side on the Peninsula, as well as around Phillip Island."

Jamie said he started the Facebook page to help locally-based watchers have better luck spotting the whales, with more eyes on the lookout.

"You can drive around and have a bit of a look, but actually spotting whales can be hit and miss. This way, people can post to Facebook and rely on each other, so, with the power of numbers, sightings are easier to come by on water and onshore," he said.

"I've lived in Phillip Island a long time, and there was a time when I didn't know you could see whales from there. My wife and I love the area and we love the ocean, so we decided to make it easier for everyone else to enjoy."

Jamie said he believes sightings have increased, and people stay interested in seeing what's happening out in the ocean and following the emerging patterns of the whales.

As well as Phillip Island and Bass Coast, Wilsons Promontory and Port Albert are also known for whale sightings.

Principal bids farewell to once-in-a-lifetime job

By Tayla Kershaw

HIGHLY regarded Bass Coast College principal Darren Parker recently announced his retirement at the beginning of term two.

He was given a wonderful send-off – organised by Marg O'Donnell – which was attended by past and present staff.

"I was given a nice farewell, and it was really humbling," Mr Parker said.

"I had the opportunity to work with some of the best, and it was wonderful to see people from years ago – the people who influenced me – as well as some of our new staff. I was blown away. I didn't know what to expect and it was lovely."

Mr Parker arrived in Wonthaggi to teach maths and science at the Tech School in 1988.

Although he didn't know it at the time, this would be a life-changing decision, as he went on to settle down in Wonthaggi, raise a family and give more than 30 years of dedication to the school.

"It's been an amazing place to work. I taught for around 15 years and was a principal for around 20 years," he said.

"I was lucky enough to work with juniors and seniors. I got to do a range of jobs – I was a coordinator at different levels and a timetabler – and I was always pretty pleased I was someone who got to work with everyone."

Originally from Melbourne and studying at Melbourne Uni, Mr Parker said his arrival in Wonthaggi was all by chance.

"Funnily enough, it was a little bit of luck. I was living in Melbourne, and Wonthaggi was in a group of schools with places like Berwick and Cranbourne," he said.

"I adjusted easily to life in Wonthaggi, made good friends, got to raise a fantastic family and I've always been surrounded by good people."

"I'm blessed that it has turned out so well after rolling the dice all those years



Bass Coast College principal Darren Parker retired from the esteemed position at the beginning of term two.



Former Bass Coast College principal Darren listens to daughters Holly and Darcy make a speech at his retirement send-off.

ago. I got a phone call one morning saying, 'We've got a job in Wonthaggi, do you want it?' The timing was perfect for a change."

"It was a life-changing job and I'm proud of it. I'm proud of what the school has done over all these years, and I feel lucky to have been part of it."

"I came down here thinking I'd be here a year or two, and here I am nearly 38 years later saying: 'Thanks everyone, I've had a wonderful time'."

Mr Parker was inspired to enter the teaching profession by his own love of school.

"I liked the idea of the structure and a job with some purpose," he said.

A highlight of his career was the introduction of the VCAL – now known as Vocational Major – program at the school.

"It was around the time they were working out that VCE wasn't necessarily the be-all and end-all for everyone. It was actually good to have a more hands-on focus, so these kids got to go work and go to school, and it was so much better. I was pretty pleased we were onto that early," he said.

Mr Parker said it was also

pleasing to be in the principal role as the new campuses were built.

"You sort of just do these things at the time, but you look back and realise how much we've all done. It's terrific," he said.

"It was an era where we had all new buildings and all new staff. There were challenges, but the way people dug in over COVID was pretty special."

"I was lucky to be the one in charge when so much was going on."

Mr Parker said he was blessed to be the college principal and a part of a fantastic community.

"It was challenging – the challenging part is the organisation is so big now. You've really got to make sure you have lots of people on the team in terms of connection," he said.

"The kids are the best bit. During that busy period, I felt like I spent more time on the organisation rather than seeing all the kids as much as I would like, but I knew it was helping them."

"The good thing about being a bigger school is how much we are able to offer and how much we are able to do."

Mr Parker said as the

community continues to grow, so too does the school.

The school is heading towards 1600 students across its campuses, with the new senior campus at capacity within a year of its build.

Mr Parker said he was proud to see the move to the new senior campus in McKenzie Street take place.

"The McBride campus was out of date. I love the history of the school, but it wasn't good for modern learning. It really needed so much more maintenance than could be reasonably accommodated and the piece of land itself was way too small for the number of kids we have," he said.

Mr Parker has enjoyed seeing students thrive year after year and seeing a number of them come full circle by joining the staff.

Now he is preparing for the next chapter, which is set to include a bit of travelling, grandparenting and relearning how to play golf.

"I would just like to say thank you to everyone," Mr Parker said.

"I feel we are in an amazing area, and we were able to do some awesome stuff. We are really well set up for a fantastic future."

"I think our community is pretty special."



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Crown Prosecutor Dr Nanette Rogers SC commenced her closing remarks in the Supreme Court in Morwell on Monday this week.

Last days of Erin Patterson’s murder trial

IT’S week eight of Erin Patterson’s marathon triple murder trial in the Supreme Court at Morwell and we’re into the final phase.

On Monday morning, June 16, Crown Prosecutor Dr Nanette Rogers SC, commenced her closing remarks outlining “four calculated deceptions” by Mrs Patterson which she alleged characterised the murder:

1. The fictitious cancer claims
2. The lethal dose of death cap mushrooms secreted in the meal of Beef Wellington
3. The efforts made by Erin Patterson to make it seem that she also suffered from eating the poisoned meal and
4. The deception she constructed to conceal her actions.

Dr Rogers said an analysis of these issues would enable the members of the jury to come to the conclusion that it was no accident.

She said Erin Patterson arranged the lunch, bought the ingredients and alone prepared an otherwise nutritious meal, secretly containing death cap mushrooms.

“It was a level of control that she exercised to devastating effect,” alleged Dr Rogers.

The prosecutor then set about supporting that proposition.

It was a cold day in Morwell and Erin Patterson was seated in the dock, having added a brown cardigan to her familiar paisley shirt. She stood as the jury entered the room and while Dr Rogers was delivering her remarks, Mrs Patterson put on a pair of reading glasses and appeared to be listening passively but intently.

The only surviving lunch guest, Ian Wilkinson, the Pastor of the Korumburra Baptist Church, was in the public gallery as he has been every day since giving his evidence on Day 6 of the trial.

He was seated with other members of his family in the back row of Courtroom 4. The couple seated next to Mr Wilkinson were holding hands as Dr Rogers delivered her remarks.

During her address she described Mr Wilkinson as a reliable witness, providing clear and concise evidence about what happened at the meal, specifically that the meal was served to the guests on four grey plates and to the host, Erin Patterson, on a different plate.

Dr Rogers also referred to the account, reportedly provided by Gail



The defence team, among them Colin Mandy SC, Sophie Stafford and criminal law specialist Bill Doogue is yet to deliver its closing remarks in the Erin Patterson murder trial.



Erin Patterson sat passively in the dock while the prosecution laid out its case on Monday this week.

Patterson, that Erin ate her meal from a distinctly, different plate.

The prosecutor focused attention on Mrs Patterson’s behaviour after the lunch, describing it as “incriminating conduct”, especially following her initial presentation at the Leongatha Hospital, when she allegedly became aware for the first time that authorities suspected there were death cap mushrooms in the meal.

Once Dr Rogers concludes her remarks, Mrs Patterson’s defence lawyer, Colin Mandy SC will have his turn. It will then be over to the judge, Justice Beale, to prepare his charge for the jury, their final instructions, before they are sent away to consider their verdict.

The outcome of their deliberations is not expected this week.

Last Thursday, June 12, the prosecution and the defence closed their cases after eight days of questioning the accused, Leongatha mother of two, Erin Patterson.

Mrs Patterson is charged with murdering her estranged husband’s parents, Don and Gail Patterson of Korumburra, and Gail’s sister Heather Wilkinson, together with the attempted murder of her husband, Ian Wilkinson, also of Korumburra, all guests at the family lunch at her home on Saturday, July 29, 2023.

The charges arise out of the meal of Beef Wellington, containing death cap mushrooms, which was prepared by Mrs Patterson for her guests that day.

However, it is Mrs Patterson’s testimony that foraged mushrooms accidentally got mixed with some dried mushrooms she purchased from an Asian food store in the Mt Waverley area and somehow found their way into the meal. She maintains that what happened is a tragedy and a terrible accident and has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

From the central issue of the death cap mushrooms, how they got into the food, and the medical and forensic evidence collected afterwards, to the relationship between Erin Patterson, her estranged husband Simon, and his extended family, often demonstrated by text messages, Facebook and Signal messages, there’s been a lot over the course of 32 days.

And throughout, familiar names and places around the Korumburra and Leongatha areas have featured.

What happened to Erin’s phone?

ONE of the issues probed during Erin Patterson’s triple murder trial in the Supreme Court in Morwell is what happened to her primary mobile phone.

Known as ‘Phone A’, the Samsung Galaxy A23, was used by Mrs Patterson from February 2023 with the SIM card number ending in 783.

Ultimately, on Mrs Patterson’s evidence in chief, she dumped the allegedly damaged Phone A in a skip bin in September 2023, as part of an annual spring clean of her house and garage, and the only thing left of the phone, when police executed a second search warrant at her home on November 2, 2023, was allegedly a black phone case on the fourth shelf of her Leongatha study.

The SIM card, according to Mrs Patterson, was transferred to another phone and may still be in use.

Mrs Patterson has been charged with three counts of murder and one of attempted murder arising out of a family meal of Beef Wellington with death cap mushrooms at her home on Saturday, July 29, 2023. Mrs Patterson has pleaded not guilty to all charges, saying that what happened on the day was a tragedy and a terrible mistake.

In his evidence in chief, the police informant in the case, Detective Stephen Eppingstall, acknowledged that Mrs Patterson told Facebook Messenger friends she had purchased the new Galaxy A23 in December 2022 after her old phone failed on a holiday in New Zealand. Her SIM card ending in 783, Mrs Patterson’s long-time phone number, first went into that phone on February 12, 2023.

But despite that phone being in primary use right up until police executed a search warrant at her house on Saturday, August 5, a week after the family lunch, Mrs Patterson did not hand it over to police.

Instead, she handed over a Galaxy A23 with a SIM number ending in 835, which had previously been used in a tablet computer, allegedly up until August 3, 2023.

According to digital forensic expert with Victoria Police Shamen Fox-Henry that phone had been factory reset on four occasions:

- February 12, 2023 ‘locally by the user’
- August 2, 2023 ‘locally by the user’
- August 5, 2023 ‘locally by the user’
- August 6, 2023 ‘wiped remotely by user’

It is now an agreed fact between the parties that sometime between 12.01pm and 1.45pm

on Saturday, August 5, 2023, the service number ending in 783, using a Samsung Galaxy A23 handset lost connection with the network.

This could be due to: (a) the SIM card being removed; or (b) the battery being removed without turning the handset off; or (c) the handset being damaged in such a way that would disrupt power of the handset or disrupt the handset’s connection to the network.

The service number 783 next connected to the network at 1.44am on August 6, 2023, at which time it was utilising a Nokia 1.3 smartphone.

Phone A was the subject of lengthy cross-examination by Dr Rogers on Thursday, June 12 with the prosecutor suggesting to Mrs Patterson that it was the phone she used to look up the iNaturalist website, where she saw the locations of death cap mushrooms posted by Dr Tom May at Outtrim on May 21, 2023 and Christine McKenzie at Loch Recreation Reserve on April 18, 2023.

“Phone A was not recovered by police on August 5, and I suggest it’s because you deliberately concealed this phone from police; agree or disagree?” asked Dr Rogers.

“Disagree,” said Mrs Patterson

“I suggest police never recovered Phone A; agree or disagree?”

“I think that’s true.”

Dr Rogers went on to query claims by Mrs Patterson that she swapped to a new phone around that time because she “realised that Phone A was just not cutting it anymore” by showing her pages of telephone data indicating Phone A with the number ending in 783 frequently in use through until police executed the search warrant on Saturday, August 5.

In a final exchange on the subject, Dr Rogers put it to Mrs Patterson that she had Phone A in her possession during the police visit on August 5 and that she removed the SIM card while she was given privacy to call a lawyer at around 2pm that day.

Dr Rogers: “I suggest you removed the SIM from Phone A when you were afforded privacy to speak with a lawyer while police were at your home; agree or disagree?”

Erin Patterson: “Disagree.”

Dr Rogers: “That happened at 2 pm. I suggest that your claim that the black item on the windowsill in the lounge is Phone A is simply nonsense; agree or disagree?”

Erin Patterson: “Disagree.”



Are your tyres ready for Winter?

IT'S the only contact between you, your vehicle, and the road – just four handprints of grip keeping you safe. Yet tyres are often one of the most overlooked aspects of vehicle maintenance.

As temperatures drop and roads become slick with rain, frost, or even ice, ensuring your tyres are in top condition is crucial for safety. Worn tyres reduce traction, increase stopping distances, and heighten the risk of skidding – especially on wet or slippery surfaces.

Did you know your tyres should have at least 1.6mm of tread across the tyre surface including on the shoulders? While this is a minimum, experts recommend 3mm or more for optimal grip in wet conditions.

Coming into winter is the perfect time to check the tyres both by yourself and with an expert, and it's never been easier with free tyre checks (see local businesses below).

"It's important tyre pressure is checked monthly at a minimum," Kris Baker, Wonthaggi Tyrepower said, noting cold weather can cause tyre pressure to drop.

It's also crucial for people to check their tyres before heading away to the Alpine regions.

"It's important to maintain regular tyre maintenance. Tyre rotation and balance should be undertaken every 10,000 kilometres whilst a wheel alignment every 15,000 to 20,000 kilometres."

According to the professionals, the more consistently you maintain your tyres, the longer they'll last and the better they'll perform.

"It's also important to conduct visual inspections – check for cuts, splits, bumps. If you have any concerns come in and see us."

Beyond the tyres, check your lights are all in working order as well as your indicators, and that your engine oil is within appropriate levels. Modern cars alert us when something is wrong, but a quick visual inspection can prevent unexpected issues before they arise.

Local businesses are making it easier than ever to stay safe this winter. T for Tyres, Tyrepower Wonthaggi, and Goodyear Wonthaggi all offer free tyre checks – so there's no excuse to put it off!

What are you waiting for? Head in-store today and drive confidently this chilly, hopefully wet, winter.

Local thrill seekers prepare to cross crocodile-infested rivers

FACING off saltwater crocodiles in the infamous Pentecost River of Western Australia was not part of the game plan when Wonthaggi drivers Shaun Prestage and Nathan Laurens signed up for the 2025 Shitbox Rally.

Hungry crocodiles are just one of the obstacles the pair will face travelling the 4000 kilometres from Perth to Darwin on the Gibb River Road in Western Australia's Kimberley region from June 19 to June 28.

Pencil in flat and burst tyres, punctured sumps, faulty alternators, gearbox issues and the loss of multiple tennis balls holding up a home-jacked suspension, and you have some idea of what lies ahead for this intrepid pair of local adventure seekers.

"When we used tennis balls to dampen the suspension we ended up with tennis balls all over the road from start to finish," said Nathan.

"A year ago, the rear shocker jumped out."

Nathan and Shaun have even seen a VB can used to repair a broken radiator hose.

It's the boys' fourth rally raising a total of \$42,000 for the Cancer Council.

"This year we hope to raise \$15,000," said Shaun.

The Shitbox Rally is a challenge like no other according to organisers.

"Achieving the unthinkable to raise money for charity."



Shaun Prestage and Nathan Laurens are making the final preparations for the 2025 Shitbox Rally from Perth to Darwin in eight days. B05_2425

Travelling in cars worth less than \$1500 along some of Australia's most formidable roads Box Rallies are for those craving adventure, fun and something different to help raise money for vital cancer research.

Box Rallies have so far raised over \$41 million to support the Cancer Council.

Joining Shaun and Nathan once they arrive in Darwin will be family members and no doubt many new friends found

on their trek north.

Shaun and Nathan will be required to tackle numerous river crossings but the most daunting will be the Pentecost River on their way to Kununurra.

"It's not a race," said Shaun.

With saltwater crocodiles thick in the water Shaun and Nathan's Ford Falcon BA XT will be fitted with shackles so they can be towed to safety if their car stalls in the middle of the river.

With a total of 250 teams

entered for the event Shaun and Nathan's Wackadoo Let's Go Cruise team is the only team representing South Gippsland.

"It's our annual holiday," Shaun said.

To follow Shaun and Nathan with regular race updates using their mobile satellite link look for Shitbox Rally Winter 2025 Wackadoo Let's Go Cruise on Facebook.

To donate go to winter2025.shitboxrally.com.au/wackadoo-lets-go-cruise.

Cool, calm and connected – check out the new Qashqai

A REFRESHED Nissan Qashqai was introduced to the market this year with a range-wide update that includes its design, technology and connectivity.

Also new in 2025 is the N-Design grade, which dials up the street appeal through dynamic body styling and large 20-inch alloys. A heavily revised exterior design joins an elevated interior ambience thanks to the use of new and premium materials, while technology has been enhanced right across the range.

"While the original Qashqai essentially pioneered the urban crossover SUV, this 2025 update redefines the segment in terms of style and substance," said Nissan Australia Marketing Director, Sriram Padmanabhan.

"The addition of the N-Design only furthers the Qashqai's appeal, creating a new and styled grade that also benefits from these range-wide enhancements."

A new addition to the Qashqai line-up is the N-Design grade, available exclusively with Nissan's innovative e-Power powertrain. On the exterior, the lower body portion below the doors and the wheel arches are now body-coloured, while new 20" alloy wheels, gloss-black mirror covers and black roof rails all deliver added on-road presence.

Impressive 17-inch alloy wheels appear on the ST grade, while the Qashqai ST-L features 18-inch diamond-cut alloy wheels. For the Ti, there

are 19-inch alloys, while the Ti-L and new N-Design feature new 20-inch diamond-cut alloy wheel designs.

Three new colours have been added to the Qashqai's palette. Pearl White replaces the previous white option and features a cleaner, pure tint that appears to give a glow in certain lighting conditions. Black Onyx replaces the previous black option, has a richer black tint and has the effect of sharpening the definition of the Qashqai's visual geometry. Deep Ocean is a new eye-catching shade. It appears to sit somewhere between dark blue and metallic teal depending on the prevailing light conditions.

The Nissan Qashqai's interior has been enhanced to

deliver an upscale ambience, including the new patterned materials that adorn the centre console around the gear selector and the decoration insert between the upper dashboard and glovebox.

The Nissan Qashqai's technology overhaul begins from the entry ST grade, now fitted with a 12.3-inch central touchscreen with Wireless Apple CarPlay® and Wireless Android Auto™. Downloading the Nissan Connect app will give owners instant access to their vehicle, with the ability to access key health and status information, trip history and any vehicle disturbances, including Theft and Tow Alert.

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A solar battery can store energy for use when solar panels are not generating enough electricity such as at night, or when it is cloudy, or when electricity costs more.

Winter can be a challenging time for many of us financially.

The Victorian State Government offers several rebate and concession schemes.

Low-income and vulnerable households may be eligible for a grant under the Utility Relief Grant Scheme to help with overdue electricity, gas and water bills.

The Utility Relief Grant Scheme offers up to \$650 for an individual electricity, gas or water utility bill over a specified two-year period and \$1300 over two years if you only use a single source of energy such as electricity.

For more information go to services.dffh.vic.gov.au/utility-relief-grant-scheme.

Ten free things you can do to save money on home heating

FEELING the chill of winter but struggling with the rising cost of living?

Why not try these top ten energy-saving tips from energy.gov.au.

Energy Saver Tip No 1: Dress for the season.

Put on some warmer clothes before you crank up the heating.

Every additional degree of heating can add between five and 10 per cent to your energy use.

Energy Saver Tip No 2: Shut the door on wasted energy.

Heating the entire house can be costly. Shut the doors to areas you aren't using during the day like bathrooms and bedrooms and remember to regularly clean heaters including filters, fan blades and vents.

Energy Saver Tip No 3: Turn it off.

Avoid heating your home unnecessarily. Turn off heaters before going to bed and when you're leaving the house as many appliances continue to draw stand-by power even when switched off.

Energy Saver Tip No 4: Use ceiling fans effectively.

Reversible ceiling fans can complement your heating by helping to disperse hot air around the room, warm air rises and collects in a layer just underneath



Keep the heat inside your home by sealing off gaps around windows and doors and installing roof and ceiling insulation. Photo: Vije Vijendranath on Unsplash

the ceiling.

Energy Saver Tip No 5: Let the sun shine in.

Solar panels may not be suitable for every home, but you can still use the free heat from the sun by opening your curtains when the sun is shining and closing them before it gets dark.

Energy Saver Tip No 6: Don't use the shower to warm up.

Aim for a four-minute shower and avoid the temptation to use the shower to warm up.

Energy Saver Tip No 7: Use a solar clothes dryer.

Clothes dryers are very convenient but remember you're paying

for this convenience. Try using your clothes dryer less often this winter by using free energy from the sun when it's sunny or drying your clothes in the wind straight off Bass Strait. If you don't have a clothesline you can put clothes racks out in the sun or dry your clothes on a rack indoors when the heater is already switched on.

Energy Saver Tip No 8: Shop around and switch to save.

Don't assume your current energy provider is offering you the best deal available. Look at price comparison websites to check which provider has the best rate

and don't be afraid to contact your current provider to ask for a better deal. For more information go to the Energy Made Easy website at energymadeeasy.gov.au

Energy Saver Tip No 9: Waste not, want not.

In Australia we waste a third of the food we buy, to minimise food waste use shopping lists and check your pantry and fridge before you go shopping.

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Nick Williams and first-year apprentice Liam are looking forward to helping keep you warm this winter. C11_2425



Nick's expertise doesn't stop at residential catering to commercial customers as well.

Stay warm and save money this winter

NICK Williams, a trusted local trader from Wonthaggi, is helping homeowners keep warm this winter with Bass Coast HVAC. Specialising in the installation, maintenance, servicing, and replacement of reverse cycle air conditioning units, including ducted systems, Nick caters to both residential and commercial clients across the Bass Coast and South Gippsland areas. Offering dual benefits, reverse cycle air conditioners provide easy, efficient and instant warmth in the winter and

cool air in the summer, when needed. Running on electricity, these units are more affordable and a safer option than portable or gas systems, and they are far less cumbersome and cleaner than traditional heating methods. Once installed, these systems can maintain an ideal temperature of between 18 and 20 degrees, ensuring homes stay comfortably warm even during the coldest winter months. At Bass Coast HVAC, Nick works with leading manufacturers to offer high-quality options

such as Mitsubishi Electric, a trusted name known for its reliability and performance. Additionally, for customers looking for a more budget-friendly alternative, Nick stocks the Hisense range, which combines quality and affordability, making it a great option for those who want reliable heating without stretching the budget. Whether you're looking to heat a small residential space or manage temperature control in a commercial building, Bass Coast HVAC has a solution that fits your needs.

In addition to heating and cooling, Bass Coast HVAC offers comprehensive ventilation services, including the installation of range hoods, laundry, bathroom, and commercial fans, inside and out, perfect for those looking to get ahead for next summer. Customers can also benefit from the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) program, which offers rebates and discounts on energy-efficient products like reverse-cycle air conditioners. By upgrading to energy-saving systems, homeowners can cut

their annual energy bills by up to \$600, all while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The VEU program has helped over 2.2 million Victorian households save on energy costs, and it's a great way to improve home efficiency while also contributing to environmental sustainability. HVAC is a small, local family-run business that offers free no-obligation quotes servicing Bass Coast, South Gippsland and beyond. Stay warm and cosy with Bass Coast HVAC this winter!

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Winter Warmth

Not impressed by the top ten energy-saving tips?

CONSIDER the five most cost-effective things you can do to keep warm this winter.

Winter Warmer Tip 1: Keep the heat inside your home.

Draught-proofing is one of the cheapest ways to keep your home warm and can save up to 25 per cent on heating bills. Internal doors can also benefit from weather seals when closing off rooms.

Winter Warmer Tip 2: Windows of opportunity.

As much as 40 per cent of a home's heating energy can be lost through the windows.

Invest in quality curtains and blinds to make a surprising difference to your home's warmth by looking for fabrics that insulate well or curtains that have a thermal lining. Fitted pelmets or curtain boxes above the curtains can also reduce heat loss.

A low-cost option might be to fit a strip of light timber across the curtain rail or alternatively you could hang curtains from the ceiling to the floor.

Winter Warmer Tip 3: Set your thermostat.

You can save money by having a programmable



A bulka bag containing kiln-dried hardwood mill ends. A06_1525

thermostat.

Keep the internal temperature of your heating set to between 18°C and 20°C. Every degree you increase your heating can add up to 10 per cent to your energy use.

Winter Warmer Tip 4: Install a water-efficient showerhead.

Heating water accounts for a large chunk of your energy bill. A water-efficient showerhead is one of the most cost-effective ways to save on water heating.

Winter Warmer Tip 5: Insulate your roof.

Save 45 per cent or more on your heating costs by installing roof and ceiling insulation. Ceiling insulation can reduce your home's

winter heat loss by 25 to 35 per cent.

Winter Warmer Tip 5: Consider longer-term investments such as insulating floors and walls, and putting rugs on the floors. You could be losing up to 25 per cent of your heat through the walls and a further 20 per cent through the floor typically adding around 15 per cent to heating and cooling bills.

Double glazing could be an option if you have the money to invest in improvements. Lower cost options for windows include secondary glazing panels or laminating products that can be applied to your existing windows.



Hot water bottles, animals and warm clothes with a fireplace are still popular means of keeping warm in the chilly South Gippsland winters, but with gas and electricity prices set to hike, staying warm at a touch of a button may just become a luxury. Photo: Shruga Kopstein, Unsplash

How does South Gippsland stay warm?

We asked our social followers how they stay warm in winter and this is what they said...

Netty F: Splitty and electric blanket

Matthew B: Fire. Hot water bottle. More clothes at bedtime. And on the rare occasion if I'm feeling rich, the electric heater.

Lesley M: Hot water bottle, best thing ever invented.

Noelene C: Start the morning with a walk to warm the body. Wear socks to bed. Utilise the rooms with sun coming through the windows. Dress appropriately.

Sue L: Layer of wool.

Vanessa E: Heat pack and flannelette sheets.

Michael W: Dehumidifier, warms and cleans the air.

Raechel W: Fire, thicker clothes or more! Hot water bottle during winter. Extra bedding! Socks, beanie on!!

Tennille C: Leave the country go somewhere warm.

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The Archies Creek Hotel hosted another classic weekend of music last Friday and Saturday night with Van Walker first up and Mel Parsons' 'Brick By Brick' album launch followed on Saturday.

Moon rises over Van Walker and a memorable night at Archies Creek

ARCHIES Creek Hotel impresario extraordinaire Peter Foley, hot from a successful run with the Tasmanian convict music history show 'Vandemonian LAGS', was back at the Archies Creek Hotel last Friday night.

And he brought with him one of the star acts from that production, Van Walker, himself a Tasmanian, for a one-night stand at the Creek.

And what a night it turned out to be. Absolutely sublime.

A feature of the night was a selection of tunes from his latest album, Healing Descent, including the title track.

It starts off desperately

enough with "when the moon guillotines above your head, and the darkness bleeds your soul with dread..."

But thankfully resolves hopefully with "now when you feel like you're losing everything, let it go and see what the West Wind brings... it's alright, there'll be a new moon out tonight."

Do yourself a favour, as they say, and get yourself a copy.

With Chelsea Stewart on backup vocals, Morwell local Dan Musil adding a haunting dobro guitar, Mick Stylianou on bass and Garfield's Josh Dukier with a unique double-beat drum action; it was just

one of those nights.

With his gravelly, perfectly pitched voice, and some deeply engaging lyrics wrapped in an accessible brand of folk, country, rock; Van Walker is one of those artists that's worth going a long way to see.

And you didn't have to go that far if you live in the Foster-Sandy Point area with Walker and his band turning out on Saturday night, June 14 at the Sandy Point Community Centre as part of a mini-tour after the Tasmanian heritage music event at Her Majesty's and the Melbourne Recital Hall, among other venues recently.

Coming up at Archies Creek:

- Sunday, June 22, 12noon – 4pm Second-Hand Clothing Market
 - Friday, June 20, 2025 Lachlan Bryan & Emily Barker
 - Saturday, June 21, 2025 Painters & Dockers
 - Saturday, September 13, 2025 Mama Kin Spender
 - Saturday, October 18, 2025 Jesse Daniel (Usa) with special guest Tori Forsyth
 - Saturday, November 22, 2025 Ben Ottewell & Ian Ball present Gomez by request
- More of what's coming up at the Archies Creek Hotel and tickets at archiescreekhotel.com.au.

Community Art Project culminates in Wonthaggi exhibition

WHILE the recent Community Art Project run by Inverloch fibre artist Meg Viney was all about giving participants the chance to explore their creative side in a friendly, pressure-free environment, its spectacular output is on show at Wonthaggi's ArtSpace Gallery.

The success of the project was celebrated on Sunday, with people who enjoyed the various classes on offer coming to see each other's work displayed and reflecting on the fun they had during the diverse sessions.

The exhibition includes examples of feltmaking, printmaking, ceramics, basketmaking, painting and papermaking.

Meg explained the laid-back approach to classes was adopted to appeal to those who may not normally have the confidence to attend an art class.

"The idea was that we would just dabble, toe in the water stuff, let's have a go at all sorts of different things," she said of the various artistic fields in which classes were offered.

ArtSpace Gallery auspiced Meg's initiative and she succeeded in obtaining a grant through Bass Coast Shire Council to help with the costs of required materials.

She said everyone who joined the classes was keen to see what they could achieve and

By Andrew Paloczi

enjoyed watching what others were creating.

"Nobody was afraid and everybody just climbed in and had a wonderful time," Meg remarked of the way the students took to their classes and enjoyed learning new skills.

She thanked those at ArtSpace for their support, also appreciative of the Community Grant from council.

While most things proceeded smoothly during the classes, one student was so excited about the challenge of papermaking that she forgot to put the lid on the vitamiser, creating a vibrant explosion of colour in the room and necessitating an extensive cleanup.

It's sure to be a story shared with future students, given the high hopes of running a similar program down the track.

Cape Woolamai's Roz Morris had a go at basketmaking and ceramics, the use of natural found materials such as seagrass and sticks to create baskets particularly appealing to her.

Susan Hall enjoyed teaching printmaking, remarking the students were all eager to learn and that they surprised themselves with what they achieved, some having never attempted printmaking before.



Meg Viney gets ready to speak about the success of the Community Art Project. A39_2425



Roz Morris enjoyed learning basketmaking skills, with examples of her work on display during a current exhibition at ArtSpace Gallery in Wonthaggi. A40_2425

Latrobe Regional Health stroke unit goes straight to platinum

GIPPSLANDERS are receiving platinum care at the Latrobe Regional Health stroke unit which has won a globally recognised award for excellence.

The LRH stroke unit has been recognised with a prestigious World Stroke Organisation Angels Platinum Status Award for delivering consistently outstanding care.

The LRH stroke unit was awarded for its ability to act quickly to restore blood flow to the brain to eligible patients within 60 minutes of hospital arrival.

Morwell woman Clare Lappin was given lightning-fast treatment at LRH after a sudden onset of stroke at home, just hours before she was due to fly to Townsville.

The 49-year-old experienced symptoms that typically include sudden facial droop, slurred or difficulty with speech, muscle weakness or numbness down one side, and a sudden loss of vision, or balance.

"I didn't know it was a stroke, I thought it was anxiety and I'd be fine. My niece came over and called an ambulance which was here in three minutes," Clare said.

"At LRH, I got straight through ED. I reckon I'd have permanent damage if they hadn't taken such quick action. I can't praise them enough, they were prepped and ready."

Latrobe Regional Health stroke unit coordinator Janet May said stroke is a time-critical medical emergency where blood supply to the brain is interrupted or reduced.

"With each minute that goes by, more brain cells can be lost, and the risk of disability and death increases," she said.

"Acting swiftly on the signs of stroke and implementing best practice care requires coordination between ambulance, emergency department, radiology, and stroke unit staff."

LRH treats approximately 240 strokes and Transient Ischaemic Attacks (TIA) each year.

People in regional Australia are 17 per cent more likely to experience a stroke than those in metropolitan areas.

Nationwide, there are approximately 45,800 stroke events annually, or about 125 a day.

"Ensuring appropriate patients receive clot-busting therapy within 60 minutes of arriving at the hospital door is the gold standard," Ms May said.

"It means more people will survive and live well after stroke."

LRH is only the 10th hospital in Australia to achieve platinum status after exceeding a strict set of criteria and key performance indicators.

This included demonstrating fast treatment, coordinated care, scans and screening, and preventative care on discharge.

Ms May said achieving platinum status was not possible without having 24-hour access to the Victorian Stroke Telehealth Service which enables specialist stroke doctors to hold video consultations in the emergency department.

The Angels Initiative is a partnership between the World Stroke Organisation, European Stroke Organisation, and Boehringer Ingelheim, which sets global benchmarks for best practice.

The Angels Initiative Lead in Australia Kim Malkin said every step toward improving care and outcomes for stroke patients was worth celebrating.

"Every hospital that achieves WSO Angels Platinum Status should be justifiably proud, as should the communities they serve," she said.



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Julie's cuttin'out after 1/2-a-million clips

BORN in Wonthaggi and educated at St Josephs and the Wonthaggi Technical School, Julie Waters (Brusamarello) always wanted to be a hairdresser.

And, after almost 40 years in the business, she retires later this month after completing something like 500,000 haircuts, upwards of 400,000 of those in Wonthaggi.

It's quite some record for someone who didn't give up, after failing to secure one of those coveted hairdressing apprenticeships so prized by young women of her era.

"From a little girl, I always wanted to be a hairdresser but after I couldn't get an apprenticeship, so I saved up my money, and paid my way through a 12-month course in Melbourne, picking up work along the way to keep me going," said Julie this week.

"I came back to Wonthaggi and worked for Rick Arestia in a shop in Graham Street, next to the ANZ Bank. We moved after six months, in 1992, to Murray Street, and I bought the business in 1993.

"I've cut up to 60 in-a-day at times, so it could be more than that.

"I went back to three days a week for a while for the kids, and COVID slowed us down a bit, but I haven't taken more



Long-time Wonthaggi business operator Julie Waters is handing over iconic Murray Street business Cuttin'In to new owner Kylie Fletcher at the end of the month after a marathon stint in the trade.

than three weeks holidays a year in that time.

"I looked in the book, and I've had 25 staff members over that time but that's been one of the challenges, getting staff.

"Not that much has changed. The clippers are cordless now and they have stronger motors, and we always took cash until recently

when most only use cards or their phones.

"But no, I think COVID was the biggest challenge. We closed for two weeks because we weren't sure what was happening, then we had all the rules, including only five customers in the shop, and two lockdowns. It was around that time we closed on Saturdays.

"Ultimately, we closed on Mondays as well which was a staffing issue.

"But we haven't had an ounce of trouble in the shop. People have been great. I've had a few customers with me all the way, but a couple of the ones I'd had for 20 and 30 years have passed now."

There's been a wide range of clientele too at Cuttin-In, from men in their 90s wanting traditional cuts to school kids wanting the latest style. They also cut and style for women as well.

"Some of the hairdressers only really want to do colours so they'll send them around to us for a cut."

Cuttin-In have also worked very well with the disabled over the years, always taking the time to attend to their particular needs.

Julie Waters is already in the process of handing over to the new owner, Kylie Fletcher, who has been in the shop for a few weeks, ahead of the official handover at the end of the month.

And she'll be back to help out for a few weeks more after that.

"It's been great. I've loved it. Loved the people and Neil has been with me all of the way," said Julie.

LIFE Moments



JASMINE Lee Cleverley-Robinson was born at 9.14am on Tuesday, May 13, weighing 2.850kg and measuring 47cm to Mark Edward and Tara Lee. Jasmine is a younger sister to Ayva, Ethan, Nina and Jake.

• FAITH FACTOR

Hope in an Uncertain World!

By Rev. Graeme Liersch, Rector, Anglican Parish of Wonthaggi/Inverloch

RECENTLY I travelled to Fiji for a conference on rural issues that included Climate Change, Drugs and Drug Cartels, Modern Day Slavery, Economic Colonisation and Self Determination, Safety and Wellbeing of Children and Women, and the Seasonal Workers Scheme.

It was very sobering to hear of the many stories where people were being used and abused in different ways. Take for example the Seasonal Workers Scheme where some related stories of being threatened to be deported if they left their unethical employer in the country where they had gone to work. Basically, the people were kept in terrible conditions and paid below the award wage. It could be easily deduced that this was modern day slavery.

In fairness though, we also heard stories where the seasonal workers were housed well and paid well.

Then there were the drug issues that included stories of whole villages being controlled by drug cartels.

These and other stories revealed a sense of hopelessness by many in their village communities.

Within these real issues, that affect the Pacific Island Nations, Australia and New Zealand, the common thread was 'Where can we find hope that change can and will occur?'

'Hope' is something we all look for, especially when the going seems impossible, and just when we were feeling a little despondent a remarkable story of change was shared with us.

This was based around a Christian community in Papua New Guinea where the local Anglican Priest was asked by two of his sons if they could start a football team. Within their request they asked if they could recruit two players from a neighbouring village that was well known for their drug problems. By giving permission, the Priest knew that the whole neighbouring village would want to be involved and thus there was a risk that drugs would be introduced to their own village.

The Priest took the risk and granted the request, and sure enough the whole neighbouring village became involved. But instead of drugs entering the Priest's village, the neighbouring village became Christian and drug free.

With this true story we were buoyed and our focus returned to the only true source of 'Hope', Jesus Christ.

Take the time to get to know Jesus Christ and in doing this you'll experience true 'Hope', hope for the future.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

AS WINTER deepens in Korumburra, Milpara Community House continues to offer enriching opportunities to connect, learn, and have fun. This week, as well as our regular activities, we're excited to share two fantastic events designed to inform and entertain.

Your Digital Legacy – What Happens to Your Online Presence When You're Gone?

Join us on Thursday, June 19, at 11am for a free informative discussion on managing your digital footprint. This free information session will explore what happens to your online accounts and personal data after you pass away. You'll also gain valuable tips on creating and securely managing passwords to protect your digital life.

Burra board gamers – A fun-filled Saturday session!

Calling all board game enthusiasts! On Saturday, June 21, from 10am to 2pm, the Burra Board Gamers invite anyone aged 14 and over to join them for an exciting day of modern board gaming. Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious, come and try popular games like Gloomhaven, Pandemic, Catan, Codenames, Dixit, and Ticket to Ride – or bring your own favourite game to share! Cost of \$4 covers tea, coffee and biscuits.

Don't miss the chance to expand your knowledge and enjoy some friendly competition in the warm and welcoming atmosphere of Milpara Community House.

Supporting our community through Milpara's emergency food bank and services Australia agent.

Milpara Community House is more than a place for learning and connection – it's also a vital support hub for those in need. If you are struggling to put food on the table, our Emergency Food Bank provides a respectful, safe, and supportive environment for emergency relief. Preferred hours for assistance are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10am to 1pm, or by appointment – please bring your own bags.

Additionally, our food produce table welcomes donations of surplus homegrown fruit and vegetables, helping to share fresh produce within

our community. Every contribution makes a difference, as donations are the lifeblood of our food bank.

Our Services Australia agent is available at Milpara to assist with inquiries on Mondays and Thursdays from 10am to 1pm, and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9.30am to 2pm.

For more details or to book your spot at any event, visit milpara.vic.edu.au or call us at 5655 2524 or pop into our friendly office at the lower level of the Korumburra Community Hub.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

SOMETHING which people can find a barrier to learning is set start dates. Specific starting dates are unavoidable for some courses but others can have a rolling intake.

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Photography, and several levels of cooking.

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

Hungry birds are having a field day among the garden's new plantings.

Garden regulars are used to sharing with birdlife but this season has been especially challenging. Is it the goodness in the soil or the long dry spell over late summer and autumn? Nobody is quite sure.

Whatever the cause some creative solutions were needed. They include large milk bottles covering whole seed-

lings, chicken wire over plots of garlic, netting draped on wooden stakes and an array of metal baskets.

And as a last resort determined gardeners have simply repeated plantings many times.

At the community garden sharing ideas and learning from others helps too.

For more info contact tgor-don@westnet.com.au, BCAL at 5672 3115 or visit the garden on Thursdays between 10am and noon.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Kate joined the Woodies a bit over two months ago, having not done any woodworking since school in the 1980s.

Her main reasons for joining were to learn how to do home and furniture repairs, and to understand more about angles for framing.

Since starting, Kate has made herself a mallet completely by hand and is working on a set of smaller mallets for more delicate work. She is also learning how to use large power tools like the bandsaw and table saw.

For more information, visit wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au or pop into the workshop.



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The dangers of the online world

NICE Stack of Books will welcome author Ashley Kalagian Blunt to the Meeniyah Hall on Saturday, June 28 to discuss her latest thrilling novel Cold Truth.

Ashley Kalagian Blunt is a writer, speaker and podcaster. Her number one best-selling psychological thriller, Dark Mode, was shortlisted for the 2024 ABIA General Fiction Book of the Year, the Danger Awards Best Crime Debut, and the Ned Kelly Award for Best Crime Fiction. Before moving to Australia, Ashley lived and worked in Canada, South Korea, Peru and Mexico. Her latest thriller, Cold Truth is set in the freezing temperatures of Winnipeg, Canada, where she writes to expose the myriad ways our technology makes us vulnerable.

When online influencer Harlow's father mysteriously disappears amid a brutal cold snap, suspicions of foul play arise. It's not like Scott to miss phone calls – and he's been even more cautious since that time he was catfished by a romance scammer. Unhappy with the pace of the police investigation, Harlow launches her own search, enlisting her sister Blaise's reluctant help. As Harlow struggles to uncover what really happened to her father, she's forced to question everything and everyone around her – including herself.

Ashley Kalagian Blunt will be joined onstage by Melbourne based author and podcaster Jacinta Dietrich on Saturday, June 28 at 6.30pm. Tickets are available in store at Nice Stack of Books, Meeniyah or online.

Enjoy supper and a hot drink, chat with the authors, have your book signed and hear all about what Ashley has discovered when researching the dangers of the online world.

Familiar voices liven things up at the end of the working week

TIM Smith is no stranger to radio or television. The former breakfast radio host for Triple M and 3RRR, and co-host of the Nine Network's Discover Downunder with Brooke Hanson, Tim with Ed Thexton and Robyn Cantwell are about to take their Monday morning South Coast FM radio show to Friday afternoons.

Weekend Warmup with Tim, Ed and Robyn on South Coast is Tim's next big thing.

From sell-out shows at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, top-rating breakfast radio shows, and appearances on The Comedy Company, Tonight Live, The Panel and Discover Downunder, Tim is a passionate entertainer and comedy icon.

Tim's TV credits include The Flying Doctors, Neighbours, 20 to 1, travel programs for the UK's Channel 4, as well as a presenter for Channel 10's motorsports covering live events around Australia.

Ed Thexton, president of the South Gippsland Conservation Society, will join Tim every Friday afternoon for the conservation conversation hour.

"We're older, we're grumpier, but we're not quite ready to toss in the towel," said Ed.



Tim Smith, Ed Thexton, and Robyn Cantwell moving their Monday morning radio show to Friday afternoon on South Coast FM. B01_2425

"Superannuated or should be, we have time on our hands.

"Once we had influence, now we almost uniformly suffer from relevance deprivation."

Ed revealed that like on the Monday show Weekend Warmup with Tim, Ed and Robyn will continue to be a means for local environment groups to reach a broader audience.

"We offer a truly enjoyable introduction to broadcasting led by Tim, the skilled interviewer of the greats.

"Our local radio show will continue to be a great venue for spreading the word about issues and events in your patch to the wider Gippsland audience from Yarram to Cranbourne."

"We'll be more vibey, with lots of surprises and memories," added Tim.

The emphasis will be on local and Australian talent, according to Tim, with regulars such as Harry Hook, Rick Morrison and Eric Collier.

"Lots of live stuff in the studio. We go to great efforts

to do the mix properly to cultivate a great sound."

As well as discussing upcoming weekend events and presenting the local gig guide, Tim, Ed and Robyn promise to cut loose occasionally with sensitive environmental issues as well as issues of social importance.

"We're not political, we're environmental," said Tim.

"Doing breakfast radio for 30 years I've interviewed every politician since Mark Latham.

"I loved the chill of 3RRR, now I love South Coast FM. My roots are in community radio."

After travelling around Australia for six years with Discover Downunder Tim settled in Korumburra with a distant view of Wilson's Promontory.

"The same people started to follow us around," said Tim.

"The grey nomad army.

"You just had to open your bonnet in a caravan park and 20 blokes would be around to help you drop the gearbox."

Tim, Ed and Robyn will present their trademark style of community radio every Friday afternoon from 12noon to 3pm.

South Coast FM broadcasts on 88.1, 89.5 and 89.1 or stream live at southcoastfm.au.



Imagine Live! - Alison Lester

Family Theatre

THU 10 JUL / 11:00AM / FROM \$12

Imagine Live! brings Alison Lester's award winning children's book to life on stage. Enjoy digital puppetry and animation technology paired with a brilliant music score and participatory storytelling.



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The Owl's Apprentice

Family Theatre

SAT 12 JUL / 11:00AM / FROM \$12

This is a voyage into a gorgeous realm of shadow puppetry while acting as a creative catalyst for exploring the unique biology of Australian animals. A mesmerising and perfect piece of family entertainment.



INFO & TICKETS

The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi



Conrad Sewell & Rene Le Feuvre

Live Music Performance

SAT 19 JUL / 7:30PM / FROM \$45

Celebrate a decade of the multi-platinum hit 'Firestone' with Conrad Sewell as he brings his iconic vocals to regional stages across the country with special guest Rene Le Feuvre.



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Berminneit, Cowes



Winter Pyjama Party!

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Get your pyjamas on, rug up and join us for special screenings of one of our favourite family flicks this season - Elio!



INFO & TICKETS

Both Venues



Playing With Light

Shadow Puppet Workshop

SAT 12 JUL / 12:30PM / \$12

This amazing hands-on workshop teaches children the skills to make their own shows as well as a take-home puppet. Children will finish with a performance of their own stories on a real shadow puppet stage!



INFO & TICKETS

The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi



Cinderella - Inventi Ensemble

Live Orchestra

FRI 18 JUL / 2:00PM / FROM \$15

We are thrilled to have Inventi Ensemble return! Like Cinderella's transformation at the stroke of midnight, experience a symphonic metamorphosis that transports you through every twist and turn of the story.



INFO & TICKETS

Berminneit, Cowes



Christine Anu

Live Music Performance

SAT 23 AUG / 7:30PM / FROM \$65

Christine Anu is one of Australia's most popular recording artists and performers of all time that uses her voice and reputation to spread a message of unity and hope.



INFO & TICKETS

Berminneit, Cowes



Victorian State Ballet presents

Beauty & The Beast

SAT 6 SEP / 2PM & 7:30PM / FROM \$20

Featuring internationally recognised artists, one of the world's most loved fairy tale classics is retold through beautiful costumes, exquisite choreography and leading dancers to honour the spirit of this magical work.



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Winter Imaginarium Program

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The band members are looking forward to accompanying the onstage action in Footloose. Back row: Peter Epifano, Joel Plymin, Anthony Gardner, Sam Shineberg and Bill Street. Front row: Pete Brown and Matt Keown.

Sam Shineberg loving new role as Footloose approaches

SAM Shineberg is ideally placed to understand the relationship between musicians and stage performers, the musical director for Leongatha Lyric Theatre's upcoming production of Footloose having performed in both capacities during his time with the group.

He played the lead role of Charlie Price in Kinky Boots, also appearing on stage in The Producers, again as a major character, having performed Young Frankenstein a few years ago.

Last year, Sam, a music teacher at Leongatha Secondary College, featured in the band for Lyric's production of Into the Woods, playing the keyboard, and has embraced the extra challenge of combining his skills as a pianist with being the musical director for Footloose.

"It's been a test of my multi-tasking skills," he said, adding that he'll count the band in and conduct for a few bars

By Andrew Paloczi

but will largely be playing.

He needs to be alert when on-stage dialogue combines with the music of the off-stage band, having to be ready to provide the band with its cue to move on at the right time.

"There's lots of concentrating on yourself, what you're playing, conducting the band, and also listening to the actors on stage so you know whereabouts you're up to and what's happening," Sam said.

While his new responsibility as musical director was initially daunting, he quickly fell into the role.

Anyone who has attended a Lyric Theatre production would be struck by its high standards and might be surprised to know how little time the band has to prepare.

The eight-member group only began their weekly practice sessions about mid-May, with the opening night of Footloose being Friday, July 11.

That's a testament to the work the musicians are putting in and to their professionalism, a few of them, like Sam, being school music teachers.

Band rehearsals are held at TAFE Gippsland in Leongatha, a sponsor of Leongatha Lyric Theatre, Sam saying it is a great space for the musicians.

For Footloose, Sam will be joined by a second keyboard player, Into the Woods musical director Malcolm McCaffery.

"We've got bass guitar, drums, two electric guitars, a percussionist and a reed player," Sam said of the musical ensemble theatregoers can look forward to at Leongatha Memorial Hall.

Percussionist Anthony Gardner plays a variety of instruments including glockenspiel, xylophone, triangles, tambourines and shaker, also using a keyboard to replicate the sound of Timpani drums.

The band members come from around Gippsland, some having played with big name performers.

The musicians are sure to be energised by the youthful exuberance of the cast, many of whom are still in their late teens, with on-and-off-stage performers mixing happily at Leongatha Lyric Theatre, something that doesn't always happen at other theatre groups.

On-stage performers can see a live feed of the conductor, with a TV screen on the balcony at Leongatha Memorial Hall.

Sam said the group's productions and the talent on show are a great thing for the community and everyone involved in the performances love being part of it.

While the stage musical performance of Footloose is longer than the movie on which it is based, he stressed that the new songs fit right in and add to the enjoyment.

Dance residency thanks to (it's no) drama

(IT'S no) drama have recently released a wonderful short video reflection from their community performance project, Dance of the Leaves. This inclusive, free project brought people together through movement and storytelling.

Over several months, Dance of the Leaves brought together community participants from diverse backgrounds to create an original dance work for public presentation.

Taking place at the Fish Creek Memorial Hall, it combines the talents of professional artists, designers, technicians, and local community members.

This project explores artistic processes, develops performance skills, builds confidence, fosters strong social connections, and creates a work of art that is genuinely unique.

The success of Dance of the Leaves has inspired a new workshop series in Fish Creek this June called Activate Gippsland, supported by a Quick Response Grant from Regional Arts Victoria.

This June, (it's no) drama is thrilled to welcome dancer Joe Newton-Keogh to Fish Creek for a one-month dance residency at the Fish Creek Memorial Hall.

Joe will be offering a mix of workshops in contemporary dance, soft acrobatics, floorwork, and mobility, designed for all ages and abilities. Whether you're an experienced dancer or just curious to explore, there's something here for you. Joe brings a unique blend of technique and play to his classes, drawing from contemporary dance, release technique, acrobatics, and floorwork. This is a rare and wonderful opportunity for all the movers and groovers out there in our community!

Watch the Dance of the Leaves at: itsnodrama.com/projects.

Refugee Support Week celebrates inspiring journeys

THE refugee support group, South Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees, SGRAR, cordially invite the public to celebrate Refugee Week 2025.

Screening the award-winning film, Il Capitano, about two teenagers who set out on the journey of their lives across the globe. The SGRAR group also welcome an inspiring speaker who will talk about her moving journey.

The idea to celebrate Refugee Week originated in Australia in 1983, proposed by the founding president of the Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA), Major-General Paul Cullen. Australia's first celebration was held in 1986 in Sydney. The idea spread globally, and since 2001, Refugee Week has become a worldwide celebration of the rich and varied contributions that refugees make to communities.

The theme this year is Seeking Freedom and Diverse Community, which is the story of the speaker for 2025 Refugee Week, a high-achieving woman whose family came to Australia to seek freedom and remained to contribute to South Gippsland's free, diverse community. Freedom and diversity are the story of Wonthaggi and the Bass Coast; a diverse, free community to which refugees and people seeking asylum join to contribute and through which the community all share in the benefits.

Since SGRAR was formed in 2003, there have been three waves of refugees who have joined the diverse Bass Coast community: the South Sudanese people, the Karen people and now the Syrian people. Each group of immigrants escaped bombs, starvation and displacement to arrive in the Bass Coast and find freedom, welcome and generous Bass Coast people sharing and helping in every way. Many who came are now valued members and contributors to the community as well as SGRAR friends.

On Sunday, June 22, SGRAR will celebrate all refugees and their contributions to the free community and nation. You are cordially invited to join. To book access trybooking.com/events/landing/1375296.

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A promise is a promise, Minister Thomas

PRIOR to the last State Election, in 2022, the then Premier Daniel Andrews committed \$290 million to Stage 2 of the Wonthaggi hospital re-development.

It was all about delivering the infrastructure for a growing region, providing a sub-regional health hub to serve the area between the Latrobe Valley and the eastern suburbs' tertiary hospitals.

The detail of the promise for Stage 2 included two new wards, increasing patient capacity by up to 64 beds, a new labour and delivery complex and new outpatient clinic with around 25 treatment spaces, providing space for patients needing dialysis, chemotherapy and specialist appointments.

The Premier said Stage 2 construction would be completed by 2027.

Last week, while opening the new Urgent Care section of the Cowes community hospital the Victorian Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas confirmed that the government was still committed to delivering the next stage of this vital project.

The reality is, we're likely to go to the next election, in November 2026, without a start being made on construction but it was clearly part of the platform upon which this Labor Government swept the parliamentary benches and a promise, is a promise.

It was good to hear Minister Thomas recommit to Wonthaggi and while there may be some doubt about the project being delivered in a timely manner if Labor loses next year, going by the disarray in Coalition ranks, you wouldn't bet on a change of government.

What we would like to hear from Labor, and the Coalition for that matter, ahead of the next election, is a firm timeline on when the project will start and finish at Wonthaggi.

A major flaw in the 'Circular Economy'

I NOTE with great interest the article in the Sentinel-Times, Wednesday, June 13, on the new buzzword for sustainable waste management in the shire, the 'Circular Economy'.

This revelation was brought to our attention at a Regional Circular Economy Summit at Berninnet, in Cowes recently, by no less than six leading researchers and circular economy principals (Drs, Professors etc.), who gathered to enlighten us on this new approach to waste management.

The idea being that, instead of buying, using and then throwing an article away, we find multiple uses for that article to keep it in circulation, rather than it finding its way into landfill, with the long-term aim of eliminating landfill waste altogether.

It all sounds great in essence, but, unless we start with the easiest and most destructive items first, landfill will still be overwhelmed with the burden of these items for the foreseeable future. I refer of course to the bane of landfills everywhere... disposable nappies!

These perfumed packages, clogging waste bins all over the shire, are destined to remain in landfill for decades, as they do not break down and are merely an item of convenience for our throw-away society.

It is estimated that the average baby will excrete its way through approximately 6500 of these disasters between birth and toilet training, all of which will end up in landfill.

At an average cost of 50c each, this equates to a total of \$3250 to cover this period of development, when a simple and very cheap alternative is readily available. Cotton cloth nappies cost an average



Winter is the perfect time to embrace South Gippsland's sights, even with the chill in the wind – rug up and enjoy nature's charm. Why not head down to San Remo for the daily pelican feeding at 12 noon. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.

of \$1.86 each and given that 36 of these reusable versions would last the average baby from birth to toilet training and still be available for reuse as cleaning and polishing rags at the end of their initial life, it is a no-brainer.

Do the sums. Approximately \$70, as opposed to \$3250. An extraordinary saving, in return for a relatively small effort.

Quite apart from the environmental benefit, one would expect that if the current economic situation is as severe as we are constantly being advised, that alone would be enough for young parents to make the change.

Alas, society as a whole is lazy and has a propensity to take the easy way out in most situations.

I found it astounding, that according to the 'Sentinel' article, none of these brainiacs at the summit considered the idea of starting with the massively beneficial and easily achievable matters first, rather than seeking to attack more complex long-term agricultural and farming issues.

Maybe the simplest solutions are not complex enough for the boffins!

The silence is always deafening from the environmentalists on this matter, maybe because they are also culpable.

David Vance, Inverloch

Opposing Radovick Street rezoning

OUR group (Strzelecki Ward Citizens Assembly) has made a submission to South Gippsland Shire strongly opposing the Shire's planning scheme amendment C133 SGIP. The proposed amendment recommends the rezoning of the senior citizen site from in effect a community to commercial use. Council has already passed a motion to sell the land and the rezoning of the land to commercial use would optimise the potential sale price. Notwithstanding the existence of a 1987 Trust by Council to hold the land on behalf of the beneficiaries the Senior Citizen Centre Incorporated and legal dispute, Council has preceded to seek a rezoning.

Council argues that the land is needed because of the financial issues of Council and the need for more commercial space in the Korumburra Mainstreet precinct. There is a clear conflict of duty by Council as a financial manager and administrator of the planning scheme. They further argue that the Senior Citizen Centre has been adequately catered for at the Korumburra Community Hub. This is being strongly opposed by the Korumburra Senior Citizens group as they believe that the hub site is inaccessible for many

people because of the steep gradient of the site; and the fact that the majority of the activities that were undertaken at the Senior Citizen Centre would be impossible at the Hub; and further that they were only offered four hours which is manifestly inadequate. We are in a perverse situation where the \$4m cost overrun for the Hub would be funded by getting rid of the only suitable and accessible building for the senior citizen centre. Robbing Peter to pay Paul!

The reality is that both the State Planning Scheme and Council's Planning Scheme talk about the balanced development of commercial and community facilities. And indeed, this is a key objective for the Mainstreet Precinct. The proposed rezoning site is the only both suitable and accessible land available for current and future community activities in the Mainstreet Precinct. No argument or evidence has been put forward for the need for more commercial land, particularly given that there are eight thousand square metres available on the corner of Commercial, King and Victoria Streets. There has been no new commercial building in the precinct over the past ten years. There is no proper evaluation of current let alone future community facility needs in the proposed amendment.

It is time the Council embraced its own commitment to collaborate with the community and acknowledge that over two thousand people from Korumburra, in fact, more than half the adult population, signed a petition to the Council opposing the Council's takeover of the Senior Citizens Centre. Reject the rezoning and give the centre back to the senior citizens.

**Andrew McEwen, Co-convenor
Strzelecki Ward Citizens Assembly**

A modern war

AS A retired Army Officer who lived through the aftermath of the Vietnam War, we required a deep rethink of how Australia fought wars and we cast widely for thinkers to support this process. We studied Clausewitz, Sun Tzu and in my case even Mao Zedong.

The Australian Army recognised in its processes in the nineteen eighties that war is inherently a political act. That it is inherently political is reflected in the fact that key decisions in war are made by civilian politicians and not Generals.

Later I was Mayor of multicultural Greater Dandenong which I took to referring to as "the world in a city" – it also opened my eyes to the possibility that wars could be triggered by mutual cultural ignorance.

This was reinforced by me marrying

somebody from a different culture.

It is with this background I offer the following poem regarding war today.

Modern war is like a fight with your wife
You might be angry but she'll stay in your life

So tell your truth gently

And listen intently

And maybe you'll both grow from the strife.

**Kevin Walsh RFD, Major RAINF
(Ret'd), Cape Paterson**

Caring, connectedness and crime

ONE of the ways we, as a community, can productively tackle the rise in crime in our neighbourhoods is through Neighbourhood Watch.

Over the last few months, a group (open to anyone) has been meeting to discuss the multifactorial causes and problems of both crime; how we tackle both personal/property safety and improve connectedness and wellbeing for those who feel disaffected.

For Neighbourhood Watch to launch in our area we need at least 20 people to register (see my Facebook page event for details and the event details) to attend the meeting in Wonthaggi this Wednesday night, June 18.

The background to this is that a number of people had approached me (in my role as a Bass Coast Shire Councillor) about their fears of crime in our community, asking what I would do about it... Then I was at a facility with some of our most valued and vulnerable and learnt of the issue they have of intruders to their grounds. It left me feeling sad for both those disaffected in the community that they turn to negative outlets and to those who are fearful of having been or could be affected by it.

Crime, community safety and connectedness is an issue that we can, together, do something about. Please register or get in touch with me for further details. meg.edwards@basscoast.vic.gov.au or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MegEdwardsAU>.

Meg Edwards, Inverloch & Fish Creek

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.



Kirsten Weinzierl, BCH executive director community hospital and BCH nurse unit manager Linda Goltz had looked forward to welcoming the first patient in the new urgent care clinic and noted the amazing and adaptive nature of the care team. C02_2425



Lyn Wadeson, part of BCH's pathways and auxiliary teams joined deputy chair of the board Julia Oxley in celebration of the new hospital. C03_2425



Getting together with other Wonthaggi Rovers players at the premiership reunions last Saturday were John Mitchell, Allan McKellar and Rod Burton.



Joining with other former teammates at the Wonthaggi Rovers Reunions on Saturday were Justin Paul and Matt Joyce.



Gail Franks and Lisa Musilli of Inverloch at the celebration of the Community Art Project exhibition in Wonthaggi. A34_2425



ArtSpace curator Ursula Theinert and fibre artist Meg Viney at the Community Art Project exhibition event. A35_2425

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Phillip Island Community Hospital soft launch, Community Art Project exhibition at ArtSpace, Rail Trail Community Market in Leongatha and Rover's Premiership Reunion.



Leongatha & District Historical Society secretary Lyn Skillern and vice-president Graham Wightman help run the organisation's stall at the Rail Trail Community Market in Leongatha. A26_2425



Locals Mitchell Bentvelzen and Mia Barrett enjoy Sunday's market in Leongatha. A27_2425



Melissa Dickson of Dumbalk holds her son Uriah who attended printmaking and feltmaking sessions with her. A36_2425



Hallston's Ron Knoester pays a visit to the Leongatha Men's Shed stall at the Leongatha market, accompanied by the ever-vibrant Max Wood. A32_2425



Meeniyan's Kym Lewis and Jo Tyler of Melbourne along with dog Jazz relax in the sunshine at the Leongatha market. A28_2425



Julie Statkus and Diane McMahon of Inverloch enjoy the Community Art Project exhibition, in which Diane's feltmaking and her twig basket feature. A37_2425



Locals Autumn Stamm and Lexie Ogden run the Little Clown Studios stall at the Leongatha market. A29_2425



Werner Theinert and Susan Hall at the Community Art Project exhibition in Wonthaggi. A38_2425



Leiana Kaminski displays a tub of Persian Fetta, while Bruno Cordedda holds Halloumi as they run The Bella Fromage at Leongatha market, the business is based in Box Hill, but Leiana living in Traralgon. A33_2425



Dumbalk's Caleb Holwerda takes charge of the pram, accompanied by mum Elise. A31_242



Locals Joan Fiek and Kaye Warren enjoy Sunday's market in Leongatha. A30_2425

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Green and gold in Gippsland

“EAGLE ROCK” is a high calibre 89* hectare/220* acre grazing property with outstanding bespoke homestead, rolling green pastures, native shelter belts and a gold mine!

With excellent soil structure and annual rainfall in the vicinity of 1,012mm*, the region is an agricultural powerhouse renowned for livestock production, viticulture and other commercial horticultural pursuits. Located five* minutes from Fish Creek on the road to Wilsons Promontory, the property is a short drive to the popular seaside hamlets of Sandy Point and Walkerville, and the beaches of Waratah Bay.

The elevated position of the 58* square homestead toward the rear of the property is impressive. A bespoke architectural build, the solid stone homestead will impress with its quality and 360-degree panoramic view across rolling green Gippsland pastures, Wilsons Promontory and Waratah Bay to the south.

On entry the homestead features an expansive central plan living area, a separate two-bedroom guest wing to the left and two-bedroom plus study, family accommodation to the right. Built with guests and extended family members in mind, the homestead has at times generated additional income through Airbnb hosting.

High ceilings, and expansive rooms with large, double-glazed windows fill the home with natural light. A feature stone wall with built-in wood fire and split systems provide heating and cooling.

The chef’s kitchen and stone island benchtop overlooks the living area and is built to the highest quality and includes stainless steel appliances and a walk-in pantry.

Family accommodation off to the right comprises two large bedrooms and a study (third bedroom), each with wall-to-ceiling robes. The master bedroom includes a private ensuite with sub-floor heating, frameless shower and a bath with views across Gippsland. The family wing also features a games room, separate toilet, powder room, laundry and internal access to the double garage. The guest wing encompasses two double bedrooms, a bathroom, toilet and separate living room.

The farm consists of 24* paddocks with an accumulated area of 88.2* hectares (218.1* acres) across three titles.

A well-made central driveway meanders through the property past paddocks and tranquil native shelter belts to the homestead at the rear of the property. Paddocks are gently undulating and tractable, with rainfall off natural gullies filling a network of six dams across the property. A large dam at the front lower section of the property houses a pump that transports water via a sub-ground poly pipe network to a 90,000* litre Primary soil type is Brown Kurosols which typically occur within South Gippsland’s higher rainfall regions.

Further improvements include an excellent four-bay Colorbond shed, with two bays enclosed on a concrete slab. An array of 20 solar panels mounted on the shed provides supplementary solar power to the homestead. Adjacent is a two-bay shed used to house additional farm machinery.

A unique feature of the “Eagle Rock” property is an old disused gold mine shaft, cut roughly 50* metres into a hill on the north-east side of the property.

** denotes approximately*

Stunning rural views

PREPARE to be impressed by this truly spectacular home. Tucked away at the end of a no-through road and set on approximately 80 picturesque acres, this beautifully renovated three-bedroom home offers peace, privacy and breathtaking views in every direction.

From the moment you arrive, the charm is undeniable. An undercover wrap-around verandah invites you to step inside where a spacious open-plan living area awaits filled with natural light. Floor-to-ceiling windows frame sweeping panoramic views of the surrounding farmland, creating a sense of space and serenity. A solid wood fire and ceiling fan ensure year-round comfort, while sliding glass doors open out to a generous undercover entertaining area, the perfect place to enjoy your morning coffee or host family and friends in style.

The heart of the home is the stylish and functional kitchen, featuring stone benchtops with a waterfall design, a gas cooktop, an electric oven, a dishwasher and a convenient breakfast bar, ideal for casual dining or entertaining.

The master bedroom is a true retreat, complete with a ceiling fan, private ensuite with shower and toilet and direct access to the deck, ideal for soaking in the tranquil rural outlook. The second bedroom also opens out to the decking and boasts built-in robes and ensuite-style access to the main bathroom, which features a deep soaker tub, shower and separate toilet. The third bedroom includes built-in robes and a ceiling fan, offering comfort and functionality for family or guests. A spacious laundry with ample bench space and hallway storage complete the internal layout.

Outside, this property continues to impress. Two sheds, one 6m x 12m with high clearance and another measuring an expansive 36m x 12m with a shearing floor and power provide excellent storage and workspace. Well-constructed stockyards with a ramp at the entry offer functionality for livestock, while four large water tanks totalling 25,000 (approx.) gallons, nine solar panels and six dams ensure the property is well-equipped for sustainable living. The west branch of the Tarwin River also borders the property, further enhancing its appeal.

Located just a short drive from the vibrant townships of Mirboo North and Leongatha, this property presents a rare opportunity to secure a stunning rural lifestyle. Don’t miss the chance to make this dream property your reality.



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80 acres

245 Markleys Rd, **Mirboo Nth**
For Sale \$1,585,000
Agent Ray White Leongatha
David Trotman 0418 589 805



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Ray White



For Sale

23 Ogilvy Street, **Leongatha**

TRUE GEM IN CONVENIENT LOCALE

- Thoughtfully updated throughout
- Open plan living with fireplace
- Large undercover deck
- Established garden with fruit trees

Michael Hanily 0417 311 756

\$575,000

3 Beds 1 Bath 1 Car



For Sale

245 Eastaways Road, **Fish Creek**

TURNKEY FARM-STAY ENTERPRISE

- 21ha property
- 3 bedroom home + self contained cottage
- 15 paddocks, hay yield of 50-60 rounds
- Supports approx 25 cows & 50-100 sheep

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

Contact Agent

4 Beds 3 Bath 8 Car



For Sale

17 Lee Parade, **Leongatha**

SPACIOUS FAMILY LIVING

- Close to the town centre & schools
- Two-level layout with scope to modernise
- Elevated & uninterrupted views
- Covered entertaining & BBQ area

David Trotman 0418 589 805

\$595,000

5 Beds 2 Bath 2 Car



For Sale

43 Ogilvy Street, **Leongatha**

EDWARDIAN FEATURES

- Fully renovated throughout
- Separate study or 5th bedroom
- Entertaining area + paved fire pit zone
- Easy flat walk to main street

Michael Hanily 0417 311 756

\$610,000 - \$650,000

4 Beds 2 Bath 1 Car



For Sale

585 Leongatha-Yarragon Rd, **Wooreen**

A LIFESTYLE OASIS, INCOME POTENTIAL!

- 19.5 acre property with stunning views
- Open plan family home
- 2 BNB cottages for earning potential
- Fully functional vineyard & winery

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$1,480,000 - \$1,595,000

4 Beds 4 Bath 2 Car



For Sale

Lot 1, 1B Sawyer St, **Leongatha**

BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME

- 2468m² block with no covenants
- Gently sloping with a north facing
- All services available
- Fully fenced

Michael Hanily 0417 311 756

\$395,000

Land.



For Sale

Lot 3, 1A Sawyer St, **Leongatha**

SUPERB SETTING

- 3151m² allotment
- Quiet court close to main shopping
- All services available
- Fully fenced

Michael Hanily 0417 311 756

\$499,000

Land.



For Sale

Shamrock Springs, **Leongatha**

SHAMROCK SPRINGS - NOW TITLED

- Build your dream home
- Walking distance to main street
- Close to parklands and playgrounds
- A welcoming town & great community

Michael Hanily 0417 311 756

From \$255,000

Land.



For Sale

31 Hourigan Camp Lane, **Yanakie**

PRIVATE SANCTUARY

- Luxurious home on 2.5 acres
- Open plan living/dining
- Walk to Shallow Inlet with Prom views
- Successful high end Airbnb

Wendy Gregson 0477 665 868

\$1,900,000

5 Beds 4 Bath 2 Car



For Sale

Address on request

MAJESTIC FEDERATION HOME 'REWAH'

- Luxuriously restored for modern living
- Period charm with 11ft ceilings
- 14 acres of prime land with river frontage
- Self-contained bungalow

Wendy Gregson 0477 665 868

\$1,850,000

4 Beds 3 Bath 5 Car



For Sale

Address on request, **Devon North**

PICTURESQUE GRAZING LIFESTYLE

- Undulating 123 acres for grazing
- Quality fencing, yards, race & crush
- Renovated home with large deck & views
- Low maintenance gardens

Peter Bellingham 0439 178 653

\$1,200,000 - \$1,300,000

3 Beds 2 Bath 4 Car



For Sale

4585 South Gippsland Hwy, **Toora**

VIEWS TO THRILL!

- Views to Wilsons Prom & Hoddle Ranges
- Elevated 5 acres with fruit trees
- Light-filled open plan living
- Pizza oven & outdoor hot/cold baths

Wendy Gregson 0477 665 868

\$849,000

2 Beds 2 Bath 2 Car



For Sale

2160 Meeniyar Promontory Rd, **Fish Creek**

GREEN & GOLD IN GIPPSLAND!

- Approx. 220 acres with stone homestead
- 360° views to Wilsons Prom
- Quality shedding & solar power
- Restored gold mine shaft

Peter Bellingham 0439 178 653

Sale by Deadline

5 Beds 3 Bath 12 Car



For Sale

295 Savages Road, **Fish Creek**

A WINDOW TO THE WORLD!

- Breathtaking views of Corner Inlet
- Craftsman-built home
- Open plan living with access to deck
- Spacious bedrooms plus sunroom

Peter Bellingham 0439 178 653

\$1,550,000 - \$1,700,000

3 Beds 2 Bath 2 Car



For Sale

3 Banksia Rise, **Foster**

PANORAMIC FOSTER TOWN VIEWS

- 7-star energy rating, builder's warranty
- Move-in ready with first home incentives
- Open plan with stone benchtops
- Low-maintenance, landscaped yard

Wendy Gregson 0477 665 868

\$665,000

3 Beds 2 Bath 2 Car



For Sale

Address on request, **Inverloch**

OUTSTANDING DAIRY OPPORTUNITY

- Approx. 393 acres across 3 titles
- 25 S/O Herringbone dairy, 450-cow yard
- 2x 30T silos & roller mill with 10,600L vat
- Updated home just 3km from Inverloch

Peter Bellingham 0439 178 653

Sally by Negotiation

4 Beds 2 Bath 2 Car



SUPERBLY constructed with an emphasis on minimal maintenance and running costs, combined with a simplicity that showcases the stunning natural materials used throughout.

Completed just three years ago to offer the opportunity to purchase an as-new home with high energy efficiency. The hardwood board and batten exterior is designed to blend into the natural environment of this picturesque seaside location.

Set on approx. 609m2 of dry, flat land with a sheltered north-facing rear entertaining deck, pizza oven, fire pit area and lock up shed that could serve as a games room – everything you need has already been thought of.

Inside, the simple design is filled with natural light – warm in winter with a central wood heater and cool in summer with triple insulation and overhead fans. The magnificent Tasmanian Oak flooring is complemented by bespoke double-glazed spotted gum windows and marine ply panelling. The kitchen is a statement in style with charcoal soft close cabinets, timber bench tops, and quality appliances. There are two large fitted bedrooms, one with the ability to add a mezzanine loft. Superb main bathroom with huge frameless shower and separate WC. Outdoor shower and laundry/utility space with second WC are perfectly positioned to cater for outdoor gatherings.

The block is low maintenance with a fringe of established native vegetation, fully fenced for pets and children and with easy parking for boats, caravans or cars. Walk to the pristine coastline via the coastal tracks and explore this scenic location with unspoiled beaches and sheltered waterways.



2 | 1 | 2609m²

10 Roscrea Crescent, Walkerville
For Sale \$760,000
Agent SEJ Real Estate
Andrea Adams 0429 822 801

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TOORA NORTH

- 3 bed / 2 bath B/V on approx. 1ha
- High ceilings, & panoramic views
- Modern kitchen, north facing living
- Exc. Solar power & heating
- Garage, paddock & dam

\$795,000

Contact Andrea Adams 0429 822 801

NERRENA

- Peace & quiet on 1.4ha / 3.4 ac surrounded by native bush
- Situated under 10 min. to Leongatha & 20 to Inverloch beaches
- 4 bed, 2 bath, two storey Coldon home, 2 living areas & modern kitchen
- Solar power, off grid living, all set up for affordable, comfort living
- 18mtr x 9 mtr lock up shed, in addition to lean too, exc water storage
- Native bush, walking tracks, lawn & garden with veggie beds & chook shed

\$980,000

Contact Irene Walker 0429 045 632

TOORA

- 10 acres / 4.14ha. of pasture
- Well fenced into one paddock
- Serviced by town water
- Not eligible for building permit
- Turnout block close to Pony Club

\$149,000

Contact Andrea Adams 0429 822 801

TOORA

- Iconic freehold and business,
- 1095m² approx. in Main Street.
- (3)shop fronts plus 1br residence
- Historic features, 1904
- Café fully set up, operating

\$990,000

Contact Andrea Adams 0429 822 801

LEONGATHA

- Family home on a spacious 900sqm block, a blank canvas!
- Side access to the rear yard, keep as is or create for shed
- Light filled, north facing home with views to the hills of Nerrena
- 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, open plan kitchen, dining & living
- Second living room, double garage, and new carpet throughout
- Outdoor deck, great location, walk to schools – motivated vendor!

\$649,000

Contact Irene Walker 0429 045 632

KARDELLA

- Country hideaway 9ha/23ac approx.
- Ideal horse, beef property
- 3 dams, established trees
- Shed barn, 10min to Korumburra
- Just minutes from the rail trail

\$360,000-\$390,000

Contact Irene Walker 0429 045 632

Your very own dual-living bush retreat

SITUATED on approximately 2.5 acres and surrounded by bush is this gorgeous builder's own home, which has been designed to fit right in with the surrounding landscape. A lovely cottage also exists, giving you dual living, family visits or a great Airbnb opportunity (STCA). In addition is an extremely rare share ownership of approximately 22 acres of bush reserve which is also included with the property.

The main house has three bedrooms and the master bedroom consists of an ensuite, walk-in robe and access to the private deck. Enjoy the tranquil views every morning! The other two bedrooms have built-in robes. The spacious main bathroom has a bath, shower, vanity and toilet.

The generous kitchen has a gorgeous red gum bench top, electric oven, gas cooktop, dishwasher and walk-in pantry. The kitchen adjoins the open-plan living area with a feature wall crafted from Morwell River rocks. You will be comfortable all year round with a wood heater and split system reverse cycle.

The secluded bush surrounds can be enjoyed on the large deck that is partially undercover, this area is perfect for entertaining. Shedding includes a studio/office with full bathroom facilities and a workshop. Other shedding comprises of a pottery shed, four carports plus a garden shed. Water supply is guaranteed via four water storage tanks totalling 120,000 litres, and established garden surroundings with an abundance of fruit trees.

What a sensational property located in the popular Bunderra Drive. With working from home being so easy why wouldn't you escape the city/towns to your own private bush retreat? Be quick as properties of this nature aren't staying on the market for long. Located only 15 minutes to Mirboo North, 17 minutes to Churchill, 25 minutes to Morwell, 30 minutes to Leongatha, and two hours to Melbourne. Contact Sharon Turton on 0447604796.

For a Due Diligence Checklist go to: consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist



5 3 5 2.5 acres

45 Bunderra Drive, **Boolarra**
For Sale \$910,000
Agent Elders
Sharon Turton 0447 604 796



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new listing

Leongatha595m²
Private Court Position

- Positioned beside a beautiful est. reserve
- All services are connected
- Close proximity to local schools

Web ID: 300P179315\$280,000

new listing

Leongatha853m²
Beautiful Reserve Outlook

- Opportunity to build your forever home
- All services connected
- Walking track right at your doorstep

Web ID: 300P156406\$320,000

Mountain View160 Acres
The Mountain View

- 3-bed, 1-bath, 2 living home
- Cattle yards on concrete with vet crush
- 18 paddocks with trough or dams

Web ID: 300P151140\$1.3 Million

new price

Woodleigh2.88 Acres
Rebuild or Renovate

- 3-bed home ideal for renovation
- Large paddock with dam
- Close to wineries & beaches

Web ID: 300P108740\$499,000

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188 Acres

75 Timmins Estate Road, **Nerrena**
EOI Closing 4pm Thursday, July 10
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
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Dan Huther 0418 334 801
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Dane Perczyk 0408 176 063

188 prime acres

THE beautiful green hills of South Gippsland are best known for being prime beef production and dairy country, and this highly productive 188-acre farm in Nerrena is no exception. Located just a few minutes' drive to the town of Leongatha, this property with its highly productive soils and mostly gently undulating topography is a must-see. The property is also just minutes drive from one of Victoria's biggest cattle-selling yards in the VLE (Victorian Livestock Exchange).

Features include:

- 188 acres of prime South Gippsland land
- Extensive shedding – six in total.
- Unused dairy (15 swing over – has been out of action for approx. five years)
- House 1 – Three-bedroom, two-bathroom, two large living spaces, solid family home, generous in size with a stunning outlook.
- House 2 – Three-bedroom, one-bathroom

Secure water: Pumped via electric pump to main header tank, then gravity fed to troughs throughout the farm. Also, several dams as backup supplies.

The majority of the farm is north-facing for optimum pasture growth, with great shelter and gently sloping topography. Loading race, yards and crush, laneways and fencing throughout. The acreage and the second home are currently leased out for a 12-month period.

With a stunning outlook across the property and the township of Leongatha in the backdrop, this property truly is unique. Located in the 'food bowl' of the state, South Gippsland is considered to be one of the most reliable farming regions, with easy access to Melbourne and positioned in a growth corridor. Call today to arrange an inspection, we'd love to show it to you.

To arrange an inspection or make further enquiries, please contact one of our sales team.

Fully furnished premium apartment

THIS is something different. This freshly renovated premium apartment is warm, bright and perfect for a couple, or single professional and will be sold fully furnished. What you see is what you get! Currently operated as a short-term stay property, but also ideal for permanent living.

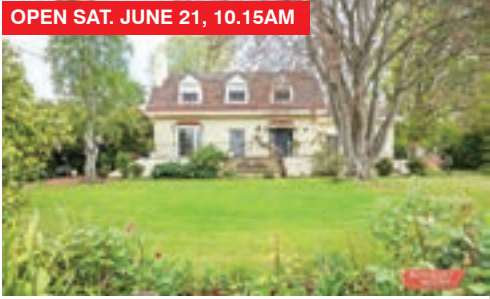
Located close to Coal Creek Historical Park, only 50 metres to the V/Line bus stop, only a short one-kilometre walk to the supermarket and main street and nearby access to the Great Southern Rail Trail, this apartment is very well presented.

Consisting of one bedroom, one luxurious bathroom with a huge walk-in shower and comfy bath, spacious kitchen with ASKO induction cooktop, ASKO oven, dishwasher, refrigerator and pantry, and comforted with reverse cycle heating and cooling and under tile/carpet heating. An added bonus is the Heat Recovery Ventilation system that replaces all air in the unit several times per hour with fresh, pre-warmed filtered air.

You will be able to relax indoors or outdoors with the private covered outdoor area off the master bedroom. An extremely low-maintenance property with nothing to do but move in and enjoy.

Unit 5, 6 Ruddville Ave,
Korumburra
For Sale \$400,000
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898



LEONGATHA  3 Luxford Lane • 4 bed, 2 bath, 2 living, 2 car family home • 586m², garden shed and entertainer's deck • Located in new estate close to schools \$649,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	KORUMBURRA  3/37 Princes Street • 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom townhouse • Low maintenance • Great investment \$469,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	GRANTVILLE  10 Monk Lane • 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, double garage • Striking modern home • One-off design in a peaceful pocket \$685,000 Contact: Grantville Office	RYANSTON SOLD  1915 Loch Wonthaggi Road • 10 Acres • 3 bedrooms, 2bathrooms • 2 living zones Sold \$1,000,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office
LEONGATHA  27 Parr Street • 3 bed, 1 bath, 1 carport, convenient location • Close to park, hospital, short walk to town • Est. gardens and paved outdoor area \$495,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	POOWONG  13 Nyora Road • 3 bedroom, central location • Breathtaking views • 988m² block \$650,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	GRANTVILLE  66-68 Stewart Street • 6 bedroom, 4 bathroom, 3 lounge • Beachside house on a double block \$795,000 Contact: Grantville Office	WONTHAGGI  143a Reed Crescent • 2277m² corner allotment • 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms • Quality renovations \$979,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office
LEONGATHA OPEN SAT. JUNE 21, 10.15AM  28 Horn Street • Property is stacked with lifestyle advantages • Corner allotment of approx. 3,445 sqm • Storybook home with 4 bed, 2 bath \$1,265,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	KORUMBURRA  5/6 Ruddville Avenue • Modern 1 bedroom apartment • Fully furnished • Nothing to spend \$400,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	GRANTVILLE  10 Malcolm Drive • 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom • Prime shorefront opportunity on 890m² \$680,000 Contact: Grantville Office	WONTHAGGI  147a Reed Crescent • 2016m² block • 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms • Good shedding \$949,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office
LANCE CREEK OPEN SAT. JUNE 21, 11.30AM  1810 Korumburra Wonthaggi Rd • Private sustainable living on 34 acres • Rendered straw-bale home • Shedding, 11 paddocks, ample water \$1,599,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	KORUMBURRA  23 Bridge Street • Grand period home • Prime corner location • 3 bedroom, 3 living \$675,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	CORONET BAY  13 Bass Horizon Promenade • This spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom • At lock-up stage with full council approvals • Transform into your ideal coastal escape \$589,000 Contact: Grantville Office	NORTH WONTHAGGI  3a Delmarni Court • ½ acre property, 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom • Large brick home • Ample shedding \$995,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA

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Lardner Park Calf Market Report Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Jersey & Jersey x	\$18 to \$24
Friesian Bulls	\$38 to \$55
Beef Bulls	\$40 to \$165
Beef Heifers	\$30 to \$100
Friesian Heifers	\$12 to \$48
Number of Calves: 226	
Number purchased to rear: 105	

CLEARING SALE

Farm Machinery,
Motorbikes & Sundries
Friday, June 20
at 10.30am

A/c - L & L Hornby
325 Monomeith Road, Monomeith

Machinery Items: JCB 531-70 Telehandler 5800 hours, 2M F.E.L JCB Bucket, JCB Silage Grab (needs work) McIntosh Multicrop 1400 Silage Wagon with Scales, Kawasaki Mule SX 1116 hours, Pearson SD130 Silage Wagon (with new floor & chains) Ireland Travelling Irrigator, 4x4inch Irrigation Pipe, 4x3inch Irrigation Pipe, Claas Volto 770 Tedder Rake, Hardi 850L Boom Sprayer, 3M Paddock Roller, Quick Hitch Albutt F.E.L Silage Grab, Old Izuzu Truck with 22ft Tray and Stock Crate, Old Izuzu Tip Truck, 3PL Massey Ferguson 3 Furrow Mouldbord Plough, 3PL 3M Smudger, 3PL Mobilco Rotary Drain Cleaner, 5M Pasture Smudger, 3PL Effluent Pump, Euro Hitch Silage Grab, Euro Hitch Manure Pusher, F.E.L Calf Crate, Suzuki 600 4x4 motorbike with Spray Unit, Suzuki Eiger Quad Runner 4x4 Motorbike (not going) Sukzuki King Quad 500cc 4x4 Motorbike, Honda Foreman 4x4 Motorbike, Yamaha 4x4 Motorbike, Yamaha 350 4x4 Motorbike with toolbox, Kawasaki 4x4 Motorbike (not going) 2 x Vicon Mowers (in parts) 4in1 F.E.L Bucket, Railway Line Smudger, BA Pumps & Sprayers 200L Sprayer, Silvan 50L Sprayer, Single Axle 4x9 Trailer.

Sundry Items: Windmill, Davisway- Holm Lave 4 Bay Automatic Calf Feeders, 3PL Concrete Mixer, Antique Wool Press, Irrigator, Farm Calf Trailer, Motorbike Trailing Grain Feeder, Trailing Calf Milk Feeder, F.E.L Cage, 2 x 6M Portable Calf Sheds, Electric Fence Units, Reels and Pegs, Lawn Mower Yard Scraper Convert (no deck) Antique Sunshine Finger Mower, Sand Sharpening Stone, Horse Drawn Single Furrow Plough, Concrete Cattle Grid, 2000L Diesel Fuel Bowser, Steel Work Bench & Vice, Pencil Auger Approx. 4M, Bale Up Hayfeeder, Polymaster Hay Rack Feeders, Polymaster Water 10L Feeders, Poly Pipe Fittings, Dairy Sundries, Numerous Farm Gates, Hay Bale Elevator, Treated Pine Posts, 30 lengths 4M Railway Line, Concrete Culverts, Stock Crossing Signs, Long Steel Stock Grain Troughs, 30 Black Plastic Feed Troughs, 6 x 2 Ton Grain Feeders, Land Cruiser Tray, Old Antique Fuel Bowser, Alloy Ladders x 2, Pressure Cleaner, Oxy Set, Bench Grinder, Portable Fence Unit, Peerless Air Compressor, PTO Shaft, Fire Hose Reel, Numerous Calf Teat, Milk Feeders, Silage Cover, Boxes of Cattle Ear Tags, Old School Lockers, Hydraulic Hogs, Old Ride On Mower (no cutting deck) Peg Box For Motorbike, Rabbit Hutch, Numerous Hand Tools and Farm Items, Household Furniture.

A/c Outside Vendor: Massey Ferguson 355 Tractor 6330 hours.

Outside Vendors Welcome

Refreshments available, Buyers I.D. required, number system will operate, NO buyer premium.

Terms: Card, cash or cheque day of sale unless prior arrangements are made.

GST Applicable

Listing and photos on Facebook:

Alex Scott and Staff - Livestock
or www.alexscott.com.au



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Jack Curtis 0427 762 670

Pittosporum control in Cape Liptrap

VOLUNTEERS from Tarwin Landcare Group (TLG) and the Walkerville Residents and Ratepayers Association (WRRRA) joined forces with Parks Victoria staff last week to control pittosporum in the Cape Liptrap Coastal Park. Together, the participants poisoned or pulled out more than 400 pittosporum seedlings, saplings and mature trees over 2.3 hectares of parkland at Walkerville North. They then celebrated their two hours of weed control with burgers (subsidised by TLG) at the renowned Walky Kiosk at the Walkerville Caravan Park. TLG committee member, Marg Carew, who organised the event in conjunction with Parks Victoria (PV) Ranger, Goyo Paniagua, was thrilled with both the turnout and the results.

"It's amazing how much you can get done in a couple of hours with a group of enthusiastic people," she said.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE DAIRY SALE

LEONGATHA VLE
Monday, June 30

PROPERTY SOLD

160 COWS & REPLACEMENTS

130 AI Medium/Large framed

Friesian Cows in milk

PTIC for Aug/Sept calving

30 Friesian Cows

Predominantly 1st & 2nd calvers,
last spring calving, not IC.



For further details contact:

Stuart Jenkin 0447 602 302

Michael Robertson 0484 041 653

Nutrien Leongatha
South Gippsland Livestock

JAC3139

COMPLETE HERD DISPERSAL

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VLE LEONGATHA

Monday, June 23 at 11am

Complete Herd Dispersal

Superb line up of genuine AI bred commercial
Holstein cows & Heifers

SELLING 215 SPRING CALVING COWS
SELLING 130 SPRING CALVING HEIFERS

215 Holstein cows, sired by bulls including Alum, Fate, Pairing, Nighthawk, Viewpoint, Mainstage, Summerday, Superhero, MVP, Samaritan, Roble & Samite.

Cows are PTIC to commence calving 18th of JULY to Sexed & Conventional Holstein semen for a 10 week period. Sires include Dynasty, Chester, Larson, Pace, Maestro, Float, Migos & Pharaoh.

130 Holstein heifers, sired by bulls including Fondoo, Float, Dynasty, Maestro, Migos, Fate & Viewpoint. **Heifers** Due to commence calving on the 18th of July to Jersey Bull.

A first-class opportunity to buy into an extremely youthful herd of AI bred Holstein cows. Breeding program led by Brad Aitken of Leading Edge Genetics. Great udders & tremendous will to milk.

Note: All cows treated with
Enduro Dry Cow on May 29.

Sale in Conjunction with the team at DLS



For further details contact:

Michael Robertson 0484 041 653

Nutrien Livestock

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Locals are invited to enter their alpacas in the upcoming Korumburra Alpaca Show, with great prizes to be won.

Alpaca Show coming to Korumburra

UP TO 100 alpacas will descend on the Korumburra Showgrounds on Saturday, June 28 for the Korumburra Alpaca Show.

Being a halter rather than a fleece show means the alpacas will compete in classes of age and colour - in the flesh, and local breeders and alpaca owners still have time to enter their animals into the show.

It will be free for the general public to go along and watch what goes on or find out more about these long-lashed creatures.

"These smaller local shows are a great opportunity for up-and-coming alpaca breeders, or just even potential pet owners to come along and meet breeders and talk about buying potential animals or learning about the industry," said show convenor Emmaly Gridley.

"It's a good opportunity for local people. If there's

anyone in the public that is thinking about buying alpacas and want to learn about how to look after them and things like that, it's a good opportunity for people to come along and talk to breeders."

Emmaly comments that even if people aren't into showing alpacas, they may be interested in getting them as pets.

"They make good farm pets. They're quite intelligent. They're very trainable. They also make good guards. A lot of people run alpacas with sheep and with chickens as well, to keep foxes away."

Because alpacas are primarily prized for their fleece, which is said to be lightweight yet very warm, with a silky feel and a rich lustre, judges will be looking at fleece micron, density and uniformity of microns across the animal's body, rather than just a good patch here or there.

Alpacas will also be

judged on their size, their representation of colour and their potential for what they are, such as males being looked at for their breeding potential.

"Then we go after that, to a champion in a particular age, and then a champion for a particular colour and then the champion of the show," explained Emmaly.

The show is run by the Australian Alpaca Association, who have a Victorian Eastern Region, which encompasses the area to the east of Melbourne, including Gippsland, and the show is open to anybody who would like to enter.

Entrants can also bring their animals on the Friday night and there are camping facilities at the show grounds.

The Alpaca Show will be held in the Sanders Pavilion at Korumburra Showgrounds on Saturday, June 28.

Milk price step ups continue ahead of new season

MILK price adjustments for the 2025-26 season continue, with Saputo Dairy Australia (SDA) announcing a step up of 20 cents per kilogram of milk solids for its Gippsland and Tasmanian suppliers, Burra Foods increasing its initial price for the 2026 Financial Year by the same amount.

SDA originally declared a weighted average price range of \$8.80 - \$8.95/kgMS for the new season across its regions, suggesting that the new applicable price range for Gippsland should be \$9 - \$9.15/kgMS.

The company's press release confuses the matter by stating a new price range of \$9 - \$9.10/kgMS, with that weighted average said to apply to the Southern Region, which is listed as comprising Gippsland, South-West Victoria, South

Australia, Tasmania and oddly the Northern region.

Only Gippsland and Tasmania have been granted the 20 cent step up, with suppliers in the Northern region, South-West Victoria and South Australia to only receive an additional 15 cents/kgMS.

The prices apply to those who have or elect to enter into an exclusive Milk Supply Agreement as published on SDA's website.

Saputo Director of Milk Supply and Planning, Kate Ryan indicated in a letter to its milk suppliers about the step up, that it will continue to review its milk prices throughout the season.

"We value our ongoing partnerships with our farmers and remain committed to fostering a sustainable dairy industry," she stated.

Burra Foods price step

up is more straightforward, with its initial price range of \$8.60 - \$9.10/kgMS improving to \$8.80 - \$9.30/kgMS.

Burra CEO Stewart Carson explained in his letter to suppliers that the company's sales team has been busy engaging with customers to negotiate prices for the second half of the year and the leadership team has now reviewed the outcome of the market visits.

Sales price and volume, production output and costs and the overall impact on Burra's financial forecast have been considered, with the determination made that a price step up is justified.

Bulla and Australian Consolidated Milk have previously upped their initial prices for the new milk season as detailed in a separate article.





Brendan Fletcher loves the variety of being a livestock analyst

By Andrew Palocz

WHILE Meat & Livestock Australia analyst Brendan Fletcher is always busy at Leongatha VLE Store and Prime Sales, having to be switched on to keep up with the fast-paced nature of auctions, he still finds time to give people a friendly greeting as he moves from pen to pen.

He quickly assesses each lot of cattle, recording their details and price on his iPad.

"Cattle has always been an interest of mine and I've been pretty involved in the industry for most of my working life," Brendan said, having discovered the passion at about age 13 when he hand-reared a calf given to him by a neighbouring farmer, the idea of being a cattleman and living an outdoor life was appealing.

That farmer transitioned from dairy to beef and taught Brendan a lot about cattle, knowledge he drew on in his early twenties when he leased land and reared calves.

Brendan went on to work at the Lance Creek abattoir, moving from the floor to a managerial position.

A job advertisement in the Sentinel-Times led him to Meat & Livestock Australia in 2012 and he continues to love what he does, saying the cattle market never stops changing and keeps his mind active.

He reflected on his start as an analyst.

"The live assessment of the animals was not a problem, having the background I had and the knowledge of every step of the process," he said, explaining that translating the information into a data set and telling a story was the



Brendan Fletcher of Meat & Livestock Australia always finds his job interesting. A12_2025

challenging aspect.

As an analyst, he felt a big responsibility, understanding that farmers rely on the information he provides to help them make business decisions.

"That was a little bit daunting to begin with but I settled into it pretty quickly," Brendan said.

He's made a few tweaks to his approach over the years in terms of how he structures his commentary, making it more concise and easier to understand.

While initially sensitive to people having different views on sales to those expressed in his reports, Brendan soon came to understand why that is the case, with everybody attending a market having some

form of investment in it.

"That always is going to bias their view of the market, where I go to the market as an independent reporter and I see it differently to everyone else, and one of the key values we market reporters deliver is that we don't have any bias, we don't have any investment in the market," he said.

Early on in his career as an analyst, some industry participants would try to influence Brendan's reports but his objectivity has earned respect and he gets a lot of positive feedback.

It's a time-sensitive job and he completes his analysis and reports while at the market.

Technology has altered since Brendan started as an analyst, having originally had

a data capture device that needed to then be connected to a computer to import the data set, but now completing the whole process on his iPad.

He elaborated on what needs to be determined as he moves along the rows at the saleyard.

"I assess each lot that they sell as they're sold, so I do a muscle score, fat score, estimated weight, estimated dressing percentage in a Prime Sale and the type of animal, whether it's a yearling or a grown animal, or a vealer or a cow or a bull," Brendan said.

He acknowledged it can get a bit hectic at the pace with which auctions move, saying the iPad is actually more challenging than the earlier device due to its touchscreen operation, having previously been able to enter information while looking at the cattle as he knew where the keys were on the old device.

While in the early days Brendan sometimes got confused with the sale of animals in mixed pens, agents now often look to him for guidance when things get complicated.

With his job requiring a lot of driving to travel to various saleyards, Brendan deals with the sometimes erratic nature of other motorists, and the poor state of many roads, but those challenges are worth it for the rewards his role provides.

Brendan lives on the 10-acre Ryanston property he grew up on, where he keeps a few highland cattle and some purebred Sussex chickens, having previously bred Indian Runner ducks.

Helping farmers access interstate fodder

IMPORTERS looking to bring fodder into Victoria from interstate can go through Agriculture Victoria to apply for a Plant Biosecurity Permit (PBP) to ensure biosecurity risks are properly managed.

Agriculture Victoria is providing a free service to suppliers, transporters and farmers to navigate permit requirements and expedite access to fodder.

Ongoing drought conditions have created serious challenges for Victoria's livestock industry, particularly a critical shortage of hay and fodder, so farmers are needing to look interstate for source supplies.

All imported fodder requires a PBP to manage key biosecurity risks from entering Victoria from interstate, including Annual Ryegrass Toxicity (found in all states but NT and Tasmania), Green Snail (found in WA), Red Imported Fire Ant (found in QLD), and Electric Ant (found in QLD).

Agriculture Victoria Chief Plant Health Officer Dr Stephen Dibley said all fodder imports will require a PBP, except for NT and Tasmania.

"Given the ongoing tough conditions across the state, Agriculture Victoria is prioritising permit applications for fodder to make sure essential transport can be fast-tracked," Dr Dibley said.

"Once a Plant Biosecurity Permit is submitted, our team will be in touch within two working days to discuss and assess the specifics of your import request," he said.

Costs associated with the inspection of interstate fodder by Agriculture Victoria where it is required, will be waived.

For more information and to apply for a plant health permit, visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/moving-plants-and-plant-products/plant-biosecurity-permit or email it directly to market.access@agriculture.vic.gov.au

Farmers under financial stress as a result of drought or other pressures can access support and resources 365 days a year. This includes: Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS), Farm Household Allowance (FHA) program, Regional Investment Corporation low-interest drought loans of up to \$2 million, local governments also offer rate hardship policies, and ongoing supports are outlined in the Agriculture Victoria Resource Directory.

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Jack Curtis	0427 762 670	David Holden	0428 749 390
		Alan Bolding	0419 723 255
WARRAGUL		PAKENHAM	
Neil Darby - Livestock Manager	0418 595 265	David Setches - Livestock Manager	0409 443 473
Terry Ahearn	0438 562 816	Glenn Barwick	0408 975 476
Jordan Sim	0448 058 435	Morgan Croucher	0457 001 877
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Georgie Snell	0417 100 657	Imogen Price	0417 225 498

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SUCCESS THROUGH SERVICE

Premium prices for black feeders

By SGSSA

AGENTS yarded another excellent yarding of 4600 cattle at this week’s VLE Leongatha store sale.

The feature of the day was the large line up Angus feeder steers in the 400kg to 550kg which attracted strong competition from all feedlots with prices lifting another 10-15 cents with a lot of sales in the \$4.40 to \$4.75 range.

The better, heavier end of the steers weaners held firm while the lighter ones under 300kg eased a few cents with a large percentage again still going to northern orders.

Heavy 360 to 430kg Angus feeder heifers sold to a dearer trend making \$3.70 to \$4.15 but like the steers once the weight drops off the prices eased a little with rates similar to recent weeks.

Coloured, smaller and lighter lots along with Xbreds generally held firm with less interest from northern orders with many staying in the local area.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, June 12, 2025

Steers			
GC & RA Robinson 13 Hereford	584kg	\$4.19	\$2450
S Baud 20 Angus	571kg	\$4.54	\$2600
NG & JA Darby 20 Blk Baldy	552kg	\$4.48	\$2480
A & F Pastoral Holdings 12 Ang	548kg	\$4.45	\$2440
A & P Anton & Sons 16 Angus	540kg	\$4.51	\$2440
H & N Fox 12 Angus	537kg	\$4.46	\$2400
M Sterling 10 S/Park	528kg	\$4.16	\$2200
PR & CL Carmichael			
19 Angus & BB	525kg	\$4.18	\$2200
A2Z Farming 21 Angus	525kg	\$4.47	\$2350
A Taranto 10 Angus	522kg	\$4.44	\$2320
G Murray 13 Angus	520kg	\$4.41	\$2300
S Van Der Craats 19 Angus	512kg	\$4.68	\$2400
PC & LE Turton 10 Angus	512kg	\$4.49	\$2300
TC Nicholas 18 Angus	511kg	\$4.56	\$2380
Merrijig Ridge 21 Angus	511kg	\$4.59	\$2350
A & M Donaldson 20 Angus	507kg	\$4.61	\$2340
Kiama Farm 20 Angus	506kg	\$4.58	\$2320
South Gippsland Eggs 14 Ang	495kg	\$4.58	\$2270
A & P Anton & Sons 16 Angus	478kg	\$4.57	\$2190
Merrijig Ridge 20 Angus	477kg	\$4.56	\$2180
T & H Maclean 21 Angus	465kg	\$4.64	\$2160
G Farthing 19 S/Park	465kg	\$3.60	\$1680
Billy Pastoral 22 Angus	463kg	\$4.46	\$2070
South Gippsland Eggs 15 Ang	460kg	\$4.76	\$2190
WC & TL Warren 12 Angus	459kg	\$4.44	\$2040
BJ & RJ Marshall 10 Hereford	455kg	\$4.14	\$1890
Bowen Park Past 12 Angus	454kg	\$4.46	\$2030
B Nicholas 21 Angus	448kg	\$4.67	\$2100
Billy Pastoral 23 Angus	435kg	\$4.55	\$1980
M & J Brady 19 Angus	432kg	\$4.67	\$2020
Koonwarra Past 28 Angus	429kg	\$4.76	\$2050
B Cant 10 Angus	429kg	\$4.30	\$1850
P Schult 12 Angus	422kg	\$4.43	\$1870
A & TE Schlear 20 Angus	419kg	\$4.70	\$1970
King Parrot Creek Farm	414kg	\$4.46	\$1850
Cataldo F/T 18 Angus	414kg	\$4.43	\$1840
M Attenborough 15 Angus	408kg	\$4.28	\$1750
J Gibson 16 Angus	406kg	\$4.57	\$1860
Eddington Holdings 25 Angus	401kg	\$4.41	\$1770
A Lade 18 South Devon	386kg	\$3.87	\$1500
DH Collins Farms 12 Angus	381kg	\$4.10	\$1640
Stay Calm Farming 20 Hereford	380kg	\$3.52	\$1340
GG Churchill & DS Sly 16 Ang	379kg	\$4.35	\$1650
P Fleming 14 Angus	375kg	\$4.52	\$1700
King Parrot Creek Farm 17 Ang	373kg	\$4.33	\$1620
J & V Garretto 20 Angus	370kg	\$4.45	\$1650
Jeetho Farms P/L 13 Angus	368kg	\$4.34	\$1600
Teana Farms 21 Angus	368kg	\$4.29	\$1580
NJ & AL Allott 18 Angus	365kg	\$4.24	\$1550
Agree Nominees 19 Angus	363kg	\$4.01	\$1460
S Lee 12 Angus	362kg	\$4.02	\$1460
DH Collins Farms 20 Hereford	348kg	\$3.47	\$1210

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J McCarthy 10 S/Park	345kg	\$4.28	\$1480
T & C Howson 14 Angus	342kg	\$4.52	\$1550
D Durik 17 Angus	342kg	\$4.06	\$1390
Fuller Downs 24 Angus	332kg	\$3.84	\$1280
MR Hayman Family Trust			
15 Angus	322kg	\$3.88	\$1250
HD Middleton 24 Angus	316kg	\$4.64	\$1470
Keska Management 11 Angus	316kg	\$3.57	\$1130
J Russell 11 Angus	297kg	\$3.70	\$1100
Innovation Biocare P/L 18 Ang	295kg	\$3.89	\$1150
T Van Vliet 17 Angus	294kg	\$3.95	\$1160
G & M Dinsdale 18 Angus	292kg	\$4.17	\$1220
J & M Gunn 11 Hereford	284kg	\$3.80	\$1080
SJ Bugter 16 Angus	282kg	\$3.96	\$1120
Barragunda Est 15 Angus	281kg	\$4.37	\$1230
Malanda Past 20 Angus	276kg	\$4.33	\$1200
PR & JE Nye 17 Hereford	273kg	\$2.96	\$810
Manna Valley P/L 14 Angus	268kg	\$3.84	\$1060
P Melville 22 Angus	267kg	\$4.03	\$1080
Branca Investments 16 Angus	264kg	\$4.16	\$1100
Azemi Ivestments 20 Angus x	262kg	\$3.81	\$1000
Whelan Cattle Co 12 Angus	261kg	\$3.89	\$1020
S & L Storti 22 Angus	247kg	\$4.11	\$1020
Malanda Past 25 Angus	241kg	\$4.26	\$1030
ML Kee 19 Angus	227kg	\$4.57	\$1040
S & V Collins 11 Angus	227kg	\$4.17	\$950
R Pellegrino 10 Angus	223kg	\$4.12	\$920
PA & AE Black 13 Angus	223kg	\$4.02	\$900
AJ,BR & NB Boyle 20 Angus	221kg	\$4.64	\$1030
D Curran 18 Angus	216kg	\$4.58	\$990
C & C Baillie 18 Angus	202kg	\$4.40	\$890

Heifers			
Yinnar Pastoral 16 Angus	435kg	\$3.85	\$1680
A Lade 14 Blk Baldy	432kg	\$3.95	\$1710
Bald Hill Road Farm 18 Angus	431kg	\$3.98	\$1720
A & P Anton & Sons 18 Angus	428kg	\$4.13	\$1770
L Finlay 22 Angus	424kg	\$4.09	\$1740
M Attenborough 14 Angus	411kg	\$4.03	\$1660
Yanakie Past 16 Angus	400kg	\$4.12	\$1650
Stay Calm Farming 15 Hereford	397kg	\$3.02	\$1200
A & P Anton & Sons 15 Angus	376kg	\$3.98	\$1500
M Zalesiak 17 Angus	360kg	\$3.74	\$1350
Keska Management 19 Angus	355kg	\$3.71	\$1320
NJ & SL Allott 18 Angus	351kg	\$3.98	\$1400
Teana Farms 23 Angus	351kg	\$3.95	\$1390
M Brady 22 Angus	350kg	\$3.94	\$1380
Marauders Pastoral 20 Angus	346kg	\$3.81	\$1320
J & L Brown 11 Angus	342kg	\$3.59	\$1230
D Durik 11 Angus	334kg	\$3.29	\$1100
C Christensen 11 Angus	331kg	\$3.85	\$1280
J & V Garretto 13 Angus	325kg	\$3.07	\$1000
M Black 16 Hereford	318kg	\$2.95	\$950
Malanda Pastoral 19 Angus	313kg	\$3.73	\$1230
Northside Pastoral 24 Angus	302kg	\$3.66	\$1110
M Slate 14 Angus	302kg	\$3.55	\$1150
Delta Pastoral 13 Angus x	301kg	\$3.15	\$950
R & BJ Alush 10 Blk Baldy	294kg	\$3.06	\$900
HD Middleton 22 Angus	292kg	\$3.89	\$1140
RL McPhie 11 Angus	289kg	\$3.14	\$910
SJ Bugter 24 Angus	286kg	\$3.94	\$1130
Branca Investments 11 Angus	276kg	\$2.86	\$790
P Melville 16 Angus	267kg	\$3.85	\$1030
T Van Vliet 20 Angus	260kg	\$3.44	\$900
Eddington Holdings 23 Angus	258kg	\$3.85	\$990
G & M Dinsdale 18 Angus	258kg	\$3.67	\$950
AJ,BR & NB Boyle 10 Angus	256kg	\$3.59	\$920
Azemi Investments 15 Angus x	255kg	\$3.40	\$870
D Henwood 26 Angus	253kg	\$4.17	\$1720
Barragunda Est 22 Angus	251kg	\$3.55	\$900
Whelan Cattle Co 10 Angus	242kg	\$3.59	\$870
S & L Storti 24 Angus	239kg	\$3.04	\$730
Steadfast Cartage 22 Angus	223kg	\$3.31	\$740
D Curran 15 Angus	215kg	\$3.20	\$690
MLKee 13 Angus	214kg	\$3.21	\$690
R Pelegrino 11 Angus	213kg	\$3.28	\$700
Wine Valley Investments 18 Ang	207kg	\$4.00	\$830

Milk price games continue

By Andrew Palocz

KROWERA dairy farmer Andy Thomas spoke of the annual game of ducks and drakes that takes place between processors in setting milk prices for the new season, with Bulla and Australian Consolidated Milk (ACM) having already upped their opening offers.

Andy supplies Australian Dairy Farmers Corporation (ADFC), which has opened with a price of \$9 per kilo of milk solids.

Bulla quotes a price range, having stepped that up from an initial \$8.40-\$9.20 to \$8.70 to \$9.50/kg MS.

ACM has increased its original price by 15 cents a kilo of milk solids, up to \$9.

Andy described the \$9 price as “a starting point”, saying you worry about the finishing price rather than the initial one and noting that prices in NSW and Queensland are already up around the \$10 mark.

While acknowledging milk processors are dealing with other companies and have to make a profit, he remarked that dairy farmers continue to face rising costs for all their inputs, including hay and fertiliser, and need to receive a fair price.

Although recent rain has been a positive, much more is needed and it's now getting too cold to grow much grass. However Andy's share farmer has succeeded with some oats and radishes, the previous warmer conditions and just enough rain keeping them ticking along.

Andy commented that he recently looked at milk prices around the world, with Australia still one of the cheapest.

“So, that gives you an indication that there's still a bit of room for improvement in the milk price Australians are getting paid,” he said.

Andy also noted the



Andy Thomas is taking things as they come in regard to milk prices, saying it's early days in relation to the new season. A01_2425

extent of the impact on milk supply of flooding in Queensland and NSW, and the downsizing of herds locally due to the dry conditions is yet to become clear, with tight supply likely to justify increased prices being paid to dairy farmers.

Loch dairy farmer Andrew Holman recently spoke of the milk price situation, observing that what is enough for one farmer may not be for another due to individual circumstances.

Variables include stocks of feed and water storage levels as well as whether a farmer is established and debt-free or starting out and having to repay loans.

While Andy agrees that is the case, he said nobody subsidised the now-established farmers when they were getting a foothold and that it ultimately comes down to the need for processors to pay fair prices.

United Dairy Farmers of Victoria president Bernie

Free wrote in the Weekly Times, welcoming a lift in opening milk prices for this season compared to last but arguing the market justifies a price of about \$10 per kilo of milk solids.

Noting the current opening prices are only about 50 cents a kilo higher than this year's closing maximum, he stressed “That's not enough to match the uplift in global conditions, and certainly not enough to offset the challenges producers are facing on the ground.”

Bernie pointed to a 20 per cent lift in the Global Dairy Trade index year-on-year and an overall fall in milk supply across Australia.

“Gippsland, already starting to feel the impact of dry conditions, won't be immune,” he remarked, adding that South Australia and Western Victoria have been hit hard, with many farmers having to cull herds due to feed and water pressures.

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Heavy cattle continue to sell well at Leongatha VLE

IT WAS another busy day at Leongatha VLE with Thursday's Store Sale attracting 4500 head, Meat & Livestock Australia analyst Brendan Fletcher rating the quality on offer as "very good".

His report noted there were over 700 heavy Angus steers, those animals attracting feedlot competition that pushed prices up, with Brendan putting the rise at \$100 a head for cattle over 400kg, that rise also applying to heifers in that weight division.

"Lightweight steers under 300kg sold to softer competition from northern orders and gave back \$100 a head, while the heifer portion sold \$70 a head dearer," he wrote.

Medium-weight cattle between 300-400kg maintained their price.

Alex Scott & Staff livestock manager Dave Setches labelled it a stronger market than a fortnight ago.

"Fierce feedlot competition on

those feeder weight cattle from 400 to 600 plus kilos, I would have thought it could be 15 to 20 cents a kilo dearer," he said, noting steers in the 500-kilo bracket pushed out to \$4.58 a kilo.

That is attributable to the high numbers of cattle sold over recent months due to conditions and associated feed and water shortages.

"These feedlot blokes are wondering where these feedlot cattle are going to come from later on," Dave said, so concerns of a shortage of feeder weight cattle coming into Spring are driving current demand in the category.

He spoke of the unprecedented sell-off statewide, with many opting to sell Spring drop calves rather than hold onto them through the winter.

Predicting a shortage of feeder-weight cattle come Spring, Dave expects those who have the feed and water to get cattle through the winter

and into that category will achieve impressive prices.

"It's going to create a buoyant market coming into Springtime," he said of the expected shortfall in supply.

As for Spring drop calves being sold on Thursday, Dave put prices at between \$50 and \$100 cheaper per head in places but noted "They still did top out at \$4.88 a kilo in our sale."

He remarked that the overall drop in prices for that category may have been partly attributable to competition from Wodonga, the Saleyards there offering 5000 head, with the town's proximity to NSW meaning less travel for northern buyers.

Dave added that very few of the Spring drop calves sold in Leongatha on Thursday remained in the local area.

A NSW buyer provided a boost on the heifer side of the sale, planning to fatten some and join the better ones.



Dave Setches of Alex Scott & Staff auctions during Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale. A02_2425

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7 Angus Hereford X steers
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A/c Burnside, Yellingbo (ES&B)
30 Angus steers, 18 mths, One Mark, East Gippsland
bred
A/c J Flintoff, Shoreham (ES&B)
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bred
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A/c S Marriott, Koonwarra (SEJ)
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15 Angus steers, 14-15 mths

A/c N Littlejohn & Sons, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)
15 Hereford steers, 14 mths
A/c P McBeth, Fumina (NUTRIEN)
14 Angus steers, 20 mths
A/c SP Dunlop, Middle Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
14 Angus steers, 18 mths, NE Accred, By Black Spur
Angus
A/c M Hill, Pound Creek (SEJ)
12 Angus steers 16-18 mths, GF, ABF
A/c Woodforde AG, Newry (NUTRIEN)
11 Angus steers, 20 mths, GF, ABF, VB, Pinora blood
A/c L & M Fajerman, Toora (PHC)
11 Angus x steers, 18-20 mths by stud EagleRock Bull
A/c A Dawkins, Flinders (ES&B)
10 Angus steers, 18 mths
A/c R Henry, Dumbalk (SEJ)
10 Hereford steers, 16 mths
A/c Elgee Park, Merrick North (ES&B)
10 Angus steers, 15 mths, One Mark
A/c Sue Winneke, Flinders (ES&B)
8 Angus steers, 18 mths
A/c P O'Neil, Waratah Bay (SEJ)
7 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred

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A/c Baillie Bros, Tyers (NUTRIEN)
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Leawood blood, VB
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42 Angus heifers, 15 mths, By Stud Dunoon Bulls, VB,
GF & ABF, NE Accred
A/c G & B Morrison, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
16 Angus heifers, 14 mths, Bowman & Innesdale blood

WEANERS

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10 Angus & Danish Blue X heifers, 12 mths
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Kal Kal & Leawood Stud Bulls, weaned
A/c Glen Pedder, Myrniong (ES&B)
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50 Angus heifers, 8-10 mths
EU Accredited Herd, By Temania and Millah Murrah
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A/c Wheelers Run (NUTRIEN)
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30 Hereford heifers, 12 mths
Waringa blood
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30 Angus Heifers
9-10 mths, By Stud Fernleigh Bulls, weaned
A/c Breeder, A Abrahams, Kilcunda (ES&B)
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10 Angus steers
8-9 mths, by top Banquet bulls
A/c Cambridge & Carter, Hedley (NUTRIEN)
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A/c D Land, Strath Creek (NUTRIEN)
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A/c Von Pace Pastoral, Giffard (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, NE Accred, By Leawood
& Absolute Angus Bulls
A/c A & B, D & K Scott, Inverloch (PHC)
50 Angus steer weaners, 9-10 mths, Banquet & Harris
blood
A/c R & M Lane, Willung Sth (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus mixed sex weaners, VB, Leawood blood
A/c DG Clark, Whitelaw (NUTRIEN)
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Bowman Bulls
A/c R Hopkins, Yinnar (NUTRIEN)
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Merlewood Bulls
A/c W Roberts, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
22 Angus mixed sex, 10 mths, Merlewood blood
A/c AC & RA Bowman, Winnindo (NUTRIEN)
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A/c JB Drewett, Yinnar Sth (NUTRIEN)
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NE Accred
A/c O Robinson, Korumburra (NUTRIEN)
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A/c U Kratzat, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)
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8 mths
A/c R & D Chisholm, Outtrim (NUTRIEN)
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A/c C Talbot, Fish Creek (SEJ)
10 Angus steers, 12 mths, VB, GF & ABF
A/c T Beamish, Boolarra (NUTRIEN)
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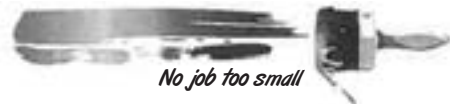
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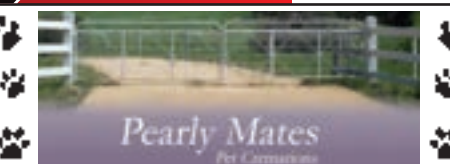
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She shared her life with husband, Frank and dearly loved her children Julie (dec.) and Philip, mother-in-law to Angela and proud grandmother to Audrey and Henry.

She was also adopted mother to her cousin's son Michael and his wife Katerina and grandmother to Nina, Daniel and Naomi.

A love of learning and thirst for living she will be dearly missed.

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BEARD, Gordon Alan:

29.08.1941 - 03.06.2025.

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BEARD, Gordon:

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CALAFIORE, Salvatore (Sam):

Born October 16, 1942, Solarino, Sicily.

Passed away suddenly at home in Mirboo North on June 11, 2025, aged 82.

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Loving father and father-in-law of Maria and Frank, Carmelo and Roula, Paul and Dani, Robert and Rebecca.

Adored "Nonno" of Amalia and Caterina, Jack and Alana, Kade and Logan.

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COUCH, Alma:

My lovely Matron of Honour at our wedding.

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Marg, Beau (dec.) Beaumont and family.

SMITH, Floyd:

A popular resident at Woorayl Lodge, passed away on Thursday, June 12, 2025, aged 91 years.

Caring husband to Marion.

Loved father and father-in-law to Kathleen and Chris, James (dec.), Rhonda, Sarah.

Adored pop to all of his seven grandchildren.

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DEATHS

SPUNNER, Vic:

1943 - 2025.

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Victor Spinner, after a period of declining health at the age of 81.

Devoted and loving husband to Sandra.

Brother to Bruce.

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A private family burial will follow.

IN MEMORIAM

McKAY, Janet Lyla:

05.11.1937 - 22.06.2023.

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SARTORIO, Margaret:

♥

Ma time goes by, every day I think of you.

I may smile thinking of our times.

I still cry as I miss you dearly, every day does not get easy as I miss all we did together.

Good memories I hold in my heart.

I love you so much.

Miss seeing you every day.

We all do.

♥

Michelle XOXO

♥

MAGGIE

So many years since I have seen your face, but here in my heart is a empty place where you used to be.

♥

Armando ♥

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COUCH, Alma:

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Nyora Junior FNC volunteers, along with support from Tooradin FNC, collectively raised over \$9k for MND.



Nyora Junior FNC's Big Freeze to support the fight against MND.

Nyora's Big Freeze raises over \$9k for MND

THE Nyora Junior Football Netball Club committee held their second Big Freeze with the support of the Tooradin Football Netball Club to raise awareness for the fight against MND, and together the clubs raised over \$9000.

President of the junior FNC, Shannon Gallagher, said it was an unbelievable effort by everyone involved, and this kind of event doesn't run without the support of the volunteers.

"Parents volunteered their time to be a part of the bake sale, the committee from Nyora and Tooradin FNC put together generous hampers for the raffle, and there were some great prizes to be won," said Shannon.

"The first to be dunked were the coaches of the eight and tens game, followed by the coaches from the 12's and 14's. We even got some senior footballers, some team managers, parents, and the kids involved."

The annual event has quickly become a community day for both clubs, where families unite to not only support the cause but to watch the games and cheer on the juniors on the field.

"Nyora FNC has seen a huge increase in junior numbers this year, including those in Auskick, and it was great to see the seniors and former players come on down and show their support," Shannon said.

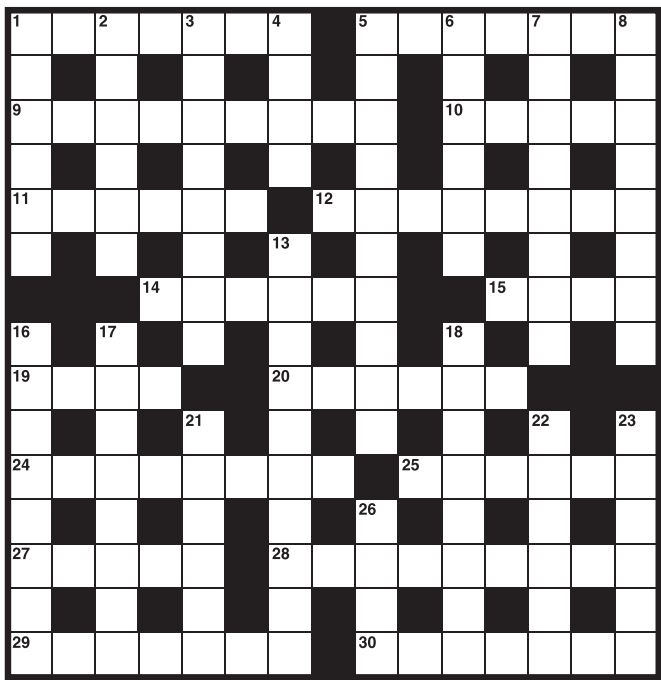
After the event, the community gathered for a club dinner from Smoke It Up, supplying brisket burgers and American-style meats; the bar was open, and the bonfire set the atmosphere for an overall successful event for Nyora FNC, raising awareness for the fight against MND.



Coaches, seniors, team managers and kids all participated in the annual Big Freeze at Nyora FNC.

CROSSWORD

No. 285



- ACROSS
- 1 Melodious (7)

5 Sketch (7)

9 Agile (9)

10 Spanish for coast (5)

11 Greek god of music, poetry, etc. (6)
- 12 Person who deserts a party to join another one (8)

14 Electronic novels (1-5)

15 Teaching period (4)

19 Slender support (4)

20 Dog with a curly coat (6)

- 24 Stressed (8)

25 Japanese robe (6)

27 Well done! (5)

28 Childish (9)

29 Ritual (7)

30 Unity (7)
- DOWN
- 1 Zany (6)

2 Church caretaker (6)

3 Laboratories (coll) (4,4)

4 Be ominously close (4)

5 Discourse (10)

6 Go up; climb (6)

7 Put back (8)

8 Meanwhile (8)

13 Intricateness (10)

16 A major city in Türkiye (8)

17 Trader (8)

18 League (8)

21 Situated within the building (6)

22 Person new and inexperienced in a job (6)

23 Roy or Ginger (6)

26 Curly hairdo (4)



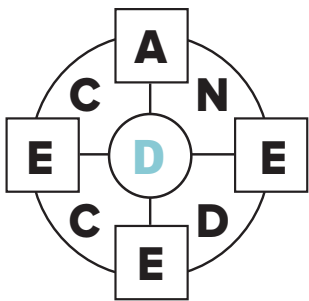
9-LETTER

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

Today's Aim:

- 9 words: **Good**
- 14 words: **Very good**
- 19 words: **Excellent**

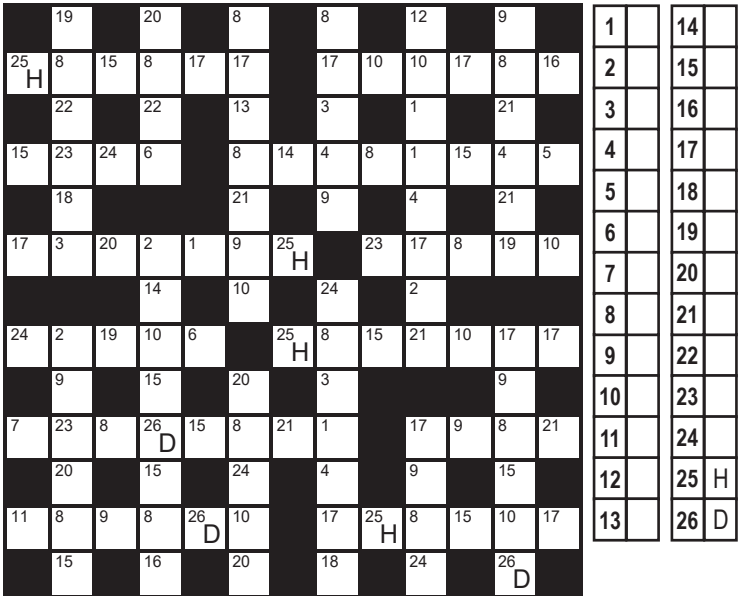


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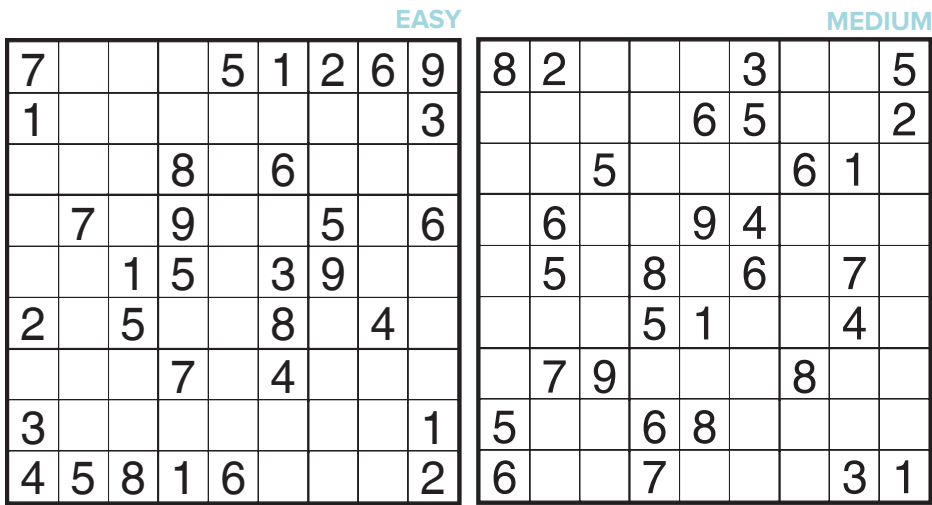
Each number corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. Two have been filled in for you, can you work out the rest?



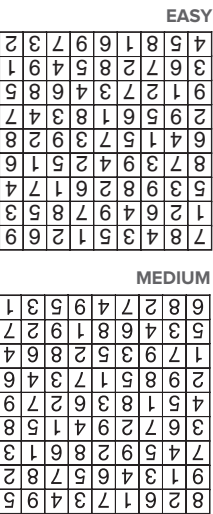
SUDOKU

No. 284

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. In 2010, Scarlett Johansson (pictured) performed in which play by Arthur Miller?

2. Red Pontiac and Désirée are varieties of which vegetable?

3. French author Gustave Flaubert is best known for writing which novel?

4. True or false: there is no collective noun for a group of koalas?

5. In *The Simpsons*, what is Selma's relation to Bart?
6. If you are tatting, what are you making?

7. At which tournament did Lleyton Hewitt win his first Grand Slam title?

8. What is the capital of Canada?

9. Who played Jareth the Goblin King in the 1986 movie *Labyrinth*?

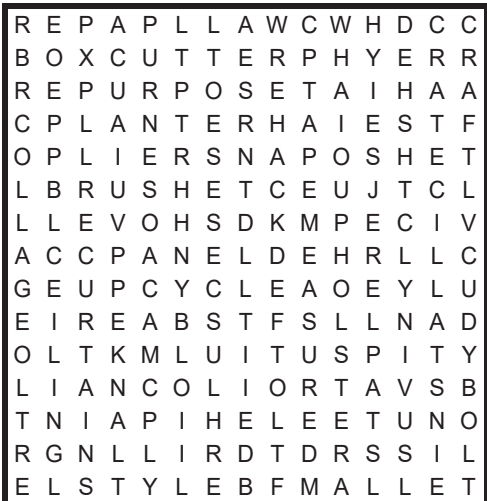
10. In which Australian city is the Moonee Valley Racecourse?



WORD SEARCH

No. 195

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



- ARTISTIC
- AXE
- BOLT
- BOX CUTTER
- BRICK
- BRUSH
- BUILD
- CEILING
- CHEAP
- CHISEL
- COLLAGE
- CRAFT
- CRATE
- CURTAINS
- DRILL
- HACK
- HOME
- INSTALL
- LADDER
- MALLET
- NAIL
- PAINT
- PALLET
- PANEL
- PLANTER
- PLIERS
- REPURPOSE
- SHED
- SHELF
- SHOVEL
- STAPLER
- STYLE
- TAPE
- MEASURE
- UPCYCLE
- UPHOLSTER
- VICE
- VINYL
- WALLPAPER

SECRET MESSAGE: Why not just do it yourself?

ANSWERS: 1. A View from the Bridge 2. Potato 3. Madamame Bovary 4. True 5. Aunt 6. Lace 7. US Open 8. Ottawa 9. David Bowie 10. Melbourne

South Gippsland Bass swimming achievements celebrated

IT WAS a great celebration as South Gippsland Bass (SGB) swim club gathered for their Presentation Evening for the 2024/2025 season at Inverloch on Saturday. Getting together for a meal and games after a few weeks break, it gave families and swimmers a chance to catch up in a relaxed atmosphere before the short course racing season starts.

Coach Dylan was pleased with the year, highlighting the club's growing numbers and its new achievements this season which included having two swimmers selected in the Team Vic Triathlon team and five representing the Team Vic Swim team.

Additionally, two swimmers were selected for state-level pathway programs.

Several swimmers took on open water swimming with some competing at the State Titles, as well as a number of them taking out prizes in the Channel Challenge and the Penguin Dash.

SGB's Masters team is now able to compete, with the club having several representatives in the Masters National Championships and one of its swimmers heading to the World Championships.

With its strengthening teams, SGB came away in third place again at Countries in Mildura in very trying conditions, just two weeks after finishing sixth at the Victorian Sprint Championships.

A number of swimmers made finals at State and National levels, with some medals won at States, but with SGB not entering relay teams, its placings weren't as high.

However, the results the swimmers achieved were fantastic coach Dylan said.

"At Gippies, our Girls won the points competition for the first time ever, the first time in 25 years Traralgon



South Gippsland Bass Age Champion awardees

has been beaten," he noted. Coach Sam was thrilled with the ongoing growth in the juniors.

"We had our term two race nights last week at our two pools and to see all our juniors having great fun, enjoying their first taste of racing is always fun," she said.

"I look around at these nights and see so many of our older swimmers who started out at junior race night and are now swimming at Nationals."

Coach Lorri was thrilled with the growth in the Multi-class groups this year.

"To have a whole team of Multi-class swimmers at Nationals and States makes such a difference," she said.

"Our relay teams have done so well at the championships, and winning Gold and Bronze in the mixed ability at Countries was so exciting, as was seeing all the other clubs encouraging the swimmers to the finish line."

The coaches gave out their awards to the swimmers who they saw make huge efforts throughout the year.

They went to: Coach Sarah - Josh Hunt, Coach Lorri - Byron Doran, Coach Sam - Lathan Lucas, Coach Dylan

- Finn Middleton, and Coach Trinity - Miah Roberts.

The Club Champion awards went to Rahni Mathe-son and Archie Smyth, two swimmers who have excelled in the racing over the year at state levels, as well as being a great support to others in the team.

Multiclass male and female champions were presented to Levi Jarrett and Gemma Cook respectively.

The age champions are:
8 and Under: Taylan Pock-lington and Ryan Thornby
9-10 years: Ruby Pirouet and Oliver Jarrett

11-12 years: Emily Croatto and Archie Smyth

13-14 years: Sienna Hunt and Rex Brocklesby

15-16 years: Rahni Mathe-son and Zac Sherar

17 and over: Trinity O'Keefe and Mostyn Lumsden

The swimmer who had the most improved times for the season was Isabel Croatto, who was congratulated for her effort in her commitment to increasing her training and as a consequence seeing a large improvement on her times from the previous season.

Three names were added to the Gippies 10-year Shield,

swimmers who have compet-ed in 10 years of racing at the Gippsland Championship, Hannah Simmons, Skye Munro and Lorri McKenzie.

These swimmers have shown commitment and it is a great honour to have com-peted for that many years.

The team captains thanked the club for letting them lead the team for the year, saying they love the club, its culture and the friends they have made, with that justifying getting up at 5am.

The club thanked its spon-sors, NAB who sponsor the junior race nights, Saputo, Browns, Wonthaggi Work-mens club, Bakers Delight, Woolworths and Brandt, who have all helped the club cover running costs, hire coaches and enter relay teams in competitions.

The club is greatly indebted to the volunteers who run it, especially the executive Penny Hunt, Hanna Lofgren and Janelle Croatto, recognising the hours they put in to keep the club going.

Special mention went to Janelle Croatto who has fin-ished her term as President after three years in the role and is taking on the position of treasurer.



Wonthaggi's Andrew Donohue, Mark Donohue and Nick Bartone were the B3 champions at the Table Tennis Victorian Country Championships.

Wonthaggi proudly represented at Table Tennis Victorian Country Championships

NEIGHBOURLY neighbours Traralgon hosted the annual Table Tennis Victorian Country Championships on the King's Birthday weekend.

Victorian clubs as far and wide as Geelong, Bairnsdale, Mornington and Albury descended upon Gippsland Sports Centre to gauge their ping-pong prowess.

Speaking of gauges, Albury of course is not Victorian which the delightfully confused Mark Twain realised in 1879 when he wondered why he had to catch two trains to Sydney from Melbourne.

So, when non-Victorian Albury dominated the Victorian Country A Grade Competition, the prowess gauge was so off the dial there was talk about rein-stating the old rail gauge to keep them at the border.

Well played Albury. Wonthaggi sent three teams full of promise and gusto and returned home better players, with an armful of trophies and mostly satisfied.

B1 Grade: Justin, Braden and David finished a highly commendable second place.

Their five to six loss to eventual com-petition winner Melton was a thriller and the difference.

It was a great result against top com-petition.

Justin won 13 from 15 singles to win leading player for B1 – a remarkable ef-fort.

B3 Grade: Mark, Andrew and Nick won.

This team were undefeated for the weekend.

Mark capped off a great team result by winning leading player with 14 from 15 singles wins.

Brotherly sidekick Andrew placed third – a splendid effort.

D2 Grade:

Luke, Jay and Warren placed fourth in a creditable performance, particularly for tournament virgins Luke and Jay.

No doubt competition and leading player prizes are a big deal and Wonthaggi's humble club is super proud to be represented by these successful swashbucklers.

Furthermore are the excellent individ-ual rating upgrades:

Justin plus 65 points, Braden plus 97, David plus 93, Warren plus 47, Mark plus 214.

Wonthaggi District Tennis Club season competition

THE Wonthaggi District Tennis Club hold two seasons of competition, and their recent Tuesday night Autumn night round robin competition ran with three different sections, and the player with the most points won their respective section.

Section one saw Will Joplin take the win, with runner-up awarded to Mark Tiziani, while section two saw Lana Brusamarello in front, with equal runner-up to Karen Holland and Jessica Tiziani. Section three was awarded to Elesha

Lindsay, with runner-up to Kirsty Caneda.

Russell Cargill of Wonthaggi Tennis Club said the night competition is run on Tuesday nights, October to early December and then February to the end of May.

"We will be having some come and try nights on Tuesdays at 6.30pm through September to get people ready for the new competition."

For more information on joining the Wonthaggi District Tennis Club, visit play.tennis.com.au/wonthaggi-districttennisclub.



Wonthaggi Tennis Club Autumn night competition. Section-2. Equal R/Up Karen Holland, Winner Lana Brusamarello, and Equal R/Up Jessica Tiziani. Not pictured: Section 3 Winner Elesha Lindsay, R/Up Kirsty Caneda.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY	June 17
▲ 3.26am	1.46m
▼ 9.11am	0.46m
▲ 4.22pm	1.70m
▼ 9.57pm	0.76m

WEDNESDAY	June 18
▲ 4.09am	1.46m
▼ 9.49am	0.51m
▲ 4.58pm	1.67m
▼ 10.36pm	0.70m

THURSDAY	June 19
▲ 4.57am	1.46m
▼ 10.33am	0.58m
▲ 5.33pm	1.64m
▼ 11.17pm	0.64m

FRIDAY	June 20
▲ 5.52am	1.46m
▼ 11.21am	0.68m
▲ 6.13pm	1.60m

SATURDAY	June 21
▼ 12.03am	0.58m
▲ 6.58am	1.47m
▼ 12.15pm	0.78m
▲ 6.55pm	1.56m

SUNDAY	June 22
▼ 12.54am	0.51m
▲ 8.11am	1.51m
▼ 1.12pm	0.89m
▲ 7.45pm	1.52m

MONDAY	June 23
▼ 1.49am	0.46m
▲ 9.23am	1.56m
▼ 2.16pm	0.98m
▲ 8.41pm	1.49m

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Marion Wellwood celebrated an early 90th last week at bridge.

PHILLIP ISLAND BRIDGE CLUB

THE overall winners of the Winter Pairs were Jean Barbour and Greg Nicholson with 62.44 percent. Runners-up were Bronwyn Sund and John Farr 58.83 percent.

Five and a half tables competed for the second round on Monday, with Greg and Jean winning that round with a massive 71.76 percent!

Duplicate Bridge on Wednesday was won by Jill Short and Shirley Stewart with 63.89 percent.

The amazing Marion Wellwood is turning 90 years old on June 27.

A glamorous fling was held this week with friends and family, a spectacular cake shared and impressive light-footed dance moves in high heels with boa flying. Marion is an ideal for us all.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND BRIDGE CLUB

JUNE 10 at Wonthaggi RSL: five tables competing.

Masterpoint winners: North/South Pairs.

First: Phil and Nev Chapman 59.58. Second: Bronwyn Sund and Alan Johnston 57.18.

East/West: Congratulations to two new members to bridge, winning their first master points. First: Robyn Synan and Judy Walker with 51.18 average board score. Second: Faye Rowlands and Doug McIntosh 51.25.

June 13 at Inverloch: nine tables competing.

North/South: First: Nev and Phil Chapman 61.90. Second: Matti Shub and John Quayle 55.56. Equal third: Sean Munley and Bruce Higgs 53.17. Equal third: John French and Deb Anglim 53.17.

East/West: First: Kathy Dowd and Penny Lanser 61.31. Second: Fred Meiseloach and Anne-Marie Tyler 60.42 – again, new members already winning master points. Third: Marie Sands and Maureen Stiles 59.23. Fourth: Faye Rowlands and John Currier 57.74.

PHILLIP ISLAND TENPIN BOWLING

2SCOMPANY: First place on 27.5pts Him & Her, second place on 26pts King Pins and third place on 21pts Palms.

ABL: First place on 208pts Storm, second place on 195.5pts The Fireballs and third place on 193.5pts Dreamers.

Business Early: First place on 15pts Turkey Slappers, second place on 15pts The Redundants, third place on 10pts Old Timers and fourth place on 10pts Happy Hour

Business Late: First place on 18pts 3 Blind Mice, second place on 17pts Squeezers, third place 13pts The Ex Men and fourth place on 11pts Island Invaders.

Top scores this week:

Woman: Penny Wolswinkle 200, Mary Daroha 172 and Valma Peterson 159.

Men: Justin Porthouse 202, Hank Wolswinkle 194 and Peter Maccines 190.

Pamela bridges the gap in aged care

PAMELA Nisbet has bridged the gap between countries and nursing styles in her journey to Koorooman House in Leongatha.

A world champion in the card game bridge, Pamela has an equally impressive nursing career that has crossed countries and different facets of the profession.

At 71, many would be winding down their long careers, but Pamela is happy to move countries and take on a new challenge.

“I have to have a purpose to get up in the morning,” she said.

“I really believe that I haven’t reached my use-by date. All my skills and experience over the years are still useful.”

She admits she’s old enough to be a ‘hospital-trained nurse’ and she still carries the nickname ‘matron’.

Pamela worked briefly in Australia early in her career before spending five years in England where she completed her Registered Mental Nurse (RMN) to become a qualified psychiatric nurse. This sparked her deep love of psychogeriatric nursing and helped to develop her skills in supporting older adults with complex mental health needs.

She was an acute psychiatric ward charge nurse in Liverpool for more than two years before returning to her native New Zealand where she became nurse supervisor in a major psychiatric hospital with 1025 beds during a period of change with the de-institutionalising of people.

Pamela later completed an Advanced Diploma of Nursing and went to work in a smaller home run by the Anglican Church where she led the expansion of support services. “That’s how I got to long-term care and I loved it with a pas-



A world champion bridge player and seasoned nurse, Pamela Nisbet has embraced new challenges across countries and careers – now leading Koorooman House in Leongatha. a100_2425

sion,” she said.

After meeting a Canadian bridge player, Pamela moved with her two children in 1999 and worked in oncology, aged care administration and director of nursing roles.

She returned to New Zealand at age 65 and continued in relief work before being contacted by an Australian recruiter. Pamela was inundated with offers but chose Leongatha after forging a bond with her interviewers.

She is now leading Koorooman House as nurse unit manager and is keen to ensure residents make the most of their lives.

“There are a few challenges which I will enjoy,” she said.

“I want to make sure everything is focused on the residents. Communication is the key. I make it my business to know everything about the residents and to know their preferences and needs.”

She hopes to stay in the position for three-four years, though she expects “this will be my last hurrah”.

“I’m always champing at the bit to get to work. There are so many rewards. I love chatting away to the residents.”

She’s also champing at the bit to get back into bridge, after winning world and national championships representing both Canada and New Zealand, even earning her own Wikipedia page.

“I’ve been everywhere, China five or six times, two Olympics. I guess you could say I’m famous in the bridge world. I still have my name badge from the Beijing Olympics – it says ‘Pamela Nisbet – athlete’. That made me laugh.”

Last time she represented Canada was in Morocco in December 2023 but she’s likely to play for New Zealand in the future.

“I would have to go to Canada to trial and we’d have to play Mexico to get a berth in the World Championships and it was back and forwards a lot. This year I can compete for New Zealand.”

Pamela has loved playing cards since her teenage years. At school, she was caught playing with a friend and the headmaster told her father if she’s going to play cards, teach her a good game – bridge.

She became a grandmaster at age 41 and has won titles around the world.

“I love the psychology of the game and the competitiveness of it and I love the people,” she said.

“I’ve played for so long now. It’s like nursing and looking after people – it’s a mixture of experience and your own feeling about something.”

Pamela hasn’t yet joined the local bridge club but will check it out.

“It looks like they play in the afternoons and I’m working but I’d like to visit.”

In Dunedin, she revived her love of the game by teaching others, even though she wasn’t getting the same level of competitiveness.

“They get so excited when something I’ve taught them works for them. It’s the same with person-centred care... I get joy out of helping others.”

Inverloch RSL launches Aqua Aerobics Program at Broadbeach Health Club

THE Inverloch RSL, in collaboration with Broadbeach Health Club, has proudly launched an eight-week Aqua Aerobics program aimed at enhancing the health and wellbeing of veterans in the community. Spearheaded by Salina Parton, the RSL Victoria RSL Active Manager, this initiative is part of a broader research effort into veteran health and wellbeing, marking a significant step forward in supporting those who have served.

The Aqua Aerobics program, set to take place at Broadbeach Health Club, offers participants the opportunity to engage in low-impact, water-based workouts that promote physical fitness and mental health. As part of the program, participants will complete surveys before and after the classes, providing valuable insights into the program’s effectiveness in improving overall health and wellbeing.

This isn’t the first time Broadbeach Health Club has partnered with Inverloch RSL. The health club previously assisted with a health and wellbeing program funded by the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH). The facility’s ongoing



Inverloch RSL has launched an Aqua Aerobics Program at Broadbeach Health Club.

commitment to veteran care underscores its dedication to fostering a supportive and inclusive community.

Salina Parton expressed her enthusiasm, stating, “Veteran health and wellbeing are at the core of our mission. With the Aqua Aerobics program, we aim to provide not only physical benefits but a sense

of camaraderie and community belonging.”

The program is expected to attract veterans from across the region, creating a welcoming environment where they can focus on their physical and mental health while connecting with others who share similar experiences. The initiative also holds promise

for contributing to broader research into health interventions tailored to veterans, offering insights that could inform future programs.

For more information, contact the Inverloch RSL or visit their Facebook page. Together, we can support those who have served and ensure they lead healthy, fulfilling lives.



Wonthaggi's Anastasia Davidson, Wonthaggi's Amy Pearce, Tasmania's Freya Coombe, Wonthaggi's Aliysha Walters-Dunlop and South Australia's Zac McLean (front) took part in the Southern States Junior Underwater Hockey Development Camp. Tk02_2425

Camp inspires junior underwater hockey players

THE Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club proudly hosted the Southern States Junior Underwater Hockey Development Camp over the weekend.

U15s players from Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania descended on the Bass Coast Aquatic and Leisure Centre to hone their skills ahead of nationals, set to be held on the Gold Coast in January.

More than 30 players took part in the camp, including 20 Victorians – most of which came from the Wonthaggi club.

Australian Underwater Hockey head coach Anton Williams travelled from Queensland and spent the two days going through drills with the aspiring players, showing them different techniques.

“These kids will end up playing for their state team this year or next,” Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club committee member Karl Scothern said.

“The good thing about the camp is the kids from these three states will catch up at nationals and they’ll already know each other.”

A referee accreditation course ran concurrently with the camp

at the Wonthaggi Tennis Club.

“A lot of our Victorian underwater hockey players who are in the U19s or adults are doing the course at the tennis club over the two days,” Karl said.

“They will use the games the kids are playing as part of their accreditation.”

Around 18 people from Wonthaggi, Geelong and Caulfield took part in the accreditation course.

The youngest referee involved was 15 years old and the course was conducted by Nathan Whelan from Tasmania.

This was the first time Wonthaggi has hosted the camp.

The weekend was largely organised by Michael Milnes.

“Michael worked closely with Anton and worked with a team behind the scenes to look after the players, coaches and refs,” Karl said.

“Victoria needs to put a lot more into junior development to be as competitive as other states. Western Australia and Queensland are very strong.

“There’s a major push at the moment to get Victoria back up to their standard so when we go to nationals, we can actually be

very competitive and try to get silver and gold. We normally get pretty close to it.”

The Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club has been playing at the Wonthaggi YMCA since the 1980s, with its 45th anniversary coming up in September.

Over the years, the club has produced many Victorian state players, as well as world players.

“We are always growing as a club. The only problem that we are facing is we’ve had a major junior development push over the last two or three years and the pool is getting too small for us,” Karl said.

“On a club night when we have up to 40 U15s in the pool, we are running three games across the pool, and we are at our limit.”

“It’s a great place to be in, but it’s preventing us from pushing a little bit harder for development.”

Karl said the club would like to see a bigger pool built in Wonthaggi to accommodate the club and reduce the need to travel out of the region to play the game.

Wonthaggi croquet players share success

FIVE members travelled to Phillip Island for their Level Play Singles Tournament on the weekend of May 31-June 1.

Section 1, held on May 31, featured Paul Andrews, Marj Prendergast and Tom Lacey.

Paul and Marj both won five games with Paul taking the honours on a hoops difference, +7 with Marj on +2 finishing runner-up.

Tom finished with two wins – a good result all round.

The next day had Neil Warburton and Kathy Ross fronting up in Section 2 with another good performance.

Neil won four of his games, finishing runner-up with Kathy winning three of her games.

Traralgon Doubles was next on the agenda the following weekend with Virginia Wheeler, pairing with Heather Lees from Warragul, Tom Lacey and Sue Baker competing in Section 1.

The former won three games and the latter two games.

In Section 2, Neil Warburton teamed up with Craig Priller from Drouin and they managed



Marj Prendergast and Paul Andrews with Phillip Island's Claire Earl at the Phillip Island for their Level Play Singles Tournament.

three wins.

Kathy Ross paired with Terry Nash from Korumburra and had four wins.

These were great results over two weekends.

Well done all.

The Wonthaggi flag is well and truly flying.

Club days for the Wonthaggi Croquet Club are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday with play beginning at 10am.

Come and join in for a tryout on any of these days.

The club is situated on Wentworth Road near the swimming complex.

FOSTER

WITH a public holiday Monday, the club opened up the course to a special Stableford event in which players didn't need to have a handicap to enter.

It was wonderful to see some fresh faces on the course, even if they may have been dragged along.

The weather was best described as deplorable.

Heavy consistent rains that continued through to mid-morning, mixed with icy cold temperatures kept the field small with 11 players on the day.

Col Pulham (23) fought through to take the win on his comeback to competitive golf with a glorious 34 pts.

Saturday's medal winner, Will Cashin (34) continued his good form with 33 pts to win the only ball down the line.

Mitch Dyke found the green on the sixth and won nearest to pin.

The 13th green proved hard to find with none of the 11 finding it off the tee.

Wednesday's event was Par.

Maxine Symmons the generous trophy donor in an event that proved quite difficult.

Ten players took to the course with Di Walker (25) carding an impressive -2.

Barb Britten (19) was r/up with -5 and finishing ahead of Elisa Nudelman (21) via a countback.

Barb Warren was the closest on the 17th with an impressive tee shot.

Viv Reid (45) was the best of the four players to play nine holes, she scored 14 pts.

This coming Wednesday will be a Stableford event.

After the event, the ladies committee will be hosting a farewell luncheon for Geraldine Sinclair.

The committee requests that members please bring a plate to share with Geraldine before she heads for greener pastures.

Although the weather was pleasant on Tuesday, there were only five players in attendance for the Stableford event.

David Lucas (12) took out the win with 34 pts.

Larry Giddy was the only other award winner with nearest to pin on the fourth.

Mick Connellan (18) broke his handicap on Thursday to win the Stableford event by four pts with 39 pts.

Kylie Collins (11) score of 35 found her finish second out of the 18 players in the comp.

Robin Smith (19) and Peter Cook (13) took out the remaining balls down the line with 32 pts each.

Adam Nudelman was nearest to pin on the sixth.

Graeme "Paddy" Watkins claimed the second NTP on the 15th.

In a week that was full of competitions, the week-long chicken run on the back nine had 21 entrants.

Kevin Flett's (11) round on Friday afternoon won the week on a three-way countback with 19 pts.

Keith Straw (29) also played on Friday and finished as the r/up.

Craig Couper (15) and Neville Thompson (15) both finished the rounds with 17 pts to win balls down the line.

There were multiple birdies this week, both Neville Thompson and Kevin Flett were amongst those to win an award for their efforts on the 17th.

As the week progressed, the beautiful winter days continued.

In Saturday's Stableford event, 28 players took to the course.

Graham Cottam (23) finished the day with the best score after playing to his handicap and scoring 36 pts.

Graham won the B grade award, finishing two pts ahead of Vanessa Roberts (38) who won a ball down the line.

Scott Rathjen (6) won the A Grade award on a countback from Peter Furborough (7) with 35 pts.

Peter also went on to win nearest to pin on the sixth.

Garry Buckland (15) won a ball down the line with 34 with Ryan Williams (7) not far behind on 33.

Kylie Collins (11) won the final ball down the line as well as nearest to pin on the 17th.

Lloyd McKenzie was nearest to pin on the fourth as was Bernie Esser on the 15th.

The final NTP went to Robin Smith on the 13th.

His tee shot was brilliant to finish within a metre of what was a tricky pin placement.

Next week's event for Saturday is a 4BBB.

The event is a draw for partners, 10am assembly for 10.30 start.

The Caddy.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, June 10.

Stableford: 19 Players

A Grade: Greg Wilson (12) 36 pts.

B Grade: Mick Belvedere (20) 38 pts.

NTPs: first John Solly, seventh Steve Rose, 10th Mick Bull and 13th Peter McMaster.

Thursday, June 12:

Stableford: 17 players.

A Grade: Peter Johnson (12) 38 pts.

B Grade: Stooze Muir (34) 33 pts.

NTPs: first Peter Johnson, seventh Brian Clasby, 10th Neil Spargo and 13th Wayne Knights

Saturday, June 14:

Sponsor: Neil Spargo.

Par: 40 players.

A Grade: Iain Riddell (14) +1.

B Grade: Wayne Knights (17) +5.

NTPs: first Ian Morris, seventh Rob Gallagher, 10th Paul Hopkins and 13th Iain Riddell.

Ladies

THE June Monthly Medal was played recently with the weather conditions on side.

Congratulations to everyone the course is starting to change, making it very challenging.

Well done to the Monthly Medallist Kerri Besley scoring a nice 75 net.

Kerri was the recipient of the Tiny Teapot Cafe award, and the club thanks them for supporting it each month.

Kerri also won A Grade with 87(12)75 net and r/up was Merrissa Cosson with 86(8)78 net, and also had the best Scratch Score.

B Grade winner was Karen Sorrell with 111(31)80 net and r/up was Kim Enbom, 110(25)85 net.

BDTL went to Sherrin Solly 83 net, and Lyn McIvor and Shelley Snooks both with 84 net.

NTPs were first Lyn McIvor (Kelly's Bakery), 10th Kerri Besley (\$2 Discount Store) and 13th Julie Hillberg (Burra Garden Supplies).

The club had eight players in the nine-hole competition.

Congratulations to Barb Walker and Julie Cole coming in with 12 pts each.

On Saturday, the club had six women brave the winter weather to play a nine-hole Stableford competition.

Congratulations to Aliesha Wrigley (21) winning with a score of 14 pts.

R/up was Trudy Olden (25) with 13 pts.

BDTL went to Kerri Besley, 12 pts.



The winner of Leongatha Golf Club's stroke event Marianne Leaver with runner-up Janet Monk.



Captain Catherine Bolding was the Medal, A Grade, Scratch and putting winner and Layla Robertson was the B Grade winner at the Wonthaggi Golf Club.



Korumburra's McLaren 4BBB Matchplay Champions Kerri Besley and Colette Pearl.



Neryl Hopcraft, Joc Howson and Bronwyn Debenham were the Brian Twite Bowl winners at the Leongatha Golf Club, pictured with representative for Brian Twite Kim Hastie.

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The McLaren 4BBB Matchplay final was tightly contested with our two teams of Kerri Besley/Colette Pearl and Sherrin Solly/Karen Sorrell competing.

Well done to Kerri and Colette winning on the 17th hole to become the new McLaren champs.

The daily Wednesday competition had 14 play 18 holes of Stableford.

Congratulations to winner Merrissa Cosson (8) with a score of 33 pts.

R/up close behind was Lyn McIvor (20) with 32 pts.

BDTL went to Shelley Snooks and Trudi Mantell both with 28 pts.

Trudi was the only NTP on the 10th hole.

Saturday's RB Medal kindly sponsored by Luscious Cafe was won by Lyn McIvor with a score of 95(20)75 net.

R/up was Sherrin Solly 101(24)77 net c/b from Jenny Blackmore.

Scratch winner was Merrissa Cosson with 92.

NTPs on the first went to Shelley Snooks (Kelly's Bakery) and the 10th Gail Beer.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, June 10: Stableford.

Tuesday's event was a Stableford event with 53 members/guests taking to the course.

Overall winner: Dave Brownnett (16) with a high score of the day of 38 pts.

A Grade winner: Dave Brownnett (16) with a score of 38 pts.

A Grade r/up: Craig Hams (9) with a score of 35 pts.

B Grade winner: Ken Lay (17) with a score of 32 pts on a countback.

B Grade r/up: Rene Zeller (22) with a score of 32 pts.

NTP fifth second shot: Russell Williams at 2.10m. NTP 14th: Malcolm Legge at 1.10m. NTP 16th: Craig Hutchinson at .97m.

Thursday, June 12: Evans Petroleum Stableford Event.

Thursday's event was an Evans Petroleum Stableford Round with a field of 79 members/guests with a shotgun start.

Many thanks to the generous sponsorship of this event by Evans Petroleum.

A Grade winner: Stuart Harry (14) with a score of 38 pts.

A Grade r/up: Ashleigh Hutton (14) with a score of 36 pts on a countback.

B Grade winner: Anthony Giles (28) with a score of 40 pts.

B Grade r/up: Geoffrey McDonald (19) with a score of 38 pts.

Great score by Alan Black with an eagle's nest on the fifth hole.

NTP fifth second shot: Alan Black at .0m. NTP 14th: Jeffrey Brewer at 3.32m. NTP 16th: Russell Miller at 1.31m.

Saturday, June 14: Stableford.

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Saturday was a Stableford round with a great field of 94 members/guests taking to the course in excellent winter conditions.

Overall winner: John Moor (19) with a score of 36 pts on a countback.

A Grade winner: Daniel Jolley (10) with a score of 33 pts on a countback.

A Grade r/up: Alan Starkey (10) with a score of 33 on a countback.

B Grade winner: Colin Bear (15) with a score of 36 pts.

B Grade r/up: Ray Matthews (12) with a score of 35 pts on a countback.

C Grade winner: John Moor (19) with a score of 36 pts.

C Grade r/up: David Richards (17) with a score of 35 pts.

D Grade winner: Ari Akritidis (20) with a score of 35 pts.

D Grade r/up: Adrian Banks (26) with a score of 31 pts.

NTP fifth second shot: Scott Blencowe at .80m. NTP 14th: Paul Kennedy at 1.23m. NTP 16th: Mark Wilson at 2.00m.

Brian Twite Bowl

A VERY special thanks to Rod and Judi Spokes of Leongatha Fresh Meat and Fish Supply for once again sponsoring the annual Brian Twite Bowl.

Leongatha Golf Club is particularly appreciative of their generous and long-standing support.

Teams from the South Gippsland district clubs and a special representative group from Metropolitan Golf Club competed in this event.

Brian Twite, the legendary professional from Metropolitan Golf Club, has had a long involvement with Leongatha Golf Club.

He conducted private lessons for district golfers, from 1979 until 1986, making the long trip from Melbourne each month. On leaving, his final gesture was the presentation of a "Rose Bowl" to be used as a trophy: hence the Brian Twite Bowl. Brian, who is 99 later this year, was unfortunately unable to attend, a first for him in many years.

Kim Hastie from Metropolitan Golf Club spoke on his behalf and presented the trophies to the winning team.

This year the Bowl was won by Leongatha Golf Club with an aggregate score of 90 pts, on a count back from another Leongatha combination.

A clear home ground advantage. The winning team was Joc Howson, Neryl Hopcraft and Bronwyn Debenham.

The runners-up were Janet Monk, Marianne Leaver and Anna de Bondt.

Down the line balls went to yet another Leongatha team, Dot Stubbs, Di Williams and Chris Lay with 88 pts.

Elizabeth Coyle from Metropolitan Golf Club was closest to the flag on the fifth, Kylie Collins

from Foster Golf Club on the 14th and Adrianne Anglin from Phillip Island Golf Club was nearest the pin on the 16th.

Ladies

THE women were able to play either a Stableford event or the traditional Monthly Medal stroke event last week.

Marianne Leaver won the stroke event with 101/24/77 while Janet Monk was the r/up with 98/20/78.

The June Monthly Medal was won by Melinda Honig who played on Saturday and was apparently unfazed by the shocking weather conditions to finish with 112/37/75.

Balls down the line went to 83: Dianne Williams, Trudy Banks, Shirley Welsford, Bronwyn Debenham, Jenny Teasdale, Anna de Bondt and Dot Stubbs.

Eight women opted for the Stableford event, which was won by Karen Bear with 31 pts.

Maryanne Gartner won a ball down the line.

Nearest the pin on the 16th was won by Fran Kearney, Robin Smith on the 14th and Cheryl Borg second shot on the fifth.

Marie Sands had another win this week in the nine-hole competition, finishing with 17 pts.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, June 10: Stableford.

A Grade: T. Webb (8) 37 pts c/b. B Grade: N. Marsh (16) 41 pts. DTL: N. Lughton 37, S. Woodall, D. Leggo and J. Hughes 35.

NTP: fourth M. Richter, sixth M. Payne, 13th G. Renwick and 16th P. Woodall.

Birdies: fourth M. Richter.

Saturday, June 14: Stableford. A Grade: J. Robbins (11) 39 pts. B Grade: J. Hughes (17) 33 pts. DTL: T. Bradshaw 36, Tim Traill 35, M. Payne, A. Liebe and R. Scurlock 34.

NTP: fourth S. Evison, sixth S. Woodall, 13th D. Quigley and 16th P. Smart.

Birdies: sixth Tim Traill and S. Woodall.

PHILLIP ISLAND

TUESDAY, June 3: men's competition 18-hole Stableford.

Overall winner: Shane Palmer (18) 40 pts

A Grade winners: A-1 Steve Sloss (11) 36 pts; A-2 Mark Dykes (10) 34 pts.

B Grade winners: B-1 Shane Palmer (18) 40 pts; B-2 Dennis Hackling (15) 38 pts C/B.

C Grade winners: C-1 Phil Nicholson (26) 39 pts; C-2 John Daire (24) 36 pts C/B.

BDL to 34 pts C/B.

NTP: fifth Peter Gray, seventh Rickardo Meder, 10th Peter Cartwright and 17th Mark White.

Men's 4BBB nine-holes: Overall winners:

1: Ian Barker and Basil Moloney 23 pts.

2: Ralph Leditschke and David Scrase 21 pts C/B.

BDL to 20 pts C/B.

Wednesday, June 4: women's 18-hole Stableford.

A Grade winner: Sharon Rippon (16) 35 pts.

B Grade winner: Kym Cooper (33) 40 pts.

C Grade winner: Julia Masciulli (34) 40 pts.

BDL to 31 pts C/B.

NTP: fifth Emma Hall, seventh Naoko McRae and 17th Emma Hall.

Women's nine-hole Stableford.

Overall winner: Carolyn Roberts (34) 15 pts C/B.

BDL to 12 pts.

Thursday, June 5: Open Stableford 18-hole.

Overall winner: Shane Palmer (17) 43 pts.

A Grade winners: A-1 Dale Gude (2) 36 pts; A-2 Scott Lethbridge (1) 35 pts C/B.

B Grade winners: B-1 Shane Palmer (17) 43 pts; B-2 Stephen Mack (16) 41 pts.

C Grade winners: C-1 Joan Nicholson (39) 42 pts; C-2 John Gains (24) 40 pts.

BDL to 33 pts C/B.

NTP: fifth Steve Sloss, seventh Paul Cashman, 10th Tom Spencer and 17th Daniel Pearce.

Men's nine-hole Stableford.

Overall winners: David Scrase (38) 19 pts C/B and John Withington (24) 19 pts.

BDL to 18 pts.

Saturday, June 7: men's 18-hole Stroke Monthly Medal.

Overall winner: Greg Stewart (25) 67.

A Grade winners: A-1 Tim Duff (4) 73; A-2 Adrian O'Gorman (8) 74 C/B.

B Grade winners: B-1 Heath Grace (15) 70; B-2 Rowan Wales (16) 71.

C Grade winners: C-1 Greg Stewart (25) 67; C-2 Paul Dickson (23) 73 C/B.

BDL to 76.

NTP: fifth Neville Thurgood, seventh Aaron Saric and 10th Lucas Saric.

Great score: Neville Thurgood Eagle on the 14th.

Women's Stableford 18-hole:

A Grade winners: A-1 Jan Daff (25) 33 pts; A-2 Alice Schofield (26) 32 pts.

BDL to 23 pts.

Sunday, June 8, 18-hole Stableford:

Overall winners:

1. Michael Coghlan (39) 35 pts C/B.

2. Giles Thompson (12) 35 pts.

BDL: to 30 pts.

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RESULTS: June 12, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Michael Hetherington 36.

R/up: Ian Baker 34.

BDTL to 31: Warwick Judkins 33, Kevin Loughran 32 and Jonathan Wade 31.

Results: June 12, SR. 36.

Competition: Stableford nine-hole 10 to 18.

Winner: Willy Williams 18

BDTL to 18: Secondo Tiziani 18.

Results: June 14, S.R 72.

Competition: 4BBB Par.

Winners: Ian Baker and Glen Moresco +10.

R/up: Alan Jones and Simon O'Halloran +7.

Ball sweep: Kevin Bayley and Norm Burne +7, Rohan Todd and Mat Johnson +6, Glen Rielly and Glenn Hewlett +6, Bill Howard and Willy Williams +6, and Sam Horvath and Trent Hamilton +6.

NTPs: Ian Gilmour second, Allan McKellar fourth, Ian Gilmour propin eighth, Sam Horvath 13th and Mark Tiziani money hole 17th.

Ladies

THE field of 16 players was split into two grades to play for the June Monthly Medal on Wednesday.

The rain over the last few days, while very welcome, added to the cold atmosphere and gave the golfers a glimpse of the winter conditions.

Captain Catherine Bolding scooped the pool, winning the Medal, A Grade, Scratch and putting with 91(15)76 with 31 pts.

The B Grade winner was Layla Robertson 105 (28)77 including a birdie three on the fifth.

This was on countback from Pam Hanley.

The only NTP claimed was by Marg Johnson on the second.

BDL went to Lisa Brusamarello 77, Pam Hanley 77, Jenny McRae 78 and Marg Johnson 79.

WOORAYL

WHAT a beautiful winter's day to play the Secret Nine event sponsored by Marg Tuckett.

So many are away, but still nine ladies turned out to play Stableford.

Best scores of the day were Sharyn Rayson and Elly Berryman with 30 pts each.

Bad luck though as starter Inge Giliam had drawn out nine secret holes, where points were deleted.

Everyone watched to make sure she had her eyes closed.

Elly still came out on top with Barb James coming in next.

Nearest the pins were Elly eighth, Pauline Lancaster 11th and Sharyn 17th.

Marg was on hand to present the trophies.

As a consolation to the rest Marg gifted each player with a pot of miniature pansies.

A lovely gesture Marg.

Hopefully a few travellers will be back next week.

BREAKAWAY

MONDAY was another great day of bowling. It was very cold, but the club had a very good turnout. The winners were Les Stanbury, Pat Novak and Graeme McAlpine. They had a total of +11. Well done to you all. A great day was enjoyed by the members on Friday, with the team of Margaret Morgan, Helen Gladstone and Peter Grenville winning with a score of +13. Don't forget to come along to bowls on Mondays and Fridays at Cape Paterson Community Hall from 1pm.

FOSTER

THERE'S some exciting news to tell. The club has had a successful grant application to the Bendigo Community Bank. President Mark Taylor and grants officer Bev Tyers attended the Community Bank Toora, Foster and Welshpool Grant Presentation night at the Fish Creek Bowls Club the other week. The club is very excited and gives an enormous thank you to the Bendigo Community Bank for granting it funding for some club upgrades, purchasing new chairs and updating the toilet systems. How amazing that they have now given just over \$2 million back to the community in grants, sponsorships and scholarships in the last 25 years.

They are an excellent asset to the communities that all need support – great work Bendigo Community Bank. The June Winter Triples saw a very fresh start to the day, but the bowlers were lucky with bursts of sun throughout the rest of the day.

Twelve teams entered. Sponsors for the day were Alex Crouch and Foster Pharmacy – a big thank you to them both. The best game wine prizes were sponsored by IGA. The winners for the day with three wins were the Foster team of Kelvin Park, Sue Waugh and Ian Park. Runner-up was the Port Welshpool team of Andrew Stimson, Trevor Venning and John Roberts.

Wine prizes for the best game went to the Meeniyam team of Mike, Darryllyn and Darren. It was another great day on the green for everyone. The club hopes to see you all next month. Also don't forget, maybe come along and have a go at indoor bowls on Wednesday nights.

INVERLOCH

INVERLOCH Bowling Club hosted its annual Bowl Over Cancer Day on Thursday, June 12, where 45 bowlers competed for the Bowl Over Cancer Day Trophy. The experimental format with four games of five ends was a huge success and everyone had a great day on the green. The hard luck story with three wins and a draw (49 points) were Bill Selby (skip), Carol Thorn (third) and Harry

Dunn (lead). Runners-up were Rob Dowling (skip), Jon Justin (third) and Paulene Sammon (lead) with four wins and 51 points. Congratulations go to the winners and recipients of the trophy, John Sutcliffe (skip), Marg Griffin (third), Trevor Scott (second) and Graham Turton (lead) with four wins and 56 points. Lunch after two games was homemade soups – thanks Jim Haydon – and after the bowling, the players were joined in the clubhouse by dozens of other supporters, including members of the Bass Coast Health (BCH) Auxiliary.

Everyone had loads of fun as they participated in the traditional table auction – many thanks Jack Miller – raffle and afternoon “tea”. All proceeds from the day were combined with the regular charity collections from corporate bowls, the infamous fines jar, second handbooks and other regular donations. The total proceeds on the day were \$2200 and added to the current accumulated collections the club was able to donate \$4000 to the BCH Auxiliary who have promised to match the donation and provide \$8000 to Wonthaggi Cancer Unit towards the purchase of a “Cuddle Bed” for palliative care patients. In addition to all the bowling and non-bowling attendees, who were amazingly generous with their contributions, the club would also like to thank the local traders, Paul the Pie-man, Invy Espy Hotel, Foodworks, Wilson's Meats, Terry White Chemists, Shack Bay Brewing and Wonthaggi Club for their generous donations to the raffle prizes.

MIDWEEK

WHAT a great day the bowlers had this week at Lang Lang. There was close to a full house as far as player numbers go. They were signed in by Bev and Vern as Rob and David arranged the teams for the day. Then they went out to the green in single-digit temperatures to once again fight it out for team of the week. Some great teams with marvellous players made the day so much fun.

There were a few wrong bias bowls for the day, but this only makes the players try harder and adds to the Royal Children's Hospital tin. Over the day, the temperature rose to the mid-teens with a reasonable amount of direct sunlight. Overall, it was a beautiful day for bowling. The winners on a magnificent score of 34 were Michael Dady (S), Luke Monckton (3) and Tony Heppleston (L). Runners-up, also on a score of 34, were John O'Day (L), Shirley Corcoran (2), Steve Edge (3) and John Nicholson (S).

Best one game winners on a score of 18 were Vern Elliott (S), Bob Arnold (L), Chris Coulson (2) and Raff Merante (3). A big thank you to Marianne who looked after all the thirsty players in the bar, as well as cleaning up with Laurie after

all the players left to go home. Also, a big thank you to Colin for cleaning up outside. Next week, the bowlers will be meeting up at Loch and District Bowls Club to once again challenge their friends for team of the week. Please, be on site by 10am as the numbers are getting quite high and if you are in after the books are full then you may have to miss out. Meanwhile till then, have fun and stay safe.

WONTHAGGI

IT WAS another good week of winter bowls. Wednesday saw 24 bowlers grace the greens on a fine, mild day. Three-bowl triples were the order of the day over two games of 10 ends. There were two teams that were two-game winners. The runners-up were Kathy Heaphy, Caroline Donohue and Roger Lee with a score of two wins and 32 points. The winners were Frank Cimino, Frank Tagell and Ken Gage with a score of two wins and 34 points.

Friday night was a good night with 30 people present to make the night a success. Howard Jenson missed out on the member's draw, so next week it will be \$90. Allan, Glenys and Verona were happy meat tray winners. Saturday greeted 24 bowlers on a fine, cool day. Three-bowl pairs were the order of the day over two games of 10 ends. There were two teams that were two-game winners, with the runners-up being Norm Evans and Paul Hill with a score of two wins and 30 points. The winners were John Migliorisi and Ken Gage with a score of two wins and 35 points.

Bowls this week: Wednesday: Social bowls at 12.30pm. Friday: Coaching at 10am. Saturday: Social bowls at 12.30pm. Don't forget the Friday night meat tray raffles, plus other prizes, and the members draw at 6pm. This week, the members draw stands at \$90. Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

CONSIDERING the chilly weather on Tuesday, it was great to be inside in the warmth. It was a very competitive day with some really close results. Only one team won two games. The winning team had a plus two. They were Judy Sweetnam, Jo McLaren and Pam Russell. Runners up on plus one with a win and a draw were Pat Smith, Steve Rosenberg and Theo Sholley. On Friday, the club had 24 players compete. Again, only one team had two wins. They were Allan Ireland, Max Sweetnam and Theo Sholley on plus 15. Runners-up on plus 11 with one win only were Teresa Ireland, Jeannie Slocombe and John Ferguson.



Allan Ireland, Max Sweetnam and Theo Sholley were Friday's Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls Club winners.



Margaret Morgan, Helen Gladstone and Peter Grenville were the winning team at Breakaway Bowls on Friday.



The best game winner at the Foster Bowls Club was the Meeniyam team of Mike, Darryllyn and Darren.



Michael Dady (S), Luke Monckton (3) and Tony Heppleston (L) were South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's winners on Thursday.



Foster Bowls Club grants officer Bev Tyers and president Mark Taylor at the Community Bank Toora, Foster and Welshpool Grant Presentation.



Inverloch Bowling Club's Bowl Over Cancer Day winners were Marg Griffin, John Sutcliffe, Graham Turton and Trevor Scott.

GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE

ROUND 7 RESULTS - SUN, JUNE 15

SENIOR Mens:

P-Island Breakers 5 d Drouin Maroon 0
Leongatha Knights 7 d Wonthaggi United 1
Trafalgar Victory 3 d Korumburra City 2

Senior Womens:

Leongatha Knights 10 d Wonthaggi United 1
Trafalgar Victory 1 d Korumburra City 0
P-Island Breakers 6 d Drouin Maroon 1
Mirboo North United 3 d Lang Lang United 0

Mens Reserves:

Trafalgar Victory 13 d Korumburra City 1
Inverloch Stars 9 d Leongatha Knights 0
P-Island Breakers 2 d Drouin Maroon 1

Under 17 Mixed:

Drouin Maroon Yellow 3 d Inverloch Stars 2
Drouin Maroon 4 d P-Island Breakers 1
Leongatha Knights White 6
d Mirboo North United 0
Wonthaggi United 3 drew
Leongatha Knights Blue 3

Under 15 Girls:

P-Island Breakers 2 drew Drouin Maroon 2
Wonthaggi United 6 d Leongatha Knights 0
Korumburra City 2 d Drouin Dragons Yellow 1

Under 14 Mixed:

Drouin Maroon Yellow 9 d Inverloch Stars 3
P-Island Penguins 1 d Drouin Maroon 0
Wonthaggi United 8 d Leongatha Knights 2
Mirboo North United 7 d Lang Lang United 1
Korumburra City 2 drew P-Island Stingrays 2

Under 12 Girls:

P-Island Breakers 6 d Drouin Maroon 0
Wonthaggi United 6 d Leongatha Knights 0

Under 12A Mixed:

Inverloch Stars 4 d Drouin Maroon Yellow 2
Phillip Island 7 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1
Mirboo North United 3 d Lang Lang United 0
Leongatha Knights Blue 6
d Wonthaggi United 0

Under 12B Mixed:

P-Island Penguins 7 d Drouin Yellow 1
Wonthaggi United 6
d Leongatha Knights White 2,
Phillip Island Stingrays 7 d Inverloch Stars 1

ROUND 8 DRAW - SUNDAY, JUNE 22

Senior Mens:

Leongatha Knights v Trafalgar Victory
Lang Lang United v Phillip Island Breakers
Drouin Dragons Maroon v Korumburra City

Senior Womens:

Mirboo North United v Inverloch Stars
Leongatha Knights v Trafalgar Victory
Lang Lang United v Phillip Island Breakers
Drouin Dragons Maroon v Korumburra City

Mens Reserves:

Leongatha Knights v Trafalgar Victory
Drouin Dragons Maroon v Korumburra City

Under 17 Mixed:

Mirboo North United v Inverloch Stars
Leongatha Knights White v P-Island Breakers
Drouin Maroon Yellow v Wonthaggi United
Drouin Dragons Maroon v Korumburra City

Under 15 Girls:

Drouin Dragons Yellow v Wonthaggi United
Drouin Dragons Maroon v Korumburra City

Under 14 Mixed:

Mirboo North United v Inverloch Stars
Leongatha Knights v Phillip Island Stingrays
Lang Lang United v Phillip Island Penguins
Drouin Maroon Yellow v Wonthaggi United
Drouin Dragons Maroon v Korumburra City

Under 12 Girls:

Lang Lang United v Phillip Island Breakers
Drouin Dragons Maroon v Korumburra City

Under 12A Mixed:

Mirboo North United v Inverloch Stars
Lang Lang United v Phillip Island
Drouin Maroon Yellow v Wonthaggi United
Drouin Dragons Maroon v Korumburra City

Under 12B Mixed:

Leongatha Knights White v Trafalgar Victory
Drouin Dragons White v P-Island Penguins
Phillip Island Stingrays v Wonthaggi United



Leongatha’s Thai Manning consistently put pressure on his Wonthaggi opponent.

Knights enjoy success after return to action

FOLLOWING the King’s Birthday weekend bye, Leongatha Knights Football Club returned to the pitch to face Wonthaggi SC.

U17s: Leongatha Knights Blue v Wonthaggi

The U17s game between Leongatha Knights Blue team and Wonthaggi was a tension-filled battle as both teams alternated taking advantage of play.

A long shot from outside the box saw Wonthaggi notch the first goal.

However, Leongatha’s defensive strength in Brandyn, Trent and Ana worked hard to ensure they didn’t concede again.

Returning goalkeeper Bristo pulled off a magnificent double save following a heart-stopping flurry in the box.

The scores were even heading into halftime after a goal to Leongatha from Patch Wilson.

A handball in the box during the second half saw Wonthaggi take the lead once more.

There was another goal from



Leongatha Knights player Lisse Bath was a force to be reckoned with in the forward line.

Wonthaggi and one from Leongatha’s Patrick Wilson, saw the scoreline during the last minutes of the game at 3-2, Wonthaggi’s way.

It was the persistence of

Leongatha’s right wing Daniel who pressured the Wonthaggi keeper, causing the ball to ricochet off Daniel’s back and into the net resulting in a well-deserved draw.

Women’s: Leongatha Knights v Wonthaggi

The Leongatha Knights were back to fine form this week as they travelled to Wonthaggi for a game under some beautiful winter sun.

Despite struggling for numbers, Wonthaggi put up a strong defence with Aaliyah Trevethan clearing the Knights’ through balls with relative ease.

This forced the Lady Knights to focus on combination play in the final third to set up some beautiful one touch finishes.

The link-up between Lisse Bath (who scored an impressive five goals across the match) and left winger Naomi Eaton (scoring four of her own) was wonderful to watch.

Composed defensive play by Molly Gurnett, Mandy Bongers and Jess Burrows ensured Wonthaggi’s chances were limited, with goalkeeper Kate Membrey’s steady hands cleaning anything up.

MDU puts the pressure on Traralgon and dominates



MDU took on Traralgon in Round 8 and, despite the pressure, cleared up a 45-point win. Photos: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Traralgon goes for the touch in Round 8, despite MDU’s dominance in all four quarters.



Annika Walters was kept busy on court in Nyora’s B Grade game.



Nyora’s Rhiannon Gallagher looks for an option in the A Grade clash with Ellinbank.



LDNA’s 15 & Under side defends against the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition side.



It was ‘buddies’ day’ at the Wonthaggi Power netball on Saturday with the senior girls supporting their buddy player in the junior ranks and the under-age players returning the favour when the seniors took to the court.



Wonthaggi Power A Grade centre Jess Blair gets a hand in to disrupt the play as Moe’s WD defence tries to take possession.



Wonthaggi’s Macy Peterson stops the progress of Charlize Bird coming out of defence in a strong display by the visiting Moe side on Saturday.



LDNA 15 & Under representatives were competitive at the Netball Victoria Association Championships in Bairnsdale.

13s and 15s represent Leongatha and District Netball Association

LEONGATHA and District Netball Association was represented by 13 & Under and 15 & Under teams at Sunday’s Netball Victoria Association Championships in Bairnsdale, with both LDNA sides having competitive and close games, the younger team winning its last match of the day.

The Association Championships give players an opportunity to take on other regions in Gippsland, displaying what they are capable of individually and as a team. Players, umpires and coaches have a chance



LDNA 13 & Under representatives came away with a win in their last match of Netball Victoria’s Association Championships after being competitive in their other games.

to be talent identified by Netball Victoria, opening up a pathway to further their netball. LDNA expressed its appreciation to the parents who took the long drive to Bairnsdale and supported its representative sides in a positive and encouraging fashion.

“A massive thank you to Kiera Witton on coaching the 15 & Under team and Leticia Philips for taking the time to train the girls each week and taking them today, and to our team managers for your support to the coaches and the teams,” the Association stated.

ELLINBANK		
RESULTS		
A GRADE		17 & UNDER
Neerim Sth 63 d Longwarry 36		Bunyip 27 It Poowong 37
Bunyip 39 d Poowong 36		Neerim Sth 28 It Longwarry 49
Ellinbank 94 d Nyora 38		Nil-Darn 38 It Lang Lang 40
Nil-Darn 78 d Lang Lang 32		Ellinbank 36 d Nyora 18
Trafalgar 47 d Yarragon 42		Buln Buln 18 It Catani 43
Buln Buln 47 d Catani 36		Trafalgar 38 d Yarragon 34
B GRADE		15 & UNDER
Neerim Sth 42 d Longwarry 28		Neerim Sth 28 d Longwarry 13
Bunyip 57 d Poowong 38		Bunyip 19 It Poowong 41
Ellinbank 67 d Nyora 19		Ellinbank 24 d Nyora 14
Nil-Darn 42 It Lang Lang 44		Nil-Darn 13 It Lang Lang 28
Trafalgar 36 It Yarragon 41		Trafalgar 18 It Yarragon 22
Buln Buln 41 It Catani 54		Buln Buln 27 It Catani 35
C GRADE		13 & UNDER
Neerim Sth 38 d Longwarry 28		Ellinbank 28 d Nyora 3
Nil-Darn 41 d Lang Lang 26		Neerim Sth 27 d Longwarry 24
Bunyip 31 d Poowong 21		Nil-Darn 9 It Lang Lang 41
Trafalgar 41 It Yarragon 45		Trafalgar 29 d Yarragon 5
Buln Buln 44 d Catani 37		Bunyip 30 d Poowong 12
Ellinbank 65 d Nyora 9		Buln Buln 32 d Catani 12

LADDERS		
A GRADE	%	pts
Neerim South	223.72	40
Nilma Darnum	161.31	36
Ellinbank	161.44	32
Trafalgar	125.18	28
Longwarry	116.51	24
Lang Lang	80.79	20
Poowong	83.70	16
Yarragon	79.22	12
Bunyip	77.75	12
Catani	77.35	12
Buln Buln	62.57	8
Nyora	50.79	0
B GRADE		
Ellinbank	201.15	40
Neerim South	158.64	32
Bunyip	134.40	32
Nilma Darnum	139.31	28
Lang Lang	98.84	28
Catani	116.92	20
Buln Buln	94.74	16
Poowong	86.68	16
Yarragon	77.23	12
Trafalgar	84.40	8
Longwarry	82.92	4
Nyora	32.42	0
C GRADE		
Ellinbank	185.77	36
Buln Buln	157.35	36
Neerim South	114.71	32
Trafalgar	134.39	24
Nilma Darnum	129.14	24
Longwarry	123.39	24
Yarragon	111.22	22
Catani	115.14	18
Bunyip	89.52	12
Lang Lang	65.68	8
Poowong	76.56	4
Nyora	10.43	0
17 & UNDER	%	pts
Longwarry	182.55	40
Nilma Darnum	155.64	32
Poowong	124.73	32
Catani	123.79	28
Lang Lang	140.33	26
Trafalgar	121.73	24
Yarragon	120.06	22
Neerim South	86.09	12
Ellinbank	59.67	10
Buln Buln	78.96	8
Bunyip	65.22	6
Nyora	21.90	0
15 & UNDER		
Catani	236.84	40
Poowong	202.65	36
Lang Lang	171.88	32
Neerim South	152.78	28
Bunyip	103.90	24
Buln Buln	116.83	20
Longwarry	101.60	16
Nilma Darnum	97.56	16
Yarragon	80.58	16
Ellinbank	67.95	8
Trafalgar	52.94	4
Nyora	14.22	0
13 & UNDER		
Lang Lang	579.71	40
Trafalgar	333.67	40
Bunyip	257.14	32
Buln Buln	256.25	28
Nilma Darnum	99.50	20
Longwarry	77.19	16
Neerim South	67.56	14
Poowong	66.06	14
Ellinbank	56.77	14
Catani	55.68	14
Yarragon	66.67	8
Nyora	6.09	0

GIPPSLAND		
RESULTS		
A GRADE		17 & UNDER
Maffra 46 It Leongatha 72		Maffra 37 It Leongatha 38
Morwell 55 d Bairnsdale 43		Morwell 27 It Bairnsdale 61
Traralgon 53 d Sale 48		Traralgon 44 d Sale 33
Wonthaggi 38 It Moe 99		Wonthaggi 28 It Moe 55
Warragul 72 d Drouin 47		Warragul 34 It Drouin 48
B GRADE		15 & UNDER
Maffra 32 It Leongatha 79		Maffra 24 It Leongatha 44
Morwell 51 d Bairnsdale 47		Morwell 13 It Bairnsdale 48
Traralgon 54 d Sale 31		Traralgon 57 d Sale 30
Wonthaggi 46 d Moe 30		Wonthaggi 4 It Moe 56
Warragul 57 d Drouin 45		Warragul 61 d Drouin 30
C GRADE		13 & UNDER
Maffra 26 It Leongatha 46		Maffra 32 It Leongatha 38
Morwell 54 d Bairnsdale 32		Morwell 14 It Bairnsdale 38
Traralgon 38 d Sale 28		Traralgon 25 It Sale 30
Wonthaggi 44 d Moe 31		Wonthaggi 11 It Moe 37
Warragul 36 It Drouin 44		Warragul 3 It Drouin 36

LADDERS		
A GRADE	%	pts
Moe	186.19	36
Warragul	170.67	32
Morwell	117.74	28
Drouin	120.63	20
Leongatha	100.87	20
Bairnsdale	93.65	20
Traralgon	82.26	12
Wonthaggi	68.74	8
Sale	64.89	4
Maffra	51.61	0
B GRADE		
Leongatha	177.89	36
Wonthaggi	147.51	32
Moe	138.12	28
Traralgon	124.58	24
Warragul	106.06	16
Drouin	90.83	16
Morwell	86.13	16
Maffra	61.49	8
Bairnsdale	65.59	2
Sale	64.29	2
C GRADE		
Morwell	158.40	34
Leongatha	150.00	34
Wonthaggi	142.97	28
Bairnsdale	109.21	20
Drouin	101.22	20
Traralgon	113.46	16
Moe	89.56	16
Sale	83.44	8
Warragul	58.51	4
Maffra	49.23	0
17 & UNDER	%	pts
Bairnsdale	203.10	36
Traralgon	221.03	32
Sale	111.40	28
Leongatha	90.76	20
Moe	90.96	16
Maffra	90.88	16
Drouin	89.85	16
Warragul	75.46	12
Wonthaggi	63.07	4
Morwell	52.37	0
15 & UNDER		
Traralgon	250.23	36
Sale	150.35	32
Moe	140.79	26
Warragul	129.65	24
Bairnsdale	119.57	16
Leongatha	115.02	16
Drouin	96.21	16
Maffra	75.99	10
Morwell	48.34	4
Wonthaggi	8.26	0
13 & UNDER		
Leongatha	283.97	36
Sale	180.11	30
Moe	146.58	26
Bairnsdale	161.40	22
Traralgon	148.37	20
Maffra	130.74	18
Drouin	76.40	12
Morwell	68.79	12
Wonthaggi	29.89	4
Warragul	12.09	0



Mirboo North's Jessie Holland (A Grade) takes possession under pressure. Photo: Annie Holland.

MIRBOO NORTH

MIRBOO North netball had a dominant showing in round nine, recording victories across all grades in a clean sweep against Morwell East.

The Tigers displayed strong teamwork, skilful play, and determination throughout the day, with every side stepping up to the challenge.

A Grade: A commanding performance from A Grade, with sharp ball movement and relentless pressure across the court.

Best on court: Jessie Holland. Coaches award: Marley Wallace.

B Grade: B Grade continued the winning momentum with a confident 18-goal win.

Best on court: Aleisha Kerr. Coaches awards: Jakobi Eden.

C Grade: A tightly contested game saw C Grade dig deep to secure the win. Great spacing and patience across the court.

Best on court: Ash Hilliar. Coaches award: Shaelah Johnson.

D Grade: D Grade put together a solid four-quarter effort, doubling Morwell East's score. Great defensive pressure and voice across the court.

Best on court: Lexie Andrews. Coaches award: Alexandra Robertson.

17 & Under: A dominant display by the 17s, with slick transitions and accurate shooting.

Best on court: Indi Eden. Coaches award: Imogen Nash.

15 & Under: The 15s showed grit and determination, pulling away strongly, great consistent effort throughout the game.

Best on court: Lucy Woodall. Coaches award: Charlotte Evans.

13 & Under: A brilliant performance from the youngest Tigers, showing skill well beyond their years.

Best on court: Abbie Walker. Coaches award: Olivia Snell.

A fantastic round for all teams – well done to players, coaches, and supporters.

Onwards to round 10 against the Demons.



MDU centre Kirra Jones defends the ball as her Stony Creek opponent looks to make a pass. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Stony Creek wing attack Rebekah Vagg takes a great grab against MDU on Saturday. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Evie Stone shoots for Toora as Matilda Gee leaps for Foster during the B Grade match won comfortably by Foster. A07_2425



Ema Hodgson leaps for the Kangaroos during their A Grade win over Newborough. A17_2425



Ebony Nicholls leaps for Toora during its B Grade match in Foster. A09_2425



Fish Creek works hard in defence against Newborough. A19_2425

MID GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE	B GRADE	C GRADE	D GRADE	17 & UNDER	15 & UNDER	13 & UNDER
Fish Crk 52 d N-borough 41	Fish Crk 57 d N-borough 45	MDU 35 d Stony Crk 28	MDU 33 d Stony Crk 30	Fish Crk 45 d N-borough 19	Fish Crk 15 lt N-borough 37	Morwell-E 5 lt Mirboo Nth 33
MDU 51 d Stony Crk 45	MDU 39 lt Stony Crk 48	Fish Crk 37 lt N-borough 42	Yinnar 77 d Thorpdale 17	MDU 62 d Stony Crk 22	MDU 34 d Stony Crk 12	Foster 28 d Toora 5
Yinnar 79 d Thorpdale 18	Tarwin 31 lt Hill End 43	Morwell-E 31 lt Mirboo Nth 35	Fish Crk 41 d N-borough 29	Tarwin 13 lt Hill End 49	Morwell-E 12 lt Mirboo Nth 28	MDU 4 lt Stony Crk 28
Morwell-E 45 lt Mirboo Nth 72	Yinnar 75 d Thorpdale 31	Tarwin 35 lt Hill End 42	Tarwin 31 d Hill End 25	Morwell-E 11 lt Mirboo Nth 57	Tarwin 13 lt Hill End 53	Tarwin 31 d Hill End 21
Tarwin 63 d Hill End 37	Morwell-E 43 lt Mirboo Nth 61	Foster 34 d Toora 32	Morwell-E 18 lt Mirboo Nth 36	Foster 8 lt Toora 54	Foster 25 lt Toora 47	Fish Crk 20 lt N-borough 26
Foster 63 d Toora 32	Foster 65 d Toora 48	Yinnar 71 d Thorpdale 15	Foster 15 lt Toora 41			

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	B GRADE	%	pts	C GRADE	%	pts	D GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts	15 & UNDER	%	pts	13 & UNDER	%	pts
Foster	226.05	36	Foster	168.30	36	Yinnar	196.26	32	Mirboo North	174.10	36	Boolarra	270.55	36	Yinnar	262.50	36	Boolarra	235.23	36
Yinnar	143.60	32	Mirboo North	136.42	28	Newborough	158.02	30	Yinnar	224.16	32	Toora	222.35	34	Toora	279.28	32	Yinnar	391.30	32
Mirboo North	143.02	28	Yinnar	135.71	28	MDU	129.71	26	Tarwin	147.09	32	Mirboo North	195.60	30	Hill End	213.95	32	Newborough	208.79	32
Fish Creek	136.00	28	Fish Creek	118.04	28	Foster	118.55	26	Hill End	162.11	24	MDU	211.00	28	Boolarra	191.56	32	Tarwin	224.37	28
MDU	120.64	24	Newborough	127.19	24	Tarwin	127.87	24	Fish Creek	139.81	24	Toora	161.75	24	MDU	99.43	20	Fish Creek	140.85	28
Newborough	102.76	20	MDU	108.44	20	Boolarra	125.86	24	Newborough	125.79	24	Hill End	131.09	24	Foster	90.39	20	Mirboo North	140.63	20
Stony Creek	111.08	16	Stony Creek	106.59	20	Hill End	117.39	22	Toora	110.53	24	Fish Creek	91.64	20	Mirboo North	87.77	20	Foster	84.67	20
Morwell East	102.71	16	Toora	102.46	20	Fish Creek	96.95	20	Boolarra	92.83	12	Newborough	41.31	16	Newborough	85.53	20	Stony Creek	119.59	16
Toora	70.03	16	Hill End	85.89	20	Stony Creek	90.53	16	MDU	78.57	12	Stony Creek	55.46	12	Tarwin	70.31	12	Hill End	81.94	16
Tarwin	83.57	12	Morwell East	83.13	12	Mirboo North	87.88	16	Stony Creek	75.63	12	Tarwin	39.33	8	Morwell East	40.48	8	Toora	29.69	12
Boolarra	67.47	10	Boolarra	47.46	8	Toora	82.26	8	Morwell East	86.06	8	Morwell East	37.14	8	Stony Creek	39.87	8	MDU	19.67	4
Hill End	54.30	10	Tarwin	70.23	4	Morwell East	79.29	4	Foster	63.97	8	Foster	33.65	8	Fish Creek	36.93	8	Morwell East	18.60	4
Thorpdale	42.69	4	Thorpdale	59.80	4	Thorpdale	15.51	4	Thorpdale	12.58	4	Thorpdale	0.00	0	Thorpdale	0.00	0	Thorpdale	0.00	0



Stony Creek and MDU compete. Photo: G.S. Bruning.



MDU stretches to win possession against Stony Creek. Photo: G.S. Bruning.



The Centres compete, with Newborough's Caitlin Prestidge striving to ensure Grace McLean can't get hold of the ball for Fish Creek. A20_2425



Esther Evans works to control the ball in defence for the Panthers.



Isabella Santorini applies hands-over pressure as Tooradin-Dalmore look to transition into attack.



Caitlin Egan moves the ball out of the Panther's defence in the A grade match.



Through strong Tooradin-Dalmore defence, Emily Andrew searches for options in the Panthers attacking third.

KILCUNDA BASS

A GRADE: The team had a tough hit out against Tooradin this week. Lisa Jones played her first game in A grade this season and had a big impact. The girls played a full court defensive game, but couldn't match Tooradin. Award Caitlin Egan.

B Grade: Coming up against the top-of-the-ladder team we knew we would have our work cut out for us. A couple of team members down, we had some fresh young legs in the side and they played their little hearts out. From strong defence to fantastic passages of play down the court to super strong ring work. The girls worked hard for each other and all game. Award: Ally Carter.

C Grade: Kilcunda Bass put up a strong fight against the undefeated Tooradin, matching their intensity for the majority of the game. The team's defensive pressure down the court was effective, disrupting Tooradin's flow and creating valuable turnovers. Despite the loss, we showed great teamwork in working the ball into the goal circle with composure. Award: Melinda Cullen.

D Grade: The team came out of the gates strongly, matching Tooradin's intensity and executing some sharp plays. Smart, composed play through the midcourt and attacking end saw us edge ahead by two goals at halftime. The third quarter was a standout. Goalers were in sync and shooting with precision, defenders were relentless with key intercepts and rebounds, and the midcourt worked overtime to transition the ball forward. The team capitalised on critical turnovers and extended the lead to five at the final break. A few costly turnovers in the final term allowed Tooradin to claw back the lead. Despite a determined fight until the very end, we fell just short, going down by a single goal in a thrilling finish. Award: Kim Pike

17 & Under: The mid-courtiers worked relentlessly to feed our goalers, shoutout to Hope Oats for playing out of position in the mid-court and Maisie Van Der Walt for her accurate shooting. Despite Tooradin running away with the win our girls didn't back down and kept fighting right to the end showing plenty of improvement from the previous weeks, we will continue to right our wrongs and focus on next week. Awards: Hope Oats and Maisie Van Der Walt

15 & Under: We knew these next couple of weeks were going to be really challenging coming up against the top-of-the-ladder teams. We had a sluggish start and that allowed Tooradin to punish us on the scoreboard and they were able to run away with the game. The girls did show some promising passages of play and when we went back to playing our game we were able to pop some points on the board. We will dust ourselves off, learn from our mistakes and move on to next week. Awards: Isabella Stead, Olivia Berry and Paige O'Brien.

11 & Under: In an extremely chilly start to the day the 11 & Unders took to the court. We decided to change up our lineup in an attempt to get the ball into our goal ring and hit the scoreboard. There were some good passages of play and once we can execute accuracy with our shots at goal our team will become more competitive. Our team started the season with limited experience but are showing continued improvement each week. Awards: Sadie Johns and Zeally Effenberg.

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS				LADDERS			
A GRADE		17 & UNDER		A GRADE		17 & UNDER	
Kor-Bena 67 d Garfield 45		Kor-Bena 39 d Garfield 28		Nar Nar Goon 137.47	36	Cora Lynn 151.70	36
K-Bass 37 lt Tooradin-Dal 59		K-Bass 19 lt Tooradin-Dal 56		Kor-Bena 135.19	36	Tooradin-Dal 130.04	34
Dalyston 54 d Warragul-I 27		Dalyston 25 lt Warragul-I 26		Cora Lynn 123.13	32	Garfield 137.13	32
NNG 52 d P-Island 42		KWR 32 lt IK 37		Inverloch-K 112.46	32	Warragul Ind 135.32	32
KWR 28 lt IK 54		NNG 37 d P-Island 33		Dalyston 123.15	28	Inverloch-K 131.58	30
B GRADE		15 & UNDER		Tooradin-Dal 108.46		Nar Nar Goon 137.87	
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NNG 69 d P-Island 30		NNG 44 d P-Island 24		Warragul Ind 58.59	4	Dalyston 49.40	8
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NNG 43 d P-Island 21		NNG 38 d P-Island 25		Nar Nar Goon 154.46	34	Garfield 140.85	28
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KWR 21 lt IK 36		11 & UNDER		Kilcunda Bass 111.50	24	Tooradin-Dal 108.79	24
D GRADE		Dalyston 15 lt Warragul-I 19		Inverloch-K 111.08	22	Inverloch-K 96.28	20
Kor-Bena 28 lt Garfield 43		K-Bass 4 lt Tooradin-Dal 26		Phillip Island 91.15	16	Kilcunda Bass 89.96	20
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NNG 43 d P-Island 23				Kor-Bena 69.20	8	Warragul Ind 48.84	6
KWR 36 d IK 27				Warragul Ind 28.84	4	Dalyston 42.18	6
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Nar Nar Goon 321.65	38	Inverloch-K 270.59	36	Nar Nar Goon 301.48	40	Nar Nar Goon 136.13	36
Tooradin-Dal 208.48	34	Garfield 321.25	32	Garfield 267.13	32	Phillip Island 151.53	32
Garfield 128.64	24	Koo Wee Rup 219.61	32	Phillip Island 87.88	24	Warragul Ind 140.71	28
Koo Wee Rup 93.20	24	Phillip Island 122.31	26	Warragul Ind 79.70	24	Tooradin-Dal 133.68	28
Kor-Bena 89.41	20	Nar Nar Goon 100.61	18	Kilcunda Bass 69.49	20	Dalyston 111.16	20
Phillip Island 76.33	20	Tooradin-Dal 88.11	16	Koo Wee Rup 78.60	18	Koo Wee Rup 97.34	16
Kilcunda Bass 68.15	12	Kor-Bena 75.63	16	Garfield 50.00	16	Inverloch-K 73.36	16
Inverloch-K 52.87	12	Warragul Ind 24.89	12	Dalyston 53.67	12	Kor-Bena 72.91	12
Warragul Ind 47.73	12	Dalyston 31.76	8	Inverloch-K 57.14	10	Garfield 50.13	6
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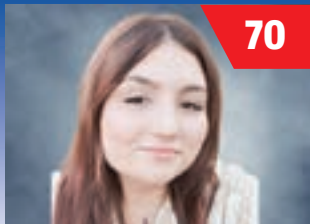
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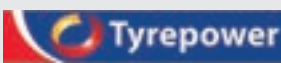
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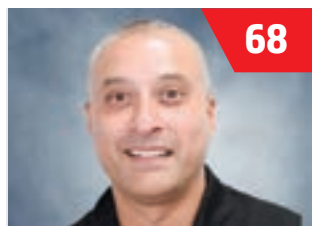
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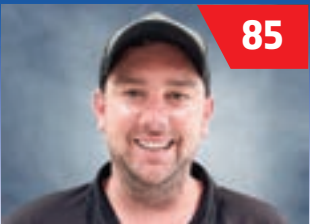
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MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



MDU	STONY CREEK
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MDU 5.3 8.9 12.12 17.15 (117)
Stony Creek 2.1 5.2 7.2 10.2 (62)
GOALS, MDU: N Nagel 8, T McRae 3, J Leeden 2, J Hickey, L Wright, W Stewart, T Harris 1 each
BEST: S Wilson, S Walsh, K Bohn, J Leeden, T McRae, T Harris
GOALS, Stony Crk: K Bergles, C Stone 3, C Loughridge 2, H Bull, T Bernaldo 1 each
BEST: D Atkins, H Bull, C Loughridge, C Stone, C Carter, K Newton

RESERVES
MDU 3.1 5.4 6.6 7.7 (49)
Stony Creek 0.3 3.4 7.5 8.6 (54)
GOALS, MDU: B Fennell 2, A Casey, B Cantwell, R Fisher, R Weaver 1 each
BEST: A Casey, B Cantwell, M Hooper, R Fisher, B Fennell, C Bruce
GOALS, Stony Crk: J Byrnes, J Gheller 2, J Stuart, G Gray, N Svenson, T Taylor-Wilton 1 each
BEST: C James, C Batten, B Chadwick, J Stuart, T Horsburgh, T Davies

FOSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB



FOSTER	TOORA
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Foster 5.2 11.7 15.14 22.16 (148)
Toora 3.2 5.3 5.5 8.6 (54)
GOALS, Foster: J Best 13, M Green 4, H Flavelle, B Flavelle, S Chaseling, L Rathjen, J Toner 1 each
BEST: J Best, C Wray, J Morris, O Callcott, B Cripps, M Green
GOALS, Toora: L Craig 3, J Pintus 2, L Marr, S Smart, M Bezzena 1 each
BEST: J Weston, J Dows, L Marr, J Halsall, T Kirwan, S Smart

RESERVES
Foster 0.1 1.1 2.2 3.2 (20)
Toora 3.4 6.6 13.11 19.14 (128)
GOALS, Foster: J Smith, N Daldy, D Burton 1 each
BEST: E Smith, J Lewis, M House, J Davy, T Daldy, J Gay
GOALS, Toora: J Maurilli-Pullin 4, A Davies, J Guganovic 3, Z Lewis, J Nicholls, M Shaw 2, L Anedda, J Mcdonald, A Rhodes 1 each
BEST: L Anedda, Z Clavarino, P Grant, M Shaw, Z Lewis, A Rhodes

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB



TARWIN	HILL END
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Tarwin 5.2 10.5 16.10 19.13 (127)
Hill End 1.3 2.6 3.8 7.10 (52)
GOALS, Tarwin: T Harley 8, D Houston 3, D Brosnan, J Staley 2, T Vanderkolk, B Cowell, B Ellen, N Jones 1 each
BEST: T Harley, B Chalmers, T Vanderkolk, J Proctor, N Jones, D Houston
GOALS, Hill End: D Paul, R Gillespie 2, S Calway, A Fawcett, B Paul 1 each
BEST: A Forth, B Paul, A Fawcett, D Paul, C Paul, A Uliando
RESERVES
Tarwin 5.3 9.5 12.8 14.9 (93)
Hill End 1.1 3.3 4.5 4.6 (30)
GOALS, Tarwin: R Waddell 6, B Senior-Gibson 4, T Gedye, L Anderson 2 each
BEST: D Woolf, R Waddell, D Cardy, T Giroud, S Griffin, E Senior
GOALS, Hill End: J Schiavello, A Matwijkiw, O Robinson, J Conley 1 each
BEST: S Damschke, T Jones, H Hopkins, Z O'Hara, D Russell, J Morison

THIRDS
Tarwin 0.5 0.7 1.8 3.9 (27)
Hill End 2.0 5.6 8.6 11.8 (74)
GOALS, Tarwin: J Lowe 2, B Trevena 1
BEST: K Gow, E Bruning, I Cameron, A Francis, H Watt, F Finlay
GOALS, Hill End: D Paul, B Stephens, A Cooper, O Robinson 2, D van der Stoep, J Winduss, T Riley 1 each
BEST: K Slade, D van der Stoep, T Riley, A Cooper, L Mulley, D Jarvis



MDU's Jess Hickey attempts to break free of a tackle from his Stony Creek opponent on Saturday. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.

Early blitz for MDU

By Rob Popplestone

MDU had come crashing back to earth in the fortnight prior to this round nine clash, losses to Fish Creek followed by their shock defeat at the hands of Toora, had the Demons on the ropes and needing desperately to respond. And respond they did, taking the game by the throat and securing the victory, very early on.

"It was great to see the team respond so strongly yesterday

after a couple of tough losses," Rhett Kelly, MDU coach said.

"The energy and effort were there right from the start on what turned out to be a beautiful winter's day for foot-ball. Stony Creek really challenged us at a few stages of the game and looked like they might gain the upper hand, but to our boys' credit, they worked hard to win back the

momentum each time."

The win gives the Demons a much-needed boost of confidence after a tough fortnight that threatened to take their season off the rails, but it's amazing how a week can change the fortunes of a club and the mindset of its players and supporters.

"We played a very well-drilled Meeniyana, who showed why they are near the top of the ladder," Troy Shepardson,

Stony Creek coach said.

"Next week we have another huge challenge in Foster, hopefully, we can put in a strong performance on our home deck."

The Lions continue to bubble away, and it seems as though they will at some time boil. However, at this stage, it hasn't really happened, and as each week passes time will soon also become an opponent.

Tigers roar back to form with a dominant win

By Rob Popplestone



Lachlan Rathjen appears to be performing a magic trick as he prepares to take possession for Foster, booting one of the Tigers' many goals for the day in a commanding victory over Toora. A12_2425

A ONE-POINT loss prior to the mid-season bye had Foster hungry and ready to bounce back immediately albeit somewhat apprehensive as they prepared to take on a Toora side who had themselves provided the shock of the season by upsetting MDU in round eight.

The question was could the Magpies do it against an even better credentialled side in the Tigers?

The answer was also a statement in the form of a big win by a Tigers outfit who showed little mercy to a Toora side that was a few soldiers down on their best side.

"We were back to our best on the weekend for a large amount of the game – a really strong four-quarter effort against a Toora team that definitely fought really hard," Sam Davies, Foster coach said.

"We had a lot of winners all over the ground and capitalised on front-half turnover

throughout the day."

The Tigers did what good sides do, bounce back from a disappointing loss with a reassuring win. The Magpies on the other hand fought valiantly on the field as their battle to get fit players on the park, also continues.

"We came up against a well-drilled team at Foster who were far too good for us on the day. We were outworked outplayed and outcoached," Jay Accardi, Toora coach said.

"We now go back to work and find a way to get ourselves up for each and every match no matter the opposition."

Toora have been hit hard by injuries but continue to throw what they have at the opposition, they came up short this week, but as some of their first-choice players return, they are sure to cause another upset.

Ruthless Sharks dominate from the first bounce

By Rob Popplestone

IT WAS Tarwin's turn to take on a valiant but to date unsuccessful Hill End side on the weekend.

The Sharks could ill afford to cough up this game given the tightness of the competition but welcomed the Hills-men knowing full well that it would be far from a walk in the park. The Rovers did what they do, they fight hard, they are genuine, but they just

cannot find the finish line first.

Tarwin 19-13-127 to Hill End 7-10-52.

"A solid effort and three wins consecutively now for us down at Tarwin," Lachie Jones, Tarwin coach said.

"We started the game well and were able to win that vital arm wrestle in the midfield. We were able to have all of our

players contribute and play their role which is pleasing."

The Sharks won the match they were expected to win, but what they also did was kill the Hillsmen's hopes early. A four-goal lead at quarter time quickly turned into eight goals at the main break, and the game was pretty much over.

"We showed patches in the first quarter and even outscored them in the last quarter, but the

damage was done. We had a handful of players out, so we are getting a look at some new faces, we all just need to remain patient," Adrian Burns, Hill End coach said.

Tarwin now march forward with finals hopes very much alive in their eyes, as the Rovers hang tough hoping that improvements they have instilled soon start to be rewarded with a victory, their first of the year.

Fish Creek exhibits its strength as Dogs fight

AS WE hit the halfway mark of the MGFNL home and away season, the year remained very much alive for at least eleven of the League's thirteen clubs with the eleventh-placed Toora just two games from fourth-placed MDU.

In short, the second half of 2025 looks set for a thrilling finish in the run to the finals.

With two premierships in the past two seasons, top-of-the-table Fish Creek remains well placed for their "threepeat" attempt.

Hosting Newborough was never going to be a walk in the park, with the Bulldogs desperate to continue their assault on a top-six position, but the Kangaroos proved to be a bridge too far, the home side winning 13-16-94 to 6-6-42.

It wasn't all the Kangaroos' way, however, with the Bulldogs jumping out of the blocks early to lead by four points at the first break.

"An interesting day for us today. Looked threatening in the first quarter but then to Newborough's credit they were able to get some momentum back and control the footy for a good portion of the first half," Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek coach said.

"We swung the magnets around a bit at halftime to try to get some more guys into the game which had a bit of an effect on the third quarter. It was then pleasing in the last quarter

By Rob Popplestone

for the guys to stick to the task and finish the game off strongly."

Although Fish Creek assumed control in the second half the reigning premiers found it tough to shake the Bulldogs, who despite continuing to fight an injury curse, fought well through the third term before stopping to a walk as Fish Creek took control.

"A hard-fought loss against a class opponent in Fish Creek today," Pat Frendo, Newborough coach said.

"We managed to stay within three goals for the first three quarters before ultimately running out of legs in the last. Extremely proud of how the boys went about it and for the most part stayed neck and neck with the benchmark of the competition. More injuries to our list saw another two senior debutantes on the weekend, taking the season total to eleven first-time senior players which is just awesome for the club's development. After a couple of tough losses, we look ahead to a month of winnable football with a refreshed attitude."

It will take a special month for the Bulldogs to get themselves back in the heat of the race, but no one yet doubts that they are capable. What most are questioning is who will be the team to take it up to Fish Creek?



Fish Creek tries to escape with the footy as Newborough applies pressure, the Kangaroos coming out on top for the day. A21_2425

Gutsy win for Morwell East against Mirboo North

MORWELL East moved off the bottom of the Mid Gippsland ladder with a bold 35-point victory over Mirboo North at Ronald Reserve, Morwell East, in 13 degrees winter sunshine on Saturday.

As chuffed as many Hawks' fans were after their second win for 2025, Mirboo North supporters looked glummer than a stranded e-bike cyclist with a flat battery.

Mirboo North's disappointing loss sees it slip out of the top six and drop to eighth spot on the table, at the halfway point of the season.

The mighty Tigers – who wore black armbands in memory of Vince Cannizzo – led by a point at quarter-time, after goals from skipper Hudson Kerr and Josh

By Rover

Taylor.

Early on, there was movement through the midfield from both teams, but much of it was restricted by limited time and space and lots of tenacious tackling.

Mirboo North had gone into the game without injured ruckman Patrick Lewis, power forward Riley Gillian and key defender Taj Wilkins.

Things would start to fall apart for the Tigers with a scoreless second term, during which Morwell East added 3.3 – that gave the Hawks a handy 20-point lead at the long break.

It was during this period that Morwell East's goal-to-goal line became a corridor of power.

Mirboo North's sloppy work out of defence proved a hindrance, with several passes not reaching their intended targets and resultant turnover goals coming from the Hawks.

The Tigers' move of Rhys Kratzat and Jacob Blair into the forward line during the third quarter was fruitful, with the visitors reducing their deficit to 17 points at the last change.

Kratzat booted two goals and Blair slammed home another major.

Peter Taylor, Jesse Chila, Josh Taylor, Riley Oddy and Harry Mahoney were other Tigers, whose hard work, had lifted Mirboo North's hopes of a gutsy come-from-behind victory.

But, a strong last quarter by

Morwell East produced goals from Chris Wangman, Kaleb Chapman, Brendan Evans and Kyle Hearn, which shut the door on the Tigers.

Morwell East's Bradley Atkinson, Max Jacobsen and Shea Burzese continued to outshine their rival opponents, as they had done for much of the afternoon.

Meanwhile, as their teammate, Lachlan Tactor, resolutely gathered quality possessions, he did his reputation of being more reliable than a Farmall tractor, absolutely no harm at all. For the Tigers, their sixth and final goal came from Chila, after marking a pristine pass from Josh Taylor.

This Saturday, Mirboo North hosts MDU at Tigerland.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

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	FISH CREEK		NEWBOROUGH	
Fish Creek	1.4	6.7	8.11	13.16 (94)
Newborough	2.2	4.2	6.5	6.6 (42)

GOALS, Fish Crk: D Berryman 7, H Shaw 2, R De Biase, T Vuillermin, J Shaw, J Kenny 1 each
BEST: J Lamers, R De Biase, D Berryman, K Dorling, L Gale, R Lewis
GOALS, Newborough: H Gallagher 3, K Jennings, C Beaver, J Pearce 1 each
BEST: H Gallagher, W Anderson, J Pearce, C Beaver, K Jennings, Z Daley

RESERVES

Fish Creek	3.5	8.6	9.9	14.9 (93)
Newborough	2.0	5.0	6.4	6.6 (42)

GOALS, Fish Crk: A Bright 5, J Rysko, J Kirtland, O Schnoor 2, L Moon, B Thomson, M Pocklington 1 each
BEST: T Plasente, J Morgan, J Rysko, J Arestia, A Edgelow, T Millton
GOALS, Newborough: T McMahon 4, R Timbs, L Vaninetti 1 each
BEST: R Timbs, B Young, E Sheekey, D Lupton, L Vaninetti, M Stringer

THIRDS

Fish Creek	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0 (18)
Newborough	5.3	12.7	17.9	20.13 (133)

GOALS, Fish Crk: H Cocksedge 2, R Cicero 1
BEST: J Cicero, R Cicero, M Chapman, T Taylor, J Rysko, B Thomson
GOALS, Newborough: O Hanson 10, B Young 4, S Kippen 2, B Read, P Georgiou, A Korab, T McCafferty 1 each
BEST: N Murray, B Read, H Dunstan, T McCafferty, R Archipow, O Hanson

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

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	MORWELL EAST		MIRBOO NORTH	
Morwell East	2.0	5.3	8.3	12.6 (78)
Mirboo Nth	2.1	2.1	5.4	6.7 (43)

GOALS, Morwell East: K Hearn 4, C Wangman 3, B Francis 2, K Chapman, J Quinn, B Evans 1 each
BEST: B Atkinson, M Jacobsen, S Burzese, J Wilson, M Diaz, K Hearn
GOALS, Mirboo Nth: R Kratzat 2, J Chila, J Taylor, J Blair, H Kerr 1 each
BEST: P Taylor, J Chila, J Blair, J Taylor, R Oddy, H Kerr

RESERVES

Morwell East	4.1	7.5	10.9	12.15 (87)
Mirboo Nth	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.3 (9)

GOALS, Morwell East: S Winmar 4, D Heyden 3, S Bonacci, B Darby-Lock, Z Mangion, J Atkinson, C Silver 1 each
BEST: S Winmar, D Heyden, E Semmler, A Dodd, C Tucker, T Scott
GOALS, Mirboo Nth: D Pinneri 1
BEST: B Heath, J Hysen, J Peters, T Kelly, E Hall, M Aveling

THIRDS

Yinnar	2.1	4.4	6.6	8.10 (58)
Mirboo Nth	1.1	2.2	3.6	4.6 (30)

GOALS, Yinnar: X McCafferty, H McKay 2, H McCulloch, B Durea, J Rogalsky, P Mills 1 each
BEST: H McKay, B Beecher, H Bugeja, H McCulloch, J Rogalsky, X McCafferty
GOALS, Mirboo Nth: C Crutchfield 2, O Mahoney, T McDuffie 1 each
BEST: C Malady, O Mahoney, H Ludlow, C Crutchfield, Z Jones, N Jackson

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS					ROUND 9				
SENIORS					RESERVES				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts
Foster	7	1	217.98	32	Yinnar	9	0	406.53	36
Fish Creek	7	1	185.19	32	Morwell East	7	2	236.67	28
Yinnar	7	2	163.31	28	Tarwin	7	2	217.23	28
MDU	6	3	141.76	24	MDU	6	3	263.74	24
Tarwin	5	4	109.18	20	Fish Creek	5	3	82.42	24
Thorpdale	4	4	98.45	20	Newborough	4	4	94.20	20
Boolarra	4	4	82.91	20	Stony Creek	4	4	93.49	20
Mirboo Nth	4	4	80.50	20	Toora	3	5	118.92	16
Stony Creek	3	5	90.91	16	Hill End	3	5	90.66	16
Newborough	3	5	74.92	16	Mirboo Nth	2	6	53.32	12
Toora	2	6	68.30	12	Thorpdale	2	6	27.56	12
Morwell East	2	7	54.90	8	Foster	1	6	45.70	10
Hill End	0	8	47.84	4	Boolarra	0	7	26.56	6
LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
Nick Nagel (MDU)				45	Jarryd Garlick (Yinnar)				44
Kane Grinstead-Jones (Yinnar)				43	Brendan Tomada (MDU)				22
Jake Best (Foster)				36	Adam Bright (Fish Creek)				17
THIRDS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
	W	L	%	pts	Oscar Hanson (Newborough)				39
MDU	6	1	361.83	32	Angus McInnes (MDU)				34
Newborough	7	1	178.23	32	Tobias McDuffie (Mirboo North)				32
Yinnar	4	2	144.51	28					
Hill End	3	3	82.78	24					
Mirboo Nth	3	4	102.70	20					
Tarwin	1	5	60.13	16					
Fish Creek	0	8	24.07	4					
Stony Creek	0	0	0.00	0					
Toora	0	0	0.00	0					
Boolarra	0	0	0.00	0					
Thorpdale	0	0	0.00	0					
Morwell East	0	0	0.00	0					
Foster	0	0	0.00	0					

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Yinnar	18.8.116	d Thorpdale	14.11.95
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RESERVES

Yinnar	24.12.156	d Thorpdale	0.1.1
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Leongatha works on improvement during big win over Maffra

By Andrew Palocz

THE leadership of coach Trent McMicking stood out during Leongatha's 94-point away win over Maffra, particularly his determination to ensure his players display an unrelenting attitude and don't fall into bad habits.

While he can be heard offering encouragement, McMicking doesn't shirk the issue when a player strays from the game plan or fails to spot an available teammate in a good place, delivering the required message to help get a better outcome next time.

The Parrots' on-field talent is crucial to their success but so is discipline and a commitment to ongoing improvement.

Despite some indirect play and manoeuvring the ball around its backline, often switching from one side of the ground to the other, Leongatha found its way forward often enough to set up a commanding 38-point halftime lead.

Luke Bowman's blend of tenacity and skill was again on display, whether winning the ball out of a pack, snapping a goal or taking a strong overhead grab, being well supported by the likes of Kim Drew and Aaron Heppell.

Thomas Scott had to work hard in the ruck for Maffra, with the Parrots having the flexibility of alternating between Jacob Warne and Ben Willis in that department.

Warne continues to impress around the ground and presented as a solid marking target up forward.

He marked a constructive kick from a Leongatha teammate, goaling with the resultant set shot, an important moment of the third term after Maffra threatened a comeback, cutting the lead to five goals and stringing together some good footy.

The Parrots had a poor patch early in that term, prior to Warne's goal, characterised by overdoing the handballs, sometimes to stationary teammates and often missing the target.

It was pretty much one-way traffic on the scoreboard after Warne's major, the Eagles managing just one more goal for the match.

Patrick Ireland continues to provide a dangerous forward line presence for the Parrots, kicking four goals against Maffra after returning to the lineup following a VFL game for the Casey Demons.

Bowman was deservedly named the winner's best, no doubt being the game's biggest contributor, Nick Argento and Ben Harding were others along with Drew and Heppell who provided spark.

Jett Killoran's on-ball work throughout the day and an impressive snap to bring up the Eagles' first goal of the game saw him named the beaten side's best, while Caleb Calwyn's three majors accounted for half of Maffra's goal tally.

Looking ahead, Leongatha will need to be at its best against a confident Traralgon, the Maroons ticking along nicely after last year's premiership and sitting in third spot, just one ladder rung below the Parrots.

Traralgon will arrive at the Parrots' nest feeling positive after dispatching Sale by 90 points, while Maffra looks to bounce back against that opponent.

A time to remember: Rovers enjoy three premiership reunions

YOU'RE always going to lose something when you amalgamate two football clubs, but hopefully what you gain outweighs the losses.

That was certainly the case when the old Wonthaggi Shop Assistants and East Wonthaggi football clubs united to become the Wonthaggi Rovers Football Club in the Olympic Year 1956.

For 48 glorious years they were a competitive force in local football and netball, collecting a modest haul of silverware including five senior football premierships cups, 10 reserves and nine thirds' titles.

But, according to club historian John Duscher, they developed a culture that was at least as important as the on-field success.

"It was a real family club, always competitive and we had a great time on and off the field."

While Rovers was absorbed into the new Wonthaggi Power Football Netball Club, 20 years ago, in 2005, the warmth of the camaraderie that existed back then was still evident when former players, officials and supporters got together on Saturday to mark the anniversaries of the 1965 thirds premiership and the 1975 and 1995 senior premierships as well.

Speaking at the event, John Duscher said it was important to remember those achievements and also the significant contributions made by many to a great era in Wonthaggi sporting and community life.

"It is a warm welcome to past players, life members, officials, friends and supporters of the Rovers Football Club. It is hard to believe that we are now 60, 50, and 30 years down the track from the successful 1965 thirds, 1975 and 1995 senior sides.

"It is great to see you all. Thanks for making the effort to be here, some of you who have travelled a long way to make this day one to be remembered.



Once a premiership player, always a premiership player and coming back to remember the Wonthaggi Rovers' senior premierships of 1975 and 1995 and thirds premierships of 1965 were Paul Atkinson, John Duscher and Chris Ross as well as guest speaker, former Collingwood champion Trevor Steer, who famously missed out on two VFL premierships by a combined total of less than a goal.

"Last year's reunion showed just how important it is to get together, to renew the incredible stories about the Rovers. Most are true, but each time we get together, they just get bigger and better. It was great to be a part of these teams, and you will all have your own special memories and the opportunity to catch up with the friends you made for life when you were part of these special premierships.

Wonthaggi Rovers was a proud, passionate family club that began in 1956, through an amalgamation and finished with an amalgamation in 2004 to form Wonthaggi Power. That great 48 years saw five senior premierships, 10 reserves cups and nine thirds premierships and some very memorable performances and great contributions.

"In all, some 987 players wore the Tigers' colours with pride. John Mitchell represented the club an incredible 524 times. John Gilliland 411

in total, with a record 339 senior games and still looking fit enough to run out today. Shane Keast played 353 club games. Mal Lindsay 325, Tony Sartori 316, Carl Lindsay 321, Steve Lindsay 313, Shaun Stirton 303, Brett Carter 300 and Steve Griffiths 300.

"Another 11 players notched up more than 200 games a fantastic effort. League best and fairest were won by Brian 'Chips' Kane, Peter Campbell and Justin Paul (twice) and let's not forget the five club best and fairests by talented evergreen Darryl 'Squeaky' Lindsay.

"I would also like to acknowledge the attendance of our Rovers' royalty, the members of our best-ever team, and let's not forget the people who work so hard behind the scenes, our coaches, presidents and committee members and other officials, the legendary timekeepers, goal umpires and gatekeepers, the trainers and a big shout out to Howard Woolfe, the fantastic ladies around the

club doing so many jobs and our esteemed life members, all 54 of them. Today is an opportunity to again thank them for their commitment and dedication.

"The Rovers certainly had a real family connection, and their strong supporter base was a real strength. They cheered loudly, laughed and cried, and they were proud of their team, win, lose or draw. Let's have a great day as we celebrate our winning teams, our great club and the mateship that will always be such important part of the club's history."

The event featured an address by Collingwood great, Trevor Steer, a Copeland Trophy winner, and a member of two Collingwood grand final teams which came collectively within a goal of winning two premierships in 1964 and in 1966, the year St Kilda won its one and only premiership by a point.

A member of each of the premiership winning teams also spoke.

Solid effort from Breakers as they face top of the ladder



Cloe Booth gets a clearing kick away.

FACING the top of the ladder Red Hill-Balnarring the Breakers were keen to show their improvement since their first meeting early in the season.

With some great clearances from the ruck by Jenna Russo and Molly Conroy the Breakers had plenty of the play but unfortunately weren't able to convert that into scoring opportunities.

Up the other end, Brooke McKean and Jayde Lamb were doing a great job on the last line of defence limiting Balnarring to one goal.

A lucky bounce for Gaby Hynes gave the Breakers their first goal to even up the score going into quarter-time.

Balnarring came out attacking in the second quarter with two quick goals and added a third just before halftime. A huge run-down tackle from Brooke McKean was a highlight of the quarter.

The home side continued to dominate the scoreboard in the third however a free kick and 50 metre penalty from the centre bounce gave Tess Angarane

an easy goal.

Despite being down to 16 with no bench the Breakers lifted in the last quarter with plenty of positives to take away. A great link-up play created an opportunity for Kelly Pethick who finished off with a great goal.

Montana Kranen put in a huge last-quarter effort with a number of clearing kicks from half-back while Annie Dempsey contested well deep in defence.

While well beaten on the scoreboard Breakers coach Ella Angarane was happy with the team's effort. Highlighting the way they were able to run out the match and execute what they have been practicing at training.

Final Score: Red Hill-Balnarring 7.10-59 def Breakers 3.1-19

Best: Tess Angarane, Molly Conroy, Jenna Russo, Annie Dempsey, Brooke McKean

Goals: Gaby Hynes, Kelly Pethick, Tess Angarane

This week the Breakers take on Mornington at Dalyston at 4.30 following the senior men's match.



The pressure is on in a crush of players on the Moe forward line, with Jasper Shone opposed to Chris Prowse in the ruck and Moe sharpshooter Ben Crocker (17) ready to pounce but with Wonthaggi's Isaac Chugg with an arm across.

Moe in premiership form at Wonthaggi

WE MAY have just seen the 2025 Gippsland League Premiers at Wonthaggi on Saturday.

Incredibly, Moe haven't won a flag since 1967, despite going agonisingly close on a number of occasions, including missing out by one point in consecutive years, under different coaches, in 1972 and 1973.

But this year they have the right blend of height, pace, youth and goal-kicking power to put them clearly at the front of the queue at the halfway stage of the season.

Not to say they can't be beaten on the odd occasion but if they don't win this year, they never will.

All of that was on display at Wonthaggi on Saturday, especially in the first quarter, when they opened up with five goals in the first 12 minutes to take a firm grip on the contest.

At the quarter-time break, trailing by seven goals to two, Power coach Jarryd Blair hit the nail on the head.

“Our untidiness let them put on seven before we fired a shot,” said Blair.

“There's space out there if we can hit our targets. Let's lift our effort and intensity,” he said.

Moe had killed Wonthaggi on the turnover and punished their mistakes, of which there were many, including kicking the ball out of bounds on the full on three occasions.

With a fleet of fast, skilful players linking up through the middle of the ground; including Alex Dijkstra, Harrison Sim, Scott van Dyk, Myles Pohlke, Jacob Balfour, Leigh Pohlke, Nathan Scagliarini with nine kicks in the first 15 minutes, Keller Holmes, Ben Daniher, Trent Baldi and Jacob Wood, the former captain, not fast, but tough and talented, they were 'off to the races' every time Wonthaggi turned it over and they put it on the scoreboard.

Up forward, Moe has some real star power in the tattooed man, Ben Crocker, who kicked 20 goals in 13 games with Collingwood's VFL side last year. His contribution of seven goals on the day, plus numerous assists, could have been considerably worse but for the opposing star power of Isaac Chugg working back the other way.

Chugg bravely played Crocker from 10 metres in front of him, much of the time, and took the gamble of letting him drift back towards the goals while helping his fellow defenders clear the ball.

He also used his incredible athleticism to punch the ball clear of Crocker, or out-compete him on the ground, and if ever there was a game where your opponent kicks seven, and you still take the honours, this was it, such was the weight of numbers in Moe's favour.

They had 18 marks to eight in their forward 50 and while the 'inside 50' stats don't reveal the true disparity, Moe had 49 to Wonthaggi's 37. But with the likes of Crocker (7) and the coach Leigh Pohlke (4), plus a few other contributions, they converted well until the sting went out of the game.

Wonthaggi, by comparison, kicked 4.12 on the day, including seven points, with no goals in the last quarter, mostly from gettable shots.

Of course, Moe also have the necessary height with the intercept king Declan Keilty forcing turnovers at either end of the field and the beanpole brothers, Chris and Nick Prowse, the latter kept quiet on the day by Kyle Reid and co.

They're the complete package this year.

There was talk out of the Wonthaggi Power camp before the game that “we've got 18 injured players on our senior list” so hopefully they didn't have themselves beaten before they started.

But it's true with important big man Jakeb Thomas top of the medical file with a broken leg and dislocated ankle from the Traralgon game, and also with Jack Blair, Harry Dawson, Fergus O'Connor and Aiden Lindsay among others missing.

As much as being a loss of talent, there's also the loss of experience needed when an

opposing team gets a run on.

But Wonthaggi Power has also had some real success in bringing on a number of young and new players this year, and when they did settle down after quarter time, albeit with shocking kicking for goal, they matched it in most aspects with Moe, led by the likes of Ryan Sparkes, Noah Anderson, Isaac Chugg of course, the Williams brothers, Brodie Mabilia, Kyle Yann, Josh Bates and others.

By all accounts, Wonthaggi will now lose Kyle Reid for a number of weeks, with the key defender unavailable. But despite that, they need to be backing their own talent from the outset each week and looking to win as many of the next six games as they can against Warragul, Maffra, Drouin, Morwell, Sale and Bairnsdale.

They won't want to be leaving it to the last three weeks to make a late run at the finals with Traralgon, Leongatha and Moe in consecutive rounds to finish the season.

And coach... get Ryan Sparkes to take the squad for some goal-kicking practice during the week after he kicked a couple of clutch goals on the day, one at the end of the first quarter and another, after commendable forward pressure by McInnes, Yann, Jarryd Blair himself, Patterson and others halfway through the third.

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LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

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MAFFRA	LEONGATHA
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Maffra 0.3 3.4 5.6 6.6 (42)
Leongatha 5.5 9.6 15.7 21.10 (136)
GOALS, Maffra: C Calwyn 3, A Watt 2, J Killoran 1
BEST: J Killoran, S Anderson, J Boyd, D Butcher, T Scott, T Phillips
GOALS, Leongatha: P Ireland 5, A Williams, L Bowman, N Argentio, J Pellicano, A Heppell 2, J Warne, T Hall, Z Lamers, C Maskell, K Drew, T Brill 1 each
BEST: L Bowman, K Drew, A Heppell, J Warne, B Harding, N Argentio

RESERVES

Maffra 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 (4)
Leongatha 3.0 5.3 7.5 11.5 (71)
BEST, Maffra: J Mcmillan, R Phelan, B McKenzie, J Bristow, C Henry, W Ross
GOALS, Leongatha: C Watson 3, R Butler, J Hayes, T Gannon, B Davidson 1 each
BEST: L Marshman, B Davidson, W Littlejohn, B Fort, T Gannon, R Butler

THIRDS

Maffra 4.3 7.3 10.4 13.8 (86)
Leongatha 1.0 2.2 2.3 2.3 (15)
GOALS, Maffra: A stobie 5, E Berry, B Cottrell, D Scott 2, W Ruthberg, J Brickley 1 each
BEST: A stobie, L Harrington, E Berry, F Vera, A Higgins, M Rondon
GOALS, Leongatha: L Hall, M Croatto 1 each
BEST: A Logan, A Gannon, R Hume, T McKenzie, F Donohue, S Hogarth

FOURTHS

Maffra 4.3 4.5 8.8 9.12 (66)
Leongatha 0.0 0.1 1.2 1.3 (9)
GOALS, Maffra: J Linford 3, J Little, X Hurley 2, C Kelly, R Gieschen 1 each
BEST: J Linford, K Tuau, X Hurley, S Phillips, A Weatherley, H Johnston
GOALS, Leongatha: C Bickerton 1
BEST: A Mahoney, S Kreutzberger, L Jefferis, N Cameron, L Misale

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

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WONTHAGGI	MOE
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Wonthaggi 2.1 2.4 4.5 4.12 (36)
Moe 7.0 9.8 12.10 15.13 (103)
GOALS, Wonthaggi: R Sparkes 2, C McInnes, K Patterson 1 each
BEST: R Sparkes, N Anderson, I Chugg, R Moresco, J Williams, B Mabilia,
GOALS, Moe: B Crocker 7, L Pohlke 4, J Morrow, N Prowse, H Pepper, B Daniher 1 each
BEST: N Scagliarini, H Sim, A Dijkstra, T Baldi, B Crocker, N Prowse

RESERVES

Wonthaggi 1.0 2.0 3.0 3.2 (20)
Moe 3.1 5.4 6.12 7.14 (56)
GOALS, Wonthaggi: E Ridewood, J Williamson, C Krause 1 each
BEST: L Legione, J Douthat, E Joma, R Lindsay, J Williamson, C Lindsay
GOALS, Moe: K Holt 3, B Holt 2, M Roberts, A Wilson 1 each
BEST: A Wilson, J Makepeace, T Eden, C Nash, S Hanson, J Van Dyk

THIRDS

Wonthaggi 0.2 3.4 3.4 3.5 (23)
Moe 4.0 5.4 8.8 10.11 (71)
GOALS, Wonthaggi: J Brouwers, H Bowen, J Thomas 1 each
BEST: H Smith, O Feather, N Tack, L Lidstone, S McBean, M Ori
GOALS, Moe: D Walsh 3, M Moroney 2, D Polimeni, A Carlson, M McQualter 1 each
BEST: E Wildblood, D Walsh, M McQualter, A Jones

FOURTHS

Wonthaggi 1.0 1.0 2.1 2.2 (14)
Moe 3.3 5.8 7.10 10.12 (72)
GOALS, Wonthaggi: No goal scorers listed.
BEST: M Plenkovich, A Jobe, B Wyhoon, W Simmons, A Luke, J Tack,
GOALS, Moe: W Addison, B Raymond 3, L Walsh, K Micallef, R Davis, M Malady 1 each
BEST: L Willis, W Addison, R Bechaz, M Malady, J Polik, E Romano

IN OTHER GAMES.

SENIORS
Morwell 16.13.109 d Bairnsdale 10.8.68
Traralgon 9.21.135 d Sale 7.3.45
Warragul 23.18.156 d Drouin 6.5.41
RESERVES
Morwell 12.6.78 d Bairnsdale 1.5.11
Traralgon 23.13.151 d Sale 5.4.34
Warragul 12.6.78 d Drouin 2.3.15
THIRDS
Bairnsdale 14.11.95 d Morwell 5.1.31
Traralgon 19.15.129 d Sale 3.3.21
Warragul 9.4.58 d Drouin 8.4.52
FOURTHS
Traralgon 21.29.155 d Sale 1.1.7
Bairnsdale 7.3.45 d Morwell 5.11.41
Warragul 10.5.65 d Drouin 4.7.31

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 9

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Moe	8	1	195.54	32	Leongatha	8	1	468.90	32	Bairnsdale	7	1	134.92	30	Traralgon	9	0	1114.29	36
Leongatha	8	1	191.06	32	Traralgon	8	1	412.45	32	Leongatha	7	2	133.14	28	Maffra	8	1	150.86	32
Traralgon	6	3	144.89	24	Moe	8	1	227.50	32	Traralgon	6	2	206.37	26	Moe	6	3	154.95	24
Wonthaggi	6	3	110.74	24	Maffra	6	3	168.00	24	Warragul	6	2	187.58	26	Warragul	6	3	123.71	24
Morwell	4	5	117.79	16	Wonthaggi	5	4	112.73	20	Moe	6	3	215.23	24	Bairnsdale	5	4	76.21	20
Warragul	4	5	100.13	16	Sale	4	5	93.29	16	Maffra	5	3	192.10	22	Sale	3	6	66.94	12
Bairnsdale	3	6	89.14	12	Morwell	2	7	74.41	8	Sale	3	6	50.51	12	Leongatha	3	6	65.23	12
Maffra	3	6	72.73	12	Bairnsdale	2	7	59.18	8	Drouin	2	7	84.87	8	Wonthaggi	2	6	47.37	10
Sale	3	6	69.17	12	Warragul	2	7	39.20	8	Wonthaggi	1	8	46.22	4	Morwell	2	7	42.98	8
Drouin	0	9	37.43	0	Drouin	0	9	7.15	0	Morwell	0	9	21.42	0	Drouin	0	8	47.18	2
LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
Ben Crocker (Moe)				51	Damien Hough (Traralgon)				24	Rylie Baker (Drouin)				26	Brody Stevenson (Traralgon)				37
Brandon McDonald (Morwell)				26	Oliver Haberl (Traralgon)				22	Beau Cottrell (Maffra)				18	Ford Gore (Traralgon)				27
Jenson Garnham (Leongatha)				24	Brendan Holt (Moe)				19						Bill De Araugo (Warragul)				28

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 10

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

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ELLINBANK NYORA

Ellinbank 7.8 12.11 17.16 23.18 (156) Nyora 2.2 2.4 4.5 5.7 (37)

GOALS Ellinbank: L Pratt 10, J Walker 3, J Armstrong 2, R Carpenter, C Jolly, C Armour, R Atherton, A Battista, K Brown, L Joyce, B Joyce 1 each BEST: L Pratt, B Joyce, R Atherton, L Joyce, J Walker, J Armstrong GOALS Nyora: D Heylen 2, C Lucas, L Kennedy, S Dixon 1 each BEST: S Dixon, F Kenned,y C Crestani, T Hotchkin, D Heylen, W Mcgindle

RESERVES

Ellinbank 3.4 6.9 8.14 15.18 (108) Nyora 0.0 0.0 1.1 1.1 (7)

GOALS Ellinbank: B Dixon 4, M Quigley, S Paynter 3, T Wright 2, J Vogan, A Campbell, S Whelan 1 each BEST: No players listed GOALS Nyora: T Campbell 1 BEST: I Boswell, A Dike, L Brock, B Smith, L Forscutt, J Waixel

POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

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BUNYIP POOWONG

Bunyip 2.2 4.7 9.9 12.12 (84) Poowong 1.4 4.5 5.5 8.9 (57)

GOALS Bunyip: W Grummisch, L Petch, T Murphy 2, Z Gallahar, K Jones, S Hughes, N Ashton, A Haddrick, B Stewart 1 each BEST: N Ashton, J McLeod, D Wright, W Grummisch, M Willems, K Jones GOALS Poowong: A Henshall, Z Gray 2, M Molloy, C Langford, C Cunningham, J Blackwood 1 each BEST: Z Gray, J Blackwood, J Norton, A Henshall, T Burgess, D Miller

RESERVES

Bunyip 3.4 6.9 8.14 15.18 (108) Poowong 0.0 0.0 1.1 1.1 (7)

GOALS Bunyip: T Henschel, T Blakey, B Heus 4, M Whyte 3, D Exposito, R Simpson 2, J Garner, L Mullin 1 BEST: B Mayne, L Mullin, T Blakey, M Whyte, T Henschel, J Hallpike GOALS Poowong: No goal scorer listed. BEST: B Townsend, T Smethurst, R Gilliatte, T Sherar, B Schulz, J Murphy, D Miller

THIRDS

Bunyip 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.1 (13) Poowong 5.3 12.8 1 5.13 19.20 (134)

GOALS Bunyip: C Dowling , O Simpson 1 each BEST: K Poole, C Dowling, J Puncheon, N Pintaudi, O Simpson, D Schultz GOALS Poowong: C Deal 4, K Zealley, L Wilson 3, W Dixon 2, D Waide, G Monson, T Nieuwerth, W Dowel, M Cook, B Camp, A Riley 1 each BEST: Z Sherar, G Monson, M Cook, W Dowel, W Dixon, L Wilson

FOURTHS

Bunyip 1.3 4.5 5.5 5.8 (38) Poowong 1.4 1.6 1.7 4.10 (34)

GOALS Bunyip: Clark 2, H Sheehan, C Kingdom, J Carbonneau 1 each BEST: S Blackley, T Sutton, E Densley, H Collett, C Cunningham, M Sheppard GOALS Poowong: T Nicholls 2, K Zealley, L Moriarty 1 each BEST: A Riley, L Wilson, T Nicholls, D Watson, K Zealley, C Dorian

IN OTHER GAMES

SENIORS

Neerim Sth 179111 d Longwarry 71557 Trafalgar 1914128 d Yarragon 3422 Nilma Darn 10969 d Lang Lang 51242 Buln Buln 1420104 d Catani 71153

RESERVES

Lang Lang 268164 d Nilma Darn 011 Longwarry 51343 d Neerim Sth 5232 Trafalgar 2313151 d Yarragon 1410 Buln Buln 101575 d Catani 6743

THIRDS

Nilma-Darn 101070 d Lang Lang 8654 Longwarry 141296 d Neerim Sth 4832 Yarragon 111278 d Trafalgar 5333

FOURTHS

Nilma Darn 51040 d Lang Lang 3523 Catani 6541 d Buln Buln 2214 Longwarry 111076 d Neerim Sth 4731 Trafalgar 7345 d Yarragon 2315

Eagles steamroll the Saints

NYORA confronted a crushing defeat against El-linbank on Saturday.

The Saints conceded a 119-point margin against the sixth-placed Eagles at the El-linbank Recreation Reserve.

The onslaught began in the first quarter when Ellin-bank piled seven goals onto the scoreboard, led by Lach-lan Pratt.

Pratt kicked a 10-goal haul for the game.

Nyora held its own early, keeping itself in the game with two goals.

The second quarter yield-ed similar results as Ellin-bank added five more to its tally.

Ellinbank's backline also proved to be a force to be reckoned with, as Nyora was kept to two behinds.

Nyora was battling with a 67-point margin going into halftime.

The Saints came back swinging in the third quar-ter and managed to put two goals on the board.

However, Ellinbank con-tinued to play with consis-tency and the margin con-tinued to grow.

One more goal to Nyora in the last quarter rounded off its score, while Ellinbank



stormed home with 23 goals and 18 behinds in the bag.

Nyora's best players on the day were Samuel Dixon, Fletcher Kennedy, Caleb Crestani, Tyler Hotchkin, Dylan Heylen and William

McGindle.

The challenges keep com-ing with Nyora set to play Lang Lang next week.

Lang Lang is sitting fifth on the ladder, but Nyora will be looking to see some

improvement after its 77-point loss to the Tigers in round three.

ABOVE: Caleb Crestani nudges out his opponent for the ball in seniors.

Poowong's young teams enjoy success but Seniors outclassed

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG travelled to Bunyip, where the ground and weather conditions were good with little breeze in a game that could possibly decide the wooden spoon in the El-linbank Seniors, Bunyip triumphing in that contest by 27 points.

Football started with the top two sides playing Under 16s, Bunyip winning by four points.

Bunyip 5.8-38 to Poowong 4.10-34.

Spectators commented on the high standard of the game, with both sides having some promising junior foot-ballers in their ranks.

Poowong had a big victory in the Under 18s, scoring 19.20-134 to Bunyip 2.1-13.

The Magpies have a very good group of Under 18 foot-ballers coming through.

The Reserves had a tough day against a Bunyip side strengthened by a few return-ing from the Seniors, going down 0.1-1 to 21.12-138.

In a positive, Poowong has enough Reserves players to avoid topping up from the Ju-niors.

The Seniors were forced to

make two changes, with Da-vid O'Neill ill and Connor Ives injured, bringing in Under 18 player Hayden Hessells and Fiachra Staunton.

It was unfortunate to lose the services of two players who have been in the best the last couple of weeks.

Poowong and Bunyip bat-tled to get control during the first quarter, the Magpies hav-ing their chances but manag-ing only 1.4-10 with the goal coming from Alex Henshall.

Bunyip posted 2.2-14 dur-ing the opening stanza, the Magpies' small deficit not the start Poowong wanted from the opportunities it created, having had the chance to lead at the first break.

The second quarter was even, with Poowong adding 3.1 with goals to young gun Jett Blackwood, Calvin Lang-ford and Mitch Molloy, while Bunyip added 2.5 to go in at halftime with a two-point lead, 4.7-31 to Poowong 4.5-29.

Poowong had opportunities but continued to turn the ball

over with poor decision-mak-ing when kicking, tending to pick targets who were under pressure.

The third quarter decided the game, as Bunyip's pres-sure shone through, the Bull-dogs putting Poowong's back-line under siege as Bunyip added 5.5.35 to the Magpies' solitary goal from Zac Gray.

Poowong players' lack of confidence with their dispos-al going forward was hurting them and the failure to get the ball out of the centre is a big problem.

At the final change, the coach asked the boys to give everything and hope a few quick goals might change the outcome, the Magpies lifted their effort and added three goals during the remainder of the game, those coming through Zac Gray, Alex Hen-shall and Connor Cunning-ham.

Bunyip also added three majors in the final term, with the last on the siren to run out winners 12.12-84 to Poowong 8.9-57.

Zac Gray was the Mag-pies' best, working hard and

finishing with two goals, young Jett Blackwood showed he has a bright fu-ture in football, Joel Norton continued his knack for being consistent and hard-working each week, and Alex Henshall (2 goals) another continuing to impress,

Under 18 player Thomas Burgess showed he has a bright future and could finish up a key position player, and Dave Miller was a good con-tributor as he is every week.

Poowong needs to give Zac Gray some help in the centre to get first use of the ball, with a strong rover required.

The Magpies also need a centre half forward and cen-tre half back with good key position players not easy to come by.

Poowong also needs to open up its game, players down-field having to lead harder and not across the ground, with turnovers from going across the ground really hurt-ing.

Well, next week it's off to Longwarry, which will be tough but you never know in football.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 10

SENIORS

	W	L	%	pts
Neerim South	10	0	36106	40
Trafalgar	8	2	27139	32
Longwarry	8	2	20893	32
Buln Buln	7	3	15398	28
Lang Lang	6	4	12561	24
Ellinbank	5	5	15929	20
Yarragon	5	5	7639	20
Nilma Darnum	4	6	5737	16
Catani	3	7	8573	12
Nyora	3	7	4871	12
Bunyip	1	9	4157	4
Poowong	0	10	2593	0

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

Jason Wells (Longwarry)	75
Mason McGarrit (Neerim South)	69

RESERVES

	W	L	%	pts
Lang Lang	9	1	77500	36
Longwarry	9	1	47772	36
Ellinbank	8	2	34810	32
Trafalgar	8	2	30000	32
Neerim South	7	3	34875	28
Catani	5	5	9269	20
Buln Buln	4	5	5974	18
Bunyip	3	6	7295	14
Yarragon	3	7	7365	12
Nyora	2	8	2462	8
Poowong	1	9	678	4
Nilma Darnum	0	10	1673	0

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

Kurt Batt (Lang Lang)	39
Bradley Blazevic (Longwarry)	35
Toby Bayne (Neerim South)	33

THIRDS

	W	L	%	MR
Ellinbank	9	0	36049	1000
Longwarry	6	2	17845	7500
Buln Buln	6	3	20356	6667
Nilma Darnum	6	3	15367	6667
Lang Lang	5	4	17578	5556
Neerim South	5	4	13798	5556
Poowong	4	4	10764	5000
Trafalgar	2	7	5746	2222
Yarragon	1	8	3043	1111
Bunyip	0	9	1045	000
Catani	0	0	000	000
Nyora	0	0	000	000

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

Charlie Armour (Ellinbank)	23
James Patterson (Nilma Darnum)	20
Blake Macdonald (Neerim South)	19

FOURTHS

	W	L	%	MR
Bunyip	9	0	37625	1000
Trafalgar	7	2	24802	7778
Poowong	6	3	17595	6667
Yarragon	6	3	15270	6667
Ellinbank	6	3	12197	6667
Catani	4	5	8759	4444
Lang Lang	4	5	6398	4444
Buln Buln	3	6	8374	3333
Longwarry	2	7	5529	2222
Neerim South	2	8	5984	2000
Nilma Darnum	1	8	2380	1111
Nyora	0	0	000	000

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

Hudson Grujic (Trafalgar)	26
Cruze Deal (Poowong)	24
Dylan Strating (Neerim South)	22

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The Goon shows who's boss



Bryce Hinghaugh handpasses to a team-mate under pressure from his Nar Nar Goon opponent. Photos: Kylie Pipicelli, Nar Nar Goon Football Club.



Mark Griffin looks for an opening after escaping the clutches of his Goon opponent.

THE Phillip Island Bulldogs headed to Nar Nar Goon for Round 10, with all three sides facing off against strong competition. It was a mixed day for the club, with the Thirds shining in a big win, while the Reserves and Seniors battled hard in challenging losses.

The Seniors opened with a competitive first quarter, going goal-for-goal with Nar Nar Goon. However, the hosts lifted their intensity after quarter-time and took control of the match. A powerful third term from Nar Nar Goon proved decisive, leaving Phillip Island unable to recover.

The Bulldogs fought to the end and showed patches of great ball movement and effort. Cameron Pedersen and Billy Taylor each slotted two goals, supported by singles from Hayden Bruce, Jack Huther, and Nick Anderson. Among the best were Hayden Bruce, Cameron Pedersen, and Jack Taylor, all putting in four-quarter efforts despite the result.

Round 11 – At the Kennel!

We return home this weekend for a blockbuster Round 11 clash against Cora Lynn.

Let's pack the Kennel and get behind all three teams for a huge day of community football.

Reserves

The Reserves fought hard but were outpaced in the second and third quarters as Nar Nar Goon built a lead the Bulldogs couldn't close.

Despite a strong last quarter and some bright passages of play, the boys couldn't claw back the margin, going down by 21 points.

There were still some excellent individual performances, with Finlay Cousins, Oliver Hibbert, and Damien Holmes among the best on ground.

In front of goal, Ben Taylor and James Nicolaci led the way with two goals each.

Thirds

The Phillip Island Thirds got the day off to a flying start with a convincing 34-point victory.

A dominant first quarter set the tone as the Bulldogs brought relentless pressure and clean ball movement across the ground.

Their efficiency in front of goal was excellent, and they never let Nar Nar Goon back into the contest.

WEST GIPPSLAND
COMPETITION
RESULTS

RND
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PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

126

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	NAR NAR GOON		PHILLIP ISLAND	
Nar Nar Goon	6.4	9.8	15.11	19.12 (126)
Phillip Island	4.1	7.2	7.4	8.6 (54)
GOALS, NNG: D Yawney 7, C Pope, N Pipicelli, J Keyzers 2, C Pursell, K O'Sullivan, F Parker, T Armour, H Brain, N Hillard 1 each				
BEST: N Pipicelli, C Pope, S Blackwood, N Hillard, D Yawney, J Smith				
GOALS, Phillip Island: B Taylor, C Pedersen 2, N Anderson, J Huther, H Bruce, B Kleverkamp 1 each				
BEST: H Bruce, C Pedersen, J Taylor, B Taylor, B Hennessy, Z Vernon				
RESERVES				
Nar Nar Goon	1.1	5.4	6.6	8.9 (57)
Phillip Island	0.3	0.4	2.6	5.6 (36)
GOALS, NNG: J Gribbin, Z Smith, N Bransgrove, J Murphy, E Grierson 1 each				
BEST: J Hamilton, J Gribbin, N Bransgrove, R Sutherland, Z Smith, H Waters				
GOALS, Phillip Island: B Taylor, J Nicolaci 2, L Chihotski 1				
BEST: F Cousins, O Hibbert, D Holmes, D Thompson, J Nicolaci, T Niven				
THIRDS				
Nar Nar Goon	0.2	3.5	5.6	6.6 (42)
Phillip Island	4.1	5.2	9.4	12.4 (76)
GOALS, NNG: O Ratten 3, K Henry, R Fox, Z Ferguson 1 each				
BEST: J Spoard, T Prasad, D Bailey, A Tymensen, T Parker, M Varty				
GOALS, Phillip Island: O Duggan 5, B Chihotski, B Murphy 2, M Taylor, F Gibson, D Rizzo 1 each				
BEST: A Fawaz, O Duggan, B Chihotski, B Murphy, J Cashman, J Kelly				
FOURTHS				
Nar Nar Goon	1.1	3.2	4.3	5.3 (33)
Phillip Island	1.1	1.1	2.2	2.4 (16)
GOALS, NNG: A Patterson 2, J Hall, J Cross, E Loomes 1 each				
BEST: M Robinson, T Crema, J Hall, A Patterson, T Holland, J Handley				
GOALS, Phillip Island: C Fischer, S O'Garey 1 each				
BEST: A Williams, C Fischer, S O'Garey, F Bathgate, H Power, E Rhee				

KORUMBURRA BENA FOOTBALL CLUB

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	KORUMBURRA BENA		GARFIELD	
Kor-Bena	6.1	10.4	11.5	12.8 (80)
Garfield	1.4	3.6	6.9	8.10 (58)
GOALS, Kor-Bena: P Fermanis 4, T Crocker, C Quaife 2, E Allaway, J Deas, R Gillis, J Hopkins 1 each				
BEST: K Walker, G Dickson, M Borschman, K Brown, P Fermanis, R Gillis				
GOALS, Garfield: M Johnson 3, W Cole, M Rennie, L Schreurs, J Van Den Berghe 1 each				
BEST: J Harrison, W Cole, M Johnson, N Rogers, L Sauze				
RESERVES				
Kor-Bena	1.2	3.4	4.8	5.9 (39)
Garfield	1.0	1.1	2.1	4.4 (28)
GOALS, Kor-Bena: M Andrew, J Macri, C Anderson, W Croatto 1 each				
BEST: M Kennewell, L Walker, J Macri, Z Barrett, L Smith, T Walker				
GOALS, Garfield: L Bow, S Simpson Brewer 1 each				
BEST: L Bow, M Bow, T Constantine, A Marsh,				
THIRDS				
Kor-Bena	0.1	1.1	1.1	1.1 (7)
Garfield	3.3	5.7	7.10	11.13 (79)
GOALS, Kor-Bena: No goal scorers listed				
BEST: S Johnson, O Pearson, C Turton, B Riddell, J Douglas, N Belvedere				
GOALS, Garfield: K Kelsey 5, J Smit 3, M Maroney, T Ronaldson, A Stevenage 1 each				
BEST: K Kelsey, J Thomson, J Smit, S Wouters, S Grundy, J Zaccari				
FOURTHS				
Kor-Bena	1.0	2.2	5.4	10.4 (64)
Garfield	0.1	1.2	2.4	2.5 (17)
GOALS, Kor-Bena: T Dole, B Wrigley 3, R Skeen 2, H Storr, K Tucker 1 each				
BEST: K Tucker, B Hopwood, B Wrigley, T Dole, N Coffey, J Douglas,				
GOALS, Garfield: C Wangkaew 2,				
BEST: M Maroney, T Davitt, C Doherty, J Taylor, B Koesemans, C Wangkaew,				

Giants break through with first win of the season

WITH an amazing first quarter that set it up for the game ahead, Korumburra-Bena was able to record its first win of the season against Garfield by 22 points.

The Giants leapt out of the gate and kicked a whopping six goals to one in the first quarter.

The term's goal-scoring was shared by Paul Fermanis and Tom Crocker with two apiece while Jayden Deas and Evan Allaway added singles.

Accuracy in the forward line, as well as dominance in the mid-field made the Giants an unstoppable force early.

Kodie Walker was in everything around the play.

The back line was stoic, keeping Garfield to only one goal and four behinds in the first term.

The Giants continued to be strong all around the ground throughout the second quarter.

Guy Dickson was holding up the backline, with support from Kyle Brown and Tyler Newton.

In the third, Garfield pushed back and gave the Giants a run for their money.

However, the boys were able to hold their positions well and stand their ground.

Overall, it was a great game and even better win that the team, and supporters needed.

Paul Fermanis was pivotal as a forward line target across the four quarters and finished with four goals.

Korumburra-Bena's other best players were Kodie Walker, Guy Dickson, Mat Borschman, Kyle Brown and Ryan Gillis.

Korumburra-Bena's Reserves and Fourths also enjoyed a win, as did A Grade over on the netball courts.

Next week, Korumburra-Bena will be taking on Dalyston at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve.

Coming off the momentum of their exciting win, the Giants will be hungry to seek revenge over the Magpies after their loss in corresponding fixture earlier in the season.

Jordan Ceppi looks to send the ball down the ground for Korumburra-Bena in the Seniors match against Garfield.

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Nar Nar Goon	19.12.126 d Phillip Island 8.6.54
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Inverloch-Kongwak	8.11.59 d Koo Wee Rup 7.6.48
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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 10

KILCUNDA BASS FOOTBALL CLUB	
	33 v 86
KILCUNDA-BASS	TOORADIN-DAL
K-Bass	1.2 2.9 2.11 3.15 (33)
Tooradin-Dal	4.1 7.3 9.11 12.14 (86)
GOALS, K-Bass: T Gunn 2, T Cartmel 1	
BEST: L Scott, D Gawley, N Foote, J Soroczynski, D Mcrae, T Gunn	
GOALS, Tooradin-D: J Duff, S Savage, N Lang 2, A Oxley, P Wright, T Davis, A Dean, D Ahern, C Shinnars 1 each	
BEST: S Savage, L Adams, P Wright, A Oxley, D Ahern, C O'Riordan	
RESERVES	
K-Bass	1.0 1.0 1.1 1.1 (7)
Tooradin-Dal	3.8 10.13 14.21 22.24 (156)
GOALS, K-Bass: K McGregor 1	
BEST: B Simpson, A Banks, G Boyd, L Brown, M Owens, S Dickinson	
GOALS, Tooradin-D: J Worrall, J Grist, A Mirauta 4, T Darose, L Hill 2, C Campbell, K Deren, A Proctor, B Coffey, J Cope, J Wheeler 1 each	
BEST: J Grist, T Darose, J Worrall, J Smaluch, N Harrison, A Mirauta	
FOURTHS	
K-Bass	2.1 2.1 5.1 5.1 (31)
Tooradin-Dal	0.1 4. 2 6.3 7.9 (51)
GOALS, K-Bass: C Maund 2, J Hennekam, B Eden, C Burgess 1 each	
BEST: C Burgess, B Eden, P McKay, B McMillan, C Maund, D Gorsuch	
GOALS, Tooradin-D: B Alexander 2, T Seger, T Corrie, A Swinburne, C Hudson Sibilla, B Howlett 1 each	
BEST: D Freeman, K Angleton, B Spittal, T Corrie, C Hudson Sibilla, N Baker	

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

ELLINBANK	ROUND 11
Bunyip v Buln Buln	
Ellinbank v Nilma Darnum	
Neerim South v Trafalgar	
Longwarry v Poowong	
Lang Lang v Nyora	
Yarragon v Catani	
GIPPSLAND	ROUND 10
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Drouin v Morwell	
Warragul v Wonthaggi	
Leongatha v Traralgon	
Maffra v Sale	
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Toora v Newborough	
Morwell East - BYE	
WEST GIPPSLAND	ROUND 11
Nar Nar Goon v Kilcunda-Bass	
Phillip Island v Cora Lynn	
Garfield v Inverloch-Kongwak	
Koo Wee Rup v Warragul Industrials	
Dalyston v Korumburra-Bena	
Tooradin-Dalmore - BYE	

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Panthers fumble in front of goal



Scanning for a teammate in space, Joseph West prepares for the handball.
Photos: Anna Carson



Anthony Daraio attempts to fend off his Seagull opponent in the Panthers forward line.

COMING back from a bye, Kilcunda Bass was challenged by second-placed Tooradin Dalmore.

Despite a 53-point loss and an unfortunate scoreline, the Panthers were pleased with the statistics and confident in their game – they just couldn't get it through the big sticks.

"We felt we had more of the footy on the day, and our statistics did reflect that. We just couldn't convert our opportunities," Kilcunda Bass coach Lee Rowe said.

"Bar the overuse of handballing – which would've been due to the pressure of the opposition – we were happy with the way we played, and our strategies were working."

Playing at the Bass Recreation Reserve, both teams had trouble in front of goal, but an early lead allowed Tooradin Dalmore to stay in control of the game.

A little bit of a breeze favoured the social room end and picked up through the day.

Kilcunda Bass had the breeze to start but only managed one goal to Tooradin Dalmore's four.

The Panthers were looking to reel the opposition back in during the second quarter.

However, this is where their game fell apart, with the Panthers failing to make use of its chances, kicking one goal and seven behinds.

The Panthers were in a nervy place at halftime, sitting 24 points behind.

They had the breeze during the third quarter, but the end result was just two behinds.

Tooradin Dalmore faced its own struggles during the third quarter, kicking two goals and eight behinds, producing a similar scoreline to Kilcunda Bass.

Kilcunda Bass' backline stood up well against the tough opposition throughout the day.

Despite the scoreboard, the Panthers felt the team played well through the third quarter.

Nathan Foote once again had a dominant performance and had a whopping 43 possessions for the game.

Jack Soroczynski worked hard through the middle and Lochlan Scott was moved into the ruck role holding his own against one of Tooradin Dalmore's key players.

The last quarter was tough for both sides, with more points added to the scoreboard than goals, but Tooradin Dalmore had done enough early to ensure a handy win.

Kilcunda Bass had six opportunities in the first 12 minutes of the term to turn it all around, but only managed to add one goal and four behinds.

"We were disappointed – it was one of those 'shake your head' sort of days," Rowe said.

"We did come away with some confidence though, because we did feel we played well. The scoreboard had us feeling flat, but all other indicators told us what we were doing was working."

It doesn't get any easier for Kilcunda Bass, which will be heading off to face Nar Nar Goon this Saturday.

The Panthers are looking forward to their chance to take on the top team.

The larger grounds can sometimes catch the Panthers out, but they will be going in hard to try to nullify Nar Nar Goon as much as possible.



Dalyston's Mitchell Davey flies for the mark as his Dusties' opponent makes the spoil. Photos: Olivia Howell.



The pack flies in the Warragul Industrial forward line as Kurt Thomas reaches high.

Dusties fight back against Dalyston

DALYSTON welcomed everyone home after a month of playing away and delivered a reasonably hard-fought contest against the Warragul Industrials.

The atmosphere around the ground set the stage for an exciting clash, especially after the Reserves won their first game of the season.

Both the Reserves and the loyal Magpies fans rallied around the Seniors as they celebrated Joe Alexander's 150th game.

Dalyston made the most of the momentum and got the jump on the Dusties, kicking a couple of goals in the opening

minutes of the game.

Dalyston was a bit sharper with the ball early and gave their supporters some belief.

The Magpies cultivated a nice 16-point lead, holding the Dusties to just four behinds.

Warragul's accuracy worries dissipated as they fought back in the second quarter kicking six consecutive goals.

The Dusties having found their mojo to lead by 17 points at half time kicked on from that point. They hit targets consistently despite the fickle wind and worked their way around the Dalyston team.

Although the Dusties played the more dominant game

through the second half, Dalyston held its own at stages and didn't stop trying, despite going down by 41 points at the final siren.

Fraser West and Ben Lewis acted like bookends in Dalyston's backline, standing strong and causing trouble for the Dusties' key forwards.

West has been consistent through the season and has been a constant thorn in the side of the opposition.

Playing coach Mitch Hallahan led by example, providing a solid presence around the ground and creating paths through the packs to make things easier for the onballers.

Bradley Tilley played a similar role and was instrumental throughout the day.

Dino Karamoshos provided a great target, playing on the wing and across half-back, while Michael Marotta found himself on Dalyston's best players list once again as he continues to find his form.

Dalyston is now steadying itself as it prepares to play Korumburra-Bena at home this Saturday.

The Giants will be propelled by their win this weekend and their desire to seek revenge after losing to Dalyston in round three. This local matchup is set to be an exciting clash.

Sea Eagles withstand Demon surge to claim vital victory

IN A crucial match against Koo Wee Rup, Inverloch-Kongwak went home with an 11-point win.

The result pushed Koo Wee Rup down the ladder another rung as Inverloch-Kongwak sits just outside the top six.

Playing at the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve, the Sea Eagles won the first quarter, which set the tone for the rest of game.

Koo Wee Rup missed its opportunity to make a strong start when it missed a goal at the two minutes in.

Inverloch-Kongwak kicked their first goal three minutes in and stayed a goal ahead for the rest of the quarter.

The Sea Eagles continued their consistent form into the second quarter.

Kicking two goals for the term, the Sea Eagles opened the quarter with a behind but quickly corrected with a goal.

Their backline worked hard to keep Koo Wee Rup out, but a quick goal to end the quarter drew the margin back to 14 points before half-time.

The third quarter had fans on the edge of their seats as Koo Wee Rup came back with a vengeance.

Inverloch-Kongwak controlled the play for the first six minutes but then handed over the reins to Koo Wee Rup, who promptly added three goals to the scoreboard and came within three-points of the Sea Eagles.

However, Inverloch-Kongwak wasn't about to give the win away, and an arm wrestle resulted in the fourth quarter.

A goal to Koo Wee Rup late in the game had tensions rising, but Inverloch-Kongwak did just enough to come away with the important win.

Inverloch-Kongwak's best players were Nicholas Baltas, Lucas Allen, Jasper Kempster, Joseph Nowell, Jayden Sullivan and Ethan Park.

Next week, Inverloch-Kongwak hit the road to play Garfield.

This should be another close affair as Garfield licks its wounds following their defeat against th Giants.

WEST GIPPSLAND
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DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

	58		99
DALYSTON		WARRAGUL-IND	

Dalyston 3.2 4.3 6.7 8.10 (58)
Warragul-Ind 0.4 6.8 11.10 14.15 (99)
GOALS, Dalyston: M Hallahan 4, B Carew 2,
B Tilley, B O'Toole 1 each
BEST: M Hallahan, B Tilley, F West, B Lewis,
D Karamoshos, M Marotta
GOALS, Warragul-Ind: T Hancock 4, A Mitchell 2,
N Visser 2, B Nichol, R Mccallum, M Debenham,
T Beck, W Gibson, L Braybon 1 each
BEST: B Beck, W McGillivray, K Willis, S Russell,
T Beck, A Mitchell

RESERVES
Dalyston 1.2 3.7 4.10 5.10 (40)
Warragul-Ind 1.2 2.2 3.2 5.3 (33)
GOALS, Dalyston: S Beaumont 3, J Brooker,
J Jones 1 each
BEST: M Chisholm, H West, B McRae, D Kelly,
S Alexander, T Alford,
GOALS, Warragul-Ind: A Borg, J Dunston,
C Gibbons, Z Allsopp, J Crowther 1 each
BEST: D Burton, A Borg, Z Reid, J Dunstone,
H Radcliffe, C Gibbons

THIRDS
Dalyston 2.1 3.3 3.4 5.7 (37)
Warragul-Ind 3.4 4.4 7.7 8.8 (56)
GOALS, Dalyston: N Shepherd, B Anderson,
Private player, A Rosenow, R Brinkman 1 each
BEST: M Toler, C Shepherd, M Cameron, R Brinkman,
L Harris, N Shepherd
GOALS, Warragul-Ind: R Butler 3, T Vickery 2,
A Borg, R Buck, Z Tepper 1 each
BEST: Z Reid, T Vickery, A Borg, Z Tepper,
Z Thompson, C Belsham

FOURTHS
Dalyston 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.2 (8)
Warragul-Ind 5.4 8.4 14.6 15.10 (100)
GOALS, Dalyston: No goal scorers listed
BEST: R Humphris, L Franks, Z Hughes,
H Hender, A Donohue, R Pickard
GOALS, Warragul-Ind: No goal scorers listed
BEST: M Cornwall, R Buck, C Vickery, N Joiner,
C Moore

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

	48		59
KOO WEE RUP		INVERLOCH-K	

Koo Wee Rup 2.4 3.5 6.6 7.6 (48)
Inverloch-K 3.4 5.7 6.9 8.11 (59)
GOALS, KWR: N Muratore, M Voss, S Ohehir 2,
S Lawler 1
BEST: M Cammarano, F Mcmillan, N Muratore,
M Voss, M Bidmade, T Bindley
GOALS, IK: J Ginnane, N Baltas 2, J Kempster,
X Hughes, J Soumilas, J Nowell 1 each
BEST: N Baltas, L Allen, J Kempster, J Nowell,
J Sullivan, E Park

RESERVES
Koo Wee Rup 0.1 1.2 2.3 3.5 (23)
Inverloch-K 3.2 5.6 6.10 7 .13 (55)
GOALS, KWR: M Alderson, T Miller, T Evans 1
each
BEST: T Miller, M Alderson, R Wilby, E Neill,
D Ramos, O Noonan
GOALS, IK: R Dal Pozzo 2, J Tomas,
C O'Flynn, N Harris, P Jobling, W Tiesdell-Smith
1 each
BEST: P Jobling, A Cross, C O'Flynn, L O'Neill,
W Tiesdell-Smith, C McKenzie

THIRDS
Koo Wee Rup 1.2 4.3 6.5 7.7 (49)
Inverloch-K 2.2 4.4 5.6 7.7 (49)
GOALS, KWR: L Briganti 3, J Battams 2,
K Galucho, K Dore-Wilson 1 each
BEST: L Pirotta, O Noonan, L Briganti,
M Stewart-Wellis, C Reid, F Pittard
GOALS, IK: J O'Neill, J Cousins 2, T Debono,
R Harris, H Ashmore 1 each
BEST: F Anderson, R Newman, J O'Neill, P Dwyer,
M Ward, J Aeschlimann

FOURTHS
Koo Wee Rup 0.0 0.0 1.2 1.3 (9)
Inverloch-K 4.1 8.5 8.7 11.9 (75)
GOALS, KWR: H Monckton 1
BEST: C Parr, Z Ducasse, S Giles, H Monckton,
S Filarski, J Hobson
GOALS, IK: M Tonkin 4, J Douglas, C Newman,
T Debono, T Metselaar, F O'Halloran, J Martin,
W Bruce 1 each
BEST: J Douglas, M Tonkin, G Sadler, T Debono,
J Martin, Z Bertacco

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SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					FOURTHS				
	W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts av		W	L	%	pts av
Nar Nar Goon	9	0	277.11	36	Tooradin-Dal	9	1	409.18	36	Phillip Island	7	1	195.28	3.50	Warragul Ind	7	1	447.22	3.50
Tooradin-Dal	9	1	140.03	36	Nar Nar Goon	7	2	263.85	28	Nar Nar Goon	7	2	207.59	3.11	Nar Nar Goon	7	2	191.15	3.11
Cora Lynn	6	2	147.24	24	Inverloch-K	7	2	260.96	28	Inverloch-K	5	2	236.13	2.75	Inverloch-K	6	2	158.59	3.00
Warragul Ind	6	3	96.97	24	Phillip Island	6	3	236.36	24	Tooradin-Dal	6	3	112.97	2.67	Tooradin-Dal	6	3	186.24	2.67
Phillip Island	5	4	128.71	20	Cora Lynn	6	2	193.39	24	Warragul Ind	5	3	142.62	2.50	Kilcunda Bass	5	3	107.55	2.50
Kilcunda Bass	4	5	105.01	16	Garfield	4	5	82.95	16	Koo Wee Rup	4	4	155.62	2.00	Phillip Island	4	5	174.91	1.78
Inverloch-K	4	5	83.36	16	Koo Wee Rup	4	6	65.60	16	Garfield	3	5	96.76	1.50	Koo Wee Rup	4	5	39.53	1.78
Koo Wee Rup	3	7	77.80	12	Kor-Bena	3	6	43.64	12	Dalyston	2	6	59.91	1.00	Kor-Bena	2	6	54.64	1.00
Garfield	2	7	62.75	8	Kilcunda Bass	2	7	38.57	8	Kor-Bena	1	7	20.09	0.50	Dalyston	1	7	31.79	0.50
Kor-Bena	1	8	56.69	4	Warragul Ind	1	8	34.29	4	Cora Lynn	0	7	21.42	0.00	Garfield	0	8	11.51	0.00
Dalyston	1	8	52.25	4	Dalyston	1	8	28.98	4	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00
LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS					LEADING GOAL KICKERS				
Nathan Gardiner (Cora Lynn) 39					Anthony Mirauta (Tooradin-Dal) 22					Oliver Duggan (Phillip Island) 19					Ky Bannister (Warragul Ind) 23				
Dermott Yawney (Nar Nar Goon) 37					Brady Ross (Phillip Island) 15					Chayse Campbell (Tooradin) 18					Sam O'Garey (Phillip Island) 21				
Billy Taylor (Phillip Island) 25										Tarrant Millar (Nar Nar Goon) 18									



Toby bound for Tokyo

PHILLIP Island local Toby Pattullo is chasing his dream of representing Australia in the 2025 Deaflympics in Tokyo.

The marathon runner will be looking to head to Tokyo in November – a goal that has been 24 years in the making.

Having lost his hearing from meningitis at age four, Pattullo has approached every step of his life with determination and passion.

Pattullo's sporting career began with basketball in the 90s, where he earned his spot in Australia's Deaflympics team that competed in Copenhagen in 1997 and Rome in 2001.

As life went on, Pattullo became a web developer – a role he has held for 25 years – and started a family, so basketball fell by the wayside.

Instead, he turned his attention to running.

What started as a method of fitness turned into a passion that propelled him into competing in marathons and ultras.

"Running came into my life almost by accident. It started as a way to stay fit while working from home – just a stress reliever," he said.

"After my daughter Ebony was born, it became bigger. I wanted to show her, and myself, what I could do."

Last year, he entered the Gold Coast Marathon the day before the event, with no road training and having done a 66-kilometre ultra race a few weeks prior.

He ran the event in three hours and 11 minutes – a personal best that qualified him for Tokyo.

"That performance, combined with my extensive ultra-running background and monthly training reports I provided to Australia Deaf Sports, led to my recent selection for the 2025 Deaflympics marathon," Pattullo said.

"Now, alongside Melinda Vernon (NSW) and Caine Batten (QLD), I'm part of Australia's first Deaflympics marathon team,

making history."

He keeps up his training schedule through consistency and obsession for success and self-improvement.

"Some of the hardest battles are before the race even begins," Pattullo said.

"I put a lot of time into making sure I'm training longest, recovering properly, eating well and checking in with myself."

Pattullo said he is proud to don the green and gold, and his selection into the Deaflympics – now as a marathoner – feels like coming full circle.

Pattullo has reached out for support through a GoFundMe page.

Those competing in the Deaflympics do not receive government funding like other elite athletes and need to find their own methods of covering the costs.

Pattullo said the support from the community also helps him to stay driven, as contributions show the desire of others to see him succeed.

With a target of \$10,000, the funds raised will go towards coaching and training, lead-up races and warm up events, running gear, shoes, nutrition and recovery, travel, accommodation and Deaflympics entry.

At the time of writing, the GoFundMe page had raised \$5454.

Once in Tokyo, Pattullo aims to run a new personal best with a lot of heart and a strong finish.

"I want to make an impact, represent Australia, support my teammates and show the world what deaf athletes are capable of when we're given the chance," he said.

Pattullo also aims to inspire others to reach their full potential, build resilience and discover the best versions of themselves.

To support Pattullo's journey to Tokyo, head to gofundme.com/f/from-courts-to-roads-my-deaflympics-marathon-journey.



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